

5TH AKC RALLY[®] NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



**American
Kennel Club[®]**

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Friday, June 29, 2018

Entries Open – Tuesday, February 13th, 2018

Entries Close – Tuesday, March 6th, 2018 @ 4:00 pm EST

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

Novice Class – 80

Excellent Class – 80

Advanced Class – 80

RAE Class – 160

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

Judges:

Deborah Addicoat

Danette Chorney

Faye Head

Stephen Hersey

Eileen Jaffe

Geraldine Lopez

Julie Wilson



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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 four classes. Each Novice, Advanced and Excellent entry will compete twice in the class entered and each Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE) entry will compete two times in both the Advanced and Excellent classes.

Cumulative scores and times will be used to determine placements in each of the four classes. If there are any ties for placements, each team will run once for score and time. In the case of ties for RAE placements, the team will run an Excellent course. **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).**
- **In the event there is a timer malfunction the team will be allowed to complete the run 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.**
 - ✿ **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 exceptions will be implemented:

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

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.

Dogs may only be entered in one class and must be entered at the highest level for which they are eligible. The **Qualifying Period** for the event is December 1, 2016 – November 30, 2017.

Novice Class Qualifications

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

Advanced Class Qualifications

- ✿ Dogs must have earned a confirmed Rally Advanced (RA) title at any time prior to, or during; but no later than 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 Qualifications

- ✿ Dogs must have earned a confirmed Rally Excellent (RE) title at any time prior to, or during; but no later than 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

Rally Advanced Excellent Class Qualifications

- 🐾 Dogs must have earned a confirmed Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE) title at any time prior to, or during; but no later than the end of the qualifying period.
- 🐾 Dogs must have earned three (3) scores of 95 or more during the qualifying period in either Advance B or Excellent B.
- 🐾 Dogs must have earned at least five (5) double qualifying scores from the Advanced B & Excellent B classes during the qualifying period.

The 2018 Rally National Champion will receive an automatic “bye” into the 2019 AKC Rally® National Championship event.

Entries will be arranged according to the jump height of the dogs, per Chapter 2, Section 24 of the AKC Rally® Regulations.

AKC RALLY® NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY FEES & OFFICIAL ENTRY INFORMATION

Rally Novice Class _____	\$80.00
Rally Advanced Class _____	\$80.00
Rally Excellent Class _____	\$80.00
Rally Advanced/Excellent Class _____	\$140.00

Entry Fees are listed per dog for all runs.

The entry form can be located on the event web page at: [AKC Rally National Championship](#).

Opening Date for entries is Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Closing Date/Time for entries is Tuesday, March 6, 2018 @ 4:00 p.m. EST

Entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis and will not be accepted until the opening date listed.

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.

Mail entry form and fees to: American Kennel Club, Attn: Companion Events - RNC Entry Form, PO Box 900050, Raleigh, NC 27675-9050. Express entries may be sent to 8051 Arco Corporate Dr., Ste 100, Raleigh, NC 27617. Please make checks or money orders payable to: AKC RALLY® NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP. Inquiries may be directed to Lisa Liggins at RNC@akc.org.

No entries will be accepted by hand delivery 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 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 Advanced, 80 in Rally Excellent and 160 Rally Advanced/Excellent. Notifications will be sent via email to advise you of your entry status. As a class fills, a wait-list will be kept, i.e. entries received after the limit has been reached will be listed in the order received. If an exhibitor cancels an entry no later than the event closing date, the first entry on the wait-list for that class will be contacted no later than Tuesday, March 13, 2018.

ENTRY ELIGIBILITY AND 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 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 will be allowed up until the closing date and time, Tuesday, March 6, 2018 @ 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time. You may cancel your entry via email sent to RNC@akc.org or by fax at (919) 816-4204. Refunds for cancellations will be made within 45 days after the closing date for the event.

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, June 30th, entry fees will not be refunded.

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/>.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you, your family and/or friends would like to assist at this year's AKC Rally[®] National Championship / AKC National Obedience Championship, please complete the form found online at the link below. The deadline to submit your request to volunteer is **Monday, May 21, 2018**.

Volunteer and enjoy the best seat in the house!

Click here to
VOLUNTEER!

SUPPORT THE SPORT – SPONSOR AN AWARD

A complete list of awards will be published by Tuesday, March 13th, 2018.

We welcome your support for awards at the 2018 AKC Rally[®] National Championship / AKC National Obedience Championship. A complete list of awards being offered will be available for you to view at, <http://www.akc.org/events/obedience/national-obedience-championship>.

All donations will be published on the webpage. All donations received by **Monday, May 21, 2018**, will be published in the commemorative catalog.

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 @akcno to (919)261-3556.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Tuesday, February 13th**
 - Entries Open
- **Tuesday, March 6th @ 4:00 pm Eastern Time**
 - Entries Close
 - Deadline to pull from event for full refund
- **Monday, May 21st**
 - Awards Sponsorships due
 - Catalog Ads due
 - Title updates due
 - Volunteer sign-up deadline

AKC RALLY[®] NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

Final Placements are based on cumulative scores and times to determine placements and will be awarded in Rally Novice, Rally Advanced, Rally Excellent and the RAE classes at the conclusion of the event.

Rally Novice Class

1st – 4th Place

Trophy
Medallion
Rosette

5th – 10th Place

Medallion
Rosette

Rally Excellent Class

1st – 4th Place

Trophy
Medallion
Rosette

5th – 10th Place

Medallion
Rosette

Rally Advanced Class

1st – 4th Place

Trophy
Medallion
Rosette

5th – 10th Place

Medallion
Rosette

RAE Class

1st Place ~ AKC Rally National Champion

Crystal Star Trophy
Medallion
Rosette

2nd – 4th Place

Trophy
Medallion
Rosette

5th – 10th Place

Medallion
Rosette

2018 Rally National Champion will be automatically eligible to compete at the 2019 AKC Rally[®] National Championship. *The 2019 qualifying requirements are waived for the 2018 Rally National Champion as stated above.*

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

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, June 28th. 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 30 minutes prior to the start of judging. You will receive your armband, event catalog and an event souvenir bag at check-in.

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

CRATING: Each dog entered in the event will be allotted one 3'x5' 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).

NO EX-PENS will be allowed in or around the front of Royal Canin Ring & Eukanuba Field and Hotel.

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.

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.

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 & Eukanuba Field 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.

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 2018 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.

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.

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

Deadline for submission is Monday, May 21, 2018

Make checks payable to: AKC RNC

IF PAYING BY CREDIT CARD, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

[] M/C [] VISA [] AMEX [] DISCOVER **Total \$ _____**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name as it appears on Card: _____
PLEASE PRINT

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature of Cardholder: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

(You will receive a confirmation email confirming your order at this address, so please be sure it is one that you check regularly.)

You may fax this order form to: (919) 816-4204, Attn: Lisa Liggins