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## **ATTENTION: ALL MEMBER BODIES**

The National Obedience & Tracking Committee has been liaising regarding the Rally Obedience rules and how Rally Obedience Trials can proceed and comply with Covid-19 restrictions.

Due to the COVID-19 virus and the various Federal and State Government requirements the ANKC National Obedience & Tracking (NOTC) has identified an area within the ANKC Rules for the Conduct of Rally Obedience Trials which needs temporary modification, to enable compliance with these requirements.

This modification does not change the intent of the rule but will enable the recommencement of trials once permission is given by each member body.

### **Current rule:**

#### ***Entering and Leaving the Ring:***

On the Steward's call of the dog's catalogue number, the Handler will enter the Ring with the dog on lead and up take position at the "Start Station". In the Exercises that require a dog to be off lead, **the lead will be taken off and handed to the Steward**. All dogs must leave the Ring on lead.

**Modify to - the lead will be taken off and **retained by the handler**.**

**PLEASE NOTE: Once social distancing rules have been lifted, this exercise must comply with the current Rally Obedience rule immediately.**

**Member Bodies and their Affiliates are responsible for sanitising regimes for Judges and Stewards.**

Regards

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