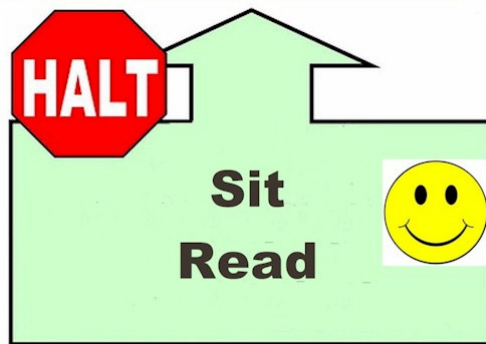


# RALLY O - HINTS & TIPS



## GENERAL RALLY O HINTS AND TIPS

- For most of the signs (except change of directions or weaves and spirals), the exercises are performed slightly in front and with the sign on the right hand side and performed within 600mm of the sign. Note – one or both of the “team” (handler and dog) must work close to the sign – and you must allow enough room for you and/or the dog to pass by the sign without knocking into it. Crowding yourself or the dog would be considered a Handler Error.
- Change of direction signs are placed directly in the path and must be performed in front of the sign. Note the 360 is not a change of direction therefore it should be performed with the sign to the right.
- The team must pass all the cones of the Spirals and weaves – you can’t take a shortcut in or out and not pass within 600mm of the first or last obstacle in that station.
- The dog always moves with the handler (except for #35 Halt, Turn Right One Step, Call to Heel, Halt and some of the new distance work stations in Masters).
- Unless a station sign tells you to change pace, the whole course must be done at Normal pace. No breaking into a trot to rev up your dog.
- General Obedience Regulations apply the same in Rally eg no halties or harnesses, no jangles on collars, no food in the ring, no harsh jerks on the leash or catching the dog by the collar etc. Dogs must enter and exit the ring on lead – so beware if the finish sign is right in front of the gate that the dog doesn’t leave the ring without the lead.