



## SCHEDULE OF OPEN RALLY COMPETITION

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

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

DATE: SATURDAY 11th & SUNDAY 12th OCTOBER 2025

**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.

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| EVENT LICENCE HOLDER:     | Somerset West Agility Training                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| SHOW SECRETARY:           | Sue Howlett, 16 Broadway Avenue, Chilton Polden, TA7 9ER<br><a href="mailto:SWATrallyUK@gmail.com">SWATrallyUK@gmail.com</a> or phone 07813 832847 (not after 10:00 pm)                                                                                                             |
| CHIEF STEWARD (SATURDAY): | PAT SOMERSET                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| CHIEF STEWARD (SUNDAY):   | JENNY BUTTERS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| ENTRIES CLOSE:            | FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| ONLINE ENTRIES:           | Online entries preferred via With Your Dog<br>Online entries close Friday 26th September 2025 (midnight)<br> <a href="http://www.withyourdogrally.co.uk/">http://www.withyourdogrally.co.uk/</a> |
| POSTAL ENTRIES:           | Sue Howlett, 16 Broadway Avenue, Chilton Polen, TA7 9ER                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| ELIGIBILITY:              | Friday 19th September 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| VETERINARY SUPPORT:       | ORCHARD VETS, GLASTONBURY, BA6 9XE<br>01458 832972                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

**Limited Camping available - contact Sue Howlett (show secretary)**

## 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](#)

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 11 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER |                 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Class                             | Judge           |
| Level 1                           | SUE ADAMS       |
| Level 2                           | CAROL BEANEY    |
| Level 3                           | GEORGINA DAVIES |
| Level 4                           | JANE FERGUSON   |
| Level 5                           | BERIT AHERNE    |
| Level 6                           | JENNY BUTTERS   |
| Veterans                          | SARAH LINDSEY   |

| SUNDAY 12 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER |                |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Class                           | Judge          |
| Level 1                         | RACHEL BEANEY  |
| Level 2                         | SHARON TAMBLYN |
| Level 3                         | MOIRA CONNOLLY |
| Level 4                         | KATHLEEN DALY  |
| Level 5                         | NIKKI KIRK     |
| Level 6                         | NIKKI KIRK     |
| Veterans                        | JANE FURGUSON  |

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Judges listed as above
2. Standard and Special classes are £7.50
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 6th 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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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.**