

Rally Obedience
Non-qualifiers & Major Point Deductions

Deductions totaling more than 10 points for any single exercise in non-qualifying

Knocking over cone or sign is a 5-point deduction

Failure to perform an exercise properly shall be a minor to significant deduction to a maximum of 10 points depending on how much of the exercise was executed properly

Dog-Owner teams that exceed the max allotted time are non-qualifying

Harsh physical or verbal corrections are an NQ. Any handler excused from the ring for harshness on 2 separate occasions is prohibited from competing for 2 years

If the dog leaves the ring while on course, it's an NQ

Use of food as a lure during an exercise is an NQ

If the dog-owner team performs an exercise out of order it is an NQ

A dog's failure to respond to the first cue is a 3-point deduction

If the handler moves to the side (instead of straight back) for the 'front' to get the dog straight, it's a 3-point deduction

Breaking a sit, but remaining in position is a 3-point deduction

Failure to sit at each halt is a 5-point deduction. If the dog fails to sit AND fails to remain in heel position, additional points are deducted.

For the 'Sit-Down-Sit' – Failure to sit after the down is NQ. Standing from the down is a substantial deduction

For the 'Halt-Sit-Walk Around' – Breaking the sit before the handler returns to heel & cues the dog to heel is an NQ.

For the 'Halt-Sit-Down-Walk Around' – Breaking the down before the handler returns to heel & cues the dog to heel is an NQ.

For the 'Halt-1,2,3 Steps Forward' – Each failure to sit is a 3 point deduction