



SCHEDULE OF OPEN RALLY COMPETITION

Held under The Royal Kennel Club Rules & Regulations S and licensed by The Royal Kennel Club Limited.

VENUE: COPPICE GATE FARM, SHAPWICK, SOMERSET, TA7 9NT

DATE: SATURDAY 10th & SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER 2026

SHOW OPENS: 8:15 am

FIRST WALK THROUGH: 8:45 am (approx.)

JUDGING STARTS: 9:15 am (approx.)

The licensee holding the licence is deemed responsible for organising and conducting the competition safely and in accordance with the rules and regulations of The Royal Kennel Club and agree to abide by and adopt any decision of the Board or any authority to whom the Board may delegate its powers subject to the conditions of Regulation S31. In so doing those appointed as officers and committee members, or the licensee, accept that they are jointly and severally responsible for the organisation of the competition and that this is a binding undertaking.

- EVENT LICENCE HOLDER:** Somerset West Agility Training
- SHOW SECRETARY:** Sue Howlett, 16 Broadway Avenue, Chilton Polden, TA7 9ER
SWATrallyUK@gmail.com or phone 07813 832847 (not after 10:00 pm) or text message anytime
- CHIEF STEWARD (SATURDAY):** MICK HANSON
- CHIEF STEWARD (SUNDAY):** TRUDY LONGHURST
- ENTRIES CLOSE:** FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2026
- ONLINE ENTRIES:**  Online entries preferred via With Your Dog
Online entries close Friday 25th September 2026 (midnight)
<http://www.withyourdogrally.co.uk/>
- POSTAL ENTRIES:** Sue Howlett, 16 Broadway Avenue, Chilton Polden, TA7 9ER
- ELIGIBILITY:** Friday 18th September 2026
- VETERINARY SUPPORT:** ORCHARD VETS, GLASTONBURY, BA6 9XE
01458 832972

DIRECTIONS

From the M5 Junction 23 Take the A39 to Glastonbury and Street. At the lights, keep left on A39. After 5 miles turn left into Wood Lane, signed for Shapwick and Westhay. Go straight over the first crossroads. Go straight over the second crossroads at the church. You will go past the Cricket Club. Follow the road past 2 working farms, until you arrive at the venue - we are the 3rd farm on a sharp right hand bend. The venue will be signposted. W3W [///encoded.canine.revealing](https://www.what3words.com/encoded.canine.revealing)

From Glastonbury Stay on A39, go through the village of Ashcott. Pass The Albion on the left and in 100 yards turn right onto Shapwick Hill. Stay on this road for 0.8 miles until you see the church on your left. Turn right into Northbrook Rd, going past the Cricket Club and follow the directions above.

SHOW INFORMATION

ALL RINGS will be fully enclosed.

Two rings will be outside with post and wire fencing alongside netting where required. Each ring will have a gated entrance. The rings outside are on grass.

Two rings will be inside, with wooden fenced panels and netting where required. There will be a separate gated entrance for each ring. The indoor area is a dedicated dog arena with sand.

The show is set in a specified 40 acres so there is plenty of space for exercising your dog. However, this is a working farm so please obey all signs indicating areas that are out of bounds. Failure to do so will mean you will be asked to leave the venue.

There are ditches on the field boundaries so please be responsible for your dogs and children.

The farm is in the middle of the countryside. While there is no organised shoot in the vicinity we cannot guarantee complete quiet. There may be some shooting or bird-scarers operating.

All rings will shut 12:30 to 1:30 pm.

SATURDAY 10 th OCTOBER	
Class	Judge
Level 1	DEBRA COLLING
Level 2	JESS LYNDSEY
Level 3	STU LYNDSEY
Level 4	JOHN CLARKE
Level 5	TOM LYNDSEY
Level 6	SARAH LYNDSEY
Veterans	TRUDY LONGHURST

SUNDAY 11 th OCTOBER	
Class	Judge
Level 1	MARTIN ROBINSON
Level 2	SHARON TAMBLYN
Level 3	RHIA BUTLER
Level 4	ALEX COOK
Level 5	KATHLEEN DALY
Level 6	TANYA BUTLER
Veterans	RACHAEL HOLLEY

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Judges listed as above
2. **Standard and Special classes are £8.00**
3. Qualifying Certificates and Rosettes will be provided for all dogs achieving a qualifying score in the standard classes. Place Cards and Rosettes will be awarded from 1st to 4th in all classes.
4. No prize money will be offered at this event.
5. Competitors should book-in at the Show Secretary's table.
6. No bitch in season is allowed to compete.
7. The mating of bitches within the precincts of the competition is forbidden.
8. All dogs must enter and leave the judging ring on lead. When in use, one end of the lead must be attached to a ring on the dog's collar and the other should be held in the handler's hand(s), except for when performing Bonus Exercises 4 or 5 where the handler has chosen for their dog to drag the lead.
9. Dogs must compete in a buckle or snap collar. Collars may have tags on them. Decorations and/or costumes, harnesses, slip leads, check and half-check collars are not allowed. A medicated collar may also be worn in the ring.
10. The committee reserves to itself the right to refuse entries.
11. Not for competition entries will be accepted for dogs aged 12 weeks and over. Details of each dog must be recorded on the entry form and must be Kennel Club registered.
12. In the event that the competition is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, the society will refund fees, less reasonably incurred expenses. If the show processor has the provisions to do so, competitors will be refunded in the manner in which they had entered the competition, but in any event the society will refund fees within 3 months of the competition date to all those who had entered and requested a refund within 1 month of the competition date.
13. Should a judge be unable to fulfil their appointment the organiser reserves the right to appoint an alternative judge.
14. It is the competitor's responsibility to be available for their class and running order.
15. Should circumstances so dictate the organiser, in consultation with the judges, may alter arrangements as necessary. Such changes will be reported to The Royal Kennel Club.
16. Only dogs of six calendar months of age and over on the first day of the competition are eligible to take part in Level 1, 2, or 3 classes. Only dogs of 12 calendar months of age and over on the first day of the competition are eligible to take part in Level 4 or higher classes or special classes which incorporate jumps or similar exercises. A dog which is 7 years old or over on the first day of the competition may be entered in a Veteran class.
17. Organisers of open rally competitions and limited rally competitions may set a capping level on the entries to be accepted in any standard or special class and may decline entries received after the capping level has been reached. State the capping level for each class. The capping level must be set at a minimum of 40 entries received. There is no maximum level at which a cap may be set.
18. A dog must not compete in the same class more than once, including special classes
19. All competitors should collect their ring numbers from the Secretary's table and then proceed to their rings where they should mark themselves present and choose a running order.
20. Entry passes will not be required for this show
21. No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of any dog at any time within the precincts of the competition.
22. No competitor shall impugn the decisions of the judge or judges.
23. After a dog has commenced competing in a class no substitution of handler is permitted in that class.
24. For the duration of the competition and including those in the exercise area, all dogs must be on a lead except when competing or practising prior to competition.
25. Food or toys shall not be carried in the ring or given to a dog whilst under test.
26. A dog can not be entered in the same class more than once.
27. Once a dog has entered the ring to compete no further practice may be carried out.

28. A dog must, at the time of entry for the competition, be registered as required by Kennel Club rules and regulations in the owner's name (or registration or transfer applied for). In the case of joint registered owners the full name of every registered owner must be given.

Where an owner makes an entry on behalf of another joint registered owner(s) or where an agent enters on behalf of a single or joint registered owner(s) such person must have the authority and consent from the single or joint registered owner(s) to sign the entry form on their behalf thereby binding them all to Kennel Club rules and regulations. In the event of any dispute, evidence of such authority and consent will be required.

A dog acquired subsequent to entry having been made at a competition may compete as the new owner's property provided that an application for the transfer has been forwarded to The Royal Kennel Club before the competition, and the new owner has undertaken to abide by the regulations and conditions of the original entry form (and in accordance with the conditions set out above).

29. Dogs will be disqualified if proved to have been handled in the class by a scheduled judge's spouse or immediate family, or resident at the same address as a scheduled judge.

Following discussion between the chief steward and the show management and/or a veterinary surgeon, a dog shall be prevented from competing and/or removed from the competition if it is:-

- a. A bitch which is in season.
- b. Suffering from any infectious or contagious disease.
- c. Interfering with the safety or chance of winning of an opponent.
- d. Of such temperament or is so much out of control as to be a danger to the safety of any person or other animal.
- e. Likely to cause suffering to the dog if it continues competing.

The circumstances of such a removal shall be recorded in the show Incident Book and submitted to The Royal Kennel Club.

30. Judges' discretion prevails and judges' decisions are final.
31. An exhibitor or competitor should ensure that contact details for any handler are available and must be provided upon request in any investigation of a breach of this regulation by such handler.
32. DOGS IN VEHICLES ON HOT DAYS

Your dog is vulnerable and at risk if left in a vehicle in high temperatures and even on days considered as slightly warm. Please take care of your dog. If your dog is found to be at risk, forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused.

33. Welfare of dogs

An exhibitor (or competitor) whose dog is entered at a Kennel Club licensed event should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) are met, and should not knowingly put their dogs' health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise. A breach of this regulation may be referred to the Board for disciplinary action under Kennel Club rules and regulations. The use of pinch collars, electronic shock collars, or prong collars, is not permitted at any rally event licensed by The Royal Kennel Club. This shall apply at the venue and within the precincts of the competition.

34. No modifications may be made to the schedule once published except by permission of the Board of The Royal Kennel Club which must be followed by advertisement in the canine press if possible.

35. Animals in Event

No animal other than one officially entered shall be brought into the precincts of a competition during its continuance, except any dogs registered to assist the disabled, or dogs required for educational or instructional purposes or by permission of the Board. However, at the discretion of the host organisation, a dog brought to the show by a spectator may be admitted into the precincts of the competition, with the proviso that those in charge of the dog sign a declaration confirming the dog is free from disease and that the dog will be kept under proper control at all times.

ELIGIBILITY AND SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Classes at rally competitions

A competition host may stage one or more special classes not conforming to the standard class tests set out in Annex C of the Regulations. Such classes must contain the word 'special' in the title of the class, and shall not count towards progression, titles or awards in standard competition classes.

Levels

Rally handler/dog teams compete in their lowest eligible class from Level 1 to Level 6. They may also compete at the subsequent level.

Progression to the next level does not require either wins or places, however, a class will be won by the dog that has lost the least number of points, unless otherwise stated for special classes. Progression is dependent upon gaining three excellent scores, under three different judges, or six qualifying scores under four different judges.

Levels 1 – 4 have a qualifying score of 175 out of 200.

Levels 5 & 6 have a qualifying score of 180 out of 200.

Scores equivalent to these qualifying scores (or greater) earned at limited rally competitions do not count towards progression, rally Level Titles or Excellent titles.

In all levels a qualifying score of 190 or above equates to an excellent score.

Rally handler/dog teams where the dog is 7 years of age or older may compete in Veteran as well as, or instead of, their lowest eligible class.

Veteran has a qualifying score of 175 out of 200. A qualifying score of 190 or above equates to an excellent score.

Eligibility

When entered for a competition, a dog must be entered in a standard class at the level for which it is eligible.

The dog may also, if desired, be entered in up to two additional classes including one further standard level class at the subsequent higher level. Once a dog has earned any level or excellent title, it is no longer eligible for any lower level.

A dog which is 7 years old or over on the first day of the competition may be entered in just a Veteran class. It may also be entered in standard level classes and special classes to a maximum of 3 classes in total.

A dog may be entered in special classes only, up to a maximum of 3 classes in total. Special classes do not count towards progression.

Level 1

- Open to dogs which have not achieved a Level 1 or Level 1 Excellent title.

Level 2

- Open to all dogs which have achieved a Level 1 or Level 1 Excellent title, except those that have achieved a Level 2 or Level 2 Excellent title. Dogs eligible for and entered at Level 1 may also enter at this level.

Level 3

- Open to all dogs which have achieved a Level 2 or Level 2 Excellent title, except those that have achieved a Level 3 or Level 3 Excellent title. Dogs eligible for and entered at Level 2 may also enter at this level.

Level 4

- Open to all dogs which have achieved a Level 3 or Level 3 Excellent title, except those that have achieved a Level 4 or Level 4 Excellent title. Dogs eligible for and entered at Level 3 may also enter at this level

Level 5

- Open to all dogs which have achieved a Level 4 or Level 4 Excellent title, except those that have achieved a Level 5 or Level 5 Excellent title. Dogs eligible for and entered at Level 4 may also enter at this level.

Level 6

- Open to all dogs which have achieved a Level 5 or Level 5 Excellent title. Dogs eligible for and entered at Level 5 may also enter at this level.

Veteran

- Open to all dogs aged 7 years or over on the first day of the competition.



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10th and 11th October 2026

THE COMPETITION WILL BE HELD UNDER THE ROYAL KENNEL CLUB LTD RULES AND REGULATIONS "S"

Closing date : 25th September 2026 (postmarked 1st class)

ENTRY FEES; £8.00 per dog per class, dogs NFC are free. Amount enclosed: £

SATURDAY 10th OCTOBER 2026/SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER 2026 (delete as appropriate)

On no account will entries be accepted without fees. WithYourDog Entry preferred / cheques payable to S.Howlett

INSTRUCTIONS This form must be used by one person only (or partnership). Writing must be in ink or indelible pencil. Use one line only for each dog. The name of the dog and all the details as recorded with The Royal Kennel Club must be given on this entry form. If an error is made the dog may be disqualified by the Board of The Royal Kennel Club. All dogs must be registered at The Royal Kennel Club in the name of the owner. If the registration or transfer of ownership has not been confirmed it must be applied for before the closing date of entries. In case of dispute proof of postage of such applications may be required by The Royal Kennel Club. Dogs under 12 months of age on the day of the competition cannot be entered for competition in Level 4 or above classes. On no account will entries be accepted without fees. If a dog is in the process of registration or transfer at the time entry is made, add the letters NAF or TAF as appropriate after its name. For new registrations, the first choice name on the Registration Application form must be used. Please USE BLOCK CAPITALS throughout when completing this entry form. Please check all details before posting.

REGISTERED NAME OF DOG	BREED	Full Date of Birth	SEX D or B	Dog Height (cm) Level 4 & above	CLASS TO BE ENTERED
KC Reg No (or *ATC No)					
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DECLARATION

I/We agree to submit to and be bound by The Royal Kennel Club Ltd Rules and Regulations in their present form or as they may be amended from time to time in relation to all canine matters with which The Royal Kennel Club is concerned and that this is made upon the basis that all current single or joint registered owners of this dog(s) have authorised/consented to this entry. I/we also undertake to abide by the regulations of this competition and not to bring to the competition any dog, which has contracted or been knowingly exposed to any infectious or contagious disease during the 21 days prior to the day of the competition, or which is suffering from a visible condition which adversely effects its health or welfare.

I/We further declare that, I believe to the best of my knowledge that dogs are not liable to disqualification under Kennel Club Regulations.

Usual Signature of Owner(s) Date

NOTE: Dogs entered in breach of Kennel Club regulations are liable to disqualification whether or not the owner was aware of the breach.

NOTE: Children under the age of 11 are the responsibility of a parent or guardian and must be supervised at all times including when competing.

In the case of joint registered ownership the name of every owner must be given here

Name(s)

Handler(optional).....

Address

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Postcode Phone No.

E-Mail.....

Tick here if you are including an EMR with your entry ☐

See our Privacy Notice for more information. The Privacy Notice sets out how we keep your data safely and compliantly.

ENTRIES AND FEES WHICH MUST BE PREPAID TO BE SENT TO: S Howlett, 16 Broadway Avenue, Chilton Polden, TA7 9ER

Running orders notification will be posted on <http://www.rallynews.co.uk> & Facebook KC RALLY NEWS

*The Royal Kennel Club Registration Number (or the Authority to Compete number for dogs resident outside the UK) must be stated or the entry will be returned.

**Your dog is vulnerable and at risk if left in a vehicle in high temperatures and even on days considered as slightly warm.
Please take care of your dog.**

If your dog is found to be at risk forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused.

Handlers Exercise Modification Request

This form is confidential and for the use of the Show Management, Judge and Chief Steward to aid the competitor's success in completing the course.

All modification requests should be as close as possible to the original exercise and all exercises within a course must be completed. The modification must not be a request for leniency in judging. Approval of the exercise modification is at the discretion of the Judge and competition management.

Please send this completed Handlers Exercise Modification Request to the competition secretary, with your entry form. Exercise modification requests can also be submitted with your online entry.

Modifications can only be requested for handlers, not dogs.

Handler: _____

Dog's KC Name: _____

Breed: _____

Classes entered: _____

ADDITIONAL SPACE REQUEST

Please extend the space between cones/distractions to 2m

Yes/No

Please provide an extra 0.5m clear space for turns and walk arounds

Yes/No

MOBILITY AID

I will be using the following mobility aid: _____

If your wheelchair does not fit through a standard doorframe, please contact the society before entering to ensure that you will be able to gain access to the venue.

ADDITIONAL TIME

Please note that I will require extra time to complete the round.

Yes/No

Levels 1 & 2 allow up to 8 minutes. Levels 3, 4, 5, 6, and Veteran, allow up to 10 minutes

CALLER

Please note that I require a caller.

Yes/No

I understand that it is my responsibility to provide a caller.

OTHER EXERCISE MODIFICATION REQUESTS

(Please note that pace changes require the dog to change pace, not the handler)

Note: performance examples of exercise modification can be found on the RKC website

Exercise number(s) to be modified.

Please describe how you will perform the above exercise's

All teams requesting exercise modifications will be judged in accordance with the current rules and regulations.