



SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REVISIONS In Version 6/2011

RULES AND GUIDELINES	
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GENERAL INFORMATION	<p>Aggressive Dog Behavior Any dog with a warning from the APDT Office will NOT be allowed to enter in a Junior's class, nor any off-lead exercise or class, i.e. Level 2, Level 3, and Veteran. (Special Note: Dogs with a warning on their record as of 5/4/2011 will be grandfathered in so that they can continue to compete in any class except Junior Level.)</p> <hr/> <p>Exhibitor Conduct Officiating Judges or the Trial Host may excuse any person from the competition who delivers harsh corrections (including harsh tones [yelling at or intimidating dog with tone of voice,] physical corrections [rolling a dog on his back, grabbing, hitting, kicking, slapping, shaking, pinching, muzzle popping, or finger jabs,] and/or leash corrections [also known as leash pops, leash jerks, or leash checks]) while on the trial site.</p> <hr/> <p>Exercise Modification Request An example of an appropriate Exercise Modification request is to lower the jump for a dog that has previously had torn cruciate ligament surgery. In the interest of safety, this is a proactive request. An example of an inappropriate Exercise Modification request is to request additional time to complete the course if a dog has arthritis and moves slowly. The latter is a blanket request for leniency in judging, and not a request to modify an exercise.</p>
PERFORMANCE GUIDELINES	<p>Bonuses While repeat cues are permitted in a Bonus exercise, there are no retries of the Bonus exercise.</p> <hr/> <p>Scoring Guidelines A 3 point deduction is taken for splitting a cone, i.e. dog and handler pass on opposite sides of a cone. A 5 point deduction is taken if the dog leaves the ring but returns to the handler immediately upon being recalled. In other words, if the dog briefly breaks the plane of ring entrance or exit with one or more paws, but it is apparent that the dog is still actively working with the handler and immediately returns to handler upon recall, a 5 point deduction is taken. A 5 point deduction is taken for failure to change pace.</p>

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<p>PERFORMANCE GUIDELINES</p>	<p>The following exercises may be retried as per guidelines for Retrievers, but if after retrying, the dog still has not successfully completed the exercise, it will result in an NQ:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure of dog to perform “Sit” in # 1 HALT – Sit • Failure of dog to maintain “Stay” in the following exercises: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ # 5 HALT – Sit – Walk Around ○ #6 HALT – Sit – Down – Walk Around ○ # 49 Moving Stand Walk Around • Failure of dog to down in the following exercises: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ # 45 Moving Down – Forward ○ # 59 Right Turn, 1-2 Steps – Down Dog – Forward ○ # 60 Left Turn, 1-2 Steps – Down Dog – Forward ○ # 61 HALT – Leave Dog – Down on Recall / # 62 Turn, Recall, Down, Recall, Finish or Forward <p>The following exercises may NOT be retried:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog refuses any jump and passes jump uprights, uses jump as aid in going over, knocks bar off, or knocks jump over – This is scored as an immediate NQ • Dog advances forward on Level 2 and Level 3 recall exercises before being called – This is scored as an immediate NQ <p>The following situations will result in an NQ:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deductions of ten or more points at the completion of any individual exercise • Dog fully exits the ring and is no longer actively working with handler, and/or dog does not return immediately upon recall if dog steps out of ring • Dog eliminates in the ring, or becomes ill in the ring • Consistently tight leash • Unmanageable behavior • Exceeding course time • Appearance of luring • Handler misses an exercise or performs an exercise out of sequence • Handler touches dog to prompt an exercise (unless specifically allowed in exercise description) • Food reward given before exercise is completed (except Puppy and Veteran Levels) • Food reward is given while moving towards an exercise sign (except Puppy and Veteran Levels)
<p>RALLY LEVEL PUPPY</p>	<p>Puppy Level Class</p> <p>Once a team earns the RLP title and the puppy is at least one year old, the team must move to Level 1. The Puppy Level Championship title designation is RLPX and must be earned before the puppy is one year of age. (Special Note: Puppies already working toward their RLPX and puppies who already have their RLPX will be grandfathered in so that they have until 18 months of age to complete their RLPX and/or to earn multiple RLPX title designations.)</p>

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<p>RALLY LEVEL VETERAN</p>	<p>Veteran Course The following exercises are prohibited on a Veteran Level course:</p> <p>Level 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • # 4 Sit – Down – Sit <p>Level 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • # 43 Send Over Jumps – Handler Runs By • # 45 Moving Down • Bonus # 2 Moving Down – Turn – Call Front <p>Level 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • # 53 Down – Sit – Recall – Finish • # 54 Moving Backup • # 55 Recall Over Jump • # 57 Halt – Leave Dog – Send Over Jump • # 59 Right Turn, 1-2 Steps, Down • # 60 Left Turn, 1-2 Steps, Down • # 61 Halt – Leave Dog – Down on Recall • Bonus # 2 Call Front Back Up 3 Steps
<p>JUDGES</p>	<p>Judge’s Class If there is not an Officiating Judge approved to judge a particular Judge’s class that an Officiating Judge would like to enter, any Judge present who is approved to judge that level may judge the Judge’s class.</p>
	<p>Continuing Education Requirements for Judges Approved Judges must complete at least two of the following requirements on a yearly basis in order to maintain APDT approval:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Satisfactorily judge an APDT sanctioned Rally trial at each level for which they are approved 2. Exhibit at an APDT-sanctioned Rally trial 3. Attend a sanctioned APDT Rally Judge’s seminar or webinar
	<p>Assignments Judges may receive entries in the Judge’s class as a portion of their compensation.</p>
<p>HOSTING A TRIAL</p>	<p>Representatives The Representative position has been eliminated. Trial Hosts are not required to have Representatives at trials. A Field Representative system is being developed. In the interim, Judges will assume the previous Representative duties. (Special Note: If there is an existing contract between a Trial Host and Representative, it is still binding. However, if both parties agree to dissolve that contract, a letter/contract of dissolution needs to be signed and dated by ALL parties, including the Trial Host or chair and the contracted Representative.)</p>

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<p>HOSTING A TRIAL</p>	<p>Trial Sanction Application Trial Sanction Applications may be sent via US Mail, Email, or Fax.</p>
	<p>Trial Paperwork Post-Trial Paperwork may be sent via US Mail, Email, or Fax. The Administrative Fee may be paid via check or by mailing, phoning, or faxing credit card information to the APDT Rally Office.</p>
	<p>Judge’s Contract Entries in the Judge’s class may be given as a portion of the Judge’s compensation.</p>
	<p>Staffing the Trial (added the following)</p> <p>Trial Monitor As the Representative position was eliminated as of June 4, 2011, the Trial Host shall designate a Trial Committee member as Trial Monitor to assist the Officiating Judge with monitoring the trial grounds. Before the Walk-Throughs, the Trial Monitor shall meet with the Judge to discuss logistics of handling any incidents or situations that may arise outside of the ring during judging. If situations arise while the Judge is judging a team, the Trial Monitor should take action to make sure everyone is safe, make note of the team number(s) of those involved, and as soon as possible speak to the Judge, preferably before the next team goes into the ring. For any incidents, the Judge or Trial Monitor shall send an Incident Report to the Rally Office.</p>
<p>COURSE DESIGN GUIDELINES</p>	<p>Level 2 Course Design Guidelines Clarified that one of the requirements for Level 2 Courses is five complete Level 2 exercises. (Some Level 2 exercises are comprised of more than one exercise sign. For example, # 34 HALT – Leave Dog – Recall, must be followed by # 35 Turn and Call Front, and finally either # 36 Right Finish or # 37 Left Finish. All three signs make up one complete exercise.)</p>
<p>NATIONAL RANKINGS</p>	<p>This section is now in its own chapter. Beginning in 2012, Puppy Level will not be ranked for National Rankings since the timespan for being in Puppy class is such a short time and the title options so few. Puppy Level is to be an introduction and preparation class for moving into regular class.</p>
<p>SANCTIONED SEMINARS</p>	<p>Senior Representatives The position of Senior Representative has been eliminated. The Sanctioned Seminar is being standardized for consistency and will soon be available via webinars.</p>

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<p>FORMS AND APPLICATIONS</p> <p>www.apdt.com/rally/forms</p>	
<p>FORMS FOR EXHIBITORS</p>	Dog Registration Form <i>REVISED</i>
	Junior Registration Form <i>REVISED</i>
	Administrative Request Form <i>REVISED</i>
	Title Tracking Form <i>NEW</i>
	Score Tracking Form <i>NEW</i>
	Incident Report / Complaint Form <i>NEW</i>
<p>FORMS FOR TRIAL HOSTS</p>	Trial Sanction Application <i>REVISED</i>
	Revised Trial Sanction Application <i>NEW</i>
	Sample Judge Contract <i>REVISED</i>
	Judge Expense Report <i>NEW</i>
	Exercise Modification Form <i>REVISED</i>
	Trial Score Reporting Sheet <i>REVISED</i>
	Post-Trial Reporting Summary (replaces Trial Recap Sheets) <i>NEW</i>
	Judge Evaluation Form <i>REVISED</i>
	Sample Premium <i>REVISED</i>
<p>APPLICATIONS</p>	Level 1 Judge Application <i>REVISED</i>
	Level 2 Judge Application <i>REVISED</i>
	Level 3 Judge Application <i>REVISED</i>