



Dog Scouts of America
Merit Badge Check-Off Sheet

Rally Obedience 1

Items **bolded** below are requirements that must be demonstrated to the Evaluator. Non-bolded items are training steps that may be introduced in class and are helpful for achieving the requirements. All behaviors must have been taught or re-taught to the dog (preferably using a new cue), using only positive reward-based methods.

- Handler understands the basic rules of Rally Obedience based on [NQ and major point deductions](#)
- Dog will sit, down and stand rapidly on cue with minimal repetition of cues
- Dog will remain in heel position on a loose leash while moving in a straight line
- Dog will remain in heel position on a loose lead with directional changes used in novice Rally Obedience**
- Dog will stay in a sit or down position while the handler walks around him**
- Dog will correctly and promptly perform a 'call front' from either a forward left or forward right**
- Dog will correctly and promptly perform a 'finish right' and 'finish left'**
- Dog will remain in heel position at a slow pace, a normal pace and a fast pace**
- Dog and handler can properly execute a moving side-step right**
- Dog and handler can properly perform a 'spiral right' and 'spiral left'**
- Dog and handler can properly perform the 'halt, 1, 2, 3 steps forward' maneuver**
- Dog and handler can properly perform a 'straight figure 8'**
- Handler does not use force, harsh corrections or threatening cues**
- Dog and handler are able to properly navigate a novice level Rally Obedience course with willingness and responsiveness from the dog**
- Dog and handler will demonstrate any exercises not included in the course separately**