



USDAA @ Home!SM

Rules & Regulations for Rally Obedience



Welcome to [USDAA@Home! Rally](#), an online program offering Rally training challenges and titling courses of World Cynosport Rally Limited (WCRL)* on the USDAA@Home! training and event platform.

What is Rally Obedience (or just simply, “Rally”)?

- Rally is a fun heelwork course with your dog, and a fun way to practice and hone real-life obedience skills.
- Rally is a sport that nearly every person and every dog can do.
- Food, praise, and touch rewards are allowed at all Rally levels.
- WCRL (World Cynosport Rally Limited) is an affiliate of USDAA (United States Dog Agility Association).

USDAA@Home! Rally Guidelines

USDAA@Home! Rally events allow for variations in space, equipment and supplies, and certain general rules for flexibility and safety while performing in a less formal setting than at “live” events.

Equipment Requirements

- Up to 6 cones or other similar object for heeling around in exercises involving cones (all levels)
- Up to 2 bar jumps or other similar object with a displaceable jump bar (for Levels 2 and 3 courses)
- Nice to have but optional:
 - Exercise signs are signs with the exercise name and simple diagram to place on your course in the location of the area to perform the exercise. [WCRL exercise signs can be downloaded](#) from the Rally website and printed to build your course.
 - Station numbers are used to number each sign on the course. These are small, removeable signs, such as a sticky note, from 1 to up to 20, depending on how many exercise signs are on the course.

Course Building Guidelines

- Noting the scale, place the Start, Finish, and exercise signs to replicate the course diagram as closely as possible. The arrows and orientation of each sign on the map corresponds to the handler course path.
- The exercise signs are generally placed to the right of the team’s course path, though 90° and 180° turns may be placed in the course path and performed in front of the sign.
- There should be a minimum of 10 feet between exercise signs, except for Shared Stations.
- Make sure there is enough space for you and your dog to perform the exercise without knocking the exercise sign.

Title Qualifications

- For USDAA@Home! Rally titling events, participants are eligible to earn Qs toward regular base titles and championship titles, including combined-level championship titles.
- Ranking points and ribbons are NOT given for USDAA@Home! Rally courses.

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- You must comply with all performance and results reporting (including submission of video) deadlines and procedures to be eligible to earn credit toward title qualifications.
 - For 25'x40' course sizes, you must perform two different 25'x40' courses to be eligible for one Q.
 - For 25'x80' course sizes, you must perform one course to be eligible for one Q.
- WCRL Rules & Regulations apply in USDAA@Home! Rally scoring and performances rules, except where modified in the following Performance Rules.

Performance Rules Variations

The following are modifications to the Official WCRL Rules & Regulations that apply to USDAA@Home! Rally performances:

- **Bonus Exercise**
 - There are no bonuses (and therefore, no bonus points) on USDAA@Home! Rally courses.
 - One bonus exercise (an exercise from the next higher level) per course may be used as a regular exercise.
- **Exercise Modifications**
 - If a dog's or handler's disabilities prevent the team from performing an exercise as described, the handler may email a [fillable Exercise Modification Form](#) to the Rally Office at info@rallydogs.com
- **Jumps**
 - If performing on hard or slippery surfaces, the jump bar shall be placed on the ground for safety.
 - For courses with jump exercises, the following jump height options are allowed:

Height at Withers	Jump Height Options
12" or less	4", 8"
16" or less	4", 8"
20" or less	4", 8", 12"
Over 20"	8", 12", 16"

- **Leashes**
 - To comply with local leash ordinances and for general safety when working in open spaces, a leash, including a long line, may be used for safety in USDAA@Home! Rally events for Levels 2, 3, and Veteran. (In enclosed areas, these levels shall be performed off-leash.)
 - Level 1 and Intro shall be performed on-leash.

Video Requirements

Video is for the purpose of judging the performance; therefore:

- The video device must be placed so the whole performance from Start sign to Finish sign is visible on frame. (A wide-angle lens attachment may be helpful.)
- Being out of frame for part of an exercise or between exercises can impact scoring by resulting in deductions for the portion of the performance not in the video.
- See additional [Video Tips and Guidelines](#) on the USDAA@Home! FAQ page.

New to Rally?

Here are some User Resources:

- [Rally Exercise Videos](#): short clips of each exercise being performed and videos with scoring explanations
- [Rally Quick Start Guide](#): overview of WCRL classes, rules and concepts, scoring, and titles
- [Rally Exercise Primer Guide](#): basic Rally skills and practice sequences
- [WCRL Official Rules and Guidelines](#): details on WCRL Eligibility, Class Structure, Performance Rules, Scoring Standards, Exercise Descriptions, and Titles