



Below is a link to a YouTube video on how to read a Rally-FrEe course map:

<https://youtu.be/57wCZPq4KSg>

### **How to Read a Course Map**

On each course map there are 15 signs plus the start sign. Connecting these signs is a “line of travel”. This line is the path the dog and handler team will take when navigating the course. The signs are positioned on either the left or right of the line of travel. It’s important the team follow this line of travel so as not to incur an “off course”. Signs that direct the dog-and-handler team to change direction, such as left- or right or about-turn signs, will be placed at the center of the line of travel, so that they are directly in front of the dog-and-handler team. Sign #8, Prop weave will be placed at the base of the first prop.

Station signs that are “married” or placed next to each other in the same location on the map are to be performed one after the other, left to right, as if reading a sentence and in the order on the course sign list to the right of the map.

Next to or near each sign on the map a letter indicates the location of the dog in relation to the handler, on approach or just before performing the sign behavior. The letter L indicates the dog should be in left heel position. The letter R indicates the dog should be in right heel position. The letters C and B indicate center and behind positions respectively. These letters are placed in relation to the signs and line of travel and indicate where the dog and handler team should perform the indicated sign behavior.

Courses here are divided by class. Novice courses are the 100 series, Intermediate courses are the 200 series, Advanced courses are the 300 series and Champion and Grand Champion course are the 400 series. Alternative courses have an “A” designation. Most courses with the same last 2 digits can be nested.