

RCA Agility Squads and Progression

At Rayleigh Canine Agility, every dog and handler is part of the RCA Squad — and there's a place for everyone, whether you're just starting out or chasing top-level performance. Each squad is designed to help you and your dog progress at your own pace while building confidence, skill, and connection.

Beginners - RCA Rookies - "Every Squad Member starts somewhere."

For beginners and young dogs starting their agility journey.

Intermediate - RCA Rising Stars - "The Squad's next generation of agility stars."

You've done some agility and looking to continue their agility journey.

Advanced - RCA Pro Team - "Where Squad Members become competitors."

For dogs and handlers nearly ready /just started competing. Can do a full course but may not have closed weaves yet.

Competition Group - RCA Elite Team - "Top of the pack and leading the way."

Perfect for dogs that are competing and moving up the grades.

Introducing the RCA Badge Progression Pathway

At Rayleigh Canine Agility, we believe every dog and handler deserves recognition for their progress, from the first tunnel run to standing proudly in the competition ring.

Our new **RCA Badge Progression Pathway** celebrates each stage of your agility journey, helping you track your achievements, stay motivated, and feel part of something bigger. Each badge represents growth in skill, teamwork, and confidence — earned through dedication, fun, and a shared love of agility.

The Four Core Levels

- **RCA Rookies (Blue)** – Building solid foundations, focus, and confidence on the equipment.
- **RCA Rising Stars (Red)** – Developing drive, consistency, and understanding in sequences.
- **RCA Pro Team (Black)** – Competition-ready teams refining their handling and accuracy.
- **RCA Elite Team (Gold)** – Our top-level handlers and dogs, competing at the highest standard and representing RCA in the agility community.

Once you reach **Elite**, you'll have the opportunity to earn **RCA Graded Stripes** as you win up through Kennel Club Grades 1–7, finishing with the **Champ Stripe** — a true mark of excellence and dedication.

Whether your goal is to grow your partnership, step into the ring, or chase those Championship dreams, your RCA badges are milestones of pride along the way.