

Rally Novice Fundamentals

This class is for students who are new to the sport of AKC rally, or for those who want to brush up on the skills needed to successfully compete in AKC Rally Novice. AKC Rules and Regulations will be introduced. The focus of the class will be on learning the correct way to perform each exercise at the rally novice level. We will also work on improving the skills needed to succeed in Rally Novice including leash handling, heeling, sits and downs, fronts and finishes, and pivots. Short courses will be introduced building on the signs that are being covered each week.

Prerequisites: Dogs must be able to work in close proximity to people and other dogs. Students should have knowledge of basic obedience exercises as taught in the Beginner Obedience/Rally I and II class.

Equipment Required: Regular collar and 4' or 6' leash.

Rally Novice - Runthroughs

Rally AKC rules and regulations will be reviewed. One Novice Rally course will be set up each week, possibly and if space permits, a smaller ring will be set up for practicing exercises. Students will receive practice and coaching in reading signs and running courses. We'll cover everything you need to enter your first AKC Rally Novice Competition.

Prerequisites: This class is for students who have knowledge of basic obedience exercises as taught in the Beginner Obedience/Rally I and II classes. Teams must have command of basic obedience skills such as heel, down, front, finish, and sit. The dog must demonstrate that the handler is in control of the dog's behavior while on leash.

Equipment Required: regular collar (no harnesses) and a 4' or 6' leash.

Rally Intermediate/Advanced

This class is designed to provide experience in running AKC Intermediate/Advanced level courses. Students will receive practice and coaching in a run-through format. Intermediate teams are welcome to use a regular collar & leash but will not execute any jumps.

Prerequisites: This class is open to students who have completed the Rally Novice class and have at least one leg in Rally Novice or have the instructor's permission.

Rally Excellent

This class is designed to provide experience in running AKC Excellent level courses. This class will have a ring set up in a run-through format. If space permits a second ring may be available for practicing exercises. Students will receive practice and coaching in reading signs and running courses.

Prerequisites: This class is open to students who have completed Rally Intermediate/Advanced, have at least one leg in Rally Advanced, or have the instructor's permission.

Rally Choice/Master

This class is designed to provide experience in running AKC Choice/Master level courses. Students will receive practice and coaching in reading signs and running courses. (Choice is a Master Course without the jump.)

Prerequisites: This class is open to students who have completed Rally Excellent and have at least one Excellent leg or have the instructor's permission.