

# Dog Training Regulation Changes for 1 January 2025

## Regulation changes from the successful items in the April 2024 Voting Round

### **General Item 1** Clarification of requirements for regular training by registered Dog Training Societies

Proposed by the Dog Training Committee

Amend regulation 2.4 as follows:

#### **2.4 Obligation to Conduct Dog Training Fixtures**

##### **2.4.1 Championship Dog Training Societies**

###### **2.4.1.1 All Breed Championship Societies**

Societies registered as Championship Dog Training Societies pursuant to Dog Training Regulation 2.1.1 must conduct regular ~~Obedience training dog training classes~~ and must conduct at least two Championship Obedience Tests per year, or one Championship Obedience Test and one Ribbon Trial per year. They ~~may~~ also conduct Open Obedience Trials, ~~and~~ additional Obedience Ribbon Trials ~~and Rally-O championship and ribbon trial events~~.

###### **2.4.1.2 Specialist Breed Championship Societies**

Societies registered as Championship Dog Training Societies pursuant to Dog Training Regulation 2.1.4 must conduct regular ~~Obedience training dog training classes~~ and may, with the approval of the New Zealand Kennel Club, hold up to two All Breeds Championship Obedience Tests per annum. Such Societies must conduct at least one Open Obedience Trial or Obedience Ribbon Trial per annum.

##### **2.4.2 Non-Championship Dog Training Societies**

###### **2.4.2.1 Dual Discipline Societies**

Societies registered as Non-Championship Dog Training Societies pursuant to Dog Training Regulation 2.1.1 must conduct regular ~~Obedience training dog training classes~~, may conduct Open Obedience Trials and Obedience Ribbon Trials and must hold at least one Open Obedience Trial or Obedience Ribbon Trial per year.

###### **2.4.2.2 Recognised All Breed Societies**

Societies registered as Non-Championship Dog Training Societies pursuant to Dog Training Regulation 2.1.2 must conduct regular ~~Obedience training dog training classes~~, may conduct Obedience Ribbon Trials and must hold at least one Obedience Ribbon Trial or Rally-O Ribbon Trial per year.

###### **2.4.2.3 Associated Group, Multi Breed, or Specialist Breed**

Societies registered as Non-Championship Dog Training Societies pursuant to Dog Training Regulation 2.1.3 must conduct regular ~~Obedience training dog training classes~~, may conduct Open Obedience Trials and Obedience Ribbon Trials and must hold at least one Open Obedience Trial or Obedience Ribbon Trial per year.

### 2.4.3 Definition of Regular Dog Training Classes

For the purposes of regulation 2.4, “dog training classes” shall be interpreted as training classes for domestic dog training, CGC or one or more of the disciplines covered by the Dog Training Regulations (Obedience, Rally-O, Companion Dog Trials and Working Trials).

## General Item 2 Clarification of the terms Show/Event/Trial etc. to remove ambiguity

Proposed by the Dog Training Committee

Amend the following regulations as shown:

### 11. OBEDIENCE SHOWS/SOCIETIES/GENERAL

#### 11.1 Obedience Shows

Obedience Shows ~~are~~ **may consist of** Championship Obedience Tests, Open Obedience Trials, Obedience Ribbon Trials, and Obedience Interclub and Club Days.

At Obedience Shows a series of Tests each comprised of a set of standard exercises are conducted. The Tests are of ascending difficulty and have defined conditions of entry and criteria for conduct.

#### 11.2 Dog Training Societies

Only registered Dog Training Societies may conduct all types of Obedience Shows. Other societies may only conduct those Obedience Shows authorised by Dog Training Regulation 2.2.

#### 11.3 General Provisions.

Where applicable, the provisions of Section B6 (Dog Training Fixtures - General Conditions), Section B7 (Conduct of Fixtures - General Conditions), and Section C8 (Judges), apply to Obedience.

#### 11.4 Obedience Shows Defined

##### 11.4.1 Championship Obedience Tests

###### 11.4.1.1 Who May Conduct Championship Obedience Tests

Only All Breeds clubs can conduct Championship Obedience Tests.

###### 11.4.1.2 Approved Obedience Tests

Approved Obedience Tests as laid down by these Regulations must be conducted at Championship Obedience Tests.

###### 11.4.1.3 All Tests To Be Scheduled

All tests must be scheduled in a Championship Obedience Test. **Championship Obedience Tests consist of a single set of each of the approved obedience tests (Beginners to Test C). For large shows (such as NDTA), tests (other than Test C) may be split to avoid exceeding the number of dogs able to be judged in one day (e.g. Novice 1 and Novice 2). However, a Championship Obedience show may only include one Test C.**

### 24.5 Rally-O Championship and Ribbon Trial Events

Rally-O Championship and Ribbon Trial Events are any occasions whenever at least one level of Rally-O class is conducted in accordance with these regulations. **A Rally-O event has no more than one of each Rally-O class.**

### 24.8 Rally-O Events Defined

24.8.1 Approved Rally-O Classes

Approved Rally-O classes are Novice A, Novice B, Advanced A, Advanced B, Excellent A, Excellent B and Encore.

~~One or more approved Rally-O class, as laid down by these Regulations, must be conducted at Championship Rally-O Events.~~

#### 24.8.2 All Championship Rally-O Events To Be Scheduled

~~All Rally-O Classes must be scheduled for Championship Rally-O Events.~~

All Championship Rally-O Events must be scheduled and must include all approved Rally-O classes (with the possible exception of Encore).

## 8. JUDGES

### 8.1 Requirements of a Judge

#### 8.1.2 Listing on Panels

Only a judge qualified to judge the test, trial or class and listed on the current Obedience, Companion Dog or Working Trial or Rally-O Panel may judge any Championship Obedience Test, Open Obedience Trial, Obedience Ribbon Trial, Companion Dog Trial or Working Trial or Championship Rally-O Event.

#### 8.1.3 Beginners and Novices at Obedience Ribbon Trials

At Obedience Ribbon Trials the Judge of Beginners and Novice may be any person not being a disqualified person under the rules of the New Zealand Kennel Club, and who has previously competed in Test C, attaining a minimum of 280 in a Championship Obedience ~~Show Test~~.

#### 8.12.2 Promotion

Applicants for promotion must have been successfully assessed as achieving competency as specified by the New Kennel Club Dog Training Committee.

Applicants must display competency in practical companion dog judging situations.

Applicants for promotion from the Companion Dog Panel to the Companion Dog Silver Panel must currently be appointed to the Obedience Test B or Test C Panel; have judged a minimum of 40 Test B dogs at Obedience Championship ~~shows tests~~; and judged CD three times. Applicants for promotion from the Companion Dog Silver Panel to the Companion Dog Gold Panel must currently be appointed to the Obedience Test C Panel; have judged a minimum of 40 Test C dogs at Obedience Championship ~~shows tests~~; and judged CD Silver three times.

## Regulation changes from the August 2024 Notification items

### **Notification Item 1: Change “regular obedience classes” to “regular dog training classes”**

Proposed by the Dog Training Committee

Amend regulations 2.1.2, 2.1.3 and 2.1.4 as follows:

#### 2.1.2 Recognised All Breeds Societies

All Breed Societies recognised by the New Zealand Kennel Club pursuant to New Zealand Kennel Club Rule 10 can be registered pursuant to Dog Training Regulations as:

- A registered Non-Championship Dog Training Society

All societies registered under this regulation must conduct regular ~~obedience dog training~~ classes.

### 2.1.3 Associated Group and Multi-Breed Societies

Group and Multi-breed Societies associated to the New Zealand Kennel Club pursuant to New Zealand Kennel Club Rule 8 can be registered pursuant to Dog Training Regulations as:

- A registered Non-Championship Dog Training Society.

All societies registered under this clause must conduct regular ~~obedience dog training~~ classes.

### 2.1.4 Associated Specialist Breed Societies

Specialist-Breed Societies associated to the New Zealand Kennel Club pursuant to New Zealand Kennel Club Rule 9 can be registered pursuant to Dog Training Regulations as:

- A registered Championship Dog Training Society or a registered Non-Championship Dog Training Society.

All societies registered under this clause must conduct regular ~~obedience dog training~~ classes.

## Notification Item 2: Removal of the word “Bronze” in CD eligibility regulation 17.6

Proposed by the Dog Training Committee

Amend regulation 17.6 as follows:

### 17.6 Eligibility For Entry

Once a dog has qualified Companion Dog Excellent at any level, they shall be permitted to enter at the same or higher level. Dogs must have qualified CD or CDX to compete in CD Silver, and CDX Silver to compete in CD Gold.

Dogs that currently have a CDX title (without a ~~Bronze/Silver/Gold~~ endorsement), shall be permitted to compete in CD trials again.

## Notification Item 3: Correction to expand “Rally-O Event” to “Championship Rally-O Event” and “Rally-O Ribbon Trial” in regulation 6.1

Proposed by the Dog Training Committee.

Amend regulation 6.1 as follows:

### 6.1 Dog Training Fixture Defined

"Dog Training Fixture" includes Championship Obedience Test, Obedience Open Trial, Obedience Ribbon Trial, Companion Dog Trial, Working Trial and ~~Championship~~ Rally-O Event, ~~Rally-O Ribbon Trial~~, The National Dog Training Assembly, Obedience Interclub or Club Day

## Notification Item 4: Correction of “Rally-O Event” and “Official Rally-O Event” to “Championship Rally-O Event” in regulations 2.2.1, 6.2.8, 6.3.6, 7.15, 8.5.5 and 9.4.1

Proposed by the Dog Training Committee.

Amend regulations 2.2.1, 2.2.2, 6.2.8, 6.3.6, 7.15, 8.5.5 and 9.4.1 as follows:

### 2.2.1 Championship Obedience Tests and ~~Championship~~ Rally-O Events

All Breed Societies Affiliated to or Associated with the New Zealand Kennel Club pursuant to New Zealand Kennel Club Rules 7 or 8 which are not registered Dog Training Societies may, with the approval of New Zealand Kennel Club, hold up to two Championship

Obedience Tests and **two Championship** Rally-O Events per annum. Any such shows must also be approved by the relevant Region Representative on the Dog Training Committee for inclusion on the region calendar (as per regulation 7.2.1).

#### **2.2.2 Open Obedience Trials, ~~and~~ Obedience Ribbon Trials and Rally-O Ribbon Trials**

All Breed Societies, Group or Multi-Breed Societies Affiliated to or Associated with the New Zealand Kennel Club pursuant to New Zealand Kennel Club Rules 7 or 8 which are not registered Dog Training Societies may, with the approval of New Zealand Kennel Club, hold Open Obedience Trials, ~~and~~ Obedience Ribbon Trials **and Rally-O Ribbon Trials** provided such trials are held in conjunction with Championship Shows, Open Shows, and Ribbon Parades.

#### **6.2.8 Official Entry Form**

All entries in any Championship Obedience Test, Open Obedience Trial, Working Trial, **Championship** Rally-O Event or Companion Dog Trial, must be on either the official New Zealand Kennel Club entry form (which may be a photocopy, scanned copy, download or print of an official NZKC-issued entry form) or online if the club is using this format for the taking of entries.

#### **6.3.6 Competition in Obedience by Test Managers**

A Test Manager may compete at any Championship Obedience Test, Obedience Open Trial or **Championship** Rally-O Event provided they are not managing any test or class they are competing in. Whenever a Test Manager is competing, the hosting club shall appoint a second Test Manager to ensure coverage of all tests.

#### **7.15 Championship Rally-O Events Result Sheets**

An approved NZKC Rally-O Event Result Sheet must be forwarded to the New Zealand Kennel Club, to the Region Representative of the Region in which the **Championship** Rally-O Event is being held, and to the officiating judge within 14 days of the event.

#### **8.5.5 Judges of ~~Official~~ Championship Rally-O Events**

#### **9.4.1 New Zealand Kennel Club Membership**

Any competitor who wishes to have a Rally-O Title entered as a suffix to their dog's name in any official NZKC publication and/or catalogue for any ~~official~~ **championship** Rally-O Event, must be a Full member of the New Zealand Kennel Club, and a member of a New Zealand Kennel Club Registered Dog Training Society or New Zealand Kennel Club Affiliated or Associated Club.

### **Notification Item 5: Correction of "Ribbon Trial Rally-O" to "Rally-O Ribbon Trial" in regulations 24.2 and 24.15**

Proposed by the Dog Training Committee.

Amend regulations 24.2 and 24.15 as follows:

#### **24.2 Rally-O Event Defined**

"Rally-O Event" includes Championship Rally-O Events, **Rally-O** Ribbon Trial ~~Rally-O~~ Events, Rally-O Interclub or Club Day.

#### **24.15 **Rally-O** Ribbon Trial ~~Rally-O~~ Entries**

Entries for Rally-O Ribbon trial ~~Rally-O~~ events may be taken, along with any specified fees, on the day of the Rally- O event.

## **Regulation changes from the successful items in the October 2024 Voting Round**

### **General Item 2 Not allowing video recordings or photographs to be used to influence a judge's decision**

Proposed by the Obedience Judges Association

Add new regulation 6.2.12 as follows:

#### **6. DOG TRAINING FIXTURES – GENERAL CONDITIONS**

##### **6.2.12 Video Recording/Photography**

Video recording/photography of a competitor may be undertaken on behalf of a competitor for their own personal use. No photograph or video footage may however be used to challenge a Judge's decision.

### **Rally-O Item 1 To reinforce that knocking a jump bar off does not incur a penalty**

Proposed by the Rally-O Subcommittee

Amend regulation 27.2.3.1, bullet point 5 & 27.2.3.3 bullet point 2 to add the words 'or jump bars' so that they read:

#### **27.2.3.1**

- Touching any equipment excepting items used as measurement markers **or jump bars**, or tails touching equipment

#### **27.2.3.3**

- Knocking over any course equipment excepting items used as measurement markers **or jump bars**.

### **Obedience Item 1 Allowing the use of dog coats during stays**

Proposed by Titahi Bay Canine Obedience Club:

Amend regulation 14.7.3 as follows:

#### **14.7 Use of Lead and other equipment.**

##### **14.7.3 Other equipment**

Muzzles, halties and footwear are not permitted. Exhibitor could be granted exemption from this prohibition by the Show Manager upon production of proof by the exhibitor that footwear was a veterinary requirement.

**Dog coats shall be permitted in the stay exercises at handler's discretion. If the dog enters stays wearing a coat, it must remain on until it exits the ring.**

## **Corrections to previous changes**

1. Correction to Test A points required for promotion to Beginners/Novice panel allowing for the change in total Test A points from 1 January 2024

**8.10.2.6** Applicants for promotion must also have trained and competed a dog to the following standard at Championship Obedience Tests

For promotion to:-

Beginners/Novice Panel 135 points in Test A if achieved prior to January 2024, 116 points in Test A if achieved after 31 December 2023

Test A Panel 210 points in Test B

Test B Panel 210 points in Test B Test C Panel 290 Points in Test C

2. Correction to delete preserving ring as a CD Silver retrieve article (as per successful April 2021 Obedience voting item when preserving ring was replaced with a soft glove but the deletion was missed)

**18.3.1.3 Retrieve.**

Judge shall predetermine, from a selection of five different articles provided by the Region, which article is to be used for the impending trial.

Approved articles are: ~~Preserving ring~~; soft glove (not latex or rubber); 20cm hose pipe; Piece of rope tied in a knot; Rolled and banded newspaper; Soft fabric novelty (soft toy).

3. Correction to reinstate the word individually in 6.1.1 which was accidentally deleted in 2019 when the exception for Rally-O stays was deleted.

**7.7.2 Individual Exercises**

All exercises except stays are to be taken **individually**. Entries in each stay shall be taken in one group. However, when the number of entries is excessive the Test Manager may authorise the judge to conduct any Stay exercise in more than one group.

4. Change of "then" to "than" in 13.2.1.4

**13.2.1.4 Food or Training aids**

The judge will disqualify the dog from that test if the handler uses or carries into the ring or working area in any test food, manufactured whistle, clicker, squeaky toy or other related training aid other ~~then~~ than those required to complete the test.