



The **next generation of rally** competition is here! Here's what sets us apart from the rest:

- *The ONLY organization to offer both Junior AND Senior Handler categories!*
- *No spirals or figure 8!*
- *No side steps or double left U turns!*
- *No food bowls or toys on the course!*
- *No changes of pace on the course!*
- *No course time limits!*
- **Partner / Relay** competition

GENERAL RULES

Handlers, regardless of physical abilities, are welcome to compete.

Handlers must wear footwear (completely enclosed shoes with rubber sole) for their own safety. No sandals or flip flops.

Handlers may (and are encouraged) to praise their dog during course performance. *Food is not allowed in the ring.*

Handler must be able to control and remain in control of dog at all times while on trial grounds.

Handler must clean up after dog and must clean up crating area prior to departure. Failure to do so can result in the loss of all qualifying scores earned during the trial, up to and including suspension from future competition.

Junior handlers are age 17 and under and must have a parent or guardian on the trial grounds at all times. Titles earned by Juniors will be designated with **JR** after the title. Junior does not need to own the dog shown.

Senior handlers are age 65 and up. Titles earned by Seniors will be designated with **SR** after the title.

Any handler displaying unsportsmanlike behavior will be asked to leave, all entry monies are forfeited. This includes *but is not limited to* verbal / physical abuse of dog and verbal / physical abuse of another person.

Dogs of all breeds (and mixes) are eligible to compete. Dog must be registered with Great American Dogs Rally Up program. Registration can be made with entries on day of trial, *provided there is space in trial for same day entries.*

Your team registration number will be your permanent armband number for all events.

Dogs must be able to operate in a social environment without being reactive or aggressive. Any dog showing reactive or aggressive behavior will be removed from the trial grounds, all entry fees forfeited. Any dog that bites will be permanently banned from competition, will forfeit any and all qualifying scores earned on the day of the bite and will be immediately removed from the trial grounds, all entry fees forfeited.

Dogs with disabilities are eligible to compete as long as such disability is not causing the dog any pain or discomfort. Dogs with obvious injuries or stitches will not be allowed to compete for their own safety.

Females in season and lactating females are prohibited from the trial grounds.

Dogs must be on leash and under control (or crated) at all times except during the time team is competing in the ring.

Fouling in the ring is an automatic NQ. Handler is responsible for clean up.

Entries are considered complete when entry form and payment have been received. Acceptable method of entry includes by mail, by courier (with no signature request indicated) and online. All entry forms require liability waiver to be signed, and a parent is required to sign for a Junior Handler.

Chain collars, flat (buckle / snap) collars, martingale collars and body harnesses are acceptable. **No tags.** Head halters and pinch collars are not allowed.

Leashes 4' – 6' in length are allowed. Retractable and chain leashes are not allowed.

Dog should maintain heel position (head-shoulders in line with handler's left leg) during course. Handler may use verbal and visual signal to dog for each exercise, however additional signals (verbal or visual) will be penalized. Verbal praise and encouragement may also be used.

A handler who uses a visual cue (as if holding a treat) to guide dog through the course will cause the team to receive an NQ. *The only exception to this rule is on any of the exercises where the dog is required to complete a spin.*

Judges' decisions are final. **Course and qualifying score requirements are as follows:**

All courses = minimum of 13 stations (*a station can contain multiple signs*)

For Partner Relay, courses must have an odd number of stations and the Partner Swap sign will be the ½ way point of the course (i.e., on a 13-station course, the Partner Swap sign will be station number 7).

Courses are **not** timed. Equal scores will receive equal awards.

Exhibitors can view own score sheet at completion of class and after awards. Judge will retain score sheets for one (1) year.

Bronze Course = NO Silver or Gold signs

Qualifying score = 170 – 200 points

Bronze course competitors are allowed two (2) retries to accurately complete station (*Judge will state "fault" when station has been performed incorrectly*). A 5-point loss will be applied to each retry.

Silver Course = minimum 5 Silver signs, NO Gold signs

Qualifying score = 175 – 200 points

Silver course competitors are allowed one (1) retry to accurately complete station (*Judge will state "fault" when station has been performed incorrectly*). A 5-point loss will be applied to the retry.

Gold Course = minimum 3 Silver signs and 2 Gold signs

Qualifying score = 180 – 200 points

Gold course competitors are allowed one (1) retry to accurately complete station (*Judge will state "fault" when station has been performed incorrectly*). A 5-point loss will be applied to the retry.