



OFFICIAL UNITED KENNEL CLUB RALLY OBEDIENCE 2020 RULE CHANGE GUIDE

WEEK 1 - SIGNS 133, 134, 135, 136, 201 & 202

Hello!

This is the first in a series of publications about the new Rally signs for 2020. I will be doing an in-depth presentation of some of the new Rally signs each week, which will be accessible any time. Please contact me with any questions regarding the signs.

UKC will be hosting a Rally and Obedience workshop at Premier this year. The workshop will be held on Thursday, June 11 and Friday, June 12. Please watch our website and social media pages for more information.

This week, we will cover these signs:

133. Curl – Dog Inside 3 Cones

134. Curl – Dog Outside 3 Cones

135. Ribbon Loop Right

136. Ribbon Loop Left

201. Halt – Face Dog, Call Dog Front – Finish Right

202. Halt – Face Dog, Call Dog Front – Finish Left



Exercise 133. Curl – Dog Inside 3 Cones

For this exercise, the dog and handler will be going around each of 3 cones with a full circle before moving onto the next cone, and then to the exit.

There will be 3 cones or pylons set in a straight line about 6 feet apart. When entering, the dog should be between the cones and the handler. The first cone the team approaches will be on the dog's left side. The team will go between the first and second cone and make a counterclockwise circle around the first cone. As the circle is completed, the team will approach the second cone and enter between the second and third cones to make a second counterclockwise circle around the second cone. As this second circle is completed, the team will approach the final cone and slightly pass this cone to make a complete counterclockwise circle around the third cone.

The team will exit the exercise and will be going in the same direction they were headed when they began the exercise.

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Exercise 134. Curl – Dog Outside 3 Cones

This exercise is very similar to Exercise 133, but the team will enter so the handler is between the cones and the dog. The first cone the team approaches will be on the handler's right side. The circles will be performed clockwise for each cone, and the team will be heading in the same direction when exiting that they were when entering.

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Exercise 135. Ribbon Loop Right

Exercise 135 is a loop turn. When performing this exercise, it is easiest to imagine that a cone is sitting in the pathway and the team must make a loop around the cone before continuing.

For the Ribbon Loop Right, the handler will approach the imaginary cone with the cone on their right side, circle the cone, cross over the path they started from, and continue forward.

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Exercise 136. Ribbon Loop Left

This exercise is very similar to Ribbon Loop Right, but the team will approach the exercise with the imaginary cone on the left side rather than the right.

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Exercise 201. Halt Face Dog, Call Dog Front – Finish Right

For this exercise, the handler must leave their dog in a sit-stay position and walk about 10 feet forward before stopping and turning to face the dog, similar to a recall Obedience exercise. The handler must come to a complete halt, and then call the dog to front. The handler will not be penalized for using their hand signals to direct the dog into a front position.

Once the dog has executed the front position in a sit, the handler will command or signal the dog to return to heel on the right. This means that the dog will go around and behind the handler to come into heel position.

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Exercise 202. Halt – Face Dog, Call Dog Front – Finish Left

Exercise 202 is very similar to Exercise 201. The handler will leave their dog in the sit-stay position and walk about 10 feet forward before stopping and turning to face the dog. The handler must come to a complete halt and will then call the dog to front. The handler will not be penalized for using their hands to direct the dog into a front position.

Once the dog has executed the front position in a sit, the handler will command or signal the dog to return to heel on the left. This means that the dog will go around and behind the handler to come into heel position.

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