



# OFFICIAL UNITED KENNEL CLUB RALLY OBEDIENCE 2020 RULE CHANGE GUIDE

WEEK 11 - SIGNS 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424

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Welcome back to our final week of the new Rally signs. Magnum and I have certainly had fun introducing the new signs to you. Good luck and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments.

There was a question concerning the broad jump that can be used in the Master class. Although we have standard and minimum jump heights for the bar and high jump, this is not the case with the broad jump. Because of the limitations of the width of the boards used for the broad jump, all dogs will jump the minimum height when the broad jump is used. Here are the specifications:

**Broad Jump.** The broad jump will be set at the minimum distance for all dogs outlined below. The boards used will go from the shortest board to the highest board when setting the distance as follows:

- Up to and including 14" – one (1) board
- Over 14" and up to and including 20" – two (2) boards
- Over 20" – three (3) boards

We will be covering the following exercises this week:

419: HALT - Send Dog Forward around Cone, Return to Front, Handler Returns Right

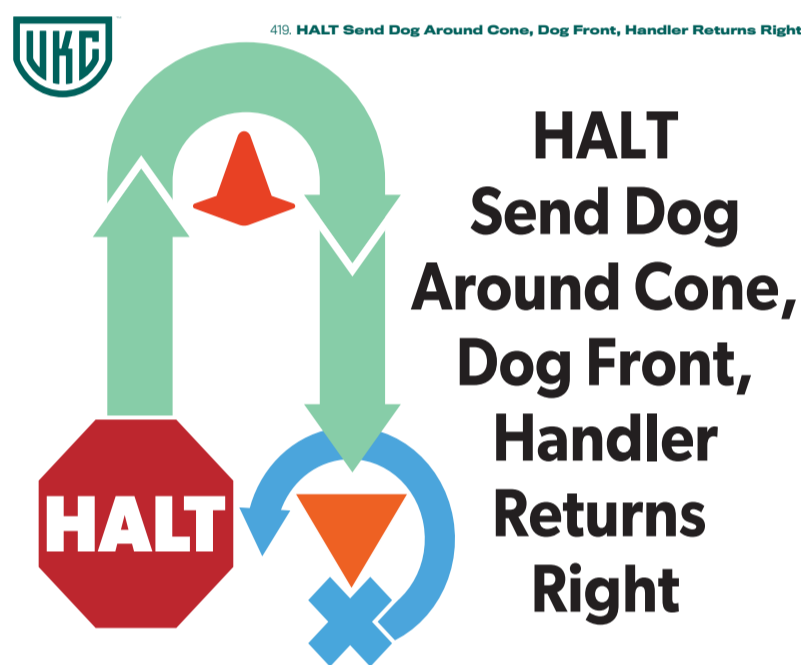
420: HALT - Send Dog Forward Around Cone, Front, Finish Right, 180° Pivot Right, Forward

421: HALT - Send Dog Forward Around Cone, Front, Finish Left, 180° Pivot Right, Forward

422: HALT - Send Dog Forward Around Cone, Return to Heel Right, 180° Pivot Right, Forward

423: HALT - Send Dog Forward Around Cone, Return to Heel Left, 180° Pivot Right, Forward

424: HALT - Leave Dog, Call Dog Over Jump, Handler Returns to Heel Right

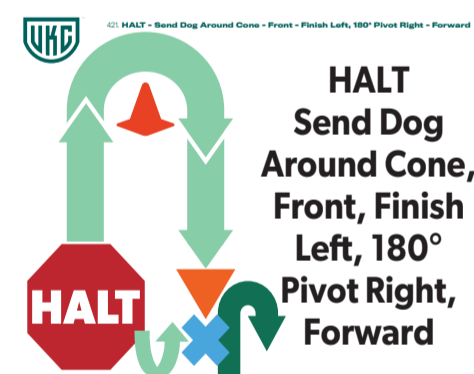
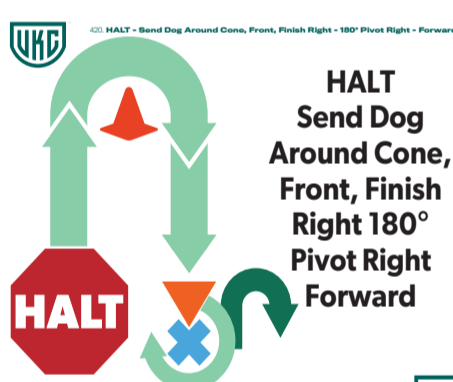


#### 419: HALT - Send Dog Forward around Cone, Return to Front, Handler Returns Right

To perform this exercise, the team will come to a complete halt at the exercise sign that will be placed approximately 6 feet from a cone or pylon. After the dog is sitting at heel, the handler will send the dog forward with the dog going around the cone in a clockwise direction. Once the dog goes around the cone, the dog will return to the handler, without pausing, and sit in front. The handler may use additional commands and/or signals to help the dog to perform the exercise properly. It is a major fault if the dog goes around the cone in a counterclockwise direction but will not result in a non-qualifying score.

After the dog is sitting in front the handler may command the dog to stay and the handler will return to the heel position by going counterclockwise to the right and behind the dog. The handler must make a distinct pause before moving to the next exercise station. The video for this exercise does not contain the beginning portion of the team walking up to the cone and the dog sitting – I apologize for the inconvenience.

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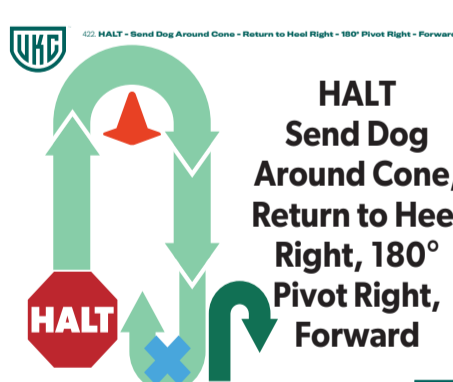
#### 420: HALT - Send Dog Forward Around Cone, Front, Finish Right, 180° Pivot Right, Forward 421: HALT - Send Dog Forward Around Cone, Front, Finish Left, 180° Pivot Right, Forward

Both these signs are similar except for the direction the dog finishes after the dog returns to front. To perform these exercises, the team will come to a complete halt at the exercises sign that will be placed approximately 6 feet from a cone or pylon. After the dog is sitting at heel, the handler will send the dog forward with the dog going around the cone in a clockwise direction. Once the dog goes around the cone, the dog will return to the handler, without pausing, and sit in front. The handler may use additional commands and/or signals to help the dog to perform the exercise properly. It is a major fault if the dog goes around the cone in a counterclockwise direction but will not result in a non-qualifying score.

**For Exercise 420:** Once the dog has come to the front position the handler will command and/or signal the dog to finish to the right. The dog will go around and behind the handler to return to heel position. Once the dog is sitting in heel position, the handler will make a 180° pivot to the right while the dog turns with the handler. After the completion of the pivot, the handler and dog will not pause but will continue forward in the new direction toward the next exercise sign.

**For Exercise 421:** Once the dog has come to the front position the handler will command and/or signal the dog to finish to the left. The dog will immediately go to the right side of the handler to return to heel position. Once the dog is sitting in heel position, the handler will make a 180° pivot to the right while the dog turns with the handler. After the completion of the pivot, the handler and dog will not pause but will continue forward in the new direction toward the next exercise sign.

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#### 422: HALT - Send Dog Forward Around Cone, Return to Heel Right, 180° Pivot Right, Forward 423: HALT - Send Dog Forward Around Cone, Return to Heel Left, 180° Pivot Right, Forward

Both these signs are similar except for the direction the dog finishes after the dog is sent forward and around the cone.

To perform these exercises, the team will come to a complete halt at the exercise sign that will be placed approximately 6 feet from a cone or pylon. After the dog is sitting at heel, the handler will send the dog forward with the dog going around the cone in a clockwise direction. Once the dog goes around the cone, the dog will return to the handler and will, without pausing, go directly to heel position as indicated by the sign and sit. The handler may use additional commands and/or signals to help the dog to perform the exercise properly. It is a major fault if the dog goes around the cone in a counterclockwise direction but will not result in a non-qualifying score.

**For Exercise 422:** After the dog has gone around the cone, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to go directly to heel position. Without stopping or pausing, the dog will go around and behind the handler to return to heel position. Once the dog is sitting in heel position, the handler will make a 180° pivot to the right while the dog turns with the handler. After the completion of the pivot, the handler and dog will not pause but will continue forward in the new direction toward the next exercise sign.

**For Exercise 423:** After the dog has gone around the cone, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to go directly to heel position. Without stopping or pausing, the dog will go immediately to heel position to the right of the handler. Once the dog is sitting in heel position, the handler will make a 180° pivot to the right while the dog turns with the handler. After the completion of the pivot, the handler and dog will not pause but will continue forward in the new direction toward the next exercise sign.

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#### 424: HALT - Leave Dog, Call Dog Over Jump, Handler Returns to Heel Right

There have been a few changes to the principle part and scoring of this sign. The dog must jump on the first command and/or signal. If the dog does not come to the handler and execute the jump on the first command and/or signal the dog will receive a major deduction. If the dog does not come to the handler and execute the jump on the second command and/or signal the dog will receive a non-qualifying score.

To perform this exercise, the dog and handler will come to a halt where the exercise sign is placed, approximately 8 feet from the jump. Once the dog is sitting at heel, the handler will command the dog to stay and will walk away from the dog by going to the right of the jump. The handler must walk at least 8 feet beyond the jump before stopping to turn and face the dog. The handler should be directly across from the dog and centered with the jump between them. Once the handler is facing the dog, the handler will call the dog over the jump. The handler may take several steps backward to aid the dog to come to the front position. The dog must come to the front position and sit. Once the dog is sitting in front the handler may command the dog to stay and the handler will return to the heel position by going counterclockwise to the right and behind the dog. The handler must make a distinct pause before moving to the next exercise station.

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