

Rally Obedience Performance Standards

NBA Rally Obedience is specifically designed for Olde English Bulldogges exclusively.

General Procedures

Set Up and Walk Through. A 30-minute minimum period for setup and walk-through, prior to the start of the class, should be scheduled for each class to be judged.

Qualifying Scores and General Scoring. Scores will be available ringside after each dog and handler team has completed the final exercise. Times will be recorded but not posted. Times will be used only to break ties for placements. To qualify, dog and handler must receive a minimum score of 70 points out of a possible perfect score of 100. A rally title may be added after the dog's name when three qualifying scores have been earned under at least two different judges. **Dogs may earn two rally legs under two different judges on the same day as long as a minimum of three signs have been changed for the second course.**

Scoring for all levels is based on a maximum score of 100 points. The following deductions shall apply:

1-point deduction for each of the following:

- Tight leash
- Dog interfering with handler's forward motion
- Poor sits
- Slow, delay, or resistance to respond
- Touching or ticking a jump, pylon, post or person
- Out of position
- 3-point deduction for each of the following:
 - Repeat of a station
 - Pylon/post knocked over (on Figure Eight, Spiral, and Serpentine)
 - Lack of control
 - Loud command or intimidating signal
 - Excessive barking
 - Handler error

10-point deduction for each of the following:

- Incorrectly performed station
- Hitting the jump

- Handler error
- 1- to 10-point deduction:**
- Lack of teamwork
- Non-qualifying (NQ) scores shall be given for:
- Minimum requirements not met
- Dog unmanageable
- Station not attempted
- Consistently tight lead
- Substantially out of position
- Elimination in the ring during judging
- Bar knocked off the uprights/using jump as an aid in going over
- Handler error

Timing. All dogs will be timed. Times will be used only in the event of ties for a placement, as mentioned in Section 9. Timing will begin when the Judge gives the order, "Forward," and will end when dog and handler cross the finish line. In the case of tied scores, the dog and handler completing the course in the least amount of time will receive the higher placement and a plus (+) after the score. The original scores will not be changed. In the event that both the score and time are the same, the dog and handler teams will repeat the course and be judged and timed again.

Ribbons and Prizes. Awards for the four placements in each class will be based solely on the number of points earned, with the exception of ties.

Classes And Titles

Rally Novice Class

All exercises are judged on leash, and all dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. The leash must be made of fabric or leather and needs to be long enough to provide adequate slack. Handlers may bait their dogs in the Rally Novice Class. Rally Novice must have between 10 - 15 stations (Start and Finish not included) with no more than five (5) stationary exercises.

Rally Advanced Class

All exercises are judged on leash, and all dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. Handlers may not bait their dogs in the Rally Advanced Class. Rally Advanced must have between 12 - 17 stations (Start and Finish not included) with no more than seven (7) stationary exercises. The Rally Advanced Class shall be for dogs that have won the Rally Novice (NBA-RN) title but have not won the Rally Advanced (NBA-RA) title. After a dog

earns the Rally Advanced (NBA-RA) title, it may continue to compete in this class indefinitely.

Rally Excellent Class

All exercises are judged off leash. Handlers may not bait their dogs in the Rally Excellent Class. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. Rally Excellent must have between 15 - 20 stations (Start and Finish not included) with no more than seven stationary exercises per class. Unlike in the Rally Novice and Advanced Classes, in Rally Excellent handlers are not allowed to pat their legs or clap their hands to encourage the dog. Verbal encouragement, multiple commands, and/or inaudible signals using one or both arms and hands are allowed; the handler's arms need not be maintained in any particular position at any time. Handlers may not touch their dog or make any physical corrections. The Rally Excellent Class shall be for dogs that have earned the Rally Advanced (NBA-RA) title, but have not earned the Rally Excellent (NBA-RE) title. After earning the Rally Excellent (NBA-RE) title, a dog may continue to compete in this class indefinitely.

Jumps. At least one high jump must be used for this class. Various colors and decorations are allowed; however, there must be nothing hanging from the jump. It is the judge's responsibility to see that the jumps are set for each dog in accordance with these Regulations. The High Jump consists of two uprights and solid boards of varying widths that combine to make each dog's required jump height. The Bar Jump also has two uprights. These are constructed to support only a striped bar which is set at the dog's required jump height.

Jump Heights. The dog's jump height shall be given on the entry form. Entries may be arranged according to the jump height of the dogs, from either high to low or low to high.

Height of Dog at Withers	Height to be Jumped
Under 15"	8"
15" and under 20"	12"
20" and over	16"

Rally Advanced Excellent Title

Upon completion of the Rally Excellent title, qualifying scores may be accumulated from the Rally Advanced Class and the Rally Excellent Class to earn the Rally Advanced Excellent (NBA-RAE) title. In order to receive the NBA-RAE title, a dog must qualify five (5) times in both the Rally Advanced Class and the Rally Excellent Class. The RAE title will appear at the end of the dog's name and a numeric designation will indicate the number of times the dog has met RAE requirements, i.e. RAE2, RAE3, etc.