



DOC OF Rally Event

We are pleased to announce that we will have a Rally event again at the Annual DOC OF Tournament. Depending on the success of this event, we will determine whether or not to make Rally a permanent part of DOC OF so if you're interested this is the time to jump in.

The following rules and conditions will apply.

Awards

- Rosettes for each team member first through fourth place, and a trophy for the winning club to display.
- All current DOC OF rules apply, except as amended below.

Entry Requirements

- A full team consists of 4 dogs; one Novice, one Advanced, one Excellent, and one Master. Partial teams will not be accepted. DOC OF Clubs, organizations or individuals are not required to enter an obedience team in order to enter a rally team but the team must represent a member club. Clubs may join prior to the March deadline.
- Each club, organization or individual will have the option of designating one dog and handler for each level (Novice, Advanced, Excellent, Master) as an emergency substitute, to be used only in the event that one of the dogs entered at a particular level is unable to compete. The substitute will take the place of the absentee entry. The information in the exhibitor list will not be changed. An entry fee will not be charged for the emergency substitutes, whether or not they substitute for a team member at the tournament. If a substitute will be used, it is the team captain's responsibility to notify the Tournament Secretary and the table steward as soon as possible.
- If the club, organization or individual chooses to take advantage of this option, emergency substitutes must be listed on a separate sheet of paper and sent in with the official entry form. All of the information required for regular entries must

be provided for the substitutes, including jump height. All rules related to eligibility (both dog and handler) also apply to substitutes.

Entry Fee

- Entry fee will be \$25.00 per dog entered.

Exhibitors

- An exhibitor may not show more than two different dogs, both of which must be for the same member organization. Exceptions may be made when substituting for another team member in cases of extreme hardship or serious illness. The DOCOF Board must approve all hardship exceptions.

Eligibility

- A dog is not required to have any title for the class entered.
- A dog must compete at a level equal to or higher than its highest title awarded by any registry.
- A dog may be entered for one Member Organization only.
- A dog may be entered in one class only. (Since Rally jump heights are already half height, no special consideration will be given for veteran dogs.)

Entries

- The entry fee will be \$25.00 per dog entered. No entry will be accepted without at least one half day worker per team, and one volunteer worker for set up.
- Entry Forms will appear on the Facebook Page and on the Website under "FORMS" and in Doings. Look for these shortly,

Judging

- Judges will be determined by the Board of Trustees and may be from Florida or its neighboring states per the rules on geographical jurisdiction. The winner will be determined by cumulative scores for each team.
- All ties will be determined by time. Tie scores between teams will be determined by cumulative time for each team.

- Tie score and time will be determined per AKC rules, except that if the tie of score and time is between teams, the Master entry from each team will represent the team in the run off.
- The walk through for each class will be up to 10 minutes. Depending on the number of exhibitors, the walk through may be split into two or more groups of up to 10 minutes each. The team captain may accompany each team member during the walk through.
- Course maps will be provided on the morning of the event at check in, and shall also be posted per AKC rules.
- **There will be no sit stay exercise in the Excellent class.**

Absentees

- Team captains must report absences of team members. If an exhibitor is missing when the armband number is called, there will be no attempt to locate the exhibitor. In the event an entered dog is not available by the end of the that class the do's score will be entered as a zero (0).