

# NZ Association of Rally Obedience.



## What is Rally-O?

Rally-O is a sport which contains elements of obedience, agility and dancing with dogs. The course is numbered and timed and there might be cones and tunnels and jumps. There are turns and sits and downs and recalls. There are 270s, 360s, serpentine and spirals, fast speed and slow speed. It is suitable for the first time dog owner, the obedience and agility competitor and the agility dog under 18 months as well as retired dogs that still want to work. It provides various levels, with increasing skill requirements.

## What is NZARO?

NZARO is a recently formed incorporated society whose aim is to promote Rally-O throughout NZ. NZARO holds official events where dogs can earn qualifying certificates (much like agility crcs) and milestone awards as well as Titles for the more accomplished.

## The competition.

1. Each month a course will be provided. Participants will be judged and timed. Participants will be ranked based on score , then time.
2. There will be an individual and a Club competition. The Club competition will be based on the total score of the Club's best three dogs and handlers. At the end of the year there will be awards for prize-getters.

## How you can take part.

You can take part by either joining NALA or joining NZARO. To receive the complete NALA magazine including the Rally-O supplement you must be a full member of NALA. To receive the Rally-O supplement only you need to be a member of NZARO.

## Rules and Judging.

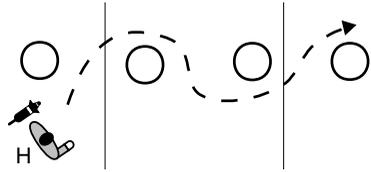
Any club member can judge. Anyone judging must make themselves familiar with the NZARO Handbook, a copy of which will be sent to all clubs, and will also be available on the website [www.nzaro.webs.com](http://www.nzaro.webs.com).

All participants are scored by their marks over the time taken. Dogs are expected to move with the handler around the course, and to follow the handler's commands to sit, lie down etc. Penalties are gained if the dog deviates from the handler's side, sits to one side if supposed to be in front, fails to lie down on the first command etc.

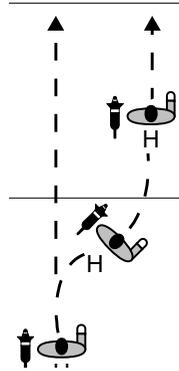
## This month's Training stations.

Every month we will describe some of the stations used in Rally-O so that you may practice them. The description will include details on the way they are judged and some tips on how to train them.

**Serpentine Weave once**—Four cones or poles are placed in a straight line 2-3m apart. The sign is usually placed on the first cones/pole. The dog and handler enter with the first pole on their left and continue weaving in and out of the poles. The dog must keep an even distance from the handler even while the handler is walking firstly towards them and then away from them. To avoid penalties such as tight leash or interference with the handler the dog must read the handler's body signals or direction cues well.



**Moving Side step right.** This is a moving station and the handler is required to take a step in a diagonal to the right and continue walking along the new path.



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20	5. Right turn ③	6	24. serpentine weave once ④	12	20. moving side step right ⑤
15	11. 360 right ②	5.5	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">                     Dogs are run on a lead.                      Timing is from Start to finish.                      You will need 4 cones or poles placed 2m apart for the serpentine.                      Enter the serpentine the same way as the weave poles.                      All movements are done before and to the left of the signs.                      Verbal and other encouragement is allowed.                      Penalties apply for the following (please read handbook for full list)                      Tight lead, any extra commands/signals, loud or intimidating signals,                      banging into dog, crooked sits(over 45 degrees), etc.                      Good luck and good fun!                 </div>		7.5
10	4. Halt - Down ①	6.5	6	5. Right turn ⑥	20
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