



## **Guide for Trial Hosts**

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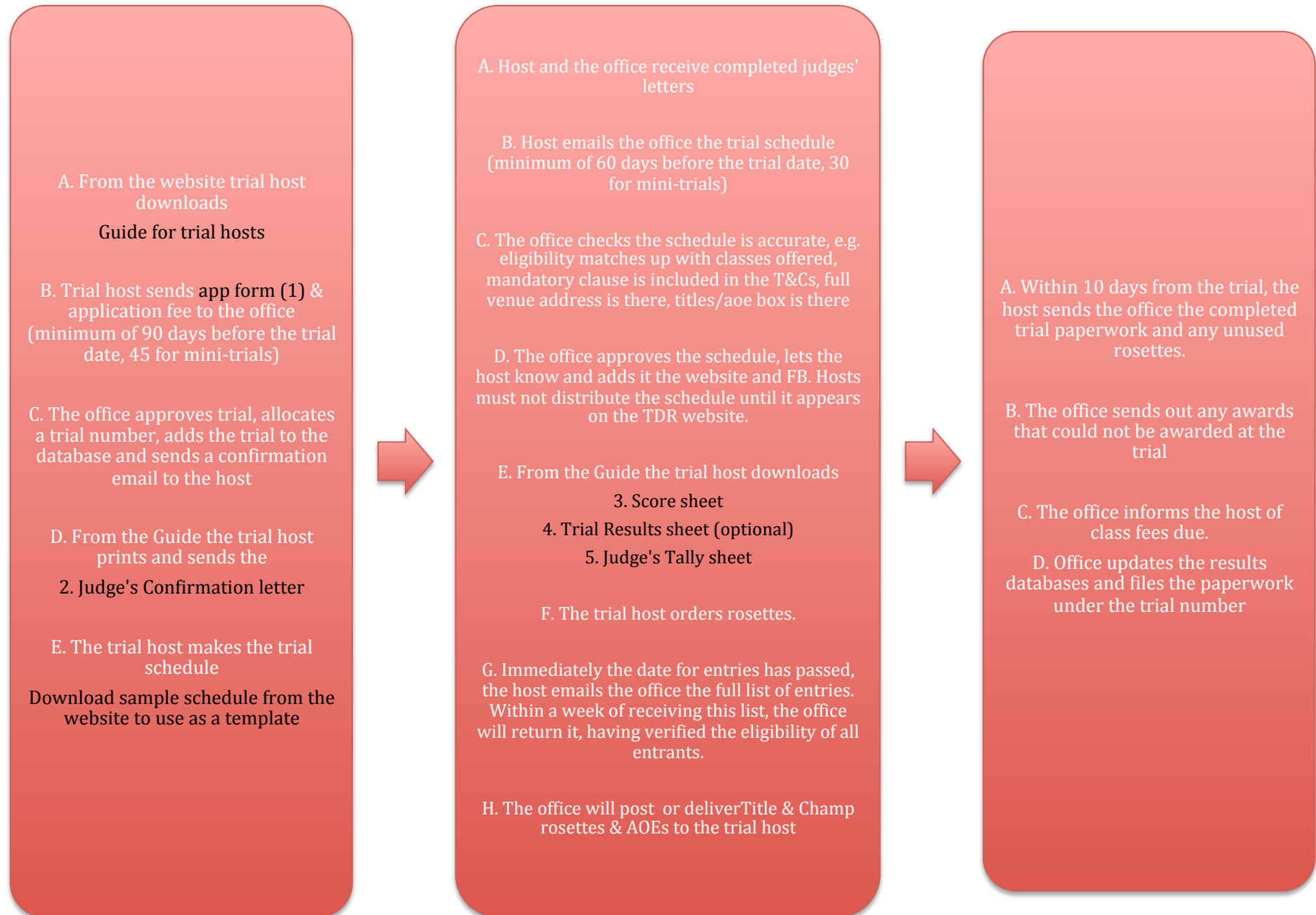
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## WORKFLOW – TRIALS



## **10 step Guide to hosting a TD Rally® Trial**

Thank you for enquiring about hosting a TD Rally® Trial. We are keen to give teams a chance to compete so the more trials are held; the more opportunities people have to put their training into practice.

Hosting a successful trial is a big task. It requires great organization and forward planning to ensure that all goes smoothly on the day. This guide is designed to help you avoid common pitfalls and ensure you have a great day.

### **Step 1 – Plan ahead**

Your completed trial application needs to be submitted to the TDR Office a minimum of 90 days prior to the proposed trial date. This lead time is essential as it allows competitors to plan ahead to ensure they can attend the trial, it allows the trial host time to order rosettes, refreshments, optional prizes, etc. and it allows the TDR Office time to help with advertising the trial and to help with any unexpected changes to the trial.

### **Step 2 – Find a venue**

Your venue can be indoor or out, but must have the following facilities:

- a) Sufficient parking for all the competitors and spectators.
- b) Space for a minimum of 1 ring, or more depending on how many classes you are offering. The minimum ring size is 15 x 21m, maximum is 25 x 25m. Bear in mind that you will need space between rings for people to gather as they wait to compete.
- c) Space for a registration area and for the Judge/s and stewards to collate score sheets and process trial paperwork.
- d) An area to exercise dogs before and after competing. This does not have to be an off lead area, but you should post notices informing owners of the venue rules regarding exercise.
- e) Toilets.
- f) All areas of the Trial venue, including toilets, must be accessible to people with disabilities.

### **Step 3 – Set the date**

Check on the TDR website that no one else is planning to hold a trial on the same date as you. If another trial is already planned, as long as it is 60miles or more away from your trial then that poses no problem. However, two trials in the same vicinity are unlikely to attract enough competitors. Of course, as the sport grows, this issue may well disappear.

#### **Step 4 – Set the size of your trial**

This will depend on several factors:

1. Size of venue
2. Number of stewards and helpers you have
3. Number of judges available
4. Start and finish time of the trial

Once you know these details you can plan how many classes and the maximum number of entrants per class. This must be done before the trial schedule is produced or the trial is advertised so that you, as the host, are not caught out with too many teams and so have to scabble around at the last minute to find more judges or helpers.

From the statistics we have gathered so far, the average round takes about 3 minutes. Add 2 more minutes for the team to enter and exit the ring, and for the judge to tally their scores. So if you allow 5 minutes per team you could expect 12 teams per hour to compete. Add to that 30 minutes between classes, or longer if your class is bigger, to allow rosettes to be awarded, for any alterations to be made to the course for the next class and to give handlers time to walk through the course. Scheduling in 30 minutes between classes also allows you a little wiggle room should a class over-run.

#### *Example:*

Trial runs from 9-5 with 1 ring, 2 Judges

Class 1: 9-10am	– max 12 teams
Class 2: 10.30am-12.30pm	– max 24 teams
Class 3: 1-3pm	– max 24 teams
Class 4: 3.30-4.30pm	– max 12 teams

Total teams = 72

It is important to work to time and to have this set down for all your stewards and helpers to see. Teams are likely to have travelled some distance to reach your trial so it is unreasonable to extend their day longer than necessary. Unless they have been informed of a late finish prior to registering for the trial, no one wants to start their trip home at 7pm.

And don't forget to work in time for the Judges to have some breaks. Judging is both physically and mentally tiring, so the better rested the Judges are, the better job they will do. And the more likely they are to say yes next time you ask them to Judge.

<b>Puppy, Veteran Level 1 and Level 1</b>					
<b>Entries</b>	<b>Walk through</b>	<b>Round</b>	<b>Awards</b>	<b>Feedback</b>	<b>Total class time</b>
5	10m	20m	15m	5m	50m
10	10m	40m	15m	10m	1h 15m
15	10m	1h	15m	15m	1h 40m
20	10m	1h 20m	15m	20m	2h 5m
24 (max)	20m****	1h 40m	15m	25m	2h 40m
<b>Pre-Level 2, Veteran Pre-Level 2 and Level 2 **</b>					
<b>Entries</b>	<b>Walk through</b>	<b>Round</b>	<b>Awards</b>	<b>Feedback</b>	<b>Total class time</b>
5	10m	25m	15m	5m	1h
10	10m	50m	15m	10m	1h 25m
15	10m	1h 15m	15m	15m	1h 55m
20	10m	1h 40m	15m	20m	2h 25m
24 (max)	20m****	2h 5m	15m	25m	3h 5m
<b>Level 3 ***</b>					
<b>Entries</b>	<b>Walk through</b>	<b>Round</b>	<b>Awards</b>	<b>Feedback</b>	<b>Total class time</b>
5	10m	30m	15m	5m	1h
10	10m	1h	15m	10m	1h 35m
15	10m	1h 30m	15m	15m	2h 10m
20	10m	2h	15m	20m	2h 45m
24 (max)	20m****	2h 30m	15m	25m	3h 30m

## Step 5- Appoint Judges

Consult the list of Certified Judges in this guide and select. You should then approach judges letting them know the date, time and venue of the trial as well as the number of classes you wish them to judge and ensure they agree to the class size e.g., 24 maximum entrants for Level 1. Check whether each judge will need a contribution towards travel expenses. It is essential to appoint a Judge before the trial schedule is produced as this allows teams to see who will be judging their particular class. Teams need to be aware of who is judging as this can affect whether they would be eligible to title at your trial. Teams must be judged by two different judges in order to qualify for a title, except in Level 3 (but this will be subject to change at some point). Teams may also have preferences as each Judge will have their own style, most noticeable in their course design. Therefore, being fully informed as to who will be judging their performance allows teams to prepare fully in order to do their best. Likewise, changes to the Judge can be unsettling or disappointing.

If you find it easier to appoint the Judges before setting your classes, that is fine. It's a chicken and egg situation, do what works best for you.

## Step 6 – Budget

As a minimum, you should do a basic profit/loss projection in order to ascertain how much money you need to have in order to run the trial. This projection lets you know how much to charge for registrations, how much sponsorship you need, how much to charge for refreshments, etc.

Example:

Money Out		Money In	
Venue	300	Registration fees £6 x 72	432
Rosettes (£1.20 each)	120	Refreshments	80
Trial app fee	20	Sponsorship/Fun class	20
Class fee £5 per class x 4 classes	20		
Refreshments	40		
Judges' Travel if applicable	32		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£532</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£532</b>

Balance = £0, the Trial has broken even. This is what you should aim for. TDR trials are unlikely to make a profit so please do not hold a trial expecting to make money.

Hosts will be expected to offer Judges a contribution towards their travel. Not all judges will wish to claim this and hosts need to check before appointing a judge. It's good manners to provide the Judges with refreshments throughout the day and offer them lunch. Any judge does not expect gifts, particularly if travel expenses have been paid.

If you are dependent on sponsorship in order to be able to host the trial, this sponsorship must be in place before the schedule is produced. TD Rally® cannot provide sponsorship. Here are a couple of ideas to help boost entry numbers and offset some of the costs:

- a) Organise fun classes
- b) Ask local dog clubs or businesses if they'd like to sponsor a class (e.g. your local vet practice could pay the £5 class fee for the Level 1a class) or a rosette (e.g. pay for all the Ace rosettes)
- c) Ask canine related companies to supply prizes or giveaways, e.g. every entrant receives a sample of dog food


### **Step 7 – Submit your Trial Application form**

Only when you have completed steps 1-6 should you submit your Trial Application form to the TDR Office. Everything should be in place by this stage so that together we can present a fully formed Trial to the competitors.

### **Step 8 – Trial Schedule**

This is the form that people use to find out all the relevant information about the trial such as where and when the trial will be held, what the classes are and when they start and who will judge the classes. The schedule also serves as a booking form so there should be a section that sets out the terms and conditions of the trial and registration fees that they will need to pay to enter. (A sample schedule is attached) Once complete, you can email a copy of the schedule along with a written description of your trial to TDR Office so that we can advertise the trial on our website and on our Facebook page.

### **We require all schedules to include the following in their Terms & Conditions:**



If the trial host cancels the trial, the trial host will refund all trial fees in full to registered competitors within 14 days of the trial date. If Talking Dogs Rally® cancels the trials, the trial host will refund all trial fees in full to registered competitors within 14 days of the trial date.



### **Step 9 – Order your rosettes**

Place your order for rosettes at least 2 months before your Trial date. We ask that you source your own Ace, Outstanding and Good rosettes. They must conform to our design, style and colours. The rosette is generally the only prize people receive for all their hard work and training. Therefore we feel it is important that they receive a rosette that is of high quality and design. Your rosettes should use the same colours as the official rosettes, have the same number of tiers and be imprinted with our TDR logo. When you apply to run a trial, we will send you our specifications.

TD Rally® will supply Title and Championship rosettes and Awards of Excellence at no cost to the trial host.

### **Step 10 – Paperwork**

Nobody likes paperwork but it is important that you become familiar with the relevant paperwork that is involved with hosting a trial. In real terms the paperwork is the only method we have for logging the hard earned scores of the competing teams. If the paperwork is incomplete, e.g. TDR registration numbers missing, name of dog or handler missing or illegible, then there is a possibility of teams missing out on rosettes, titles or awards. The credibility of the sport depends on fair and accurate judging and logging of information. If people are not given correct scores or if the information provided by the hosts to the TDR office is incorrect or incomplete handlers will lose faith in the sport as a whole and in the founders, hosts and Judges in particular.

### **Not recommended:**

- ◆ Trial host to Judge – there's too much to do to carry out both roles successfully.
- ◆ Overbooking classes – this is a surefire way to make your trial overrun
- ◆ Changing venue, date or Judges once the schedule has gone out – this is very disruptive for teams as it affects their ability to attend, e.g. they may have to book time off from work, new dates may not be suitable, travel to the new venue might be more difficult, change from indoor to outdoor venue (or vice versa) can make or break a team's performance

By following these 10 steps and working your way through the information given in Chapter 11 of the TD Rally® Manual, your trial should be a resounding success. Stay in contact with Jacky and she will help all she can to make your Trial the best ever!

# **TD Rally® Eligibility**

## **TD Rally® eligibility:**

All competitors must be registered with TD Rally® prior to competing at any sanctioned TD Rally® trial. To register, contact the Office or go to the website and download the form and send it with payment to the TD Rally® office.

Everyone over the age of 7 years (children under 16 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian) is eligible to compete.

All breeds of dogs, crosses and mixes of breeds over 6 months old on the date of the trial can compete. Health and behaviour may exclude dogs from competing but breed type does not.

**Puppy** is for dogs aged between 6 and 18 months on the date of the trial.

**Level 1** is for dogs 1 year and older on the date of the trial.

**Veteran Level 1** is for dogs over 7 years on the date of the trial.

**Pre-Level 2 and Level 2** is for dogs 1 year and older on the date of the trial. This level is for handlers who have already won a TD Rally® Level 1 Title or Championship and who are working towards their Level 2 Title.

**Veteran Pre-Level 2 and Veteran Level 2** is for dogs 7 years and older on the date of the trial. This level is for handlers who have already won a TD Rally® Level 1 Title or Championship and who are working towards their Veteran Level 2 Title.

**Level 3** is for dogs 1 year and older on the date of the trial. This level is for handlers who have already won a TD Rally Level 2 Title or Championship and who are working towards their Level 3 Title.

## **Staffing the Trial**

While a trial can be successfully put together by two or three amazingly organised and hard working individuals, a group of willing volunteers is a must in order to better distribute the work load.

### **Trial Host**

### **Trial Secretary**

If required, the same person could be Host and Secretary.

### **Stewards**

One of the following for each ring:

Table Steward

Gate steward/s

If required due to lack of volunteers, the Table Steward could work for several rings.

### **Course Builder /Runner- if possible**

All Stewards, staff and volunteers should conduct themselves according to the rules of Talking Dogs Rally®.

### **Duties**

#### **Trial Host**

Responsible for:

First and foremost, the trial host must provide a safe environment, courteous volunteers and to act in a manner to ensure that the teams' impression of the trial is professional and fair. Running orders and copies of the trial courses will be posted at the trial venue. A simple way to reduce confusion or anxiety and help competitors enjoy their day fully is to provide clear, simple, easily accessible information all around the site.

Obtaining the trial location to host the trial.

Filing the trial application with the TD Rally® office a minimum of 90

days (or 45 for mini-trials) before the desired date.

Booking Judges.

Ordering rosettes, and if desired, sourcing additional prizes and bringing them to the trial.

Making sure all necessary equipment and ring gates/barrier are erected and ready to be used at the trial site prior to the start of the trial.

The trial host must provide contact information for him/her self, address, email address and phone number.

The trial host, together with the trial secretary, if there is one, is responsible for turning in post trial paperwork to the TD Rally® office.

The trial host must provide the Judge with an adequate number of stewards, preferably giving the stewards a briefing on their duties before the trial.

Ensuring that Judges have the opportunity to rest as required.

Ensuring there is time set aside for the Judges to give feedback after they have finished each class. Ideally, they should provide an area with a table and chairs where teams can discuss their rounds with the Judges. This feedback time should be posted at the trial.

The Judge is in charge of his/her ring and all their decisions are final. The trial host does not have the authority to overrule any decision made by a Judge.

Hosts should also make every effort to minimise timing over-runs.

## **Trial Secretary**

Responsible for:

Trial paperwork. Accepting entries and fees and verifying team TD Rally® registration cards.

Acting as general contact to competitors so will need to provide his/her contact information—address, email address and phone number.

Ensuring that any disability modification forms are included with the score sheet and given to the Judge so that they score the team appropriately. TD Rally® must be sent the form along with the other trial paperwork after the trial.

Keeping track of any waiting lists and cancellations.

Handling changes to competitors' entries before the closing date and preparing the gate sheets/scoreboards.

Putting together the schedule.

Printing the scoresheets.

Running registration when teams arrive at the trial. A friendly welcome and clear guidance on where to go, when to go and what to do helps teams relax and enjoy the day.

Occasionally, an apprentice judge may be assigned to an officiating Judge. The host organisation is not responsible for appointing the apprentice judge, but they should provide an additional set of score sheets for each class where they are apprenticing.

Ensuring post trial paperwork is correct, complete and legible, and that Judges have signed the tally sheets.

Posting running orders and copies of the trial courses at the trial venue.

Should any competitor or spectator bring a matter of concern to a steward's attention they must notify or refer them to the trial secretary.

### **Course Builder /Runner**

The Course Builder is responsible for co-ordinating with the Judges to layout the class courses before each level and changing each course if the ring is being used for more than one class.

Will fill in where required (e.g. fill in holes in the ground in the rings, get drinks, etc.)

When needed, collecting and passing on messages from the rings.

**You can print these pages out to give to your stewards  
to help them stay on track during the trial.**

### **Table Steward**

Responsible for:

1. Checking the height of the dog for jump stations.
2. Checking that the host organisation has the correct information for the team on the score sheet.
3. Preparing the score sheets in running order to give to the timing/gate steward to give to the Judge.
4. Removing scoresheets of absent teams before they reach the Judge.
5. Collecting the score sheets from the timing/gate Steward.
6. Totalling all deductions and calculates the team's score as a check on the Judge's calculations. Stewards **must not change** the scores without the Judge verifying the error/change.
7. Recording scores onto the Judge's tally sheet.
8. Recording scores on the results sheet and posts the completed results sheet on the results board/s.
9. If on the day of trial the trial host has allowed teams to move up a level, the table steward will update the score sheets. While the trial host has the discretion to disallow moves from one level to another after the closing date, moves from the A class to B class must be allowed and the table steward will update those score sheets as well.
10. Is jointly responsible with the Judge for ensuring that all paperwork is complete, legible and accurate at the end of the trial.
11. Ensuring the rosettes, Awards of Excellence and any other prizes are brought to the ring when a class has finished. (This may include checking scores from other rings.)

## **Gate Steward**

Responsible for:

1. Before the class begins, the table steward will give all score sheets, in numbered order, to the timing/gate steward. They should review the score sheets and update the running order together (i.e. teams that are absent, etc.)
2. Assisting the table steward measuring and recording heights for jump stations.
3. Changing jump heights for Levels 2 and 3.
4. Dealing with any conflicts that may come up in the running order (e.g. if a handler is working two dogs.)
5. Making sure the correct competitor is ready to go into the ring and calls next team to ensure they are near the gate when it's their turn.
6. Ensuring that the working team can exit the ring at the completion of their round by keeping observers, other teams, etc. away from the ring entrance.
7. Closing the ring gate after the team has entered.
8. Taking the score sheet from the Judge as each team completes their round and passing it to the table steward.

## Qualified Talking Dogs Rally® Judges

Jacky Ruddock – TDRJ-16 (All Levels)

**Kent**

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Tanya Butler – TDRJ-15 (All Levels)

**Kent**

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Rhia Butler – TDRJ-20 (Puppy, Level 1, Veteran Level 1, Pre-Level 2, Level 2, Veteran Level 2)

**Kent**

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**Cambridgeshire**

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Susan Coulstock-TDRJ-22 (Puppy, Level 1, Veteran Level 1)

**Kent**

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# **TRIAL PAPERWORK**

# **1. TRIAL APPLICATION FORM**

**Use this form to apply to host a trial**



You must complete an application form if you wish to host a TD Rally® Trial.  
**Please print clearly** - as this information will be used on all TD Rally® records.

## Trial Application Form

### Host Details:

Host / Host Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Host / Host Club Contact

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_ Day of Trial \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Trial Details:

Date(s) (At least 90 days (45 for mini) notice required) \_\_\_\_\_

Indoor / Outdoor / Both (Please circle one)

Trial Venue \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Class Levels to be offered (tick box and fill in numbers that apply)

Classes to be offered		Number of Classes	Number of entries per class	Total number of entries	Comments
Puppy	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	_____
Level 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	_____
Veteran 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	_____
Pre-Level 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	_____
Level 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	_____
Veteran Pre-2	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	_____
Veteran 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	_____
Level 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	_____
Totals		_____	_____	_____	

### Class Fees

50p per entry \_\_\_\_\_

Entries by Registered TDR Judges are not to be included in fees payable.

Is this TD Rally® Trial being run along another dog sports event? If so, please give details:

Judges

Class/es and Level (e.g. *Puppy*)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

I have read, understood and agree to abide by the rules of hosting a Talking Dogs Rally® trial.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature and date

Application Fee, £20

£ \_\_\_\_\_

Class fees      To be collected after the event

£ \_\_\_\_\_

Total: £ \_\_\_\_\_

**Applications and required fees must reach the TD Rally® Office 90 days (45 for mini) prior to trial.**

**Bank Transfer: J Ruddock 40-16-11 72619423**

**Cheques:** Please make cheques payable to J. Ruddock and post to:  
Trials, TD Rally, 100 New Street, Ash, Kent CT3 2BN

**For Office Use Only**

Application received on: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by and date: \_\_\_\_\_

Application and class fees  
received: \_\_\_\_\_

Cheque

Bank Transfer

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Judge's letters and courses due by: \_\_\_\_\_

Judges' letters and courses received: \_\_\_\_\_

## Checklists and information for trial host's use. Please retain.

Venue		Remarks
1. Does the club have adequate insurance for the venue/trial	Y / N	Mandatory
2. Does the venue have adequate parking?	Y / N	
3. Are there toilet facilities?	Y / N	
4. Does the venue have disabled access	Y / N	
5. Is there a designated exercise (doggy toilet) area?	Y / N	

If you do not have any of the above please contact Jacky to discuss further

### Staff

1. Trial Secretary	Y / N	Mandatory
2. Trial Chairperson	Y / N	
3. Approved TD Rally® Judges	Y / N	Mandatory
4. Registration Steward (Trial Secretary)	Y / N	
5. Ring Stewards	Y / N	Mandatory
6. Floating Volunteers	Y / N	

### Paperwork and Equipment

1. Trial Schedule to include class timings submitted (within 30 days of trial approved)	Y / N	
2. All judges confirmation letters received and 1 copy to TDR Office (within 60 days of the trial)	Y / N	
3. Judges' courses sent to TDR Office Jacky R on time (30 days after confirmation letter signed)	Y / N	
4. Trial fees paid on time	Y / N	
5. Trial paperwork completed and returned to TDR Office (within 10 days of completed trial)	Y / N	
6. Station Signs, cones and numbers for all rings	Y / N**	N/A
7. Table and Chairs for rings, trial secretary	Y / N	N/A
8. Ring Notice Boards	Y / N	
9. Clip boards for each ring	Y / N	
10. Jumps/tunnels for levels 2 and 3	Y / N**	
11. Toileting supplies, spare poo bags, and rubbish bins	Y / N	

\*\*If not, you must ensure judges have their own sets

When to submit your trial application

Trial Month	Submit
January	October
February	November
March	December
April	January
May	February
June	March
July	April
August	May
September	June
October	July
November	August
December	September

Suggested wording for requesting a judge:

Dear XXXX,

We, (inset trial host/club name) are in the planning stages for a trial on (insert date), subject to judges' availability. We would like to know if you could judge the following class(es) – e.g., Puppy (insert size of class, e.g. 10 entries) Veterans L 1 (xx entries) and L 1 (xx entries). The venue is (insert address). Could you please let us know by (insert date). If you agree to judge, I will email you with full details and your confirmation letter as soon as I hear back from you. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

## **2. JUDGE'S CONFIRMATION LETTER**

**Use this letter to confirm with your judges that they will judge at your trial, the date, the venue and what classes they will be judging. After initial contact by email or phone, confirm your discussion in this letter, send it out to each judge who will then sign and return a copy each to you, the host, and to the TDR Office. This must be received by Jacky a minimum of **60 days** before the trial date.**



## JUDGE'S CONFIRMATION LETTER

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to act as a judge for  
Judge's Name and registration number

the following trial sanctioned by Talking Dogs Rally® on \_\_\_\_\_  
trial date

Time: (required at venue; normally one hour prior to first walk through) \_\_\_\_\_

### Venue Address:

Level(s) and entry numbers to judge, (tick class box and annotate class numbers):

- ☐ - Puppy \_\_\_\_\_ entries
- ☐ - L1 \_\_\_\_\_ entries
- ☐ - Vet L1 \_\_\_\_\_ entries
- ☐ - Pre-L2 \_\_\_\_\_ entries
- ☐ - L2 \_\_\_\_\_ entries
- ☐ - Vet-Pre- L2 \_\_\_\_\_ entries
- ☐ - Vet L2 \_\_\_\_\_ entries
- ☐ - L3 \_\_\_\_\_ entries

Venue Details: Indoors / Outdoors What surface? (i.e., grass) \_\_\_\_\_

Agreed ring size \_\_\_\_\_

Will lunch and drinks be provided?

Further information about the trial: \_\_\_\_\_

The maximum number of dogs to be judged in a day per judge is **40**.

I confirm the details set out above. I have read and will comply with the latest Talking Dogs Rally® rules.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Judge's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Trial Secretary Signature

Trial Secretary's Address:

**(Please sign and return one copy of this letter to the Trial Host and one copy to the Talking Dogs Rally® Trials team leader 60 days prior to trial date. Trial course(s) are due 30 days prior to trial date.)**

Talking Dogs Rally®, 100 New Street, Ash, CT3 2BN

**Office Use Only: Date** letter received: **Trial** Number:

Date course required:

Date received:

## **4. SCORE SHEET**

**This is the form used by the judges to record the scores of each round. Every team in every class has an individual score sheet. Scores sheets should be prepared for each class in advance of the trial date and placed in order of running so that the judge can easily move from sheet to sheet as the class proceeds. Score sheet scores should be checked by the table steward. They are not permitted to change any scores without first agreeing the change with the judge who completed the sheet. Completed sheets should be returned to Jacky after the trial.**



\*Judges will fill in the the total score. Table Stewards will check the figures and transfer them to the Judge's tally sheet.

## Score Sheet

## Class Level:



Date	Trial Name & Number	Trial Judge	Ring
Competitor & Dog's Name and Breed		TD Rally® Registration Number	
Bonus Station	Jump Heights	Total Score	Time
Y / N	S / M / L		Qualifing Rosettes
			G / O / A
			Title / Champion

## Station Number

### Abbreviated Point Deductions

1	1 point	2 points	3 points	4 points	5 points
1	TL	SOP	RT	KC	SNC
2	DL	FTM	C/M P	S	LP
3	TS D/S	EB			
4	OP	LC			
5	AC	SOD			
6	L	XP			
7	F	XR			
8	<b>NQs - Circle reason for NQ round</b>				
9	•Touching the dog to prompt a station				
10	•Dog and/or handler leaves the ring      •Nipping or biting				
11	•Deductions totaling fifteen points at any station				
12	•Harsh physical/verbal correction				
13	•Exceeding course time (Except for approved time mod.)				
14	•Handler performs two/more stations out of sequence (off course)				
15	•Handler misses or does not attempt two or more stations				
16	<b>(Excluding bonus station)</b>				
17	•Dogs who eliminates or becomes ill in the ring				
18	•Breach of the general rules				
19	<b>Further deductions for levels 2, 3 &amp; Veterans L2</b>				
20	•Deductions totaling ten or more points at any station				
Bonus	•Any stations out of sequence (off course)				
	•Handler misses or does not attempt any stations				
	<b>(Excluding bonus station)</b>				
	•Consistently tight lead and barking criteria:				
	Course Stations	Tight lead / barking			
	10	5			
	11 & 12	6			
	13 & 14	7			
	15 & 16	8			
	17 & 18	9      Barking only			
	19 & 20	10      Barking only			

200	Bonus 10
-	-
+	
Total	

Office Use Only		Total NR Points
Round NR Points	LA	
DB	MDB	

## **5. TRIAL RESULTS SHEET**

**This form is not compulsory.**

**Use this sheet to record the scores taken from the score sheets for each class. This completed sheet should be posted at the trial once each class ends.**



## TD Rally® Trial Results

**Class:**

**Ring:**

**Judge:**

<u>Competitor's Name</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Competitor's Name</u>	<u>Score</u>
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## **6. JUDGE'S TALLY SHEET**

**Use this form to record the scores taken from the score sheets or trial results sheet. This also records any awards gained by each team. This form should be submitted to the office with the scoresheets after the trial.**

**This is a very important sheet!**

# Judge's Tally Sheet



Date:

Trial No:

Judge:

Class:

Ring:

Registration Number	Handler's Name	Dog's Name	Faults	Bonus	Total score	Round Rosette	AOE / Title / Champ	Reason for NQ
						G O A	AOE / Title / Champ	
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Judge's Comments: