Dog Division Rules

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Official 4-H Regulations Pertaining to County, State and Interstate Shows for Dogs (4-H106e)

Ownership
1. Dogs must be individually or family owned for handling classes.
2. In dog obedience classes when the 4-H’er is the trainer, ownership of the animal is not required; however, the 4-H’er should take an active role in the care and training of the dog.
3. When registration papers are involved, the papers must either be in the 4-H’ers name or show a logical family relationship. (This applies only in handling classes.)
4. Dogs changing ownership after being identified as a project are ineligible to be exhibited as 4-H animals for that 4-H year.

Identification
1. Dogs must be identified by name, rabies vaccination number and information about training.
2. Animals identified as a part of a 4-H project cannot also be identified as an FFA Project.

Deadline
Dogs must be identified in 4-H Online and in the 4-H’ers possession by June 1

All dogs must be entered in FairEntry at https://sioux.fairentry.com by June 15. NO LATE ENTRIES ALLOWED
1. Mixed and purebred dogs are allowed. Age 5 months and up
2. Exhibitors and each dog must attend 7 of the 9 scheduled classes to be eligible to show at the Sioux County Youth Fair.
3. Dogs may be entered in the pet division as well as dog obedience.
4. Current certification of vaccinations needed, including rabies. This is an absolute MUST to participate in the scheduled project classes. Bring documentation to the first class session.
5. Dogs are to be exhibited by the 4-H’er.
6. The dog originally enrolled must be the dog shown. No substituting of dogs.
7. A 4-H’er may show more than one dog with each dog being in a different obedience class. (No dog may be exhibited in more than one obedience class.)
8. Any female dog in season may not be exhibited or attend obedience class.
9. All dogs must be signed up for obedience class to be in handling class. Handling class is entry is optional.
10. Any handler and dog that received blue ribbon in a previous class are encouraged to advance to the next class. (exception – 2 years allowed in Pre-Novice B)
11. Superintendents reserve the right to advise advanced handlers as to class participation.
12. The trainer, or superintendents, reserve the right to excuse any dog that shows aggressive behavior during the classes and at the show.
13. Entries will not remain on the fairgrounds, but rather must be present only for the show. All dogs must be on leash or crated while waiting for their class to be called.
14. Exhibitor Conduct – Exhibitors shall not strike dogs nor use any other unnecessarily harsh physical means of disciplining dogs. The exhibitor shall be ready with the dog when their class is called. Each exhibitor is expected to act in a sportsman-like manner at all times.
15. Exhibitors are reminded to bring necessary equipment to provide adequate care for their dogs during waiting periods. (Water or food)
16. Blue, Red and White ribbons will be awarded. All age groups and all classes will compete together.
17. Check-in time 7:30 a.m., Tuesday July 11. Dogs not identified with proper ID on 4-H Online will NOT be allowed to show.

Rally Obedience Objectives, Description and Guidelines

Objective: Rally offers both the dogs and handlers an experience that is fun and energizing. It provides a variety of exercises that are a continuation of exercises already learned in obedience class. Rally-O encourages a strong team bond between handler and dog. The main objective of rally is to produce dogs that have been trained to behave in the home, in public places, and in the presence of other dogs, in a manner that will reflect positively on the sport of rally at all times and under all conditions.

Dog Obedience Division:
Class 30101 Intro
• First year of training for dog AND handler
Class 30102 Beginner Novice A
- Dog and/or handler must have completed one year of Intro training – exhibitor may only enter this class for one year

Class 30103 Beginner Novice B
- Is for dog/handler teams, where either the dog has had previous training, but this is the first year for the exhibitor, or for an exhibitor with experience, but this is the first year for the dog
- This class is also open to the exhibitor/dog teams in their 3rd year of training that did not receive a qualifying score in Beginners Novice A last year

Class 30104 Preferred Novice A
- A handler/dog team may enter this class 1 year

Class 30105 Preferred Novice B
- A handler/Dog team may enter this class until they receive a qualifying score

Any dog that has earned a “PCD” level title or higher before January 1 of the current year is not eligible to enter these classes

Class 30106 Novice A
- A handler/Dog team may enter this class 1 year

Class 30107 Novice B
- A handler/Dog team may enter this class until they receive a qualifying score

Any dog that has earned any “CD” level title before January 1 of the current year is not eligible to enter these classes

Class 30108 Graduate Novice A
- For dogs attempting he dumbbell work and have not received a qualifying score

Class 30109 Graduate Novice B
- For dogs that readily carry the dumbbell, or have received a qualifying score in Graduate Novice A

Dogs must not have received any “CDX” level titles

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Dog Handling – to compete in handling classes, the dog and handler must be enrolled in an obedience class
Class 30203 Junior Handling (grades 4, 5, 6)
Class 30202 Intermediate Handling (grades 7, 8, 9)
Class 30201 Senior Handling (grades 10, 11, 12)

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Dog Rally and Agility
Description: AKC Rally is the new dog sport that is taking the nation by storm. The canine team moves at their own pace, Rally was designed with the traditional pet owner in mind, but can still be very challenging for those who enjoy higher levels of competition.
A rally course includes 10 to 20 stations depending on the level. These stations are variations on obedience exercises. Scoring is not as rigorous as traditional obedience. Communication between handler and dog is encouraged and perfect heel position is not required, but there should be a sense of teamwork between the dog and handler. Unlimited communication between handler and dog is encouraged and not penalized.

Rally Ring:
- Ring size 40 x 50; adjusted slightly as needed (at least for Rally Novice).
- Floor covered with mats.

Rally Novice – For student/dog team that have completed a minimum one year of obedience.

Rally O – Option to add Rally Advanced and Rally Excellent as entries dictate. The rules for this event would closely follow AKC Rally rules, adjusting for the 4-H setting.
Dog Rally Division
Class 30301 Rally Novice
• For student/dog team that have completed a minimum one year of obedience
Class 30302 Rally Advanced
Class 30303 Rally Excellent

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Dog Agility Division:
1. All first- and second-year exhibitors must enter and exhibit their dog in obedience class in order to participate in the agility division.
2. Third year or beyond exhibitors must enter and exhibit their dog in an obedience and/or rally class in order to participate in the agility division.
3. Scoring for all agility classes will be based on performance and course time.
4. The exhibitor is limited to one entry per class.
5. Agility classes will use a variety of equipment which may include any of the following: 12’ dog walk, 9’ A-frame, 12’ teeter, single jumps, double jumps, triple jumps, weave poles, panel jumps, board jump, pipe tunnel, closed tunnel, pause table and tire jump.
6. Any dog who has received an agility title should be shown in classes 30306 or above.

Class 30304 Beginners Agility A
For dogs and exhibitors in their first year of dog agility training. Dogs will follow a course on leash.

Class 30305 Beginners Agility B
For dogs in their second year of agility training or for exhibitors that have trained a dog in agility before, but this is the first year for the dog.

Class 30306 Novice Agility
For exhibitors in their second year or greater and dogs who are in their first to third year of training. Leash is optional.

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