8TH AKC RALLY® NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Sponsored by Eukanuba

Friday, July 9, 2021

Entries Open – Monday, April 5, 2021
Random Draw Time Period Closes – Monday, April 12, 2021 @ 4:00 pm EST
Random Draw – Wednesday, April 14, 2021 @ 2:00 pm EST
Entries Close – Wednesday, May 5, 2021 @ 4:00 pm EST

Entries are limited and will be accepted by Random Draw until the date listed above, and then on a first-come, first-serve basis, as follow:

- Novice Class – 80
- Intermediate Class – 80
- Advanced Class – 60
- Excellent Class – 60
- Master Class – 60
- Championship Class – 160

ROBERTS CENTRE / EUKANUBA HALL
123 GANO ROAD
WILMINGTON, OH 45177

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

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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!!

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Fire/Ambulance/Police
Dial ~ 911

VETERINARY SERVICES

Veterinary Information will be provided at a later date.

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
Description & Scoring

The AKC Rally® National Championship (RNC) will consist of six classes. Each Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Excellent, and Master entry will compete twice, in two different rings, in the class entered. Each Rally Championship entry will compete a total of four times in four different rings. The Rally Championship class competition will consist of two Master courses, one Advanced course, and one Excellent course. Cumulative scores and times will be used to determine placements in each of the classes.

For this National Event, scoring will be in accordance with the following AKC Rally® Regulations:

- A qualifying score is 70 points. Any score that falls below 70 points will be marked as an NQ (non-qualifying).

The following exceptions will be implemented:

- The first attempt/performance of each sign 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.
- In the event there is a timer malfunction, after the class is finished in that ring, the time for a team with No Time “NT” will be calculated based on the average course time from all the teams running the course in that ring.

Dog Eligibility

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.

Due to the unprecedented circumstances of 2020, the following dogs will be eligible to enter the 2021 RNC event:

- Dogs that met the written criteria for the 2020 event (same as 2021) during the qualifying period of 12/1/2018-11/30/2019 or
- Dogs that meet the written criteria for the 2021 event during the qualifying period of 12/1/19-11/30/20

Dogs may only be entered in one class and must be entered at the highest level for which they are eligible.

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.
DOG ELIGIBILITY, CONT’D

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.

AKC RALLY® NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
ENTRY FEES & OFFICIAL ENTRY INFORMATION

Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Excellent, and Master Class Entry Fee $ 100.00
Championship Class Entry Fee $ 150.00

Entry Fees are listed per dog for all runs.

The entry form may be found on the event web page at: AKC Rally National Championship.

Entries Open – Monday, April 5, 2021
Random Draw Time Period Closes – Monday, April 12, 2021 @ 4pm
Random Draw Date Wednesday, April 14, 2021 @ 2:00 pm EST via Facebook Live
Entries Close – Wednesday, May 5, 2021 @ 4:00 pm EST

AKC will use the Random Draw Method of Entry for this event. To make entry into this event as fair as possible, a 7-day Random Draw Time Period has been established. During the 7-day time period, all entries will be collected and shall be treated equally without regard to the date/time received or any other criteria.

Once the Random Draw Time Period closes, if the entry limit for a class is exceeded during the Random Draw Time Period, a Random Draw of all entries received for that class will be conducted via a Facebook Live event, otherwise the Random Draw is not necessary. An envelope containing entries for more than ten (10) dogs maximum will be treated as an invalid entry and must be returned to the sender.

After the Random Draw Time Period, all entries will be accepted on a first-received basis until the event closing date and time is reached.

Random Draw: The random draw time period will run from April 5th – April 12th, during this time entries will be collected, sorted by class and numbered. If the entry limit for a class is exceeded during this time period, a Random Draw of all entries received for that class will be conducted using a computerized draw system. If a random draw is required, it will take place on April 14th @ 2:00 pm, via Facebook Live.
Entries exceeding the class limits will be placed on a waitlist in the order they were selected from the random draw. Entries received after the Random Draw Time Period closing date, will be accepted on a first-received basis and will be placed on the waitlist for classes that have exceeded the entry limit.

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.
AKC RALLY® NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
ENTRY FEES & OFFICIAL ENTRY INFORMATION, CONT’D

**NOTE: The Rally National Championship Entry Form will be posted at, https://www.akc.org/sports/rally/events/akc-rally-national-championship/, on or around Thursday, March 18th.

Mail entry form and fees to: American Kennel Club, Attn: Companion Events - RNC Entry Form, 8051 Arco Corporate Dr., Ste 100, Raleigh, NC 27617. Please make checks or money orders payable to: AKC RNC. Inquiries may be directed to Lisa Liggins at RNC@akc.org

No entries will be accepted by hand delivery, email, fax, or by phone. Express mail & overnight entries must include the signature waiver allowing them to deliver the package.

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.

Dog’s Call Name: Please be sure to include your dog’s call name on the entry form. This information 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.

Limited Entries: Entries will be limited to 80 in Rally Novice, 80 in Rally Intermediate, 60 in Rally Advanced, 60 in Rally Excellent, 60 in Rally Master and 160 Rally Championship. Notifications will be sent via email to advise you of your entry status.

Wait-Listed Entries: If an exhibitor cancels an entry, the first entry on the waitlist in that class will be notified they have been moved off the waitlist. 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, you may cancel your entry via email RNC@akc.org and a refund of your entry fee will be processed. All remaining wait-listed entries will be notified of the status of their entry by Thursday, May 13, 2021. Refunds for wait-listed entries that are not entered in the event, will be made within 45 days thereafter.

Confirmation of Entry: You will receive a confirmation email that your entry has been received and accepted. If you do not receive your email within two weeks of mailing, please notify us at RNC@akc.org. Please be sure to provide a valid email address.

Cancellation of Entry: Requests to cancel an entry, in the classes that do not have a waitlist, will be allowed up until the closing date and time, Wednesday, May 5, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time. You may cancel your entry via email sent to RNC@akc.org. Refunds for cancellations will be made within 45 days after the closing date for the event. Requests to cancel an entry, in classes that have a waitlist, will be allowed up until Wednesday, May 12, 2021, @ 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

Bitches in Season: Are not permitted to compete in Rally events. Refunds will be processed if the Event Secretary is notified no later than one half hour prior to the start of judging. Veterinarian statements must be provided to the Event Secretary in writing. They may be hand delivered at the event, emailed to RNC@akc.org or faxed to (919) 816-4204. After judging starts on Friday, July 9th, entry fees will not be refunded.

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.

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/.
HOST HOTEL

Holiday Inn at the Roberts Center is the host hotel for the event. In order to make a reservation please call 1-800-654-7036 and be sure to use the Special Room Rate code “AKN” when making your reservation. The room block will be held until June 15, 2021 or whenever the block is sold out, whichever comes first. There is a $35.00 Pet Deposit for each room in which a dog is housed per stay.

The facility has provided us with some special instructions that everyone must follow:
- All dogs left unattended in rooms, must be crated.
- Up to four dogs are allowed per room.
- Housekeeping will not service rooms in which dogs are loose and unattended. They will report the rule violation to hotel management. Room occupants will be assessed for any damage or destruction to their room.
- Plastic will be provided and must be placed under all crates.
- No grooming of dogs in hotel rooms
- No dogs will be permitted in any of the hotel recreation areas, including the swimming pools, and any other areas to be stipulated as “non-dog” locations.
- No dogs will be permitted in food and beverage outlets, with the exception of those assisting the disabled.
- It is your responsibility to clean-up your dog’s waste. Scoops, bags and trash receptacles will be provided in the designated exercise areas.

RV RESERVATIONS

The Roberts Centre has RV Parking available in the gravel lot beside the Royal Canin Ring. They have 26 electric hookups available at a rate of $40.00 per night for the electric sites and $25.00 per night without hookups. In order to make a reservation please call 1-800-654-7036.

OFFICIALLY RecorderD TITLES

Titles recorded on a dog’s AKC official record on/about Thursday, May 27, 2021, will be listed in the exhibitor’s catalog.

Exhibitors do not need to provide title updates as we’ll be using the titles that are on their dog’s official record.

SOUVENIRS

The Souvenir Store is scheduled to open, Monday, April 19th. The link will be posted at, https://www.akc.org/sports/rally/events/akc-rally-national-championship/ and will also be shared on the event Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/AKC-Rally-National-Championship-1938805469769128. The last day to order souvenirs is Monday, May 24th.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you, your family and/or friends would like to assist at this year’s AKC Rally® National Championship and/or AKC National Obedience Championship, please complete the form found online at the link below by clicking on the red VOLUNTEER! button.

The deadline to submit your request to volunteer is Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

Volunteer and enjoy the best seat in the house!
BE “IN-THE-KNOW”

Don’t miss a thing about the upcoming event? You can constantly be In-The-Know!!! All you have to do is opt in to receive informational text messages from AKC regarding the event. Know when new items are posted to the Nationals website, reminders when deadlines are coming due, and last-minute information during the event weekend, in order to opt in text @akcnrc2 to (919)261-3556.

EXHIBITOR BIOS

There will be livestreaming for the 2021 AKC Rally National Championship so we will need Exhibitor Bios!! When your entry is accepted into the event you will receive a confirmation email that will include a link for you to follow in order to complete your bio. Deadline to complete your bio is June 9th.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Monday, April 5th**
  - Entries Open
- **Monday, April 12th**
  - Random Draw time period closes @ 4:00 pm
- **Wednesday, April 14th**
  - Random Draw, Facebook Live @2:00 pm
- **Monday, April 19th**
  - Souvenir Store Opens – more details to follow
- **Wednesday, May 5th**
  - Entries Close
  - Last day to pull entry for, for full refund, for classes that do not have a wait list for refund
- **Wednesday, May 13th**
  - Last day to pull entry, for full refund, for classes that have a wait list
- **Monday, May 24th**
  - Last day to order Souvenirs
- **Friday, May 28th**
  - Catalog/Well Wisher Ads close
- **Wednesday, June 9th**
  - Deadline for Exhibitor Bios
- **Tuesday, June 15th**
  - Hotel Room Block closes
- **Thursday, July 8th**
  - Exhibitor Check-In
  - Time/Location to be announced
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
RNC 2-Qt Water Bucket
AKC Placement Rosette
Eukanuba sponsored - Avery Dry Bag
$50 Gift Certificate J & J Dog Supplies

2nd Place
RNC 2-Qt Water Bucket
AKC Placement Rosette
$25 Gift Certificate J & J Dog Supplies

3rd Place
RNC 2-Qt Water Bucket
AKC Placement Rosette
$25 Gift Certificate J & J Dog Supplies

4th Place
RNC 2-Qt Water Bucket
AKC Placement Rosette
$25 Gift Certificate J & J Dog Supplies

5th – 10th Place
AKC Placement Rosette

Championship Class Awards

1st Place – AKC Rally® National Champion
Crystal Star Trophy
RNC 2-Qt Water Bucket
AKC Placement Medallion/Neck Ribbon
AKC Placement Rosette
Eukanuba sponsored - Dog Cot
$100 Gift Certificate J & J Dog Supplies

2nd Place
RNC 2-Qt Water Bucket
AKC Placement Medallion/Neck Ribbon
AKC Placement Rosette
Eukanuba sponsored - Avery Dry Bag
$75 Gift Certificate J & J Dog Supplies

3rd Place
RNC 2-Qt Water Bucket
AKC Placement Medallion/Neck Ribbon
AKC Placement Rosette
Eukanuba sponsored - Colton Water Bottle
$50 Gift Certificate J & J Dog Supplies

4th Place
RNC 2-Qt Water Bucket
AKC Placement Medallion/Neck Ribbon
AKC Placement Rosette
Eukanuba sponsored - Crate Blanket
$25 Gift Certificate J & J Dog Supplies

5th – 10th Place
AKC Placement Rosette

2021 Rally National Champion will be automatically eligible to compete at the 2022 AKC Rally National® Championship. The 2022 qualifying requirements are waived for the 2021 Champion as stated above.

“ROYAL CANIN RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE PRIZE SUBSTITUTIONS OF EQUAL OR GREATER VALUE IN THE EVENT A SPECIFIC LISTED PRIZE IS NOT AVAILABLE.”
IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL EXHIBITORS
PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE SECTION CAREFULLY

EXHIBITOR CHECK-IN: Exhibitors will be allowed to check-in and set-up beginning on Thursday, July 8th. Once times and location for check-in have been determined all exhibitors will be notified by email. If you cannot check-in until Friday morning you must do so at least 30 minutes prior to the start of judging.

Exhibitors MUST check-in at EACH ring, EACH day.

CRATING: Each dog entered in the event will be allotted one 6’x5’ space. Un-entered dogs will only be allowed in the facility if they can share the crate space with an entered dog, or if their crate can be stacked on top of an entered dog’s crate within the 6’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. No dogs are permitted to be crated or groomed on any carpeted area.

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 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.

CATALOGS: will not be distributed to exhibitors with their check-in packet, they will be available as a downloadable PDF. Catalogs will only be available for purchase through the Souvenir Store.

COVID: All Exhibitors agree to adhere to all COVID policies and procedures that the AKC may impose for these events.

Rings: The competition rings will have OD Pro Artificial Turf with a 5mm foam pad.

FOOD/BEVERAGE OUTLETS: Dogs will not be permitted in food and beverage outlets, with the exception of service dogs.

No dogs can be left/crated in Royal Canin Ring overnight.

No dogs will be permitted in any of the hotel recreation areas, including the swimming pools, and any other areas to be stipulated as “non-dog” locations.

ALL Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after themselves and their dogs. This includes properly disposing of waste and using designated relief areas and the public x-pen area on the south side of the property, clearly marked with signage.

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 on account of aggression. No one shall have any recourse or claim against the American Kennel Club or any official thereof.
IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL EXHIBITORS
PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE SECTION CAREFULLY, CONT’D

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.

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 2021 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 and half-page ads will receive a complimentary hardcopy of the catalog.

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.
Full page ad up to 4.5” X 7.5” ……. $ 80.00
1/2- page ad up to 4.5” X 3.5” ……. $ 55.00

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 email.

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

If mailing send to:
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 28, 2021