7th American Kennel Club Rally® National Championship

Sponsored by Eukanuba

Friday, June 26, 2020

Entries Open – Wednesday, March 11th, 2020
Entries Close – Wednesday, April 1st, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m. EST

Entries are limited and will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis, as follows:

- Novice: 80
- Intermediate: 80
- Excellent: 60
- Master: 60
- Advanced: 60
- Championship: 160

NOTE: The event has an overall limit of 500 entries. In the event that individual class entry limits are not met, wait-listed entries received before closing from the other classes, i.e., Championship, Masters, Excellent, Advanced, Intermediate and Novice, may be accepted provided the judging schedule can accommodate the additional entries.

Roberts Centre/Royal Canin Ring
123 Gano Road, Wilmington, OH 45177

Event Hours: Friday – 7:00am to 7:00pm

Judges:

- Mrs. Barbara Arine, CA
- Ms. Kim Hazelet, AL
- Ms. Stephanie Podejko, NY
- Dr. Karen Westerfield Tucker, MA
- Mr. Richard DiMarco, OH
- Ms. Lisa Paul, IL
- Mrs. Jamie Jo Sieveking, MO
- Mr. Ted Walshesky, PA

Certification

Permission is granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under American Kennel Club rules and regulations.

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By entering this show, all owners, handlers, breeders and kennels agree that all rights to televise, videotape, photograph, advertise, promote and publicize or otherwise exploit this show, or the persons or animals participating in it or the results of the competition before, during or after the event, shall belong solely to The American Kennel Club and their respective assigns, including the use of the names, likenesses or biographical matter of all dogs, owners, handlers, breeders and kennels participating in the show and no such owner, handler, breeder or kennel shall allow any other party to make commercial use of any videotape or photograph of any person or animal participating in this competition.

**NOTE:** By entering this show all owners, handlers, breeders and kennels agree to make themselves available for interview if requested.

Exhibitors may video tape or photograph **individual runs only** for personal use. **Only the Official Photographer may take ring photos for sale for these events.** Any other photographers taking multi-dog ring photographs will be subject to an Event Committee Hearing for failure to comply with the event regulations published in the official premium list.

Win pictures will take place at the Official Photo set up immediately after the Awards Ceremony. All winners are **ASKED TO STAY FOR THEIR OFFICIAL WIN photos!!**

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**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

EMS Dial ~ 911 ~ Clinton County Sheriff ~ 937-382-1611

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**VETERINARY SERVICES**

**EMERGENCY VETERINARIAN CARE**

- Cincinnati Care Center, 6995 E Kemper Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45249 / 513-530-0911 (24-Hr)
- Dayton Care Center, 6405 Clyo Rd, Dayton, OH 45459 / 937-428-0911 (24-Hour)
- Country View Animal Hospital, 6574 W State Route 73, Wilmington, OH 45177 937-382-7387 (M-Th 8am-7pm, Fri 8am-5pm, Sat 8am-1pm)

Exhibitors should follow their veterinarian’s recommendations to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations.

A copy of a dog’s vaccination record, including a current rabies certificate, must be present for all dogs at the event.
AKC RALLY® NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

The 2020 RNC will consist of six classes. Each Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Excellent and Master entry will show twice, in two different rings, in the class entered. Each entry in the Rally Championship (formerly known as the RAE) class will show a total of four times in four different rings. The Rally Championship class will consist of two Master courses, one Excellent course, and one Advanced course.

Cumulative scores and times will be used to determine placements in all the classes. If there are ties for placements, each team will run once for score and time. In the case of ties for the Championship class, the team will run a Master course.

SCORING — For this National Event, scoring will be in accordance with the following AKC Rally® Regulations unless otherwise stated:

- A qualifying score is 70 points. Any score that falls below 70 points will be marked as an NQ (non-qualifying).
- In the event there is a timer malfunction, the team will be allowed to complete the course and be scored accordingly. The timer will notify the judge immediately after the dog and handler have finished running the course. At that time the handler will be allowed to choose one of these two options.
  - Rerun the course immediately in accordance with the AKC Rally® Regulations, Chapter 2, Section 29, Option 1; or
  - Accept a designated average course time. The time will be determined based on the average course time from the dogs competing in the class, after all dogs have completed the course.

The following scoring exceptions will be implemented:
The first attempt/performance of each sign in all the classes will be evaluated and scored accordingly. Failure to perform the principal parts of any sign on the first attempt/performance will result in an IP (Incorrectly Performed -10 points) penalty. The maximum penalty for each sign will remain at 10 points.

AKC RALLY® NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP DOG ELIGIBILITY

Qualifying Period for the event is December 1, 2018 – November 30, 2019

Novice Class Criteria
- Dogs must have earned a confirmed Rally Novice (RN) title at any time prior to, or during but no later than by the end of the qualifying period.
- At least three (3) Novice scores of 93 or more earned during the qualifying period are required.

Intermediate Class Criteria
- Dogs must have earned a confirmed Rally Intermediate (RI) title at any time prior to, or during, but no later than by the end of the qualifying period.
- At least three (3) Intermediate scores of 93 or more earned during the qualifying period are required.

Advanced Class Criteria
- Dogs must have earned a confirmed Rally Advanced (RA) title at any time prior to, or during, but no later than by the end of the qualifying period.
- At least three (3) Advanced scores of 93 or more earned during the qualifying period are required.

Excellent Class Criteria
- Dogs must have earned a confirmed Rally Excellent (RE) title at any time prior to, or during, but no later than by the end of the qualifying period.
- At least three (3) Excellent scores of 93 or more earned during the qualifying period are required.

Master Class Criteria
- Dogs must have earned a confirmed Rally Master (RM) title at any time prior to, or during, but no later than by the end of the qualifying period.
- At least three (3) Master scores of 93 or more earned during the qualifying period are required.
AKC Rally® National Championship Dog Eligibility

Championship Class Criteria

- Dogs must have earned a confirmed Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE) title at any time prior to, or during, but no later than by the end of the qualifying period.
- Dogs must have earned three (3) scores of 93 or more during the qualifying period in Advanced B.
- Dogs must have earned three (3) scores of 93 or more during the qualifying period in Excellent B.
- Dogs must have earned three (3) scores of 93 or more during the qualifying period in Master.

Any of the above-listed qualifying scores may be earned singularly or in any combination.

Entries will be arranged according to the jump height of the dogs, per Chapter 1, Section 2. of the AKC Rally® Regulations.

AKC Rally® National Championship Entry Information

Eligibility notifications will be sent via email by March 11th, 2020. Please be sure that your email address is up to date on your My AKC account. To verify your information, sign into AKC.org. Click on your name in the upper right corner and select MyAKC. On the far left you choose My Account, then Contact Management, then Edit at the bottom center of the screen.

The 2019 Rally National Champion will receive an automatic “bye” into the 2020 AKC Rally® National Championship event. The 2020 qualifying requirements are waived for the 2019 Champion as stated above.

The 2020 Rally National Champion will receive an automatic “bye” into the 2021 AKC Rally® National Championship event. The 2021 qualifying requirements are waived for the 2020 Champion as stated above.

Closing Date for entries will be Wednesday, April 1st, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Excellent, and Master Class Entry Fee $ 90.00
Championship Class Entry Fee $ 150.00

ENTRIES NOT ON THE OFFICIAL AKC RALLY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY FORM OR PHOTOCOPIES OF THE ENTRY FORM without the Agreement and rules on the reverse side are NOT ACCEPTABLE. No entry shall be made or accepted, which specifies any conditions as to its acceptance.

The official ENTRY FORM with fees must be sent to the following address:
AKC Companion Events
Attn: RNC Entry
8051 Arco Corporate Drive, Ste 100
Raleigh NC, 27617-3390

Make check/money order payable to: AKC RNC.
Inquiries may be directed to Lisa Liggins at RNC@akc.org

Entries cannot be accepted by fax, email, hand delivery or phone.

Dog’s Call Name: Please be sure to include your dog’s call name on the entry form. This will be used for award announcements.

Errors on Entry Forms Owners are responsible for errors on entry forms and no entry fee will be refunded in the event of such errors or cancellation of entries after the trial has closed.

Illegible entries will not be processed and will be returned to the exhibitor. Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry. A twenty-five ($25.00) dollar collection fee will be added to the amount of each returned check.
**AKC Rally® National Championship Entry Information, Cont’d**

**Confirmation of Entry:** You will receive a confirmation email that your entry has been received and accepted. **If you do not receive an email within two weeks of sending in an entry, and/or before the closing date, please contact us at RNC@akc.org before entries close!**

**Cancellation of Entry:** The last day to cancel entries is April 1, 2020 @4:00 p.m. ET. You may cancel your entry via an email sent to RNC@akc.org or by fax at (919) 816-4204 and refunds for cancellations will be made within 45 days after the closing date.

**Wait-Listed Entries:** If an exhibitor cancels an entry, the first entry on the wait-list in that class will be contacted. If you have an entry on the wait-list and do not want to be automatically entered in the event, when there is an opening, then you may cancel your entry via email RNC@akc.org or by fax at (919) 816-4204 and a refund of your entry fee will be processed. All remaining wait-listed entries will be notified via email the status of their entry by Monday, April 13, 2020. **Refunds for wait-listed entries that are not entered in the event will be made within 45 days thereafter.**

**NOTE:** The event has an overall limit of 500 entries. If the individual class entry limits are not met, wait-listed entries received before closing from the other classes, i.e. Championship, Masters, Excellent, Advanced, Intermediate and Novice, may be accepted provided the judging schedule can accommodate the additional entries.

**Changes to Entries:** Changes, additions or corrections to entries must be received in writing prior to the closing date. Updates are to be sent to RNC@akc.org.

**Bitches in Season:** Are not permitted to compete in AKC Rally Events. Refunds will be processed if the Trial Secretary is notified no later than one half hour prior to the start of judging. Veterinarian statements must be provided to the Trial Secretary in writing. They may be hand delivered at the event, emailed to RNC@akc.org or faxed to (919) 816-4204.

**Entry Fees:** Are required with each entry. NO ENTRY FEE will be refunded if the trial cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, an act of God, public emergency, act of public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizing committee. No entry fee will be refunded in the event a dog is absent, disqualified, excused by a judge or veterinarian, or barred from competition by the action of the Event Committee.

**There will be no refund for duplicate entries.**

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All exhibitors should obtain a copy of the *AKC Rally® Regulations* by downloading them from the American Kennel Club website at [http://www.akc.org/rules/](http://www.akc.org/rules/). This event will be judged according to the *AKC Rally® Regulations*

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**BE “IN-THE-KNOW”**

Be “In-The-Know” – Opt-in to receive occasional, informational text messages from AKC regarding this event. Know when new items are posted to the Nationals web site, reminders when deadlines are coming due, and last-minute information during the event weekend. Text @akcrnc2 to 81010 to opt-in.

This is a program that is used mostly for educators, so when you receive a message asking you about being a student, teacher, parent, respond as a Student.

**Coming soon…**

The following information will be available at, [2020 AKC Rally National Championship](#)

Hotel Information  RV Information  Souvenirs  Vendor Application
AKC RALLY® NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
AWARDS, PRIZES & RIBBONS

Final Placements are based on cumulative scores and times in all classes.
Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Excellent and Master Class Awards

1st Place
Award
Rosette
$50 J & J Gift Certificate

2nd Place
Award
Rosette
$25 J & J Gift Certificate

3rd Place
Award
Rosette
$25 J & J Gift Certificate

4th Place
Award
Rosette
$25 J & J Gift Certificate

5th – 10th Place
Award
Rosette

Championship Class

1st Place – AKC Rally® National Champion
Crystal Star Trophy
AKC Medallion
Rosette
$100 J & J Gift Certificate

2nd Place
Award & Rosette
AKC Medallion
$75 J & J Gift Certificate

3rd Place
Award
Rosette
AKC Medallion
$50 J & J Gift Certificate

4th Place
Award
Rosette
AKC Medallion
$25 J & J Gift Certificate

5th – 10th Place
Rosette

A participation certificate will be enclosed in the check-in packet for each dog.

*All monetary awards will be mailed approximately 30 days after the competition. Winners of these awards must complete the award form and provide their Social Security Number to the AKC to receive the awards. Forms will be available at the event.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL EXHIBITORS
PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE SECTION CAREFULLY

Event Check-In: Information will be provided in the Exhibitor Armband Letter sent after closing.

Crating: Each dog entered in the event will be allotted one 3’x 5’ space. Un-entered dogs will only be allowed in the facility if they can share the crate with an entered dog, or if their crate can be stacked on top of an entered dog’s crate within the 3’x5’ space allotted.

A “crate” is defined as having a top, bottom and 4 walls, all interconnecting, thus preventing the dog from escaping.

Each exhibitor will be required to display an information card on the outside of each crate; card(s) will be supplied at check-in. The information card must have your name and on-site emergency contact information (cell phone # or other). This is for the safety of your dog!

NO EX-PENS: will be allowed in the facility or around the front of Royal Canin Ring/Holiday Inn and are exercise pens around the perimeter of the entire building are strongly discouraged. No dogs are permitted to be crated or groomed on any carpeted area.
IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL EXHIBITORS
PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE SECTION CAREFULLY, CONT’D

ALL DOGS MUST BE ON LEASH: Dogs must be on leash, held by the handler at all times while on the trial grounds except when in the designated warm-up area or competing in the ring. Dogs may NOT be on retractable leads or long-lines while inside the building. Failure to maintain control of a dog may result in an Event Committee hearing.

SPECIAL TRAINING COLLARS ARE PROHIBITED.

Rings: The competition rings will have OD Pro Artificial Turf with a 5mm foam pad; and the warm-up ring will have blue carpet, with a foam base.

Warm-Up Ring: If entries allow enough space, a warm-up ring will be provided for dogs entered in the AKC National Obedience Championship in accordance with the AKC Rally Regulations, Chapter 1, Section 35. No exhibitor can use the ring without AKC Staff in the building. Exhibitors are asked to share the ring. Individual ring time will not exceed 5 minutes. The ring will be monitored and if there are any problems, the ring will be closed. Exhibitors please practice good sportsmanship.

Catalogs: All exhibitors will receive a complimentary copy of the commemorative catalog in their check-in packet. A limited supply of catalogs will be available for purchase at the event.

Dogs will not be permitted in any of the hotel recreation areas, including the swimming pools, and any other areas to be stipulated as “non-dog” locations.

Dogs will not be permitted in food and beverage outlets, with the exception of those assisting the disabled.

Owners/handlers must comply with all facility rules.

Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their dog(s) at the show site and hotels. Any exhibitor failing to do so may be asked to leave the show grounds without benefit of refund if the Event Committee deems the exhibitor to be in violation of this requirement. Cleaning supplies and disposal sites will be available at various locations around the show grounds.

SAFETY, BEHAVIOR and LIABILITY: The safety of the dog is our primary concern. By entering this trial, exhibitors acknowledge that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of the AKC. It is expressly understood that exhibitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children. Any exhibitor whose dogs and/or children create an unnecessary disturbance or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior, may, at the discretion of the Event Committee, be asked to leave the show site. In such cases, no refund of any fees paid will be made. The American Kennel Club and its agents, employees, etc., will assume no responsibilities for any loss, damage or injury sustained by exhibitors or handlers, or to any of their dogs or property and further assumes no responsibility for injury to children. The American Kennel Club reserves the right to decline entries for cause and may remove any dog because of aggression. No one shall have any recourse or claim against the American Kennel Club or any official thereof.

Exhibitors should follow their veterinarian’s recommendations to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations.

This club agrees to arbitrate claims as set forth on the Official AKC Rally National Championship Entry Form for this event.
CATALOG & WELL WISHERS ADS

CATALOG ADVERTISEMENTS
Advertisements in the 2020 AKC National Obedience Championship/AKC Rally® National Championship catalog are WELCOMED! This year's exhibitor's catalog will be 8.5 X 5.5 inches, allowing a full-page ad area approximately 4.5 X 7.5 inches to post your message and/or picture. Camera ready ads are accepted in high-resolution press quality PDFs (preferred). JPEG or TIFF files are also acceptable (minimum 300 pixels/inch). If you are sending photos separately, the photos should be scanned to a finished size and at a minimum of 300 pixels/inch. Do not forget to include the correct orientation. Full page ads MUST be in a portrait orientation, and half page ads MUST be in a landscape orientation. If mailing, please send only high-quality photos for scanning purposes.

Photos will be in black and white.

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WELL WISHERS
Send brief good luck wishes from you and/or your club. For $25.00 you can advertise to wish whoever “Good Luck” at the event. The catalog width will be 4.5 inches. The statement must be 25 words or less.

PAYMENT
You may pay by check, money order or credit card. By submitting a photo and payment for a space, you ensure that you are the author and copyright holder of the photograph. Please mail your check or money order to the address below, if you are paying by credit card please call 919-816-3575. Do not send credit card information via USPS.

Make checks payable to: AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
Memo line: NOC/RNC Catalog Ad

AKC Companion Events
Attn: NOC/RNC Catalog
PO Box 900050
Raleigh, NC 27675-9050
919-816-3816
RNC@akc.org

Deadline for submission is Friday, May 8, 2020