**2025 NOTC MTG - ATTACHMENT 7c - DOGS QLD - FCI Rally Obedience Submission**

**Introduction of FCI Rally Obedience**

The current rules are held by Federation Cynologique International (FCI) for International Rally Obedience Trials (Competitions).

<https://www.fci.be/en/Rally-Obedience-4746.html>

To propose the introduction of FCI Rally Obedience to Australia under the controlling body of the Australian National Kennel Council Ltd (Dogs Australia)

The FCI Rally Obedience Regulations and Rules are to be followed, except where the National country can make subtractions and/or additions to suit their conditions, ethics and guidelines.

The FCI Rally Obedience competitions allow competitors to teach good contact between dog and handler and on achieving the dog’s willingness to obey even when at a distance from the Handler. The Handler and dog should display a good overall relationship.

FCI Rally Obedience Competition Trials.

If Dogs Australia offers a totally new type of rally obedience category (FCI Rally Obedience), this will allow people to enter and perform rally obedience with their dogs in a different format to our current rally obedience exercises.

Our current rally obedience members also have a chance to learn new and exciting exercises and gain more titles for their dogs - therefore keeping them in the rally obedience ring for longer.

Rally numbers have fluctuated over the years. The many newer disciplines may have contributed to this. It seems that dogs are acquiring titles in higher classes at a much younger age and this would also give purpose to those dogs and handlers to continue on in rally obedience competition.

There would also be a monetary gain to the State Canine organisations for judges licences and dog titles, and also to clubs holding additional competitions without too much additional work and of course to gain additional titles to the dogs and their owners.

1. Judging

Initially all Rally judges who currently have held a Rally license for a period of two years, have the opportunity to undergo Judges Training which will involve inviting a representative from FCI to train judges in the areas of FCI Rules and Regulations.

A further ongoing training scheme will take place under the Rally Chair where authorised FCI accredited judge/s, train and educate the new interested judges.

This will also give our Rally judges another license to be maintained, but also an opportunity for invitation to judge overseas.

2. Competitions

Our current dog sport clubs will hold these competitions in conjunction with their Rally competitions.

This will also gain additional income for the club for entries gained for FCI Rally Obedience.

It is also the chance for the state organisations of Dogs Australia to include an FCI trial as a National event for all states to participate. This can also be in conjunction with the current National events.

3. Competitors

All competitors will require an eligibility (eg which National Rally level required) to participate in FCI Rally Obedience Classes.

Competitors will be able to gain additional titles in Rally which is added to the dog’s registered details. This title will be recognised internationally.

Competitors will have the opportunity to grow in areas of Rally by teaching new exercises. Competitors also will also have a new challenge they can move onto once they have completed the ANKC Rally.

International competitors would have an opportunity to participate in FCI Rally Obedience in Australia.

3. Rules and Regulations

FCI Rules and Regulations will be the foundation for ANKC members to follow, however a Rally/Dog Sport Committee may adjust these rules to suit our Australian conditions.

This will include Bitches in season and bitches in breeding - as these rules differ from our current ANKC Rally from FCI Rally Obedience.

Eligibility to participate will also be defined by the Rally/Dog Sport Committee, including age of dog and current level of rally.