



Dog Scouts of America
NQs & Major Point Deductions

Rally Obedience 1 & 2

NQs (AUTOMATIC NON-QUALIFIERS): Any of the following will result in a NQ score in Rally Obedience.

- Deductions totaling more than 10 points for any single exercise
- Dog/handler teams exceeding the maximum allotted time
- Handler using harsh physical and/or verbal corrections
- Dog leaving the ring while on course
- Use of food or other reward as a lure during an exercise
- Performing an exercise out of order
- For the 'Sit-Down-Sit' exercise, failure to sit after the down
- For the 'Halt-Sit-Walk Around' exercise, the dog must not break the sit before the handler returns to heel and cues the dog
- For the 'Halt-Sit-Down-Walk Around' exercise, the dog must not break the down before the handler returns to heel and cues the dog

MAJOR POINT DEDUCTIONS: The following behaviors result in substantial point deductions as described.

- Knocking over a cone or sign
- Failure to perform an exercise properly (maximum 10-point deduction depending on severity)
- Dog failing to respond to the first cue (3-point deduction)
- Handler moving to the side rather than straight back for the 'front' to get the dog straight (3-point deduction)
- Breaking a sit but remaining in position (3-point deduction)
- Failure to sit at each halt (5-point deduction) – additional points are deducted if the dog fails to sit AND fails to remain in position
- For the 'Sit-Down-Sit' exercise, standing from the down (5-point deduction)
- For the 'Halt-1, 2 3 Steps Forward' exercise each failure to sit (3-point deduction)