

**VICTORIA – PROPOSED RULE CHANGES RECEIVED IN RELATION TO RALLY OBEDIENCE RULES FROM DOGS VICTORIA MEMBERS.**

**1. SUBMITTED BY TERRY COLES**

**Change the Discipline Name from Rally O, or Rally Obedience, to simply “Rally”.**

We have Obedience Trials, and we should have Rally Trials.

***RATIONALE***

1. Too confusing to have 3 names especially when one name (Rally) makes much more sense than the other two.
2. Rally O sounds like an English custom of hunting with hounds. Rally Obedience seems over the top and is very confusing as it is really stating two dog sports.
3. The current Rules sometimes use the term Rally, and other times Rally Obedience. “Rally” is used approximately 67 times, “Rally Obedience” is used approximately 17 times and “Rally O” is NOT used at all.
4. I note in the official document ‘OTEC Rule Review and Submissions’ that the introduction uses “Rally” 3 times, and the Terms “Rally Obedience” and “Rally O” are NOT used at all, further strengthening the argument to use ‘Rally’ and not ‘Rally Obedience’ or ‘Rally O’.
5. I further note that “The timetable for the review” uses the term “Rally” as though Rally is a forgone conclusion for this suggestion.
6. It is generally accepted by the handlers who trial under these Rules that they are doing Rally, not Rally Obedience, or Rally O. All those involved in the sport say Rally and not Rally Obedience or Rally O.
7. The Vicdog.com website has never used the terms Rally Obedience or Rally O.

**2. SUBMITTED BY LORNA PIPER**

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If the B classes are removed from the rules, while still allowing RAE title applications

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***RATIONALE*** - the B classes are no longer required as RAE comes from Advanced and Excellent

### 3. SUBMITTED BY LORNA PIPER

#### Current Rule

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**R.A.E. (EM#121, OCT 15)** – signifying Rally Advanced Excellent - To qualify for the title of RAE a dog and Handler team must receive a minimum of five (5) qualifying scores, in both the Rally Advanced B & Rally Excellent B Classes at the same trial, of **80** points or more out of a possible perfect score of 100, under at least two different Judges.

However for a period of twelve (12) months from the date when these Rules become effective, where a dog has already attained one or more qualifying scores of 80 points or more in both the Rally Advanced B and Rally Excellent B Classes at the same trial towards a RAE title under the former Rules, these qualifications will be accepted towards the required total of five (5) double qualifying scores, provided that at least one double qualifying score of 80 points or more must be attained after these Rules become effective.

#### Proposed Change

**RAE** - signifying Rally Advanced Excellent. The Member Body will receive applications for the title of Rally Advanced Excellent title RAE in connection with each dog which, having **gained** its Rally Excellent (RE) title, thereafter gains a further *seven (7) qualifying scores* of **80** or more points in the both Rally Advanced and Rally Excellent Classes, under at least four (4) different Judges.

~~However for a period of twelve (12) months from the date when these Rules become effective, where a dog has already attained one or more qualifying scores of 80 points or more in both the Rally Advanced B and Rally Excellent B Classes at the same trial towards a RAE title under the former Rules, these qualifications will be accepted towards the required total of five (5) double qualifying scores, provided that at least one double qualifying score of 80 points or more must be attained after these Rules become effective.~~

OR

**RAE** - signifying Rally Advanced Excellent. The Member Body will receive applications for the title of Rally Advanced Excellent title RAE in connection with each dog which, having **gained** its Rally Excellent (RE) title, thereafter gains a further five (5) qualifying scores of **85** or more points in both Rally Advanced and Rally Excellent Classes, under at least four (4) different Judges.

~~However for a period of twelve (12) months from the date when these Rules become effective, where a dog has already attained one or more qualifying scores of 80 points or more in both the Rally Advanced B and Rally Excellent B Classes at the same trial towards a RAE title under the former Rules, these qualifications will be accepted towards the required total of five (5) double qualifying scores, provided that at least one double qualifying score of 80 points or more must be attained after these Rules become effective.~~

**Page 6** Remove Rally Advanced and Excellent B classes

***RATIONALE***

That it is not necessary to hold separate A & B classes in Advanced and Excellent, that competitors can keep records and apply as is done for Rally Champion. The increase in requirement for title is to elevate the title to a level with Masters with seven passes  
OR

to increase the requirements of RAE as it contributes to Rally Ch

Additional Note: That judges, if judging Advanced and Excellent classes at the same trial, should ensure that at least 50% of their course is changed from one to the other.

***RATIONALE***

I believe that RAE should test the skills over a large number of different stations not by a repetition of the same stations.

**4. SUBMITTED BY LORNA PIPER****Page 5****Current**

**RO. CH** - signifying Rally Obedience Champion. The Member Body will receive applications for the title of Rally Obedience Champion RO.CH in connection with each dog which, having **gained** its Rally Master (RM) title, thereafter gains a further ten (10) qualifying scores of **90** or more points in the Rally Master Class under at least three (3) different Judges. (**Amended 02/16, EM#130**)

**Proposed**

**RO. CH** - signifying Rally Obedience Champion. The Member Body will receive applications for the title of Rally Obedience Champion RO.CH in connection with each dog which, having **gained** its Rally Master (RM) **and Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE) titles**, thereafter gains a further ten (10) qualifying scores of **90** or more points in the Rally Master Class under at least four (4) different Judges..

**OR**

Competitors trialling to gain their RO CH are to be placed at the end of the Rally Masters class, these competitors do not get the use of retries.

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Add to Retry - A maximum of two (2) retries are allowed per course. Excluding those competitors that have gained their Rally Masters (RM) title and who are entered in Masters.

***RATIONALE***

To raise the standard of RO CH

## 5. SUBMITTED BY MELISSA FERABEND

### Page 6 – Classes

Delete Advanced B and Excellent B and replace with one class “Advanced Excellent” (or RAE) where 2 courses are performed (all competitors do one course then the other) and if either is not passed (as in scored 80 or above) then there is NO Qualifying card earned. One prize for the ‘class’ and it slots in as a pre requisite to Master so the classes in order become Novice, Advanced, Excellent, Advanced Excellent or RAE, Master

**RATIONALE:** there are lower entries in both B classes costing clubs more so combining both B classes to 1 "class" reduced the costs as only 1 prizes and pass card not 2

## 6. SUBMITTED BY LYNN KLECKA

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#### TITLES

R.A.E. Title

Delete entire section

Insert Rally Grand Champion (RO Grand Ch)

### Page 6

#### CLASSES

Delete Rally Advanced B

Delete Rally Excellent B

Insert Rally Champion

The B classes and the resulting RAE Title as not entered or gained by many except when chasing scores for Rally Dog of the Year. Therefore I propose that the classes be removed from the rule book along with the gaining of the RAE Title.

I further propose that Rally Excellent be made a class, which allows any dog which has gained its RE Title or higher is eligible to enter, much like Open in obedience. So dogs may continue to compete in this class indefinitely.

Once a Rally Master title is gained, dogs may continue to compete in this class indefinitely.

### **Introduction of a Rally Champion Class**

This Class shall be for dogs that have qualified for the Rally Champion Title (RO Ch)

All exercises are judged off lead and there will be no jumps in this class. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on lead.

Rally Champion Class must have between twenty (20) and twenty six (26) stations (start and finish not included) with no more than fourteen (14) stationary exercises. The course must contain a minimum of 5 excellent stations and all master stations.

**TITLE**

RO Grand Ch – signifying Rally Grand Champion. The Member Body will receive applications for the title of Rally Grand Champion (RO Grand Ch) in connection with each dog which having gained its Rally Champion Title gains a further twenty (20) qualifying scores of 90 or more points in the Rally Champion Class under at least four (4) different Judges.

**RATIONALE:** B Class entries have been declining over the last four years since the introduction of the Master Class and the Rally Champion Title, and this was envisaged so now I believe it is time to remove the classes and the title of RAE and move forward with an even higher level being Rally Grand Champion.

However by removing the B classes I would like to see that the Excellent Class is made so that all dogs may continue to compete indefinitely as with the Master Class should they wish to.

It is noted that should the B classes be removed all subsequent changes within the rule book will be made to reflect this change.

## 7. SUBMITTED BY LORNA PIPER

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**Judging Standards**

Dogs should be judged on their individual performance with consideration of size and breed, however they should demonstrate rear end awareness and complete the exercise to an expected standard.

**Can we please make note to ask permission for next rule change to ask AKC for approval to use their signs**

**New Stations****U turn left, left about**

Dog and handler to complete a left U Turn travel a metre and then perform a left about turn

**U turn right, left about**

Dog and handler to complete a right U Turn travel a metre and then perform a left about turn

**Left about turn, left u turn**

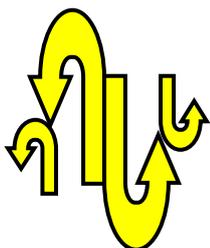
Dog and handler to complete a left about turn travel a metre and then perform a left u turn

**Left about turn, right u turn**

Dog and handler to complete a left about turn travel a metre and then perform a right u turn

## Excellent

### . 180 Circle Spin left, Heel on Right, 180 Circle Spin Right



The handler, while moving, signals the dog to complete a 180 degree spin to the left, at the same time turning 180 (left) toward the dog. The dog is to 'heel' on the right for a minimum of three steps. The handler then signals the dog to spin 180 to the right, at the same time turning 180 to the right. Dog is returned to heel position.

## Masters

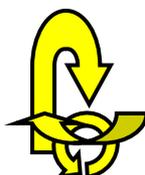
### . Call Front, Circle Spin Right Finish Left



Moving station.

Handler calls dog to the front, dog completes right 360 spin in front (handler continues to move backward until dog has completed spin). Send to heel left.

### . Call Front, Circle Spin Left, Finish Right



Moving station.

Handler calls dog to the front, dog completes left 360 spin in front. Send to heel right.

Would make suggestion to move the spin to Advanced level.

## 8. SUBMITTED BY LORNA PIPER

### New Stations

#### Advanced -

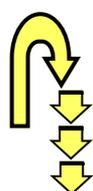
#### Call front, handler reverses three steps, finish



The handlers calls the dog to the front, reverses three steps, dog moves with handler, dog returns to heel

#### Excellent -

#### Call front, dog reverses three steps,



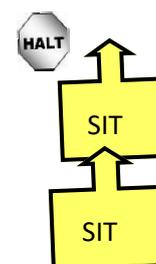
The handlers calls the dog to the front, handler moves forward and dog reverses three steps, dog returns to heel

### Changes to existing stations

**3. Halt - Sit** - Whilst heeling, the Handler halts and the dog sits in heel position. The team then moves forward, with the dog in heel position. (Stationary exercise)

**Proposed** - Remove the HALT from the sign

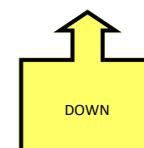
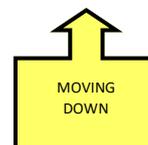
**Rationale** - the Halt is not required as the instruction to sit is on the sign



**27. Moving - Down** - Whilst moving with the dog in heel position, the Handler commands and/or signals the dog to down as the Handler comes to a stop next to the dog. Once the dog is completely down, the Handler moves forward, commanding the dog to move forward from down position. (Stationary exercise)

**Proposed** - Remove the word 'Moving' from the sign

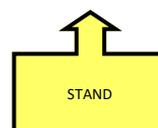
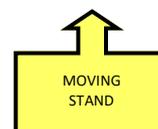
**Rationale** - The handler comes to a halt as they signal the down so this is not a moving down



**32. Moving - Stand** - Whilst moving with the dog in heel position, the Handler commands and/or signals the dog to stand as the Handler comes to a stop next to the dog. Once the dog is completely paused in a stand, the Handler moves forward, commanding the dog to move forward from stand position. (Stationary exercise)

**Proposed** - Remove the word 'Moving' from the sign

**Rationale** - The handler comes to a halt as they signal the stand so this is not a moving stand



## 9. SUBMITTED BY MELISSA FERABEND

### Page 10 – Non –Qualifying Scores

Currently reads:

Non-qualifying (NQ) scores shall be given for:

- Minimum requirements not met
- Dog unmanageable, or uncontrolled barking
- Consistently tight lead
- Dog relieving itself in the ring
- Handler error
- Station not attempted
- Failure of a dog to go over a jump in the proper direction
- Attempting more than two (2) retries
- Performing a station out of sequence
- Where a station is rendered unusable

Change to:

Non-qualifying (NQ) scores shall be given for:

- Minimum requirements not met
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- Handler error
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- Failure of a dog to go over a jump in the proper direction
- Attempting more than two (2) retries
- Performing a station out of sequence
- Where a station is rendered unusable (**with exception of when one jump is used twice**)

**Move “Dog relieving itself in the ring” to “10 point deduction”**

***RATIONALE***

Toileting in the obedience ring is a penalty of the total points for the class on each occasion so Rally should also incur a point penalty rather than a NQ

Where the same jump is used twice in Excellent and rendered un-useable after the first attempt going over it, should incur an IP for the second attempt