

DOG OBEDIENCE & HANDLING – No Health Papers Required

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RULES: (Be familiar with the General Livestock Rules)

- 1) Exhibitors must have a Dog ID form entered into 4-H Online by May 15th.
- 2) **Veterinarian will be on site at the Big 4 Fairgrounds this year to examine the animal before the beginning of the show, no health papers required at check-in.**
- 3) Any dog that growls, snaps, lunges, snarls, is unmanageable, unruly and/or attempts to bite the judge, superintendent, exhibitors, or another dog during the show or any of the training sessions may be asked not to participate during show and aggressive dogs will be disqualified from competing at the fair.
- 4) **Current rabies certification** must be on file in the Extension Office by May 15th or the date of the first dog class, whichever comes first.
- 5) Classes must be entered into FairEntry.com by June 15th.
- 6) **Dogs are to be on the grounds during day of judging only. Dogs must be leashed or kenneled and kept away from buildings with livestock and non-livestock exhibits in them.**
- 7) Dogs may be shown by exhibitor only.
- 8) The exhibitor must be the primary trainer.
- 9) Exhibitors with two years or less of 4-H or FFA experience in the Dog Show **MUST** attend at least 6 of the 8 two-hour Dog Obedience classes to be able to show during the fair. Attendance at classes is highly recommended, but not required for exhibitors with 3 or more years of experience. The number of years of experience for the exhibitor participating in a county fair and/or a state fair dog show will determine whether attendance at classes is required.
- 10) Any female in season may not be shown.
- 11) Clover Kids may participate in dog classes, but a responsible adult needs to attend sessions with them.
- 12) Clover Kids (with adult present) will be allowed to participate in a special non-competitive exhibition show prior to the dog show.
- 13) Dog owners will provide their own water pan and food.
- 14) Choke chains and buckle collars should be used in obedience classes. Show leads should be used while showing in other divisions. No prong or pinch collars, gentle leaders, or harnesses will be used in the show ring at any time.
- 15) **This is NOT an AKC sanctioned dog show. AKC rules have been used as much as possible. It is recommended that youth attend an AKC show or obtain a copy of their rules prior to exhibiting. This will assist exhibitors in knowing and understanding some of the expectations of a dog show.**
- 16) No food or bait is allowed in the Obedience/Rally rings. Treats allowed only in Agility and Showmanship.

30100: Clover Kids Exhibition Show

Dog Handling/Showmanship Division Exhibitors will be automatically entered into the appropriate Showmanship class and should notify the Superintendent or Fair Staff if they choose not to participate on the day of the show. **See General Showmanship Contest rules.**

Showmanship will be judged by the following score card:

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| Exhibitor (attitude and appearance) | 15 pts |
| Dog (grooming and condition) | 25 pts |
| Handling | 30 pts |
| Questions | <u>30 pts</u> |
| Total | 100 pts |

Senior Handling/Showmanship

Intermediate Handling/Showmanship

Junior Handling/Showmanship

Each dog may be entered into only one obedience class, one rally class, and one agility class.

Obedience Division

Ribbons will be awarded as follows:

- Purple: 190-200 points
- Blue: 170-189.5 points
- Red: 150-169.5 points
- White: 149.5 or lower

Qualifying Scores

If a dog/exhibitor achieves a qualifying score in a class at a previous years' fair, he/she must move up to the next class.

- Qualifying score = 170 points or above
- Previous scores will be available at the dog classes or by calling the Extension Office by June 15.

30300: Beginner Novice A

1st year for both exhibitor and dog.

- Heel ON Leash 40 pts.
- Figure 8 ON Leash 40 pts.
- Sit for Examination ON Leash 40 pts.
- Sit/Stay Handler Walks Ring Drop Leash 40 pts.
- Recall (No Finish) Off Leash 40 pts

30301: Beginner Novice B

2nd + year exhibitor/2nd year dog OR either exhibitor or dog with previous training experience, but 1st year for the other Team member. Exhibitor/dog team may enter this class until exhibitor has received a qualifying score.

- Heel ON Leash 40 pts.
- Figure 8 ON Leash 40 pts.
- Sit for Examination ON Leash 40 pts.
- Sit/Stay Handler Walks Ring Drop Leash 40 pts.
- Recall (No Finish) Off Leash 40 pts

30302: Preferred Novice A

Exhibitor/dog team may enter this class 1 year.

- Heel & Figure 8 ON Leash 40 pts
- Stand for Examination Off Leash 30 pts.
- Heel Free Off Leash 40 pts
- Recall with Finish Off Leash 30 pts.
- Stay – Sit or Down, Handler Walks Ring 30 pts.
- Sit Stay – Get Your Leash 30 pts.

30303: Preferred Novice B

Exhibitor/dog team may enter this class until exhibitor has received a qualifying score.

- Heel & Figure 8 ON Leash 40 pts
- Stand for Examination Off Leash 30 pts.
- Heel Free Off Leash 40 pts
- Recall with Finish Off Leash 30 pts.
- Stay - Sit or Down, Handler Walks Ring 30 pts.
- Sit Stay – Get Your Leash 30 pts.

30304: Novice A

Exhibitor/dog team may enter this class 1 year.

- Heel on Leash and Figure Eight 40 pts
- Stand for Examination 30 pts.
- Heel Free Off Leash 40 pts
- Recall with Finish Off Leash 30 pts.
- Sit Stay - Get Your Leash 30 pts.
- Group Exercise – Sit & Down Stay 30 pts.

30305: Novice B

Exhibitor/dog team may enter this class until exhibitor has received a qualifying score. You may compete in Novice B Class for as many years as possible unless you have competed in another sanction AKC Show. In that case you would have to move up to the Graduate Novice A Class.

- Heel on Leash and Figure Eight 40 pts
- Stand for Examination 30 pts.
- Heel Free Off Leash 40 pts
- Recall with Finish Off Leash 30 pts.
- Sit Stay - Get Your Leash 30 pts.
- Group Exercise – Sit & Down Stay 30 pts.

30306: Graduate Novice A

This class is for dogs attempting dumbbell work and have not received a qualifying score.

Exhibitor/dog team may enter this class 1 year. Exhibitors must provide their own dumbbell for this class.

- Heel Free and Figure Eight 40 pts
- Drop on Recall Off Leash 40 pts.
- Dumbbell Recall Off Leash 30 pts.
- Dumbbell Recall Over High Jump Off Leash 30 pts.
- Recall Over Broad Jump Off Leash 30 pts.
- Sit/Down (3 min) Handler Out of Sight Drop Leash 30 pts

30307: Graduate Novice B

This class is for dogs that readily carry the dumbbell, or have received a qualifying score in Graduate Novice A. Exhibitors must provide their own dumbbell for this class.

- Heel Free and Figure Eight 40 pts
- Drop on Recall 40 pts.
- Dumbbell Recall 30 pts.
- Dumbbell Recall Over High Jump 30 pts.
- Recall Over Broad Jump 30 pts.
- Stand Stay – Get Your Leash 30 pts.

30308: Preferred Open

No limit on the number of years exhibitor/dog team may enter. Exhibitors must provide their own dumbbell for this class.

- Heel Free and Figure Eight 40 pts
- Command Discrimination (Stand, Down, Sit) 30 pts.
- Drop on Recall 30 pts.
- Retrieve on Flat 20 pts.
- Retrieve Over High Jump 30 pts.
- Broad Jump 20 pts
- Stand Stay – Get Your Leash 30 pts.

30309: Open

No limit to the number of years exhibitor/dog team may enter. Exhibitors must provide their own dumbbell for this class.

- Heel Free and Figure Eight 40 pts
- Command Discrimination (Stand, Down, Sit) 30 pts.
- Drop on Recall 30 pts.
- Retrieve on Flat 20 pts.
- Retrieve Over High Jump 30 pts.
- Broad Jump 20 pts
- Stand Stay - Get Your Leash 30 pts.

Rally Division:

This class is open to every exhibitor. Exercises are performed at a variety of stations and may include jumping exercises. Each dog may only enter one rally class. The number of stations does not include the START and FINISH.

Qualifying Scores

- A. If a dog/exhibitor achieves a qualifying score in a class at the previous years' fair, he/she must move up to the next Class.
- B. Qualifying score = 70 points or above

30400: Novice Rally

- 10-15 signs performed ON LEASH. No jumps, 3-5 stationary signs.
- Exhibitors may choose to enter Intermediate Rally OR Advanced Rally upon receiving a qualifying score in Novice Rally.
- Intermediate Rally will be ON LEASH: Advanced Rally will be OFF LEASH.

30401: Intermediate Rally

12-17 signs performed ON LEASH. No jumps, 3-7 stationary signs, at least 3 advanced level signs.

30402: Advanced Rally

12-17 signs performed OFF LEASH. Includes 1 jump, 3-7 stationary signs and at least 3 advanced level signs.

30403: Excellent Rally

15-20 signs performed OFF LEASH. Includes 2 jumps, 3-7 stationary signs, at least 2 advanced level signs, at least 3 excellent level signs, and the sit/stay sign.

30404: Master Rally

15-20 signs performed OFF LEASH. Includes 1 jump, 3-7 stationary signs, at least 4 master level signs, 1 required jump (301, 302 or 303), 3 excellent level signs, and 3 advanced level signs.

There are no retries for any of the signs on the Master Rally course. Unlike in the Novice Rally, Intermediate Rally, and Advanced Rally classes, handlers are not allowed to pat their legs or clap their hands to encourage the dog without penalty. Verbal encouragement, multiple commands, and/or inaudible signals using one or both arms are allowed. Handlers may not touch their dog or make any physical corrections without penalty.

Agility Division:

Agility is a timed event obstacle course that includes jumps, tunnels, and other obstacles as trained for by the exhibitor and dog. Novice Agility—for dogs shown in Obedience Beginner Novice classes and dogs that are not ready to go off leash.

30500: Novice Dogs (ON leash) – All Heights

Advanced Agility—for dogs shown in Preferred Novice or above obedience classes. You must be able to demonstrate control of your dog off leash to participate in Advanced Agility.

30500: Novice Dogs (ON leash) – All Heights

30501: 8” Class – Dog height 11” and under (OFF leash)

30502: 12” Class – Dog height 11-14” (OFF leash)

30503: 16” Class – Dog height 14-18” (OFF leash)

30504: 20” Class – Dog height 18-22” (OFF leash)

30505: 24” Class – Dog height over 22” (OFF leash)

** Best in Show Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded to the handler with the highest total scores from Obedience, Rally, and Agility Classes regardless of which dog earned each score. Showmanship scores will be used in the event of a tie. Handlers are eligible for Best in Show Champion or Reserve, despite the number of dogs shown.

Fun – Train your dog to do a trick not covered in obedience (examples might be shake, roll over, catching a Frisbee, etc.) The judge will select the best trick demonstrated. Points don't apply to the Best in Show award.

30600: Trick Class

(Exhibitor and/or Dog must complete in another dog obedience class instead of just competing in the trick class)

| Division | Class | Award |
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| 301: Clover Kids | 30100 | Clover Kids Exhibition Show Clover Kids Ribbon |
| 302: Dog Handling/ Showmanship | 30200 | Senior Showmanship G: Choice Award R: Pink Rosette |
| | 30201 | Intermediate Showmanship G: Purple Banner R: Pink Rosette |
| | 30202 | Junior Showmanship G: Purple Banner R: Pink Rosette |
| 303: Dog Obedience | 30300 | Beginner Novice A Ribbons |
| | 30301 | Beginner Novice B Ribbons |
| | 30302 | Preferred Novice A <i>Ribbons</i> |
| | 30303 | Preferred Novice B <i>Ribbons</i> |
| | 30304 | Novice A <i>Ribbons</i> |
| | 30305 | Novice B <i>Ribbons</i> |
| | 30306 | Graduate Novice A <i>Ribbons</i> |
| | 30307 | Graduate Novice B <i>Ribbons</i> |
| | 30308 | Preferred Open <i>Ribbons</i> |
| | 30309 | Open <i>Ribbons</i> |
| | 30300-30309 | <i>Dog Obedience Champion</i> <i>G: Purple Banner R: Pink Rosette</i> |
| 304: Dog Rally | 30400 | Novice Rally <i>Ribbons</i> |
| | 30401 | Intermediate Rally <i>Ribbons</i> |
| | 30402 | Advanced Rally <i>Ribbons</i> |
| | 30403 | Excellent Rally <i>Ribbons</i> |
| | 30404 | Master Rally <i>Ribbons</i> |
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| 305: Dog Agility | 30500 | Novice Dogs | <i>Ribbons</i> |
| | 30501 | 8" Class | <i>Ribbons</i> |
| | 30502 | 12" Class | <i>Ribbons</i> |
| | 30503 | 16" Class | <i>Ribbons</i> |
| | 30504 | 20" Class | <i>Ribbons</i> |
| | 30505 | 24" Class | <i>Ribbons</i> |
| | 30500-30505 | <i>Dog Agility Champion</i> | <i>G: Purple Banner R: Pink Rosette</i> |
| 306: Fun | 30600 | Trick Class | G: Purple Rosette R: Pink Rosette |
| <i>Best in Show</i> | <i>30300-30505</i> | <i>Best in Show: Based on Points Grand and Reserve Must be 2 Different Exhibitors</i> | <i>G: Purple Banner R: Pink Banner</i> |