

Rally O Hints & Tips

Moving Stands



We now have **THREE** different signs worded “Moving Stand” One is in Novice, one is in Excellent and one is in Masters.

The Excellent sign #49 “Moving Stand- Walk around Dog” isn’t new – it was in the original rules. This is similar to the UDX Position in Motion where you give the command to stand as you keep walking – in Rally you walk around the dog – and you **must** pause when you return and before moving off. (note: we now also have #57 “Moving Down – Walk Around” & #58 “Moving Sit – Walk Around” in Masters which are the same technique).

The new Novice sign #32 “Moving Stand” is similar to Stand your Dog in Obedience. You must give the command and/or signal while you are still moving. If your dog doesn’t stand on the first command you must Retry the exercise. If you come to a halt and then stand your dog – you are no longer “moving” and you will score IP. This exercise is similar to the original #27 “Moving Down”.

The Masters sign #56 “Moving Stand – Leave Dog – Distance Down” is a different one altogether. Get in the habit of calling this one “#56 No Pause!” This one is also similar to UDX Position in Motion where you give the command to stand as you keep walking – there will be a marker at the 3m line and when you cross that line, turn, halt and then drop your dog. When you return to your dog, again No Pause, just continue on and heel up your dog. With this station, when you return, you don't have to cut in close around the dog's tail - you can walk past the dog a metre or so and when you turn it will line you up so you have a nice straight line back to the heel position and you can adjust your footwork if necessary so you heel off nicely on the left foot.

Set all three of these signs up when you practice, so that you become really familiar with them and can recognise them easily on the walk through. If you aren’t in the higher levels yet, you can still start practicing at home. These distance control exercises aren’t only in Rally O but will help with your Obedience work and are also very useful control tools for you and your dog.

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