

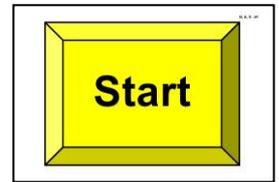
NZKC RALLY-O SIGNS

NB: The symbol (ST) indicates that the exercise is a "stationary exercise". A minimum and maximum number of stationary exercises are required to be placed in a course, the number depending on whether the course is for Novice, Advanced or Excellent level. Please see the regulations for further information.

1. Start

All courses begin with Start.

The team sets up in front of and to the left of this sign, with the dog sitting in heel position on the handler's left. On the judge's signal the team begins the course, passing to the left of the Start sign. On passing this sign, both timing and judging commence.



2. Finish

All courses end with Finish

The team passes to the left of this sign. On passing this sign, both judging and timing stop.

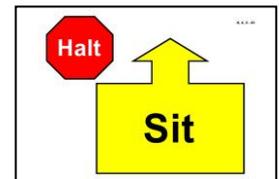


Novice Exercises

3. Halt - Sit (ST)

While heeling, the handler halts and the dog sits in the heel position. Once halted, the handler may not move their feet until moving off to the next station. The team then moves toward the next exercise sign with the dog in heel position.

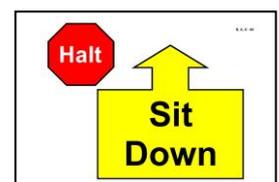
Performed to the left of the sign.



4. Halt - Down (ST)

While heeling, the handler halts and the dog sits in the heel position. Once halted, the handler may not move their feet until moving off to the next station. The handler then commands the dog to down, followed by the command to heel forward from the down position. The dog must not move out of the down until commanded to heel.

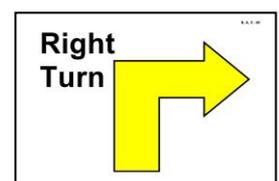
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5. Right Turn

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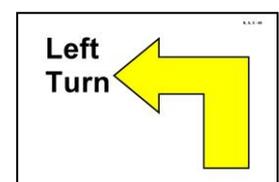
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6. Left Turn

Performed as a 90° turn to the left.

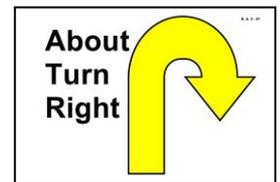
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7. About Turn Right

Performed as a 180° turn to the right.

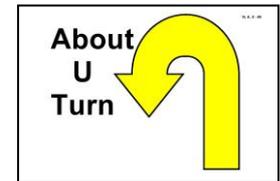
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8. About U Turn

Performed as a 180° turn to the left.

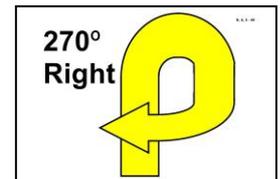
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9. 270° Right Turn

Performed as a 270° turn to the right.

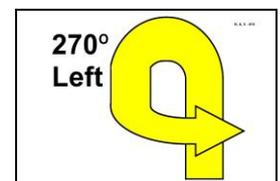
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10. 270° Left Turn

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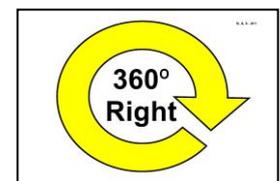
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11. 360° Right Turn

Performed as a 360° circle to the right.

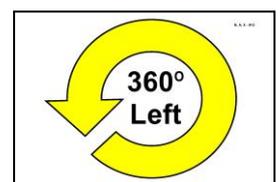
Performed as a tight circle to the left of the sign but not around the sign.



12. 360° Left Turn

Performed as a 360° circle to the left.

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13. Call Front - Finish Right - Forward (ST)

While heeling, the handler stops forward motion and calls the dog to the front present position (sitting straight in front of and facing the handler). In Novice only, the handler may take several steps backward as the dog turns and moves to sit in the front present position. Once the handler stops they may not move their feet until moving off to the next station. The handler then moves forward while commanding the dog to move from the front present position to the handler's right, around behind the handler and into the heel position (an Obedience style "finish") while the handler continues forward. The dog does not sit before moving forward in heel position with the handler. A slight lag is permitted as the dog catches up with the handler.

Performed to the left of the sign.



14. Call Front - Finish Left - Forward (S7)

While heeling, the handler stops forward motion and calls the dog to the front present position (sitting straight in front of and facing the handler). In Novice only, the handler may take several steps backward as the dog turns and moves to sit in the front present position. Once the handler stops they may not move their feet until moving off to the next station. The handler then moves forward while commanding the dog to move from the front present position to the handler's left and into the heel position (a "continental finish") while the handler continues forward. The dog does not sit before moving forward in heel position with the handler. A slight lag is permitted as the dog catches up with the handler.



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15. Call Front - Finish Right - Halt (S7)

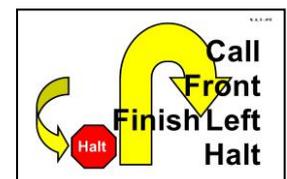
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16. Call Front - Finish Left - Halt (S7)

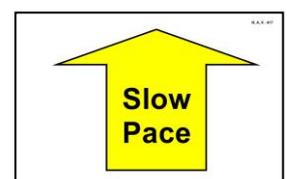
While heeling, the handler stops forward motion and calls the dog to the front present position (sitting straight in front of and facing the handler). In Novice only, the handler may take several steps backward as the dog turns and moves to sit in the front present position. Once the handler stops they may not move their feet until moving off to the next station. The handler then commands the dog to move from the front present position to the handler's left and into the heel position (a "continental finish"). The dog must sit in heel position before the team move forward together



Performed to the left of the sign.

17. Slow Pace

The handler walks at a pace noticeably slower than their normal pace. This sign must always be followed by a Normal Pace sign unless it is the last sign on the course

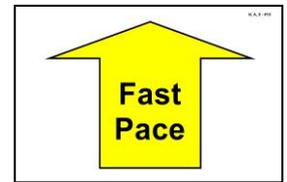


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18. Fast Pace

The handler moves at a pace noticeably faster than their normal pace. This sign must always be followed by a Normal Pace sign unless it is the last sign on the course.

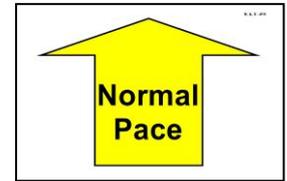
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19. Normal Pace

The handler moves at a brisk, natural walking pace. Allowance is made for handlers with physical disabilities.

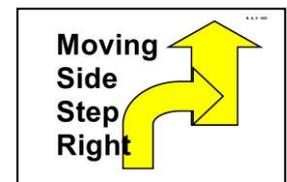
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20. Moving Side Step Right

While heeling, the handler takes one step diagonally to the right and continues moving forward along the newly established line. The dog maintains heel position throughout.

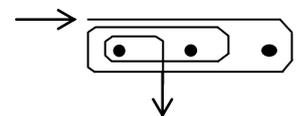
The exercise may be performed just past the exercise sign or directly in front of and stepping to the right of the sign.



21. Spiral Right - Dog Outside

This exercise requires three cones or posts placed in a straight line and approximately 2-3 metres apart. The team walks up the left side of the cones, bears right around the top cone and returns down the other side to the start. They continue to the right around the first cone and back up to the second cone, around the second cone and back to the start, then complete a full circle to the right around the first cone and exit the spiral at the appropriate point.

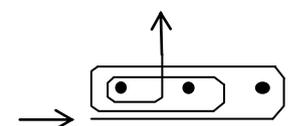
The exercise sign is placed near or on the first cone or post where the spiral is to be started.



22. Spiral Left - Dog Inside

This exercise requires three cones or posts placed in a straight line and approximately 2-3 metres apart. The team walks up the right side of the cones, bears left around the top cone and returns down the other side to the start. They continue to the left around the first cone and back up to the second cone, around the second cone and back to the start, then complete a full circle to the left around the first cone and exit the spiral at the appropriate point.

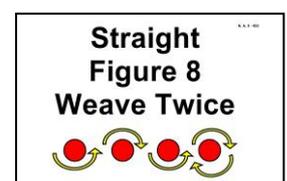
The exercise sign is placed near or on the first cone or post where the spiral is to be started.



23. Straight Figure 8 - Weave Twice

This exercise requires four cones or posts placed in a straight line and approximately 2-3 metres apart. The team enters between the first and second cones, with the first cone on their left. They then weave through the cones, around the cone at the top and weave back through the cones to the start.

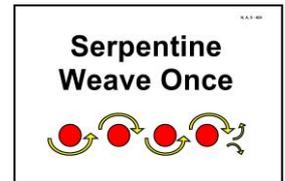
The exercise sign is placed near or on the first obstacle where the exercise is to be started.



24. Serpentine - Weave Once

This exercise requires four obstacles (cones, posts or people) placed in a straight line approximately 2-3 metres apart. The team enters between the first and second cones with the first cone on their left. They then weave up through the cones and exit after the last cone.

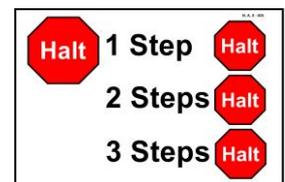
The exercise sign is placed near or on the first obstacle where the exercise is to be started.



25. Halt – 1, 2, 3 Steps Forward (ST)

The team halts with the dog sitting in the heel position. The team then takes one step forward and halts, then two steps forward and halts, then three steps forward and halts. The dog must stay in heel position throughout and sit at every halt. At each halt, the handler may not move their feet until actually taking the next step forward.

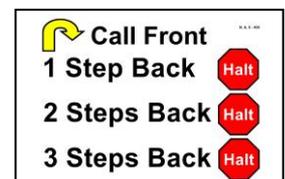
This exercise is started beside and to the left of the sign.



26. Call Front – 1, 2, 3 Steps Backward (ST)

While heeling, the handler stops forward motion and calls the dog to the front present position (sitting straight in front of and facing the handler). In Novice only, the handler may take several steps backward as the dog turns and moves to sit in the front present position. With the dog in the front present position, the handler takes one step backward and halts, then two steps backward and halts, then three steps backward and halts. The dog moves with the handler throughout, remaining in front present position and sitting at every halt. At each halt, the handler may not move their feet until actually taking the next step backward. The handler then commands the dog to resume heel position (either to the left or right) as the team moves forward toward the next station.

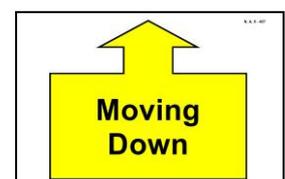
This exercise is started beside and to the left of the sign.



27. Moving Down (ST)

While walking with the dog in the heel position, the handler commands the dog to drop to a down position, as the handler comes to a stop next to the dog. Once halted, the handler may not move their feet until moving off to the next station. Once the dog is completely in the down position, the handler moves forward, commanding the dog to heel from the down position. The dog must go straight into a down and not sit first. The dog must drop as the handler is coming to a stop, not after the handler has already stopped.

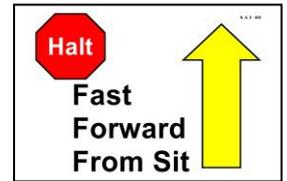
Performed to the left of the sign.



28. Halt – Fast Forward From Sit (ST)

The team come to a halt and the dog sits. Once halted, the handler may not move their feet until actually moving off again. The handler then commands the dog to heel and immediately moves forward at fast pace (a pace noticeably faster than their normal walking pace). This sign must always be followed by a Normal Pace sign, unless it is the last exercise.

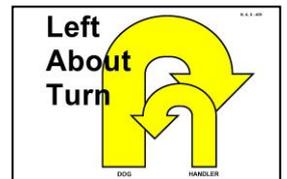
Performed to the left of the sign.



29. Left About Turn

While moving with the dog in heel position, the handler makes a 180° turn to the left. At the same time the dog continues on around the handler to the right and back into heel position. The team do not stop and the dog does not sit before moving forward in heel position with the handler. A slight lag on resuming heel position after the turn is permitted.

Performed directly in front of the sign.



30. Halt – Walk Around Dog (ST)

With the dog sitting in heel position, the handler commands the dog to stay, then walks around the dog to the left, returning to heel position. The handler must pause in the heel position before moving forward to the next station.

Performed to the left of the sign.



31. Halt – Down – Walk Around Dog (ST)

With the dog sitting in heel position, the handler commands the dog to down and to stay, then walks around the dog to the left, returning to heel position. The handler must pause in the heel position before moving forward to the next station.

The dog heels forward from the down position.

Performed to the left of the sign.



Advanced Exercises

32. Halt – About Turn Right – Forward (ST)

The team comes to a halt and the dog sits. Once halted, the handler may not move their feet until actually moving off again. The team then performs a 180° turn to the right and immediately moves forward.

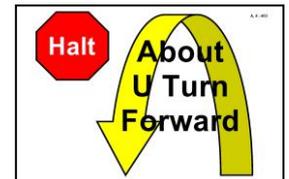
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33. Halt – About U Turn – Forward (ST)

The team comes to a halt and the dog sits. Once halted, the handler may not move their feet until actually moving off again. The team then performs a 180° turn to the left and immediately moves forward.

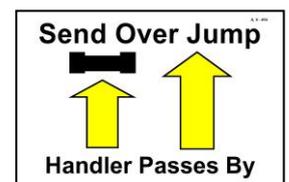
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34. Send Over Jump – Handler Passes By

While moving forward with the dog in heel position, the handler directs the dog to take the jump as the handler continues forward. The handler must stay on the far side of the line indicated by the judge and not deviate towards or away from the dog or jump. The handler may walk or run past the jump at whatever pace they consider necessary. When the dog has completed the jump, it is called back into the heel position and the team continues forward to the next station.

Performed with the jump to the left of the handler.



Jump Heights

Exceptions to the height requirements listed below can be made at the judge's discretion in the case of physical disability or age of the dog. It is the handler's responsibility to determine the height at which their dog is eligible to jump.

Dog under 380 mm at wither jumps 200 mm or less

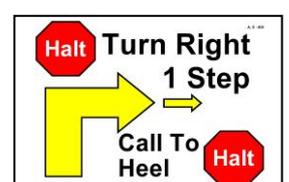
Dog 380mm to 460 mm at wither jumps 300 mm or less

Dog greater than 460 mm at wither jumps 400 mm or less

35. Halt – Turn Right One Step – Call To Heel - Halt (ST)

With the dog sitting in the heel position, the handler commands the dog to wait or stay. The handler takes one step 90° to the right and halts. The handler must not pivot to the right prior to taking the step. The dog is then called to sit at the heel position before the team move forward together to the next exercise station. At each halt the handler may not move their feet other than to perform each stage of the exercise.

Performed directly in front of the sign.



36. Halt – Stand – Walk Around Dog (ST)

With the dog sitting in the heel position, the handler commands the dog to stand and stay. The handler then walks around the dog to the left, returning to the heel position. The handler must pause in the heel position prior to moving on towards the next station. In Advanced only, the handler may touch their dog to achieve the stand position. Other than when physically placing the dog in a stand in Advanced, the handler may not move their feet other than to perform each stage of the exercise.

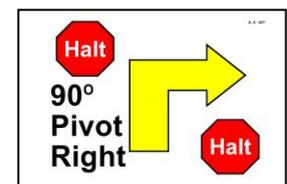
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37. Halt – 90° Pivot Right – Halt (ST)

With the dog sitting in the heel position, the team pivots together on the spot 90° to the right and halts, with the dog sitting in heel position again. Unlike other turns, pivots must be performed on the spot, with no movement in any direction other than rotation. Apart from the movement required to perform the pivot, the handler may not move their feet. Once the dog has again assumed the sit at heel position, the team moves forward.

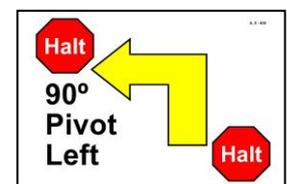
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38. Halt – 90° Pivot Left – Halt (ST)

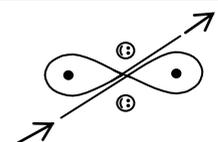
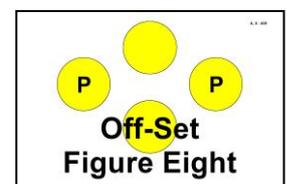
With the dog sitting in the heel position, the team pivots together on the spot 90° to the left and halts, with the dog sitting in heel position again. Unlike other turns, pivots must be performed on the spot, with no movement in any direction other than rotation. Apart from the movement required to perform the pivot, the handler may not move their feet. Once the dog has again assumed the sit at heel position, the team moves forward.

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39. Offset Figure 8

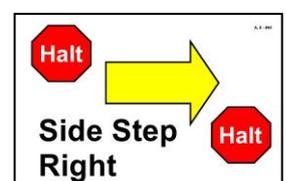
Two cones or posts (P) are set approximately three metres apart. Two distraction articles (toys or covered containers of food) are placed between the cones so that a rough square is formed. The team enters between a cone and a distraction and completes a figure of eight around the cones before exiting between a cone and a distraction. The points of entry and exit may be advised by the judge.



40. Halt – Side Step Right – Halt (ST)

The team comes to a halt, the dog sitting at heel. The team then move together to perform one side step directly to the right and halt, the dog sitting once more at heel. The dog should maintain heel position throughout, ie move sideways with the handler. Apart from movement required to perform the exercise, the handler may not move their feet.

Performed directly in front of the sign – the team should end up to the right of the sign after completing the side step.



41. Halt – Call Dog Front – Finish Right (ST)

The dog and handler come to halt with the dog sitting in the heel position. The handler then calls the dog to the front present position (sitting straight in front of and facing the handler). The handler then commands the dog to move from the front present position to the handler's right, around behind the handler and into the heel position (an Obedience style "finish"). The dog must sit in heel position before the team moves forward together. Once the handler stops for the first halt they may not move their feet at all until moving off to the next station.

Performed to the left of the sign.



42. Halt – Call Dog Front – Finish Left (ST)

The dog and handler come to halt with the dog sitting in the heel position. The handler then calls the dog to the front present position (sitting straight in front of and facing the handler). The handler then commands the dog to move from the front present position to the handler's left and into the heel position (a "continental finish"). The dog must sit in heel position before the team move forward together. Once the handler stops for the first halt they may not move their feet at all until moving off to the next station.

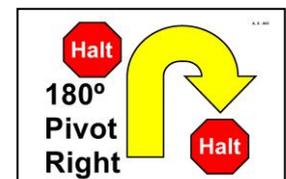
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43. Halt – 180° Pivot Right – Halt (ST)

With the dog sitting in the heel position, the team pivots on the spot together 180° to the right and halts, with the dog sitting in heel position again. Unlike other turns, pivots must be performed on the spot, with no movement in any direction other than rotation. Apart from the movement required to perform the pivot, the handler may not move their feet. Once the dog has again assumed the sit at heel position, the team moves forward.

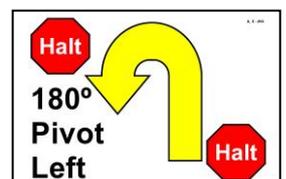
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44. Halt – 180° Pivot Left – Halt (ST)

With the dog sitting in the heel position, the team pivots on the spot together 180° to the left and halts, with the dog sitting in heel position again. Unlike other turns, pivots must be performed on the spot, with no movement in any direction other than rotation. Apart from the movement required to perform the pivot, the handler may not move their feet. Once the dog has again assumed the sit at heel position, the team moves forward.

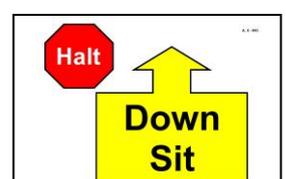
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45. Halt – Down – Sit (ST)

With the dog sitting in the heel position, the handler commands the dog to down, then to sit. After the initial halt, the handler may not move their feet until moving off towards the next station.

Performed to the left of the sign.

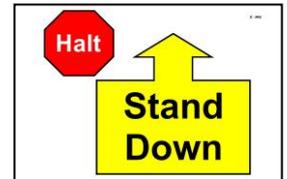


Excellent Exercises

46. Halt – Stand – Down (ST)

With the dog sitting in the heel position, the handler commands the dog to stand, then to down. The handler then commands the dog to heel forward from the down position. After the initial halt, the handler may not move their feet until moving off towards the next station. The handler may not touch the dog to achieve the stand position.

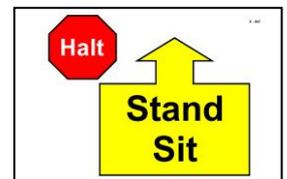
Performed to the left of the sign.



47. Halt – Stand – Sit (ST)

With the dog sitting in the heel position, the handler commands the dog to stand, then to sit. The handler then commands the dog to heel forward from the sit position. After the initial halt, the handler may not move their feet until moving off towards the next station. The handler may not touch the dog to achieve the stand position.

Performed to the left of the sign.



48. Moving Stand – Walk Around Dog (ST)

While heeling, and without pausing or hesitating, the handler commands the dog to stand and continues to walk around the dog to the left, returning to the heel position. Handler then pauses before proceeding forward, with dog at heel, to the next exercise station. The handler may not touch the dog to achieve the stand position.

Performed to the left of the sign.



49. Back Up Three Steps – Dog Stays In Position

While heeling, and without stopping, the handler reverses direction and walks backwards three steps. The dog must move backwards with the handler, maintaining its position. The team then, again without stopping, moves forward once more towards the next station.

Performed to the left of the sign.



50. Stay

The stay takes place within the Rally-O ring in an area of no less than 2m x 2m. This area will be set aside by the judge and will not be in the path of the course. The judge will supply markers to indicate the dog's position and the handler's position. The stay is performed individually and immediately after the team have completed their run. The next dog in the running order will run the course while the stay is taking place. To ensure there is always a dog on course while another dog is doing its stay, the last dog in the running order must do its stay while the first dog is running the course.



The stay is conducted on lead at a distance of two metres and for a duration of two minutes. The handler will put the dog into the down position on the dog marker. Once the team running the course moves off the start line, the steward will instruct the handler to leave the dog. The handler moves to the handler marker and then about turns to face the dog. From the time the handler leaves the dog to the time they return to the dog and the steward indicates the end of the exercise, they may not speak to or signal the dog in anyway. The dog must remain on lead for the duration of the stay and the lead must be held by the handler throughout the exercise (this is a safety precaution).