



YKC RALLY



**RALLY COMPETITIONS
RULES 2025 (CRUFTS 2026)**



A: HANDLERS

1. The following subcategory will be open for members to compete in:

06-24 Years

2. Only current YKC members may compete YKC Classes.

B: DOGS

1. Standard Kennel Club rules surrounding which dogs may enter this rally class apply.
2. Bitches in season will not be allowed to compete in any YKC Rally competition.
3. Dogs of any level may submit points for the YKC Rally competition.
4. A dog may only be entered into this competition once, even if multiple handlers could qualify with the same dog.

C: YKC RALLY QUALIFICATION - POINTS

1. To qualify for YKC Rally at Crufts, YKC members may submit each of their qualifying scores from throughout the year which will be combined into an **[OVERALL TOTAL]**.

- i. The mark must have been awarded at a Kennel Club licenced show in a standard class.
- ii. The mark must have been obtained both;
 - a. between 01-Jan-2025 and 31-Oct-2025 for qualification to Crufts 2026.
 - b. By the YKC member and dog combination looking to qualify.

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NOTE

2. The "Qualifying Score" is defined in the KC Rally Regulations (S)

- i. For Levels 1-4 the minimum qualifying score is 175
- ii. For Levels 5&6 the minimum qualifying score is 180

3. After the closing date for submitting scores has passed, a leaderboard will be created;
 - i. The highest 10 submitted **[OVERALL TOTALS]** on the leaderboard will be invited to compete at Crufts 2026.
 - ii. This will NOT be further subdivided by level or age, instead, all members who submit scores will be placed in the leaderboard together.
4. The points will be submitted on the YKC website via a form.

D: HOW MANY DOGS CAN I QUALIFY FOR RALLY?

1. You may submit qualifying scores for up to two dogs.
 - i. The YKC will add your dog with the highest **[OVERALL TOTAL]** to the leaderboard first
 - ii. If there are still spaces left to fill after everyone's highest **[OVERALL TOTAL]** scoring dogs have been added, the YKC will add in members 2nd highest **[OVERALL TOTAL]** to the leaderboard until all spaces are filled.
2. Any YKC member submitting an **[OVERALL TOTAL]** for 3 or more dogs will have the dogs with the lowest **[OVERALL TOTAL](s)** removed from the entries until only the two highest remain.



E: YKC RALLY AT CRUFTS – FINAL

1. **By entering a YKC class, the YKC member and anyone representing them (parent/guardian etc) agree to abide by the YKC's Code of Conduct.**
2. Unless otherwise specified in this document, YKC Rally classes will be subject to all in-force Kennel Club regulations for rally competitions. Including, but not limited to:
 - i. (S) Rally Regulations
 - ii. (O) Regulations for The Young Kennel Club
3. The YKC Rally competition at Crufts will be set at Level 2
 - i. even if you and your dog would not usually be eligible for this class
 - ii. If your dog is level 3 or above, you should complete the course off-lead as you usually would in competition
 - a. Level 1&2 dogs should remain on lead for the course
4. There will be a maximum of 8 minutes to walk the course
 - i. A printout of the course layout will be given to you when you check in for the day.
5. The bonus exercise will be used during the normal round
 - i. The bonus will be used as a tie break in the normal way (i.e. there is a tie between two competitors in terms of score and time taken) and only if it affects a place between 1st and 5th
6. Standard Kennel Club marking will apply
7. The classes at Crufts must be run in strict running order, if you miss your allocated time, you will be unable to compete.
 - i. The running order will be generated pseudo-randomly
 - a. The YKC will initially do a completely random draw, if a YKC member does have two dogs in a class, and those dogs get drawn one after the other, the YKC may manipulate the running order to ensure there is a gap between dogs to ensure the smooth running of the ring. If the YKC does do this, we will NOT alter which of the two dogs is set to be run first.
8. A handler is only allowed to swap dogs after entries close if they submitted points for a second dog, and that second dog was above the threshold to have qualified for YKC Rally, in this case, they may swap to the other qualified dog.
 - i. This must be reported to the YKC at the earliest opportunity
 - ii. The latest a dog may be swapped is 7 days prior to the first day of Crufts.

F: YKC RALLY – PRIZEGIVING

1. **The following awards will be presented in the YKC ring for the YKC Rally final**

06-24 Years

- **1st to 5th**

2. All non-placed competitors will receive finalist rosette when exiting the prize-giving
 - i. To receive this award, members must be present for the prize-giving.