**RULES**

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H General Rules and Regulations apply in this department.
2. Entries are open to dogs identified in 4hOnline as 4-H projects by May 15 of the current year that meet the division and class qualifications.
3. The fee of $2 per class entered must be paid with the entry.
4. **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS** - Must bring current Rabies Certificate or an official Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection with the rabies certificate number listed and date of vaccination to the Fair.
5. **HOUSING** cannot be provided on the Fairgrounds for dog entries; thus, exhibitors should plan to arrive Sunday morning and will be released at the completion of their classes.
6. **CHECK-IN PROCEDURES** will begin at 7:00 a.m. and will continue until 8:30 a.m. This procedure will include checking class entries, veterinarian inspection and checking Rabies Certificate. Exhibitors should report to the Dog Show Office with their dogs for this processing. They will receive exhibitor number and exhibitor t-shirt at check-in.
7. **EXHIBITOR CONDUCT** - exhibitors shall not strike dogs nor use any other unnecessarily harsh physical means of disciplining dogs. The exhibitor must be ready when the class is called.
8. **EXHIBITOR DRESS** - State Fair exhibitor’s t-shirt or white blouse or shirt with blue, black or khaki jeans, slacks or dress shorts (no athletic shorts or pant cuffs). No caps or hats are allowed in the show ring. It is recommended that exhibitors wear tie shoes, no sandals or slip on shoes.
9. **EQUIPMENT** - All dogs must be leashed or crated while waiting for their class to be called. Dog owners will provide their own water pan and food. The use of choke chains and buckle collars in obedience and show leads in handling are to be used while showing. No prong or pinch collars, gentle leaders or harnesses will be used in the show rings at any time.
10. Any bitch in season or nursing may not be shown.
11. Dogs are to be shown by the 4-H member.
12. Exhibitor and dog experience determine class level. State Fair classes may vary from County Fair classes. Show scores from the previous year’s Iowa State Fair 4-H Dog Show will be used to determine class level along with experience of the exhibitor and dog. **Years completed include the current year and all previous years a dog was shown.** A qualifying score is achieved when an exhibitor earns 170 points (out of 200 points) or more and achieves 50% of the points or better for each exercise in his/her class. When an exhibitor achieves this standard he/she must advance to the next class with the exception of Novice B, Graduate Novice B and Open B. However, an exhibitor may advance to the next level without a qualifying score (see class description). An exhibitor who does not achieve a qualifying score may remain in the same class for the following year; the only exception to this is for Pre-Novice “A” exhibitors who must advance to Pre-Novice “B” the next year.
13. **This is NOT** an AKC sanctioned dog show. AKC rules have been used as guidelines; however, some class descriptions may differ from AKC. It is recommended that youth attend an AKC show or obtain a copy of their rules prior to exhibiting at the Iowa State Fair. This will assist exhibitors in knowing and understanding some of the expectations of a dog show. In accordance with AKC guidelines, bating is not allowed. Any bating will result in a severe scoring penalty.
14. All exhibitors should note that dogs belonging to the general public are not allowed on the Iowa State Fairgrounds. If individuals question you about this policy, please inform them that you are a 4-H exhibitor and that you and your dog are here for the 4-H Dog Show. Only service dogs are allowed in buildings (other than the Livestock Pavilion) on the Fairgrounds.
15. If you are to be exhibiting in a handling and an obedience class (including rally) at the same time, the **handling** class has precedence. Let the ring steward in your obedience/rally ring know where you are. Show times are estimated. Exhibitors are responsible for checking with both ring stewards for actual show times. Judges do not have to hold up classes for a single exhibitor.
16. No practicing will be allowed in the show rings.
17. No food or bait is allowed in the obedience/rally rings.
18. No harsh or excessive corrections are to be made on the grounds.
19. Premiums - A total of $1000 will be prorated on the ratio of 5, 4, 3 and 2 or purple, blue, red and white award groups in the Obedience Division.
20. Jumps - Jumps will be measured at shoulder height (withers) for the classes listed below.

**Obedience - Division 30**

1. Entries in this division are open to purebred or mixed breed dogs which are owned by the exhibitor or in partnership with parent or guardian. In all cases, the dog is to have been trained, cared for and managed by the exhibitor.
2. Titled dogs may be entered only in classes above their title.
3. There are no limits on the number of dogs exhibited. However, each dog may enter only one obedience class and each exhibitor may only enter one rally class.
4. 4-H exhibitors may only have one entry in each obedience class.
5. Ribbons will be awarded as follows:
   - **Purple** 190-200 points
   - **Blue** 170-189 ½ points
   - **Red** 150-169 ½ points
   - **White** 149 ½ or lower
6. The top scoring dog in each class will receive a special award. Novice A through Graduate Open classes will compete for overall top scoring dog.
Qualifying Scores
A. If a dog/exhibitor achieves a qualifying score in a class at the previous year’s Iowa State Fair, he/she must move up to the next class.
B. Qualifying score = 170 points or above

CLASS - Class Description
- **Pre-Novice “A” - Obedience** - This class is ONLY for dogs and exhibitors in their first year of 4-H dog obedience training. Dogs will heel, stand for examination and do the figure 8 all on leash. They will recall off leash and do sits for one minute and downs for three minutes on leash. Dog must not have completed any leg toward any CD degree.
- **Pre-Novice “B” - Obedience** - For dogs in their first year of training and for exhibitors who have had previous dog obedience experience or for exhibitors who have not achieved a qualifying score in Pre-Novice A at the previous year’s Iowa State Fair 4-H Dog Show or for first year project exhibitors who have achieved a qualifying score in a non 4-H dog obedience show or have a dog with previous experience. Dogs will heel, stand for examination and do figure 8 all on leash. They will recall on leash and do long sits for one minute and long downs for three minutes on leash. Dogs must not have finished any leg toward any CD degree.
- **Sub Novice - Obedience** - For dogs and handlers who did not receive a qualifying score at the previous year’s Iowa State Fair 4-H Dog Show in the Pre-Novice “B” Class. Exercises: heel on leash, figure 8 on leash, recall on leash, stand for examination on leash, sit-stay for one minute and down stay for three minutes on leash. Dogs must not have finished any leg toward any CD degree.
- **Novice A - Obedience** - For exhibitors who have achieved a qualifying score in a 4-H dog obedience show in a Pre-Novice A or Pre-Novice B class at the previous year’s Iowa State Fair 4-H Dog Show. A qualifying score is not required to advance to this class. Dogs entered in this class may not be entered in classes 3001, 3002 or 3003. Dogs will heel and do figure 8 on leash and heel off leash, stand for examination off leash, recall off leash, do long sits for one minute and long downs for three minutes off leash. This class is open to dogs and handlers that have not completed any leg toward any CD degree.
- **Novice B - Obedience** - For exhibitors who have achieved a qualifying score in Novice A at the previous year’s Iowa State Fair 4-H Dog Show. When a member receives a blue or purple ribbon in this class in prior years, he/she MUST move on to the Graduate Novice Class. Dogs will heel and do figure 8 on leash and heel off leash, stand for examination off leash, recall off leash, do long sits for one minute and downs for three minutes off leash. This class is open to dogs that have not completed their third leg toward any CD degree.
- **Graduate Novice A - Obedience** - This class is open to project exhibitors who have achieved a qualifying score in a 4-H dog obedience show in the Novice B at the previous year's Iowa State Fair 4-H Dog Show. However, a qualifying score is not required to enter this class. Dogs will open heel free, figure 8 exercise OFF leash, drop on recall, dumbbell recall, recall over high jump and recall over broad jump OFF leash and long down with handler out of sight for three minutes. Open to dogs that do not have any legs toward a CDX degree.
- **Graduate Novice B - Obedience** - For exhibitors who have or have not achieved a qualifying score in Graduate Novice A at the previous year’s Iowa State Fair 4-H Dog Show. Dogs will open heel free, figure 8 exercise OFF leash, drop on recall, dumbbell recall, recall over high jump and recall over broad jump OFF leash and long down with handler out of sight for three minutes. Open to dogs who do not have any legs toward a CDX degree.
- **Open A - Obedience** - This class is open to project exhibitors who have achieved a qualifying score in the Graduate Novice class at the previous year’s Iowa State Fair 4-H Dog Show. However, a qualifying score in Pre-Novice, Novice or Graduate Novice is not required to enter this class. Dogs will heel and figure 8 off leash, drop on recall, retrieve on flat, over the high jump and perform the broad jump and do three minute sits and five minute downs off leash and with exhibitor out of sight. Open to dogs that do not have a CDX degree.
- **Open B - Obedience** - This class is open to project exhibitors who have achieved a qualifying score in the Open A class at the previous year’s Iowa State Fair. However, a qualifying score in Pre-Novice, Novice or Graduate Novice is not required to enter this class. Dogs will heel and figure 8 off leash, drop on recall, retrieve on flat, over the high jump and perform the broad jump and do three minute sits and five minute downs off leash, and with exhibitor out of sight. Open to dogs with a CDX degree.
- **Graduate Open - Obedience** - This class is open to project exhibitors and dogs that do not have a UD title. Dogs will do 1. signal exercise, 2. scent discrimination, 3. directed retrieve, 4. moving stand for exam, 5. go out half length, 6. directed jumping (1 jump only). Dogs will perform signal exercise as in Utility except that the dog will be 10-20 feet and handle may give command or signal on judge’s signal to stay, down, to sit to come and to finish. Dogs will perform scent discrimination the same as in Utility except there will be only four articles - two leather and two metal - handler and dog remain facing article and only one article is retrieved. It is the handler’s discretion on which article is retrieved. Direct retrieve is the same as in Utility except no center glove is used.
- **Rally** - This class is open to every exhibitor. All exercises are performed on leash at a variety of stations. Exercises may include, but are not limited to, jumping exercises. Divisions include Junior, Intermediate and Senior.

HANDLING (SHOWMANSHIP) - DIVISION 31
1. Entries in this division are open to purebred or mixed breed dogs and must be owned by the exhibitor or in partnership with parent or guardian.
2. All exhibitors entering the Handling Division MUST ALSO enter and exhibit in at least one Obedience Class, this includes rally.
3. The exhibitor is limited to one entry in this division.
4. The handler grades are as of the current completed school year.
5. Class determination is based on the age of the handler.
6. Handling classes will be judged using the following Showmanship Score Card:
   - **Exhibitor (appearance, attitude)** ...................... 15 points
   - **Dog Grooming and condition** ......................... 25 points
   - **Handling** .............................................. 30 points
   - **Questions** .................................................. 30 points
   - Total: .................................................................... 100 points
7. Ribbons will be awarded as follows: purple - 90-100 points, blue - 80-89 points, red - 70-79 points and white - 69 points or less.
8. First place winners in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions will receive a Top Handler Award.

CLASS
- **Junior Handling** (grades 5-6)
- **Intermediate Handling** (grades 7-8)
- **Senior Handling** (grades 9-12)