

RALLY O - HINTS & TIPS

No Clock Watching in Rally

Who is that person at the Rally ring holding a stop watch?
Yes – it IS a time keeper! BUT.... We really need people to forget about the timing in Rally.



The timing in Rally only affects 3 people – those who come in first, second and third. For everyone else in the ring the timing is totally irrelevant.

There is no course time in Rally, no time faults, no advantage to trying to be the fastest. It's just the opposite, in fact. Rally is about execution. Failure to carry out a station correctly will result in a 10 point deduction. Getting around fast won't get you those 10 points back.

Yes – the rules do say “The team moves at a brisk pace”, and yes – there is a deduction for “Lack of briskness”, and yes – some people are “brisker” than others but, what's that old saying? **Haste makes waste!** Don't blow a potentially good run out by trying to go too fast.

If you are rushing through the stations, what's most likely to happen is that the dog won't be sitting correctly before you move on, elbows won't be on the ground in the drops, the handler won't pause on a walk around Etc etc.

Many of the Rally signs are very similar - you really need to take time to read them carefully to do the correct exercise. And now we have more people in Advanced and Excellent, it is even more difficult because some signs have 3 or 4 different parts to each station that all have to be performed correctly to avoid the -10 IP deduction.

There are many ways to IP a station but rushing shouldn't be one of them.