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WA Submission Rally Rule Review - Signs

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**Subject:** Rally Rules Review submissions

Hi Michelle,

Please find attached the Rally document and proposals for 3 new signs for the rules review that have been voted in for WA's submissions

Kind Regards Deb Hyde

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## Titles

**Proposal New Title**

R. GR CH – signifying Rally Grand Champion – Upon having been granted the title of Rally

Champion Title, in order to receive the R. GR CH Title, a dog must qualify a further 5 (five) times with qualifying scores of 98 points or more in the Rally Master Class under at least (3) different judges.

Rationale

The standard of the dog and handler combinations has increased and the higher title to recognise

continued excellence should be introduced. The score of 98 means that a dog cannot gain the title with a retry which is commensurate with the title

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~~Steward.~~  and retained by the Handler Rationale

This has been current practice since the Covid pandemic and has proven to be a successful addition to the ring procedure with no downside. In the event of a loss of control, the Handler is able to secure

their dog easily and immediately on the Judges orders and not have to wait on the steward to bring the lead in. It allows the steward to attend to other duties and not be required to wait on the handler at the start or need to place the lead at the end of the test.

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## Proposal

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## Rationale

Dogs Australia, ANKC has determined that trial certificates no longer need be signed by the judge and e-certificates will now be issued so the requirement for the judge to sign a Rally Trial Certificate is now redundant

### Jumps:

It is the Judge’s responsibility to see that jumps are set for each dog in accordance with these Rules. All jumps must be white, except for the bar used in the Bar Jump.

### Calculation of the Height and Width of Jumps:

The dog's height shall be measured at the withers to the nearest 10mm. The dog’s jump height shall be given on the entry form.

Height of Dog at Withers Height to be jumped Broad Jump # Broad Jump Hurdles

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Under 250mm | 150mm | 300mm | 2 |
| 250mm and under 380mm | 200mm | 400mm | 2 |
| 380mm and under 500mm | 300mm | 600mm | 3 |
| 500mm and over | 400mm | 800mm | 3 |

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between 1.2 and 2 metres in length. The Jump will be adjustable for height. Side post adjustment to be constructed so as the bar will fall off if hit hard enough, in either direction.

### Broad Jump:

The Broad Jump must consist of three separate hurdles between 1.2 metres and 2 metres wide and 150 mm high at the highest point. For convenience, the three jumps may be built to nest together. When decreasing the number of hurdles in the jump, the highest hurdle will be removed first.

### Solid Jump:

The Solid Jump must consist of two uprights 1200 mm high and between 1.2 metres and 2 metres wide with fill in panels of various sizes so as to provide adjustment for the jump to be set at the prescribed heights. The height in millimetres must be clearly visible on each side of each panel in

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# Proposal

Delete jumps and all reference to jumps for Advance and Excellent courses

## Rationale

Jumps can disadvantage both dogs and handlers. Handlers using a frame or crutches experience

difficulties negotiating the jumps considering the dog must come back to heel before the next station. This can cause some difficulty for the handler to proceed at a faster pace through the jump section which is sometimes not possible. Many heavier type breeds find the jumps more difficult and are unfairly prejudiced with a shorter lead in to the jump relative to their size.

NEW MASTERS RALLY SIGN

## MOVING SIDESTEPS 3 STEPS

Whilst heeling, the handler takes at least three steps sideways to the right, the dog must maintain heel position and remain parallel with the handler as the handler moves sideways. On completion

the dog and handler without stopping will move forward on the newly established line. The exercise shall be performed just after the exercise sign

RATIONALE: Add more variation to the masters courses and continue to increase skills

MASTERS RALLY SUBMISSION

Advance Rally Submission

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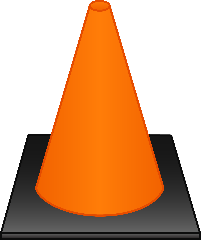
Rationale: to add more variation to the Advance courses and to increase skills

Masters signs new signs proposal, the cone in these descriptions must be approximately 45cm high this will need to be added to the front of the rule book HALT – DOG CIRCLES CONE – FORWARD

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Advance

The handler halts and without stopping the dog leaves the handler And goes around the back of the cone in a clockwise direction. The



Cone is set 2 metres away. The dog immediately returns to heel and without stopping the dog and handler proceed to the next sign

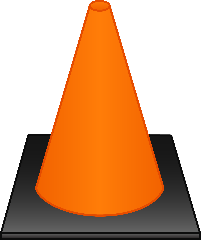
This station is performed after the sign. The cone is inline with the sign

Excellent Rally submission

HALT – DOG CIRCLES CONE – HALT

New Excellent sign

The handler halts and without stopping the dog leaves the handler And goes around the back of the cone in a clockwise direction. The



Cone is set 2 metres away. The dog immediately returns to heel position and sits before moving forward with the handler

This station is performed after the sign. The cone is inline with the sign

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Excellent