



## UKC Rally Obedience Seminar



# Overview and Syllabus

## Contacts and Locations

### Instructor

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### Event Time and Location

Aug. 31, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., OTCH building, 1 Souder Court, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050-1565

## About this seminar

This seminar is to give an overview of UKC Rally Obedience for exhibitors who wish to know more about the sport and better prepare themselves and their dogs for enjoyable and successful competition.

### Objectives

- Overview of UKC Rally-Obedience and its rules
- The differences between UKC and AKC Rally Obedience
- Eligibility requirements for entering the different UKC Rally levels and classes, including A versus B classes in all levels as well as the C class found only in RO1
- Explain how to complete a UKC performance event entry form, including selecting minimum or standard jump heights
- Titles and championships and how they are earned
- Requirements for earning All-Star Points, All-Star Standings, and year-end rankings
- Practicing on a Rally course
- Provide an explanation of how points are lost and how many points are lost for particular errors, such as crooked sits versus retries of an exercise
- A judge's discretionary use of saying "fault" on a handler's error
- Provide an explanation of errors that will result in a non-qualifying score

## Resources

- Current (2022) rules for UKC Rally Obedience as a PDF:  
<https://www.ukcdogs.com/docs/rulebooks/2020-rally-obedience-rulebook-revised.pdf>. Save to your phone, tablet, or laptop.
- For a printed rule book, we suggest you download the PDF file of the rules to your phone, tablet, or a thumb drive.
  - The rules are 89 pages (including cover) or 45 sheets (front and back) if you want to print them yourself. You could print on 3-hole-punch paper for a simple plastic or paper binder would be a nice service.
  - If you order a printed copy from UKC, it's a bit expensive and they don't bind it for you.
  - Office supply stores like Staples or Walmart can do same-day printing.
  - Some online companies may have a better price and a good turnaround time. I've used Best Value Copy several times. They're in New York and if you run into problems or have questions, you can talk to a real person.  
<https://www.bestvaluecopy.com/>.
- UKC Rally Obedience events can be found on the UKC website:  
<https://www.ukcdogs.com/rally-obedience-events>  
Click "Search" on the calendar page without entering anything in the search fields to show a date-ordered list.
- Explanation of each of the Rally signs can be found on UKC's YouTube platform:  
[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLb\\_krZ1jPbRjCp6tnKgWH95QH83vOBWeG](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLb_krZ1jPbRjCp6tnKgWH95QH83vOBWeG)  
There are 67 videos available on this page, covering changes from the previous rule book, an overview of each level, and videos of some individual signs.
- If you would like explanations of any specific signs, please ask; otherwise, I'll explain how to do some of the weird ones.