

# **JoAnn Overbey Memorial Dog Show**

Please refer to the Livestock Competition Handbook for additional Dog Show Rules. All State Rules, California Mid-State Fair Rules and Division rules are applicable to the Dog Show.

## **Collars**

Acceptable collars while in the rally show ring: Well-fitting plain buckle or quick-release collars, martingales, or slip collars of an appropriate single length of leather, fabric or chain with two rings, one on each end. No tags are permitted on these collars. Nothing may be hanging from the dog's collar.

Acceptable collars while in the showmanship ring: Well-fitting plain buckle or quick-release collars, martingales, or slip collars of an appropriate single length of leather, fabric or chain with two rings, one on each end. No tags are permitted on these collars. Nothing may be hanging from the dog's collar. Slip collars/leads are acceptable.

## **Rally**

Rally is a sport in which the dog and handler complete a course that the rally judge has designed. All exhibitors in a class are required to perform the same signs in substantially the same way so the relative quality of the various performances are compared to a rubric and scored. The judge tells the handler to begin, and the dog and handler proceed through a course designed by the rally judge, of designated signs. Each of these signs provides instructions regarding the next skill to be performed via words, directional arrows, colors, and geometric shapes, following AKC guidelines. All signs used during the show will be AKC-approved signs.

After the judge's order of "Forward," the team is on its own to complete the entire sequence of numbered signs correctly. The dog and handler move continuously throughout the course with the dog under control at the handler's left side. There is a clear sense of teamwork between the dog and handler both during and between the numbered signs; however, a perfect heel position is not required.

## **Rally Classes**

### **Rally Novice**

Rally Novice must have 10 to 15 signs (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) stationary signs per class. There are no jumps in this class.

### **Rally Intermediate**

For Rally Intermediate classes, all signs are judged on leash. Rally Intermediate must have 12 to 17 signs (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of seven (7) stationary signs. Intermediate courses will have a minimum of three (3) Advanced level signs. There are no jumps in this class.

### **Timing**

All performances will be timed. Timing will begin when the judge gives the order "Forward" and will end when the dog and handler cross the Finish sign. Times will be used only in the event of ties for a placement. Times will be recorded but not posted.

## **Scoring**

The maximum number of points that can be deducted for any sign is 10, with the exception of a Maximum Point Deduction. There will be an additional 25-point deduction for each Station not attempted by the handler.

Incorrectly Performed (IP) signs occur when a team attempts a sign and fails to perform the principal parts of the station on the first attempt. The handler may choose to retry the sign once for correct performance, accepting the mandatory 3-point deduction for the retry of the sign. The sign is considered 20 an IP if the handler chooses not to retry or fails to perform the sign correctly on the second attempt. (This means the handler and dog have two (2) attempts to correctly perform a sign.) Handler errors can be assessed from 1 to 10 points up to Maximum Point Deductions. Handler errors can be assessed at any sign or during movement between signs on a course. Ties will be broken by the fastest time, with the fastest time winning.

Teams will be excused without scoring for the dog fouling in the ring.

Qualifying Score: 70 and above

Course maps will be available upon check-in, course walks with a judge will last 10 minutes before each class and includes a question and answer session before each class.

## **Rally Obedience Classes**

Classes will be broken into ages of the Exhibitor as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Primary - 5-8, Novice Rally Junior 9-10, Novice Rally Junior 11-12, Novice Rally Intermediate 12- 14, Novice Rally Senior 15- 18

Dog and handler teams are eligible to move up to Intermediate Rally after 3 qualifying scores in Novice Rally or the completion of a Novice Rally Title in a competitive organization (AKC, ASCA, UKC, or equivalent)

## **Showmanship**

Showmanship demonstrates your knowledge of handling and posing your dog. Throughout showmanship, the judge will evaluate your handling skills, attitude, appearance, and ability to work with your dog as a team. Class will be

Primary, First-Year - First-Year Dog Project Members, Junior 9-12, Intermediate 13-15, Senior 16-18