

DOGS SA OBEDIENCE & RALLY ANNUAL AWARDS

The qualifying period will be from 1st October of one year to 30 September the following year. If the last trial in September and the first trial in October fall on the same weekend, i.e. 30 September and 1 October, both trials will count for the earlier trialling year. However this could change depending on future Covid 19 regulations.

Results from all trials held in South Australia during this period will be eligible. Results from trials held interstate will not be eligible.

Results from Restricted trials will count towards the Top Dog Awards, but not for the Top Obedience Dog or Top Rally Dog awards.

To be eligible for the Country Dog awards the registered owner and the dog must NOT be domiciled closer than 100 kilometres by road from the Adelaide GPO. The registered owner must be a member of an affiliated Country based club and must nominate that club on their trial entry forms.

A country member cannot be considered for a metropolitan award for an Obedience or Rally class even if they are members of a metropolitan based club. They are still eligible, however, to compete for the Top Obedience Dog and Top Rally Dog awards.

If the owner/handler or a dog is found guilty at an Investigation hearing of a breach of SACA Rules during the qualifying period they will be ineligible for any award they may have otherwise been entitled to.

OBEDIENCE

TOP OBEDIENCE DOG

The Top Obedience Dog will be awarded to the dog that accumulates the highest number of points in the Open and Utility classes during the qualifying period. Only the best 13 results from each class for each dog will be counted.

Points will be awarded on the basis of qualifications and placings gained as detailed below.

Qualifications:	Utility	30 points
	Open	20 points
Placings:	1 st	20 points
	2 nd	15 points
	3 rd	10 points.

TOP COUNTRY OBEDIENCE DOG

The Top Country Obedience Dog will be awarded to the Country dog which scores the most points in the Top Obedience Dog Award.

TOP DOG AWARDS - OBEDIENCE

To be eligible for these awards the dog must have gained the relevant title during the qualifying period. Qualifications gained in prior years will count, as long as the 3rd qualification was gained during the qualifying period.

Top Dog awards will be offered in respect of the following classes:

Community Companion Dog (CCD) Novice (CD), Open (CDX), Utility (UD),
Utility Dog Excellent (UDX)

Points will be allocated as follows:

Title points:	Utility Dog Excellent	50 points
	Utility	40 points
	Open	30 points
	Novice	20 points
	Community Companion Dog	10 points

Bonus points for placings gained will also be awarded on the same basis as detailed above for the Top Obedience Dog.

The following formula will be used to determine the winning dogs.

The total of the number of title and placing bonus points will be divided by the number of trials in the relevant class the dog competed in to gain its title. This will give an overall score.

For example, if a dog gains its Utility title with 1 first placing, 1 second placing and a third, and competed in 10 trials to achieve its 3 qualifications, its score would be:

Utility title points		50 points
Placing bonus points	(20+15+10)	45 points
Total		95 points
Divide by 10 (the total number of trials entered)		9.5 overall score

The dog with the highest overall score in each class will be that class's Top Dog

Tied Scores

In the event of tied scores in a particular class, the number of points awarded by the Judges in three qualifying trials will be added together and the dog with the highest total will be the winner. If there is still a tie then multiple awards will be presented.

RALLY OBEDIENCE

TOP RALLY DOG

The Top Rally Dog award will go to the dog that accumulates the highest number of points in the Master, Excellent and Advanced classes during the qualifying period. Only the best 7 results from each class for each dog will be counted.

Points will be awarded on the basis of qualifications and placings gained as detailed below.

Qualifications:	Master	30 points
	Excellent	20 points
	Advanced	10 points
Placings:	1 st	20 points
	2 nd	15 points
	3 rd	10 points.

TOP COUNTRY RALLY DOG

The Top Country Rally Dog will be awarded to the Country dog which scores the most points in the Top Rally Dog Award.

TOP DOG AWARDS - RALLY

To be eligible for these awards the dog must have gained the relevant title during the qualifying period. Qualifications gained in prior years will count, as long as the final qualification was gained during the qualifying period.

Top Dog awards will be offered in respect of the following classes:

Rally Novice (RN), Rally Advanced (RA), Rally Excellent (RE), Rally Master (RM).

Points will be allocated as follows:

Title points:	Rally Master	40 points
	Rally Excellent	30 points
	Rally Advanced	20 points
	Rally Novice	10 points

Bonus points for placings gained will also be awarded on the same basis as detailed above for the Top Rally Dog.

The following formula will be used to determine the winning dogs.

The total of the number of title and placing bonus points will be divided by the number of trials in the relevant class the dog competed in to gain its title. This will give an overall score.

For example, if a dog gains its Rally Excellent title with 1 first placing, 1 second placing and a third, and competed in 10 trials to achieve its 5 qualifications, its score would be:

Rally Excellent title points		30 points
Placing bonus points	(20+15+10)	45 points
Total		75 points
Divide by 10 (the total number of trials entered)		7.5 overall score

The dog with the highest overall score in each class will be that class's Top Dog

Tied Scores

In the event of tied scores in a particular class, the number of points awarded by the Judges in three qualifying trials will be added together and the dog with the highest total will be the winner. If there is still a tie then multiple awards will be presented.

PLEASE NOTE:

To assist in accurate recording of results, it is essential that ALL competitors correctly enter the dog's name (including all titles) on their entry forms. Clubs are asked to ensure that these titles and the club represented by the competitor are entered into trial catalogues.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the chair of the Obedience Advisory Committee at neil@nmac.com.au.