The RNC is open to all dogs, which meet the criteria below, that are 6 months of age or older that have an AKC number, PAL/ILP number, AKC Canine Partners listing number, or an identification number issued by AKC.

Dogs may only be entered in one class and must be entered at the highest level for which they are eligible. Due to the unprecedented circumstances of 2020, the Qualifying Period for the event is December 1, 2018 – November 30, 2020.

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 Rally Championship entry will show a total of four times in four different rings. The Rally Championship competition will consist of two Master courses, one Advanced course, and one Excellent course.

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.

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.