

# SCHEDULE OF RALLY-O PENALTIES

## **One point will be lost for:**

- Tight leash – any tension on the lead whether caused by the dog or the handler.
- Dog interfering with handler – jumping up, getting in front, pushing etc.
- Poor sits – very crooked or very wide sits, either at heel or in front.
- Slow, delay, or resistance to respond – dog reacts unreasonably slowly or needs to be told more than once.
- Touching a jump, cone, post or person – bumping into anything on the course, or ticking the jump bar.
- Out of position – wides, lags, surges, too far out on heelwork or call fronts.
- Inconsistent pace – handler does not walk at a consistent speed during normal pace.
- Handler movement of feet – movement of feet during stationary signs where movement is not allowed.
- Physical positioning of dog – touching the dog other than to place it in a stand in Advanced.

## **Three points will be lost for:**

- Repeat of a station – re-trying a station again after failing it the first time.
- Cone/post knocked over on Figure Eights, Spiral, or Serpentine.
- Lack of control – the handler briefly loses basic control over the dog.
- Loud command or intimidating signal – shouting, stamping, threatening or using a harsh voice.
- Excessive barking – the dog barks a lot during the course, but the handler can control it.
- Dislodging the jump bar.
- Handler passing closer than 1 metre parallel to the jump – the handler fails to stay outside the line dictated by the judge when passing the jump.

## **Ten points will be lost for:**

- Incorrectly performed station – the team do not complete the station correctly. If the team retries and succeeds on the second attempt, this is only a three point penalty. If they do not re-attempt the station, or fail on the retry, then it becomes an Incorrectly Performed station (IP) and the ten point penalty applies.

## **One to ten points will be lost for:**

- Handler errors that are not specifically covered elsewhere or where the fault is particularly bad – the points lost will depend on the degree of error. Handler error can occur at stations or between stations.

## **A Non-Qualifying penalty will be given for:**

- Jerking the leash.
- Minimum requirements not met – parts of an exercise not performed, or performed in the wrong order.
- Dog unmanageable or uncontrolled barking.
- Consistently tight lead – the lead is tight throughout the course.
- A dog that eliminates while in the ring for judging.
- Station not attempted by handler – the team miss out a station altogether.
- Dog going over the jump in the wrong direction.
- Broken stays.

## **Disqualification will be given for:**

- Food or training aids being brought into the ring – food, toys, clickers, inappropriate collars, haltis, muzzles or any other training aid not specifically required to complete the course.
- Harsh Handling - any abusive or violent action towards the dog will result in disqualification of the dog and handler from the rest of the trial, not just from that particular class.