



# USDAA@Home!<sup>SM</sup>

## Rules & Regulations for Rally Obedience



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Welcome to [USDAA@Home! Rally](#), an online program offering Rally training challenges and titling courses of World Cynosport Rally Limited (WCRL)\* on the USDAA@Home! training and event platform.

### What is Rally Obedience (or just simply, “Rally”)?

- Rally is a fun heelwork course with your dog, and a fun way to practice and hone real-life obedience skills.
- Rally is a sport that nearly every person and every dog can do.
- Food, praise, and touch rewards are allowed at all Rally levels.
- WCRL (World Cynosport Rally Limited) is an affiliate of USDAA (United States Dog Agility Association).

### USDAA@Home! Rally Guidelines

USDAA@Home! Rally events allow for variations in space, equipment and supplies, and certain general rules for flexibility and safety while performing in a less formal setting than at “live” events.

#### **Equipment Requirements**

- Up to 6 cones or other similar object for heeling around in exercises involving cones (all levels)
- Up to 2 bar jumps or other similar object with a displaceable jump bar (for Levels 2 and 3 courses)
- Exercise signs are signs with the exercise name and simple diagram to place on your course in the location of the area to perform the exercise. The signs can be downloaded from the links below, printed, and used to build your course.
  - [Rally Signs](#)
  - [FLASH Signs](#)
- Station numbers are used to number each sign on the course. These are small, removable signs, such as a sticky note, from 1 to up to 20, depending on how many exercise signs are on the course.

#### **Course Building Guidelines**

- You will need a copy of the course map, exercise signs, and numbered stations (sign holders).
- **Exercise signs** with the exercise name and simple diagram to place on your course in the location of the area to perform the exercise. WCRL exercise signs can be downloaded and printed from the links above. Alternatively, exercise signs can be hand-printed on paper or sticky notes.
- **Station sign holders** can be any object on which an exercise sign can be held or taped. Examples of such stations could include cones, pots, buckets, or posts of any kind.
- **Station numbers** are used to number each sign on the course. These are small, removable signs, such as a sticky note, from 1 to up to 20, depending on how many exercise signs are on the course.
- Exercise signs must be placed upright on sign holders (not lying on the ground).
- If the judge cannot see the station(s) that you are performing, 1 point will be deducted as a handler error, with a maximum of 10 points for the course.
- Place the Start, Finish, and exercise signs to replicate the course diagram as closely as possible. The arrows and orientation of each sign on the map correspond to the handler's course path.

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\*World Cynosport Rally Limited (found online at [rallydogs.com](#)) is a sister company to United States Dog Agility Association, Inc. (online at [usdaa.com](#)), which together share resources for promotion and administration of canine sports.

- After completing the course build, double-check that distances explicitly specified on the map are correct (e.g., spacing before, after, and laterally to jumps, distances between food bowls, etc.)
- The exercise signs are generally placed to the right of the team’s course path, though 90° and 180° turns may be placed in the course path and performed in front of the sign.
- There should be a minimum of 10 feet between exercise signs, except for Shared Stations.
- Make sure there is enough space for you and your dog to perform the exercise without knocking the exercise sign.

### **Title Qualifications**

- WCRL Rules & Regulations apply in USDAA@Home! Rally scoring and performance rules, except where modified in the following Performance Rules.
- For USDAA@Home! Rally titling events, participants are eligible to earn Qs toward regular base titles and championship titles, including combined-level championship titles.
- You must comply with all performance and results reporting (including submission of video) deadlines and procedures to be eligible to earn credit toward title qualifications.
- **For 40'x50' course sizes, you must perform one course successfully to earn 6 points that convert to one titling Q.**
- **@Home Rally does not have bonus exercises**
- **The maximum score is 200 points.**
- **Ranking points can be earned for USDAA@Home! Rally courses.**

### **Performance Rules Variations**

The following are modifications to the Official WCRL Rules & Regulations that apply to USDAA@Home! Rally performances:

- **Course Design**
  - **A course may include a required exercise for skill development purposes that is selected from the list of bonus exercises available for that Level.**
  - **This “Skill Exercise” is mandatory and is scored as a regular exercise for the class.**
- **Exercise Modifications**
  - If a dog’s or handler’s disabilities prevent the team from performing an exercise as described, the handler may email a [fillable Exercise Modification Form](#) to the Rally Office at [info@rallydogs.com](mailto:info@rallydogs.com).
- **Jumps**
  - For courses with jump exercises, the following jump height options are allowed:

Height at Withers	Jump Height Options
12” or less	4”
16” or less	4”, 8”
20” or less	8”, 12”
Over 20”	12”, 16”

- **Leashes**
  - To comply with local leash ordinances and for general safety when working in open spaces, a leash, including a long line, may be used for safety in USDAA@Home! Rally events for Levels 2, 3, and Veteran. **In enclosed areas, these levels shall be performed off-leash.**
  - Rally Level 1 and Intro shall be performed on-leash whether indoors or outdoors.
  - **A Level 1 FLASH course can be performed either on or off leash at the handler’s discretion.**

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- **Scoring**
  - Being out of frame for part of an exercise or between exercises **will** result in deductions for the portion of the performance not on the video.
  - **Displacement or splitting an exercise sign will result in a deduction (unless caused by an act of nature).**
  - **If a course is not setup according to the course map, resulting in the exercise not being performed as described, deductions will be incurred (e.g., not being 6' away for exercise 374; not having food bowls for exercise 376).**

## Video Requirements

Video is for the purpose of judging the performance; therefore:

- The video device must be placed so the whole performance from Start sign to Finish sign is visible on frame. (A wide-angle lens attachment may be helpful.)
- See additional [Video Tips and Guidelines](#) on the USDAA@Home! FAQ page.

## New to Rally?

Here are some User Resources:

- [Rally Exercise Videos](#): short clips of each exercise being performed and videos with scoring explanations
- [Rally Quick Start Guide](#): overview of WCRL classes, rules and concepts, scoring, and titles
- [Rally Exercise Primer Guide](#): basic Rally skills and practice sequences
- [WCRL Official Rules and Guidelines](#): details on WCRL Eligibility, Class Structure, Performance Rules, Scoring Standards, Exercise Descriptions, and Titles
- [WCRL Rally FLASH Class Regulations](#): details on WCRL Eligibility, Class Structure, Performance Rules, Scoring Standards, Exercise Descriptions, and Titles