



## AKC Rally Program Enhancements

Truckee Meadows Dog Training Club

The Companion Events Department is pleased to announce new enhancements to the AKC Rally® program. The AKC Rally program has not had any changes to the class structure since its launch in 2005. We thank you, the clubs, for your continued support in hosting AKC Rally trials.

Over the years we have heard from many rally handlers who have won the Rally Novice title, saying they are not ready to move up to the Advanced level class, which requires the dog to work off-leash. AKC has created a new class and title for dogs that have won the Rally Novice title, but have not yet earned a qualifying score in the Advanced class. The Rally Intermediate class and associated title (RI), will provide a stepping-stone class to help prepare teams for the off-leash performance required in the Advanced class. The Intermediate course is a mirror image of the Advanced course without a jump. It is the Novice exhibitor's choice to take advantage of this additional opportunity and the RI title is not required to enter the Advanced class. We have also listened to the Rally Fancy who have long asked for a champion level title. We are excited to announce the new Master class and associated title (RM), as well as the Rally Champion title (RACH), both of which will provide additional challenges for dedicated rally exhibitors.

The criteria to earn the RACH title (sounds like "ROCK") requires the team to earn 20 triple qualifying scores; qualifying in the Advanced B, Excellent B and Master classes at the same trial, at 20 separate events, plus earn 300 RACH points from the Excellent B and Master classes. Points are determined by a dog's score. At least 200 RACH points must be earned from the Rally Master class.

Please review the full details of these program enhancements at [this link](#) on the AKC Rally News and Updates page and share this information with your club members responsible for managing your rally events.

Clubs may start to apply for events with these new classes on August 1, 2017 for events held on or after November 1, 2017.

Should you have any questions, please write to us at [Rally@akc.org](mailto:Rally@akc.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela Manaton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pamela Manaton  
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