



Official Rule Changes



Summary

This document serves as a compilation of the major and minor changes to the CARO Master General Handbook (MGH) since the last publication of the MGH in March 2018 and the Working Handbook in 2017. These rule changes will be published in the next new handbooks (release date TBD). Major changes will be printed in red ink in the MGH. Several minor revisions are included in this summary but will not be highlighted in the handbook edits. These changes include grammatical issues and clarifications to the rules based on current knowledge.

This document has been compiled by the document secretary and reviewed by several members of the Executive as well as the Rules Committee. If you notice anything that is incorrect or unclear, please email boardofdirectors@canadianrallyo.ca

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Master General Handbook

CARO Advanced Class

Clarification on wording

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Station 43 – HALT – Leave – Call (Dog) Front While Running

Change in the Deductions section: "Failure of the handler to take 2-3 steps before calling the dog results in an NQ-IP" to "Failure of the handler to pass the indicated 5 ft line before calling the dog results in an NQ-IP".

CARO Excellent Class

Clarification on wording

Pg. 43

Change "No food, toys or physical praise are permitted in the ring or o the course." To

"No food or toys are permitted in the ring. Physical praise is permitted before starting the course and after the course ends".

Station mis-numbered

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When the new MGH was issued, the equipment exercises were accidentally mis-numbered.

The numbering on the signs is correct and the descriptions should have the stations numbered:

- Station 64 – Spread Jump
- Station 65 – Tunnel
- Station 66 – Weave Poles

Additional Titles

Removal of point – C Stream Rules

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Remove "C Stream will follow the regular class judging. E.g. Advanced C to follow Advanced A and B or Excellent C to follow Excellent and Versatility C to follow Versatility."

Certificates of Achievement

Correction

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Only Versatility Excellent scores count towards the CARO Supreme Versatility Excellent Champion title.



Working Level

New Title

A team which has completed all the working titles, from both subdivision one and subdivision two, will be considered to have a CARO Working Champion title, denoted by the prefix CWCh.

CARO will award Rosettes to dog and handler teams that have accumulated the necessary qualifying scores for the CARO Working Champion title.

Physical Praise

Addition: Upon completion of an exercise, whether successful or not, the owner may choose to briefly pet or touch the dog as a reward. If the owner touches the dog mid exercise (for example, after the dog completes one cone in Round the Clock), the judge shall tell the competitor to “move on” to the next attempt at the exercise or to the next exercise after the second attempt, or in Expert.

Physical praise is allowed as the teams move between exercises, for example, in the form of hand targeting.

Touching the dog to put it into a position (Sit, Down, Stand), or guiding the dog between exercises by the collar is considered to be a physical correction and will result in an NQ. This will result in the loss of all Passes already accumulated in the round.

Entries:

Addition: At the clubs discretion Working Class may be offered at one level, mixed levels or all three levels. The competitor may enter 5 exercises in a Round of Working Class offered.

Barrel Racing (all levels):

Clarification: For consistency, the dog must sit when returning to the handler after all cones have been circled.

Distance Signals (all levels):

Clarification: “Dogs are allowed to leave the box during the required behaviour but should return to the box on completion of the required behaviour. The handler may cue the dog to return to the box after the required behaviour *using physical signals only*.”



Elite – Designated Retrieve

Clarification: In the procedure section that reads “ The Judge or steward will have three cards marked ‘Left’, ‘Centre’ and ‘Right’ or some other clearly defined choice”, it should read that there are six cards marked ‘Left, Centre’, ‘Left, Right’, ‘Centre Left’, ‘Centre Right’, ‘Right Left’, ‘Right Centre’.