

# RALLY O - HINTS & TIPS

## New Rules Summary

As of 1st January 2016, new Rules will come into effect for Rally O as well as Obedience and Agility. You can download the new Rules from the ANKC website at <http://ankc.org.au/AboutUs/?id=1253>

- One new Novice sign is:

**32. Moving - Stand** - Whilst moving with the dog in heel position, the Handler commands and/or signals the dog to stand as the Handler comes to a stop next to the dog. Once the dog is completely paused in a stand, the Handler moves forward, commanding the dog to move forward from stand position. (Stationary exercise)



This is similar to the original #27 Moving Down. Very similar to “Stand your dog” in Obedience. But you must give the command before you stop (hence the “Moving”). If your dog doesn’t do the exercise on the first command you will have to go back and Retry because if you give a second command you aren’t moving so it will be an IP.

- No new signs in Advanced
- The three new Excellent signs are:

<p><b>50. Halt – Leave Dog - Recall</b> - The Handler commands and/or signals the dog to sit and stay, then leaves the dog approximately 5 metres, performs an about turn, halts and commands and/or signals the dog to come. The dog shall sit in front of the Handler. The Handler shall return to the right side of the dog by either a step back to the side or around the dog. Handler must pause upon returning to the dog. (Stationary exercise)</p>	
<p><b>51. Circle Spin at Heel</b> – The dog to complete a circle spin away from the heel position and then to return to heel. The Handler does not stop moving.</p>	
<p><b>52. Four Cone Figure 8</b> – This exercise requires four cones to be placed in a square, each 1.5 metres from the centre point. The team must negotiate each opposite pair of cones as a Figure 8. The exercise sign shall be placed at the cone at which the team will negotiate the first Figure 8. (May be used as a change of direction).</p>	

#50 is a mini Recall. There will be a marker (either a cone or line on the ground) at 5m. Everyone must go to at least the marker – making sure they are behind it (if anyone completes the exercise in front of the marker it will be an IP). The handler returns and can

either walk around the dog or step back to the side – either way they have to pause before moving off.




#51 Handlers will be allowed to slow pace slightly or allow some degree of out of position while dog turns away from handler walking forward. If not performing correctly or too slow to catch up, then penalties apply. Handlers will be permitted to give the signal/command very early (by the time the exercise is finished they will have executed part of the exercise in the 600mm zone) and if the dog doesn't complete the exercise on the first command, the handler will be allowed to give a second command as long as they haven't passed the station sign. (second command penalties will apply).

#52 Four Cone Figure 8 –to be completed as a continuous “cloverleaf” by **crossing centre point 5 times**



- The six new Masters signs are:

<p><b>54. Halt – Leave Dog – Down – Sit - Distance Commands - Return</b> – The Handler halts and the dog sits. The handler leaves the dog and walks forward at least 3 metres, performs an about turn and halts. The Handler commands and/or signals the dog to down. Once the dog is in down position, the Handler commands and/or signals the dog to sit. Once the dog is in sit position, the Handler returns around back of dog into heel position. The Handler must pause in heel position before moving forward to the next station. (Stationary Exercise).</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><small>M - #54</small></p>
<p><b>55. Stand – Leave Dog – Down - Sit - Distance Commands – Return</b> - Whilst moving with the dog in heel position, the Handler commands and/or signals the dog to stand as the Handler comes to a stop next to the dog. With the dog in a stand, the Handler leaves the dog and walks forward 3 metres, performs an about turn and halts. The Handler then commands and/or signals the dog to down. Once the dog is in down position, the Handler commands and/or signals the dog to sit. Once dog is in sit position, the Handler returns around the back of dog into heel position. Handler must pause in heel position before moving forward to the next station. (Stationary exercise)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><small>M - #55</small></p>
<p><b>56. Moving Stand – Leave Dog - Distance Down</b> – Whilst heeling and without pausing, the Handler commands and/or signals the dog to stand and leaves the dog to a distance at least 3 metres, turns, halts, commands and/or signals the dog to drop, then returns around the dog and, without pausing, continues on.(Stationary exercise)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><small>M - #56</small></p>

<p><b>57. Moving Down - Walk Around Dog</b> - Whilst heeling and without pausing, the Handler will down the dog and walk around the dog to the left, returning to heel position. The Handler must pause in heel position after returning to the dog. The dog must move forward from the down position with the Handler at completion. (Stationary exercise)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">M - #57</p> 
<p><b>58. Moving Sit – Walk Around Dog</b> - Whilst heeling and without pausing, the Handler will sit the dog and walk around the dog to the left, returning to heel position. The Handler must pause in heel position after returning to the dog. The dog must move forward from the sit position with the Handler at completion. (Stationary exercise)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">M - #58</p> 
<p><b>59. Halt – Leave Dog - Call To Heel</b> – The Handler halts and the dog sits. The Handler leaves the dog and walks forward at least 3 metres and without pausing, calls the dog to heel. The dog is expected to catch up into heel position as the Handler moves forward and before the Handler reaches the next station. The dog must not anticipate the recall and must not forge significantly ahead of the Handler when coming into heel position.(Stationary exercise)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">M - #59</p> 

#54 & #55 are similar except one starts in a sit and the other in a drop. A marker will be placed at 3m and everyone must go to at least the marker. Handlers must pause on returning.

#56 NO PAUSE – Handlers don't pause as they leave the dog and don't pause after returning to the dog. The distance control is similar to #55 - handlers must go to at least the marker.

#57 & #58 are similar to the original #49 Moving Stand except now we have a Down and a Sit performed in the same way. Handlers must pause after returning to the dog.

#59 This exercise should have 2 markers – one at 3m where you will give the command to come and one at approx. 6m after the first which is the distance the dogs have to catch up. Handlers cannot slow down to let the dogs catch up. Handlers cannot look over their shoulders or turn their body to look at the dog when giving the command as this is considered an extra command. Be careful to hit the marker before calling the dog, giving the command before the marker will be an IP.