



# 4-H DOG FAIR BOOK



## General Information

**Cooperation:** The Larimer County Fair & Rodeo is held in cooperation with the Larimer County Board of Commissioners, The Ranch, the Larimer County Fair Board, the PRCA Rodeo Board and the Larimer County Office of Colorado State University Extension.

**Executive Committee:** Made up of a County Commissioner, CSU Extension Director, The Ranch Director, The Fair Board President, and the Rodeo Chairman.

**Overall Fair Management:** The Ranch Fair Staff, specifically the Competitions Coordinator, 4-H Specialist and volunteer Superintendents.

**Fairground Location:** The Larimer County Fair is held at The Ranch. The mailing address of the Fair Office is 5280 Arena Circle, Suite 101, Loveland, Colorado 80538. Phone 970-619-4000; Fax 970-619-4001.

**Responsibility:** The Ranch, Larimer County Fair Board, Fair Show Committee and Extension staff will use reasonable diligence to ensure safety of exhibits after their arrival and placement. Under no circumstance will the parties listed be responsible for any loss or damage done to, occasioned by, or arising from any animals or articles on exhibit. The exhibitors shall indemnify The Ranch, Larimer County Fair Board, the Fair Show Committee, Extension staff and volunteers of all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto. The entry of any exhibits on the fairgrounds by any and all exhibitors shall signify his or her agreement to abide by this rule.

**Leash Law:** Larimer County and the City of Loveland require all dogs to be on a leash at all times on public property. Bringing dogs to the Larimer County Fair & Rodeo is discouraged except for the 4-H Dog Project and/or licensed service dogs.

**First Aid and Emergencies:** Every effort will be made to have Emergency Medical Services personnel on site during the Larimer County Fair & Rodeo. In the event of a life-threatening emergency, call 911.

## McKee Exhibition Hall Schedule

Interview Judging will be on Tuesday, July 29, 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Bring projects at the time of your interview.

The McKee 4-H Building is open for public viewing:

Friday, August 1 ..... 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 2 ..... 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 3 ..... 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Monday, August 4 ..... 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 5 ..... 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

## Larimer County Fair

### Congeniality Award

The Ted and Mabel Thompson Fair Congeniality Memorial Award will be presented to a Junior Fair exhibitor who works "above and beyond the call of duty" at the 2025 Larimer County Fair. Nominations are to be made via letter to the Extension Office, postmarked no later than **September 26**, and should include a brief description of what the individual did to make the 2025 Larimer County Fair a better event. Anyone can nominate an exhibitor. The award will be presented at the county 4-H Achievement Program.

## Exhibitor General Rules and Regulations

**1. Entries – Prior Entry is required in all departments.** Entry through FairEntry <http://larimercountyfair.fairentry.com> must be completed by **11:30 p.m., July 7.**

**2. Late Entries – Fair Entries received after 11:30 p.m. July 7 are subject to a \$10 late charge per class. No late entries will be taken after 3:50 p.m. on Wednesday, July 9 for exhibits.**

**3. Premiums and Special Awards:** Exhibitors who win a placing ribbon with their static exhibit or in the Dog Show, i.e., Blue (1<sup>st</sup>), Red (2<sup>nd</sup>), White (3<sup>rd</sup>) receive a cash award (premium). **Exhibitors who receive a trophy with their static exhibit or in a contest may choose to turn the trophy in to the administration office during the designated times to receive a cash award.** Exhibitors may collect payment for premiums and special awards during the following times in the **Administration Office, The Ranch, and the McKee 4-H Building**

**Wednesday, August 6:** 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **McKee 4-H Building**

**Thursday, August 7:** 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Friday, August 8:** 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

**Award Money not collected before noon, Friday, August 8 will be forfeited. No Exceptions.**

**4. Judging** – See the judging schedule posted on the website. The decision of the judges will be final. No exhibitor shall be permitted to follow the judges while the awards are being made. No exhibitor, parent, or superintendent shall try to influence the judge, or in any way hinder the progress of judging. Any discourtesies to the superintendents, judges, or fair officials by the exhibitor, parent, or other person shall be reported to the **Superintendent or Extension staff person with responsibility for that particular class or area.** Violators of this rule will be barred from one or more future Larimer County Fairs.

**Any spectator that is interfering with the judging of any event will be asked to leave the area.**

**5. Release of Exhibits** – Exhibits shall be released at 7:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 6. All exhibits in the 4-H Building must be picked up between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 6. Unauthorized Removal of any exhibit before the designated time will cause the forfeiture of award money. Early or late removal requires a written approval from the affected Coordinating Superintendent or Extension contact person.

**6. Rule Violation** – A report of a rule violation may be communicated by any means to a member of the **Dog Show Committee** or Superintendent with responsibility for that particular class or area. All reports regarding conduct or activity during the County Fair shall be made immediately. Any reports of violations of Fair rules will be promptly, impartially, and fully investigated. The identity of the individual(s) making

reports of possible violations or protests and the identity of individuals against whom allegations have been made will be confidential and only revealed as is necessary to investigate the allegations and for any disciplinary hearings. A **Dog Show Committee member** or Superintendent with responsibility for that particular class or area will communicate final decisions with appropriate parties.

**7. Protest** – A protest is an allegation that a specific rule of the Larimer County Fair has been violated and must be made in writing and be signed by the person making the protest (and signed by at least one adult). Such protest must set out the particular allegations in detail and state which specific Larimer County Fair rule has been violated on the Appeal Form. A protest must be accompanied by \$100.00 for protests. All protests shall be submitted to the **Dog Show Committee** with responsibility for that particular class or area immediately after the occasion for such protest, up to 2 hours after the decision or incident being protested. No protest of the Judge's decision will be considered.

A **Dog Show Committee** has been established and will include 2 recruited Superintendents with knowledge of the issue/topic and the 4-H Youth Development Specialist to support making an unbiased and informed decision.

A final decision will be made and communicated in writing to the protester and individual in question from the **Dog Show Committee**. Any exhibitor, 4-H parent or legal guardian, or 4-H leader who violates any rule or regulation may be subject to forfeiture of all privileges, awards, and premiums and to such other penalty as agreed to by the **Dog Show Committee**.

**8. Unsportsmanlike Conduct** – When an exhibitor, parent or leader is guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct and/or inhumane/unethical treatment of an animal, the privilege of that person to participate in future Larimer County Fairs may be revoked.

**9. Alcohol/Drug Restrictions:**

- a. Pursuant to Colorado Statute 12-47-901(1)(h)(I), it is illegal to bring any outside alcoholic beverages onto the Larimer County Fairgrounds and Events Complex, including parking lots and camping areas.
- b. Alcoholic beverages not purchased on the premises will be confiscated immediately and may result in fines and/or ejection of parties with alcohol from the premises.
- c. Alcohol use is discouraged as it violates the 4-H Youth Development Program philosophy.
- d. The use of Marijuana/CBD or other illegal drugs is strictly prohibited.
- e. **The use of Marijuana or CBD in any display, food item, or exhibit is prohibited. Exhibits with such use will be disqualified and exhibitor may be barred from showing at fair.**

## 4-H Rules & Regulations

**1. Eligibility:** Only members in good standing regularly and actively enrolled in the Larimer County 4-H program who have carried out and completed all required project work to date, are eligible to exhibit and show in the 4-H fair classes. Members must have passed their 8th birthday but not their 19th birthday on December 31, 2024. 4-H exhibitors must be enrolled in the project in which they are exhibiting.

**2. Prior Entry:** Prior entry is required in all 4-H departments. See section 1 under Exhibitor General Rules and Regulations above.

**3. Adding Classes:** Classes may be created by Extension Specialists for emerging youth development programs under auspices of Larimer County Office of Colorado State University Extension.

**4. Code of Conduct:** The Larimer County Fair and Rodeo is a family event environment. Patron's behavior is expected to be consistent with this family atmosphere. Any violations of rules at The Ranch, local ordinances, or State Statutes may result in eviction from the facility and/or the filing of criminal charges. All 4-H members, parents and leaders must abide by the Colorado 4-H Code of Conduct.

### Colorado 4-H Code of Conduct

**4-H Members, Leaders, Parents, and other Adults participating in 4-H Programs will:**

- 1. Adhere to program rules, curfews, dress codes, policies, and rules of the facility being used.**
- 2. Conduct themselves in a courteous, respectful manner, use appropriate language, exhibit good sportsmanship, and act as positive role models.**
- 3. Abstain from illegal behaviors, use of alcohol, marijuana, illegal or illicit drugs, and tobacco including e-cigarettes and vaping device during 4-H events and activities.**
- 4. Fully participate in scheduled activities.**
- 5. Respect others' property and privacy rights.**
- 6. Respect the rights and authority of parents, leaders, and Extension Agents.**
- 7. Abstain from abuse (physical and/or verbal) and harassment.**
- 8. Accept personal responsibility for behavior including any financial damage.**
- 9. Be responsible for any financial damage caused by inappropriate behavior.**
- 10. Adhere to principles and rules of safety.**

**Consequences for violating any part of this code of conduct may include, but are not limited to: removal from participation in the event in which the code of conduct has been violated (at the individual's expense); sanctions on participating in future 4-H events; forfeiture of financial support for the event; removal from offices held, etc.**

**Behavior outside of 4-H activities can affect "member in good standing" or "volunteer in good standing" status.**

**It is the responsibility of all program participants to reinforce the code of conduct and intervene, when necessary, to enforce the rules.**

## **Colorado 4-H Dress Code**

The following dress code has been developed for 4-H members and leaders to exhibit their best appearance during any 4-H events or activities. If you choose to dress inappropriately, you will be asked to change. Planning ahead will save you the inconvenience of changing your attire during the 4-H event or activity and ensure that you contribute to a pleasant 4-H atmosphere.

Please be advised that the following dress code will be enforced for all 4-H members attending 4-H events and activities.

- Clothing: All clothing shall be neat, clean, acceptable in repair and appearance, and shall be worn within the bounds of decency and good taste as appropriate for 4-H events and activities.
- Articles of clothing which display profanity, products, or slogans which promote tobacco, alcohol, drugs, sex or are in any other way distracting, are prohibited.
- Excessively baggy or tight clothing which advertises gang symbols or affiliation is prohibited.
- Items of clothing which expose bare midriffs, bare chests, undergarments, or that are transparent (see-through) are prohibited. Tank tops with straps wider than one inch are permitted. Please be advised that spaghetti straps, shirts which expose a bare back, halter tops, and tube tops are prohibited.
- Shorts must be fingertip length or longer.
- Hats need to be removed for meetings, workshops, meals, and other times when asked to remove them.
- Shoes must be worn at all times deemed appropriate.

## **Dogs**

Superintendent – Anna Parrish  
Extension Contact – Rachel Wildman

### **Show Schedule**

Friday, July 18: Dog Show Set Up, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Friday, July 18: Early Dog Show Vet Check and Show Check-In, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Friday, July 18: Dog Dress-A-Pup Contest and Games, 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday, July 19: Dog Show Vet Check and Check-In, 7:00 – 8:15 a.m.  
Saturday, July 19: Dog Showmanship Written Test, 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.  
Saturday, July 19: Dog Showmanship, Obedience & Rally Classes, 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday, July 20: Dog Agility Set-Up, 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday, July 20: Dog Agility Vet Check & Check-In, 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday, July 20: Dog Agility Show, 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday, July 20: 4-H Dog Awards Ceremony, 5:00 p.m.

### **Requirements**

1. Members must be enrolled in the 4-H Dog Project. Dogs entered must have been a part of the project since March 1, 2025, or earlier. The member must own or lease his/her dog individually or in partnership with a parent or guardian during the complete duration of the project.
2. An exhibitor may show only one dog per class **in Obedience, Showmanship, Rally and Agility. No leased dogs will be allowed to show at the State Fair.**
3. **For Obedience, Rally and Agility, the same dog may not be shown in the same discipline more than once by more than one family member.**
4. All Dog 4-H exhibitors are required to have a Dog Identification Certificate in the 4honline system for each dog they plan to show at the 2025 Larimer County Fair by May 1. Exhibitors are not required to show all dogs that they ID.
5. Prior Entry is required for all classes. A copy of the dog's current (through September 1, 2025) rabies vaccination information should be on file with each Dog ID. **Vaccination certificates should accompany dog at check in at County Fair Dog Show. All dogs, including puppies, must be vaccinated for Rabies, Canine Distemper and Parvovirus to show at the County Fair and the Colorado State Fair. Bordetella is strongly encouraged but not required.**
6. **Proof of Rabies vaccination must come from a licensed veterinarian, or the dog is not legally considered vaccinated. If the member's dog receives Rabies immunizations which are given by anyone who is not a Colorado State licensed veterinarian, these immunizations will not be recognized by law should the dog bite someone.**
7. **Hybrid Dogs (wolf/coyote) will not be allowed to enter the Larimer County Fair 4-H Dog Show.**
8. All Dog 4-H exhibitors are required to present their up-to-date record book at Fair check-in time, or they will not be allowed to show. (Please bring a hard copy of your record book.) Books are available at the following website: <https://larimer.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-home/4-h-projects/>  
**Also, please review the e-record link on the website for the specifics regarding what is considered up to date for Fair check-in purposes. If records are not up to date, the animal can't be shown at the 2025 Fair.**

9. **All dogs must be on a 6' or less, non-retractable leash when on the Fairgrounds except during judging.**
10. **All exhibitors will be responsible for clean-up after their dogs.** Failure to do so can be a basis for dismissal from the County Fair Dog Show and/or forfeiture of any placing.
11. **Females in season**, obviously pregnant or lactating will **not** be allowed to compete in any classes at the County Fair.
12. It will be the **Judge's responsibility** to determine if a dog is unsound. A lame dog may be asked to leave the ring.  
**Larimer County 4-H Dog Show officials can and will dismiss any entrant or his/her family from the show for any mistreatment of dogs entered in this show.**
13. Any negative behavior on the part of the exhibitor, family members or leaders will result in disqualification and awards forfeited.
14. Any question as to the rules or the judging of a class, adult family members or leaders must approach the **Show Official** and not the judge. The **Show Official** will then take the question to the judge if warranted. **The Judge's decision is final.**
15. Dogs which are deemed to be a danger to people or other dogs can and will be removed from the show and all classes forfeited. This will be determined by the Superintendent.
16. Judging will be held Saturday, July 19 & Sunday, July 20. **Check-in, including a Vet Check will be from 7:00 – 8:15 a.m. on Saturday** in the North Exhibition Hall, First National Bank Building on the Fairgrounds. **The Showmanship Written Test will be given to all members at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 19.** Showmanship starts at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 19, followed by Obedience and Rally. Check-in, including a **Vet Check (all dogs) will be from 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. on Sunday** in the entry to the MAC Indoor Arena, on the Fairgrounds. **Agility starts at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 20. Please be on time, vets will not be available after designated times.**
17. Larimer County Dog Show Dress Code - This dress code is to be followed by all Junior, Intermediate and Senior 4-H members, as well as adult leaders. Deviations from the dress code will result in a request to change. This dress code is not subject to personal interpretation. Appropriate dress consists of:
  - Clothes are clean in good repair, free of holes, tears, or slashes.
  - Clothes are free from violent or drug-related material, or anything that alludes to violations of the 4-H Code of Conduct.
  - Shorts must be mid-thigh length. No cut-off shorts allowed.
  - All items designated as underwear are kept under cover.
  - No halter-tops, tube tops, or tops that expose undergarments.
  - No pants or shorts that expose undergarments.
  - No spaghetti straps on shirts or dresses, with the exception of formal attire, or when under suit jackets. If the suit jacket is removed, the shirt must be covered by another means.
  - No see-through garments or muscle shirts.
  - Shoes must be worn at all times. Proper foot attire for dog showing are shoes which are closed-toed. No flip flops, sandals, or other open-toed shoes will be allowed in the show ring for any class.
  - No pajamas during the show.
  - Appropriate clothing must be worn in all dog show classes, including Obedience and Rally.
  - The members will be given 5 minutes to change into an appropriate outfit if the Judge or Show Official deems their clothing inappropriate.
  - If the clothing has been deemed inappropriate by a Judge or Show Official, the member can be denied the opportunity to show their dog until the clothing has been changed.
  - It is always a good idea to have another person observe you before you go into the ring making sure that the clothing you are wearing is appropriate when bending, stooping or kneeling while showing your dog. If it is not, it is advisable to change clothes.



18. Exhibitors will be assigned armband numbers that can be picked up the day of the show. Armband numbers will be the same for Saturday and Sunday events.
19. **Set up will only be allowed in designated areas. Spectators must stay at least ten feet from the ring.**
20. If a dog has failed an exercise, it will not ordinarily be re-judged unless the judge feels the dog's performance was prejudiced by peculiar and unusual conditions. In such a case, the judge may wish to re-judge the dog only on the portion of the exercise in which the unusual condition occurred.
21. Any dog that has been shown (by another handler) in obedience (4-H or other) is **ineligible** for the Pre-Beginner Novice A Class, even if the current exhibitor is a first-year member. The progress the dog has made determines the class in which it should be entered.
22. **Dog Eligibility**
  - A. After once earning a qualifying score in competition as a 4-H project dog in Obedience or Rally at State 4-H Dog Trials, that same dog is no longer eligible for exhibition in "A" level in the same class in which they previously qualified with a different handler.
  - B. Dog and handler teams who earn a qualifying score at the State 4-H Dog Trials are required to advance to the next class the following year.
    1. Exceptions to this rule are as follows: If a dog has received a qualifying score in Obedience classes: Graduate Novice, Open, Graduate Open, Utility, or Rally classes: Advanced/Excellent, or Masters at a previous State 4-H Dog Trials, they may stay in that same class as a "B" level competitor for as long as they need to complete the training required for them to move up to the next class.
23. AKC Obedience regulations will apply where possible. AKC registration of dogs is not required. AKC Obedience Regulations are available from: AKC Order Desk, 5580 Centerview Drive, Raleigh NC 27606-3390 (first copy free) or online at [www.AKC.org](http://www.AKC.org)
24. **Youth need to stay in their dress clothes for showmanship until runoffs are announced. In all classes, runoffs will be announced three times in five minutes. If the youth is not present after his time, his/her runoff chances will be forfeited.**
25. **The Dog Show Management has the right to combine classes.**
26. **Show Management will have final decision authority.**
27. **Awards:**
  - A. Individual Class Awards will be presented on Saturday. All **Division**, Overall and Agility Awards will be presented on Sunday.
  - B. Points will be totaled on the following basis for determining placing awards, plus the Champion and Reserve awards.
 

(1) Class Obedience Score .....	Maximum 200
(2) Showmanship Score .....	Maximum 200
(3) Rally Score .....	Maximum 100
(4) Agility Score .....	Maximum 100
  - C. Criteria for Ribbon Awards
 

**Obedience** – Participation ribbons will be awarded to each exhibitor in the Puppy Class. Ribbons will be awarded to each exhibitor in the Beginner Novice Class through the Utility Class on the following basis:

    - (1) Blue: 170 to 200 points.
    - (2) Red: 140 to 169 points.
    - (3) White: 139 or fewer points.

**Showmanship** – Ribbons will be awarded to each exhibitor on the following basis:

    - (1) Blue: 170 to 200 points

- (2) Red: 140 to 169 points
- (3) White: 139 or fewer points

**Rally** – Ribbons will be awarded to each exhibitor on the following basis:

- (1) Blue – 70 to 100 points
- (2) Red – 60 to 69 points
- (3) White – 59 or fewer points

**Agility** – Participation ribbons will be awarded to each exhibitor in the Pre-Foundation classes. Ribbons will be awarded to each exhibitor **in the Foundation Class through the Advanced Class** on the following basis:

- (1) Blue Award - **70 to 100 points**
- (2) Red Award - **60 to 69 points**
- (3) White Award – **59 or fewer points**

- D. Champions will be selected from the Blue Ribbon group in each class.
  - E. **Overall Handler Champion and Reserve Champion** – Selection will be determined by Showmanship, Obedience, Rally, and Agility scores for a single handler (scores do not have to be with the same dog across all four disciplines). **Handlers with multiple dogs will receive a combined score.** Members are eligible to win this award one time per 4-H age group (Junior, Intermediate, Senior).
  - F. **Triple Dog Champion and Reserve Champion - Selection** will be determined by combining the three highest scores from Showmanship, Obedience, Rally and Agility for the same dog/handler team. Ties will be broken by Showmanship Written Exam scores. Members are eligible to win this award one time per 4-H age group (Junior, Intermediate, Senior)
  - G. **Special Effort award(s)** will be given at the end of the show to deserving handler/dog team. Nominations will be accepted throughout the year **via email to the 4-H Agent, due 48 hours prior to the start of the show.**
28. **Colorado State Fair Dog Show** – The State 4-H Dog Trials will be held Saturday and Sunday, August 16 and 17, which is a different weekend than last year. The event will be held at the Colorado State Fair Palace of Agriculture (Ag Palace) in Pueblo. Check-in will begin at 7:30 a.m. and exhibitors are expected to check in no later than 8:30 a.m. on the day(s) they are showing. **Judging will begin as soon as check-in is complete. All Obedience classes; Rally: Intermediate, Advances, Excellent, Advanced/ Excellent (RAE), and Master; and Rally Teams classes will be held on Saturday, August 16. Showmanship and Novice Rally Classes will be held on Sunday, August 17.** Exhibitors must enter State Fair in the same class in which they qualified at the county level. **Qualifying scores are 170 and above in obedience and in showmanship. Qualifying scores are 70 and above in Rally.** Eligible exhibitors will be notified at the Larimer County Dog Show. Eligible exhibitors must register and turn in entry fee for State Fair, to Extension Staff by the end of the Larimer County Dog Trials on Sunday, July 20.
29. **Colorado State Agility Trials** – The State Agility Dog Trials will be held on Sunday, September 14 at the El Paso Fairgrounds. There will be an Agility Clinic on Saturday, September 13.
30. Please read all the General Information and Rules, Exhibitor Rules and 4-H Livestock Division Rules starting on page 1 of the Fair Book.

**Premiums will be:**

**Blue – \$3.00; Red – \$2.00; White – \$1.00**

## **Dog Showmanship**

1. **Prior Entry is Required.** Ages figured as of December 31, 2024.
2. Showmanship is limited to one dog per exhibitor (may be different dog than obedience).
3. **All exhibitors will present their dog on either a table, ramp or on the floor, based on the breed of the dog or the breed the dog is most like. Judges will take into consideration the size and physical abilities of the handler and may have a ring steward assist lifting a dog onto the table. Judges and exhibitors should refer to the current Table and Ramp list to ensure they have up-to-date information. The Table and Ramp list can be found on the AKC Website at: [https://images.akc.org/pdf/judges/table\\_breeds.pdf](https://images.akc.org/pdf/judges/table_breeds.pdf) It is mandatory that breeds are shown on a table, ramp, or floor as assigned.**
4. **A written Showmanship Test will take place outside the ring. This test will be proctored by trained volunteers or Superintendents in a separate area. Exhibitors will have an assigned time for Showmanship Test during which they are able to complete their test. If accommodations are needed for the written test, an email must be sent to the 4-H Agent or Superintendent(s) within two days of the entry deadline. Day of accommodations will be adjusted as needed with the understanding there will be limitations. Answers from the Dog Project Manual; “Dog Resource Handbook” from the Ohio State University.**
5. **The showmanship contest will be judged in the following manner: Dog Showmanship (Scoring)**
  - A. Appearance of Handler.....20 points**
    - Cleanliness and neatness of handler
    - Appropriateness of apparel
    - Conforms to Colorado 4-H Dress Code
    - Dangling items interfering with showing
  - B. Grooming of Dog.....30 points**
    - General condition of Dog (age considered)
    - Condition of coat (cleaned, groomed, not mats)
    - Clean Ears
    - Clean Teeth
    - Toenails correct length
  - C. Stacking.....35 points**
    - Control of Dog’s head at all times
    - Correct Position of front legs appropriate to breed (set judges’ side first)
    - Correct width apart, parallel & facing forward
    - Correct Position of rear legs appropriate to breed (set judges’ side first)
    - Point of hock straight down pastern to floor
    - Does not crowd others in line up
    - Stacking produces correct topline for breed
  - D. Examination.....35 points**
    - Stand properly during exam, does not sit or move away
    - Does not growl or snap
    - Dog tried to bite – dismissed from ring
    - Complete control of head during exam
  - E. Gaitting.....35 points**
    - Ability to follow patterns as directed by Judge
    - Dog fully visible to Judge in gaitting position
    - Proper gaitting in ring based on breed, age, conformation

Smoothness in turns  
Correct hand switching

**F. Breed Presentation 35 points**

Dog is responsive to handler  
Dog & handler work as a team within group  
Dog is under control  
Dog is moved correctly to the best of its ability  
Dog's main faults being minimized  
Dog is presented correctly for breed or most apparent breed

**G. Ability to answer written questions.....10 points**

1. Additionally, the Showmanship judge may ask exhibitors one or two 4-H approved questions about their dog in the ring.
2. Example questions would be "What type of breed is your dog?" or "What AKC breed group is your dog?"

**Total.....200 points**

6. A Qualifying Score will be 170 points out of the possible 200 points.

Please review the Colorado State 4-H Dog Level Progression Chart for clarification on class progression, which can be found in the Appendix of the State Premium Book.

<https://co4h.colostate.edu/statefair/Dog.pdf>

### **Junior Showmanship Division**

- **Class 500 Junior Novice Showmanship**  
This class is for members 8 – 10 years, their dogs in their first year in Showmanship, and have no prior experience with any other dog showing entity.
- **Class 501 Junior Open Showmanship**  
This class is for members 8 – 10 years and their dogs with previous experience in Showmanship.

### **Intermediate Showmanship Division**

- **Class 502 Intermediate Novice Showmanship**  
This class is for members 11 – 13 years, their dogs in their first year in Showmanship, and have no prior experience with any other dog showing entity.
- **Class 503 Intermediate Open Showmanship**  
This class is for members 11 – 13 years and their dogs with previous experience in Showmanship.
- **Class 504 Intermediate Advanced Showmanship**  
This class is for any member who has placed 1st – 10th at a previous State Dog Trial Intermediate Open Showmanship. If the youth who has shown in the Intermediate Advanced Class gets a new dog, they must continue to show in that class.

### **Senior Showmanship Division**

- **Class 505 Senior Novice Showmanship**  
This class is for members 14 – 18 years of age, their dogs in their first year in Showmanship, and have no prior experience with any other dog showing entity.
- **Class 506 Senior Open Showmanship**  
This class is for members 14 – 18 years of age and their dogs with previous experience in Showmanship.
- **Class 507 Senior Advanced Showmanship**  
This class is for members who are 14 – 18 years of age who have placed 1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> at a previous State Dog Trial Senior Open Showmanship. If the youth who has shown in the Senior Advanced Class gets a new dog, they must continue to show in that class.

### **Master Showmanship Division**

- **Class 508 Master Showman Class**  
This class is for Intermediate and Senior Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Showmen from any previous State 4-H Dog Trial.
  - If the youth is in the Intermediate age group, when they become a Senior (at age 14) they must remain in the Master Showman Class.
  - If the youth who has shown in Master Showman in past years should get a new dog, they must remain in the Master Showman Class.

- Once a youth has won Grand Champion Master Showman, they are required to show in Master Showman for their remaining years as a 4-H member with the same dog they won Grand Champion.

Champion Junior Novice Showman .....	Trophy/Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Novice Showman .....	Rosette
Champion Junior Open Showman .....	Trophy/Rosette
Reserve Champion Junior Open Showman .....	Rosette
Champion Intermediate Novice Showman.....	Trophy/Rosette
Reserve Champion Intermediate Novice Showman .....	Rosette
Champion Intermediate Open Showman .....	Trophy/Rosette
Reserve Champion Intermediate Open .....	Rosette
Champion Intermediate Advanced Showman .....	Trophy/Rosette
Reserve Champion Intermediate Advanced .....	Rosette
Champion Senior Novice Showman .....	Trophy/Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Novice Showman .....	Rosette
Champion Senior Open Showman .....	Trophy/Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Open Showman .....	Rosette
Champion Senior Advanced Showman .....	Trophy/Rosette
Reserve Champion Senior Advanced Showman .....	Rosette
Champion Master Showman .....	Trophy/Rosette
Reserve Champion Master Showman .....	Rosette

## **Dog Obedience**

1. In all classes, **except Puppy Class**, up to 15 points will be deducted in the obedience classes for the following: strong correction, disciplining, fouling the ring, excessive barking, leaving the ring, rules violation or showing fear. **In all Obedience classes, fouling the ring will be a 15 point deduction. The member will be allowed to finish their run.**
2. Handlers entered in B classes will be judged at a higher skill level (handler errors) than handlers entered in A classes.
3. Allowed collars in Obedience classes include: Flat or rolled leather with buckle or snap closure. Flat or rolled nylon collars with buckle or snap closure. Metal choke chain. No halties, gentle leaders, harnesses, pinch collars, or prong collars will be allowed in the show ring. Collars and leads must be 2 separate pieces. Slip leads are not allowed.
4. The length of your obedience leash should be 6 feet for all **Pre-Beginner Novice**, Beginner Novice **and Novice** classes but may be shorter for all other classes. No retractable leashes allowed.
5. No dog tags can be on the dog when showing in the ring. This includes name tags, rabies tags, or anything else that hangs from the dog's collar. It is very important that your dog wear tags at all times, except when in the show ring.
6. Exhibitors qualifying in an Obedience class at County Level regardless of if they attend State 4-H Dog Trials, are strongly recommended to move to the next appropriate class the following year (see State Class Progressions Chart).
7. Exhibitors may choose to enroll in a higher Obedience class than what is directed by the Dog Level Progression Chart with the approval of the County Dog Show Official.

## Puppy Class

Puppy classes will be for puppies which are not ready for regular obedience classes. Handlers are encouraged to use a reward system of food treats or toys in the ring to reward the puppy during and after each exercise. Double commands (or more) will be allowed. This will be a NO SCORE CLASS. The score sheet will consist of Excellent, Good or Needs Improvement.

**This class is available at the County Level but is not available at the State 4-H Dog Trials.**

- **Class 509 Puppy Class**
  - Loose Lead Walking
  - Sit for Exam
  - Recall
  - Down Stay
  - Serpentine Walking
  - Each Participant will receive a special ribbon

## Beginner Novice Obedience Division

- **Class 510 Pre-Beginner Novice A**

This class is open to handlers and their dog in their first year in Obedience; **Refer to General Dog Rule # 21.** Performed on leash; 6-foot required.  
**Members cannot show in Pre-Beginner Novice A for more than one year.**

A dog entered in the Pre-Beginner Novice A class must perform on leash the following exercises:  
(6-foot lead required)

- Heel on Leash..... 40 points
- Figure 8 on Leash ..... 40 points
- Sit for Exam on Leash ..... 40 points
- Sit Stay on Leash (45 Seconds) ..... 40 points
- Recall on Leash..... 40 points
- **Total..... 200 points**
- Champion Pre-Beginner Novice A..... Rosette
- Reserve Champion Pre-Beginner Novice A ..... Rosette

- **Class 511 Pre-Beginner Novice B**

This class is open to exhibitors or dogs with previous experience in Pre-Beginner Novice Obedience training or exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Pre-Beginner Novice A Obedience.

A dog entered in the Pre-Beginner-Novice B class must perform on leash the following exercises:  
(6-foot lead required)

- Heel on Leash ..... 40 points
- Figure 8 on Leash ..... 40 points
- Sit for Exam on Leash..... 40 points
- Sit Stay on Leash (45 Seconds)..... 40 points
- Recall on Leash..... 40 points
- **Total ..... 200 points**
- Champion Pre-Beginner Novice B ..... Rosette
- Reserve Champion Pre-Beginner Novice B ..... Rosette



- **Class 512 Beginner Novice A**

This class is open to Exhibitors with no prior experience in Beginner Novice Dog Training. **Members cannot show in Beginner Novice A for more than one year.**

A dog entered in the Beginner Novice A class must perform on and off leash the following exercises: (6-foot lead required)

• Heel on Leash .....	40 points
• Figure 8 on Leash .....	40 points
• Sit for Exam on Leash .....	40 points
• Sit Stay <b>off Leash</b> (walk around ring) .....	40 points
• Recall <b>off Leash</b> .....	40 points
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>200 points</b>
Champion Beginner Novice A .....	Rosette
Reserve Champion Beginner Novice A .....	Rosette

- **Class 513 Beginner Novice B**

This class is open to exhibitors and dogs with prior experience in Beginner Novice Obedience Training or exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Beginner Novice A Obedience.

A dog entered in the Beginner-Novice-B class must perform on and off leash the following exercises: (6-foot lead required)

• Heel on Leash .....	40 points
• Figure 8 on Leash .....	40 points
• Sit for Exam on Leash .....	40 points
• Sit Stay <b>off Leash</b> (walk around ring) .....	40 points
• Recall <b>off Leash</b> .....	40 points
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>200 points</b>
Champion Beginner Novice B .....	Rosette
Reserve Champion Beginner Novice B .....	Rosette

**Beginner Novice Division Champion..... Bowl**

**Beginner Novice Division Reserve Champion..... Bowl**

### **Novice Obedience Division**

- **Class 514 Novice A**

This class is open to exhibitors with no prior experience in Novice Dog Training. **Members cannot show in Novice A for more than one year.**

A dog entered in Novice A class must perform the following exercises:

• Heel on Leash, then Figure 8 .....	40 points
• Stand for Exam (off leash) .....	30 points
• Heel free (figure 8 not included) .....	40 points
• Recall (handler about 35 feet from dog) .....	30 points
• Sit Stay – Get Your Leash .....	30 points
• Sit & Down Stay (on leash, one minute) .....	30 points
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>200 points</b>
Champion Novice A .....	Rosette
Reserve Champion Novice A .....	Rosette

- **Class 515 Novice B**

This class is open to exhibitors or dogs with prior experience in Novice Obedience Training or exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Novice A Obedience.

A dog entered in Novice B class must perform the following exercises:

- Heel on Leash, then figure 8 ..... 40 points
- Stand for Exam (off leash) ..... 30 points
- Heel free (figure 8 not included) ..... 40 points
- Recall (handler about 35 feet from dog) ..... 30 points
- Sit Stay – Get Your Leash..... 30 points
- Sit & Down Stay (on leash, 1 minute) ..... 30 points
- Total..... 200 points**
- Champion Novice B..... Rosette
- Reserve Champion Novice B..... Rosette

**Novice Division Champion..... Bowl**

**Novice Division Reserve Champion..... Bowl**

### **Graduate Novice Obedience Division**

- **Class 516 Pre-Graduate Novice A**

This class is open to members with no prior experience in Pre-Graduate Novice Dog Training.

**Members cannot show in Pre-Graduate Novice A for more than one year.**

A dog entered in the Pre-Graduate Novice A class must perform the following exercises:

- Heel on Leash..... 40 points
- Moving Stand and Exam (off leash)..... 30 points
- Heel Free and Figure 8 (off leash)..... 40 points
- Moving Drop on Recall..... 30 points
- Recall Over Broad jump.....30 points
- Sit Stay – Get Your Leash..... 30 points
- Total..... 200 points**
- Champion Pre-Graduate Novice A..... Rosette
- Reserve Champion Pre-Graduate Novice A..... Rosette

- **Class 517 Pre-Graduate Novice B**

This class is open to exhibitors and dogs with prior experience in Pre-Graduate Novice Obedience Training or exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Pre-Graduate Novice A Obedience.

A dog entered in the Pre-Graduate Novice B class must perform the following exercises:

- Heel on Leash..... 40 points
- Moving stand and Exam (off leash)..... 30 points
- Heel Free and Figure 8 (off leash)..... 40 points
- Moving Drop on Recall..... 30 points
- Recall Over Broad Jump..... 30 points
- Sit Stay Get Your Leash..... 30 points
- Total..... 200 points**
- Champion Pre-Graduate Novice B..... Rosette

Reserve Champion Pre-Graduate Novice B..... Rosette

- **Class 518 Graduate Novice A**

This class is open to members in their first year of Graduate Novice training. **Members cannot show in Graduate Novice A for more than one year.**

All exercises in accordance to AKC specifications, except registration of dog is not required.

- Heel on Leash and Figure 8 off leash..... 40 points
- Drop on Recall..... 40 points
- Dumbbell Recall..... 30 points
- Dumbbell Recall Over High Jump..... 30 points
- Recall Over Broad Jump..... 30 points
- **Stand-Stay, Get Your Leash**..... 30 points
- **Total**..... **200 points**
- Champion Graduate Novice A..... Rosette
- Reserve Champion Graduate Novice A..... Rosette

- **Class 519 Graduate Novice B**

This class is open to members in their second or higher year of Graduate Novice training **OR for members who did not earn a qualifying score in Graduate Novice A.** Exhibitor may stay in this class until ready to move up to Open Obedience regardless of whether a qualifying score is earned in Graduate Novice B.

All exercises in accordance to AKC specifications, except registration of dog is not required.

- Heel on Leash and Figure 8 off Leash..... 40 points
- Drop on Recall..... 40 points
- Dumbbell Recall..... 30 points
- Dumbbell Recall Over High Jump..... 30 points
- Recall Over Broad Jump..... 30 points
- **Stand-Stay, Get Your Leash**..... 30 points
- **Total**..... **200 points**
- Champion Graduate Novice B..... Rosette
- Reserve Champion Graduate Novice B..... Rosette

**Graduate Novice Division Champion..... Bowl**

**Graduate Novice Division Reserve Champion..... Bowl**

## **Advanced Obedience Division**

- **Class 520 Open A**

This class is open to members with dogs who have no prior experience in Open Handling. **A dog cannot show in Open A for more than one year.**

All exercises in accordance to AKC specifications, except registration of dog is not required.

- Heel Free and Figure 8 **off Leash**..... 40 points
- **Command Discrimination, Stand Down Sit**..... 30 points
- Drop on Recall..... 30 points
- Retrieve on Flat..... 20 points
- Retrieve Over High Jump..... 30 points
- Broad Jump..... 20 points
- **Stand-Stay, Get Your Leash**..... 30 points
- **Total**..... **200 points**
- Champion Open A..... Rosette
- Reserve Champion Open A..... Rosette

- **Class 521 Open B**

This class is open to members with dogs who are experienced in Open Handling **OR for exhibitors who did not earn a qualifying score in Open A**. Exhibitor and Dog teams may stay in this class until ready to move up to Graduate Open Obedience regardless of whether a qualifying score is earned in Open B.

All exercises in accordance to AKC specifications, except registration of dog is not required.

- Heel Free and Figure 8 **off Leash**..... 40 points
- **Command Discrimination, Stand Down Sit**..... 30 points
- Drop on Recall..... 30 points
- Retrieve on Flat..... 20 points
- Retrieve Over High Jump..... 30 points
- Broad Jump..... 20 points
- **Stand-Stay, Get Your Leash**..... 30 points
- **Total**..... **200 points**
- Champion Open B..... Rosette
- Reserve Champion Open B..... Rosette

- **Class 522 Graduate Open A**

This class is open to members who have no prior experience in Graduate Open. **A dog cannot show in Graduate Open A for more than one year.**

All exercises in accordance to AKC specifications, except registration of dog is not required.

- Signal Exercises..... 40 points
- Scent Discrimination..... 40 points
- Moving Stand and Exam..... 40 points
- Go Out..... 40 points
- Directed Jumping..... 40 points
- **Total**..... **200 points**
- Champion Open B..... Rosette
- Reserve Champion Open B..... Rosette

- **Class 523 Graduate Open B**

**This class is open to members who are experienced in Graduate Open or for exhibitors who did not earn a qualifying score in Graduate Open A.** Exhibitor and Dog teams may stay in this class until ready to move up to Utility Obedience regardless of whether a qualifying score is earned in Graduate Open B.

All exercises in accordance to AKC specifications, except registration of dog is not required.

• Signal Exercises.....	40 points
• Scent Discrimination.....	40 points
• Moving Stand and Exam.....	40 points
• Go Out.....	40 points
• Directed Jumping.....	40 points
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>200 points</b>
Champion Open B.....	Rosette
Reserve Champion Open B.....	Rosette

- **Class 524 Utility A**

**This class is open to members with dogs who have no prior experience in Utility Handling. A dog cannot show in Utility A for more than one year.**

All exercises in accordance to AKC specifications, except registration of dog is not required.

• Signal Exercise.....	40 points
• Scent Discrimination-Leather.....	30 points
• Scent Discrimination-Metal.....	30 points
• Directed Retrieve of Glove.....	30 points
• Moving Stand and Exam.....	30 points
• Directed Jumping.....	40 points
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>200 points</b>
Champion Utility A.....	Rosette
Reserve Champion Utility A.....	Rosette

- **Class 525 Utility B**

**This class is open to members with dogs who are experienced in Utility Handling Or for exhibitors who did not earn a qualifying score in Utility A.** Exhibitor and Dog teams may stay in this class for the remainder of their 4-H years.

All exercises in accordance to AKC specifications, except registration of dog is not required.

• Signal Exercise.....	40 points
• Scent Discrimination-Leather.....	30 points
• Scent Discrimination-Metal.....	30 points
• Directed Retrieve of Glove.....	30 points
• Moving Stand and Exam.....	30 points
• Directed Jumping.....	40 points
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>200 points</b>
Champion Utility B.....	Rosette
Reserve Champion Utility B.....	Rosette

**Advanced Division Champion..... Bowl**

**Advanced Division Reserve Champion..... Bowl**

## **Veterans Obedience Division**

Any dog 7 years old or over may be shown in the Veteran Division.

Veteran Division dogs will be allowed/required to jump  $\frac{1}{2}$  of their regulation jump height. They will be required to perform all exercises in their class; jump height will be the only difference from the regular class.

Once a Veteran dog can no longer jump at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  their regulation jump height they must be moved to a class that does not require jumping.

Veteran dogs will compete at the obedience level the member chooses, from Novice up through Utility. A Veteran dog may change obedience levels in either direction each year as their health determines.

Scores will be calculated as follows:

- Novice: judge's score
- Pre-Grad Novice: judge's score plus 3 points
- Grad Novice: judge's score plus 6 points
- Open: judge's score plus 9 points
- Grad Open: judge's score plus 12 points
- Utility: judge's score plus 15 points

If a dog is entered as a Veteran during a project year, they may go back to regular obedience the following year; however, they must go back to the level they would have been competing at before they moved to Veterans.

### **Classes**

- **526.** ..... Novice Veterans
- **527.** ..... Pre-Graduate Novice Veterans
- **528.** ..... Graduate Novice Veterans
- **529.** ..... Open Veterans
- **530.** ..... Graduate Open Veterans
- **531.** ..... Utility Veterans

**Champion Veterans by class** ..... Rosette

**Reserve Champion Veterans by class** ..... Rosette

**Overall Veterans Division Champion**..... **Bowl**

**Overall Veterans Division Reserve Champion**..... **Bowl**

## Standard Jump Heights

Measured height of dog at withers	Minimum height to be jumped
Less than 7 ½"	4 "
7 ½" to 9"	8 "
Greater than 9" up to 11"	10"
Greater than 11" up to 13"	12"
Greater than 13" up to 15"	14"
Greater than 15" up to 17"	16"
Greater than 17" up to 19"	18"
Greater than 19" up to 21"	20"
Greater than 21" up to 23"	22"
Greater than 23" up to 25"	24"
Greater than 25" up to 27"	26"
Greater than 27" up to 29"	28"
Greater than 29" up to 31"	30"
Greater than 31" up to 33"	32"
Greater than 33" up to 35"	34"
Greater than 35" up to 37"	36"
Greater than 37"	36"

## Rally

1. All 4-H Rally classes will be patterned after the latest AKC obedience guidelines whenever possible, except that dog registry with AKC is not required. Some exercises and rules may have been adapted from AKC to better serve the youth of this program.
2. In all classes a 15 point deduction in the Rally classes for the following: strong correcting, disciplining, fouling the ring, excessive barking, consistently tight lead, knocking over a jump, or a sign not attempted by the handler, leaving the ring, or rules violation.
3. Handlers entered in B classes will be judged at a higher skill (handler errors) than handlers entered in A classes.
4. Allowed collars in Rally classes include: flat or rolled leather with buckle or snap closure. Flat or rolled nylon collars with buckle or snap closure. Metal choke chain. No halties, gentle leaders, harnesses, or pinch collars will be allowed in the show ring. Collars and leads must be 2 separate pieces. Slip leads are not allowed.
5. All jump heights will conform with current AKC height and broad jump recommendations. The standard AKC jump requirements for Rally are as follows:

HEIGHT OF DOG AT WITHERS	HIGH OR BAR JUMP HEIGHT TO BE JUMPED	BROAD JUMP DISTANCE TO BE JUMPED
Less than 10 inches	4 inches	8 inches (1 board)
10 inches to less than 15 inches	8 inches	16 inches (2 boards)
15 inches to less than 20 inches	12 inches	24 inches (2 boards)
20 inches and over	16 inches	32 inches (3 boards)

6. Walk-through will be announced. Youth will not be allowed to walk through the pattern at any time other than the official walk-through time.

7. No dog tags can be on the dog when showing in the ring. This includes name tags, rabies tags, or anything else that hangs from the dog's collar. It is very important that your dog wear tags at all times, except when in the show ring.

**8. There are no classes for veteran dogs in Rally. All dogs MUST be able to perform the required items.**

9. Exhibitors qualifying in a Rally class at County Level regardless of if they attend State 4-H Dog Trials, **must** move to the next appropriate class the following year (see State Class Progressions Chart).

10. Exhibitors may choose to enroll in a higher Rally class than what is directed by the Dog Level Progression Chart with the approval of the County Dog Show Official.

#### **Class 532 Rally Novice A**

This class is for members and their dogs in their first year of Rally training. **A Dog member cannot show in Rally Novice A for more than one year. This class is done on leash and includes Rally Signs 1-42.**

#### **Class 533 Rally Novice B**

This class is open to exhibitors or dogs with previous experience in Rally Novice training or exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Rally Novice A. **This class is done on leash and includes Rally Signs 1-42.**

#### **Class 534 Rally Intermediate A**

This class is for members and their dogs in their first year of Rally Intermediate training. A member cannot show in Intermediate A for more than one year. This class is done on lead and there are no jumps in the pattern. **This class includes Rally Signs 1-123, except sign 103.**

#### **Class 535 Rally Intermediate B**

This class is open to exhibitors or dogs with previous experience in Rally Intermediate training or exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Rally Intermediate A. This class is done on leash and there are no jumps in the pattern. **This class includes Rally Signs 1-123, except sign 103.**

#### **Class 536 Rally Advanced A**

This class is for members in their first year of Rally Advanced training. A member may only compete in Rally Advanced A class for one year. Rally Advanced is to be done off leash and any of the three jumps may be used in the class. **This class includes Rally Signs 1-123.**

#### **Class 537 Rally Advanced B**

This class is open to exhibitors or dogs with previous experience in Rally Advanced training or exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Rally Advanced A. Rally Advanced is to be done off leash and any of the three jumps may be used in the class. **This class includes Rally Signs 1-123.**



**Class 538 Rally Excellent A**

This class is for members who are in their first year of Rally Excellent Training. A member cannot show in Excellent A for more than one year. Rally Excellent is to be done off leash and any of the three jumps may be used in the class. **This class includes Rally Signs 1-299.**

**Class 539 Rally Excellent B**

This class is open to exhibitors or dogs with previous experience in Rally Excellent training or exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Rally Excellent A. Rally Excellent is to be done off leash and any of the three jumps may be used in the class. **This class includes Rally Signs 1-299.**

**Class 540 Rally Advanced/Excellent A**

This class is for members who are in their first year of Advanced/Excellent training. A member cannot show in Rally Advanced/Excellent A for more than one year. This class is to be done off leash and any of the three jumps may be used in the class. Exhibitors must complete an Advanced course and an Excellent course.

**Class 541 Rally Advanced/Excellent B**

This class is open to exhibitors or dogs with previous experience in Rally Advanced/Excellent training or exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Rally Advanced/Excellent A. This class is to be done off leash and any of the three jumps may be used in the class. Exhibitors must complete an Advanced course and an Excellent course.

**Class 542 Rally Masters A**

This class is for members who are in their first year of Rally Masters training. A member cannot show in Rally Master A for more than one year. This class is done off leash and any of the three jumps may be used. **This class includes Rally Signs 1-322, except 210 and 298.**

**Class 543 Rally Masters B**

This class is open to exhibitors or dogs with previous experience in Rally Masters training or exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Rally Masters A. Exhibitor and dog teams may continue to compete in this class for their remaining years in the program. This class is done off leash and any of the three jumps may be used. **This class includes Rally Signs 1-322, except 210 and 298.**

Champion Rally Novice A .....	Rosette
Reserve Champion Rally Novice A .....	Rosette
Champion Rally Novice B .....	Rosette
Reserve Champion Rally Novice B.....	Rosette

**Novice Rally Division Champion..... Plaque**  
**Novice Rally Division Reserve Champion..... Plaque**

Champion Rally Intermediate A .....	Rosette
Reserve Champion Rally Intermediate A .....	Rosette
Champion Rally Intermediate B .....	Rosette
Reserve Champion Rally Intermediate B .....	Rosette

**Intermediate Rally Division Champion..... Plaque**  
**Intermediate Rally Division Reserve Champion ..... Plaque**

Champion Rally Advanced A .....	Rosette
Reserve Champion Rally Advanced A .....	Rosette
Champion Rally Advanced B .....	Rosette
Reserve Champion Rally Advanced B .....	Rosette

**Advanced Rally Division Champion..... Plaque**  
**Advanced Rally Division Reserve Champion ..... Plaque**

Champion Rally Excellent A.....	Rosette
Reserve Champion Rally Excellent A .....	Rosette
Champion Rally Excellent B .....	Rosette
Reserve Champion Rally Excellent B.....	Rosette

**Excellent Rally Division Champion..... Plaque**  
**Excellent Rally Division Reserve Champion..... Plaque**

Champion Rally Advanced/Excellent A .....	Rosette
Reserve Champion Rally Advanced/Excellent A .....	Rosette
Champion Rally Advanced/Excellent B .....	Rosette
Reserve Champion Rally Advanced/Excellent B .....	Rosette

**Advanced/Excellent Rally Division Champion..... Plaque**  
**Advanced/Excellent Rally Division Reserve Champion..... Plaque**

Champion Rally Masters A .....	Rosette
Reserve Champion Rally Masters A .....	Rosette
Champion Rally Masters B .....	Rosette
Reserve Champion Rally Masters B.....	Rosette

**Masters Rally Division Champion..... Plaque**  
**Masters Rally Division Reserve Champion..... Plaque**

## Dog Agility Show

### Show Schedule

Sunday, July 20: 4-H Dog Agility Show Set-Up .....8:00 – 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday, July 20: Vet Check, Record Book Check, Dog Agility Check-In .....9:00 – 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday, July 20: 4-H Dog Agility Show .....10:00 a.m.  
Sunday, July 20: 4-H Dog Awards Ceremony..... 5:00 p.m.

### Requirements

1. To be eligible for agility, the dog must be currently competing in Obedience or have previously competed in Obedience at County Fair. Any exceptions must receive advance approval from the 4-H Extension Agent.
2. Dog must be a minimum of 12 months old to compete in Pre-Foundation Standard and Pre-Foundation Jumpers Classes. Dogs must be a minimum of 15 months old to compete in all other Agility classes.
3. Dogs 7 years of age and older are eligible to compete in the Veterans division. Dogs competing in the Veteran division will jump at a lower jump height. Additionally, dogs with minor physical disabilities (such as minor hip dysplasia) may compete in this level with a veterinarian's approval and provided documentation.
4. No dog with a physical or mental condition that would significantly impair their performance may participate.
5. **Female dogs in season are not permitted to compete in a trial.**
6. Dogs that show signs of aggression toward humans or other dogs will not be permitted to participate.
7. **All parents/guardians and members must sign the 4-H Dog Agility Waiver with Fair entry.**
8. Collars must be a flat buckle or rolled leather collar, but there shall be no tags hanging or otherwise allowed on the collar, except for a 4" – 6" tab (**optional in Foundation to Advanced**). Pinch/prong and electrical collars (dummy or not), head halters, and special training collars are not allowed. 6' or less lead allowed in Pre-Foundation.
9. Training aids and treats are not permitted on the course at a trial.
10. Handlers may not jump over the jumps with their dogs.
11. Handlers may not touch their dogs or an obstacle while running the course. Incidental contact that does not aid the dog on the course will not be penalized.
12. Poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated. Any handler exhibiting poor sportsmanship such as swearing, yelling at their dog, striking the dog, pulling on their dog's fur or body parts, excessive corrections, loud complaints about other exhibitors or the judge, etc., will be eliminated.
13. The judge will penalize any handler receiving outside assistance. In severe cases, the handler will receive an elimination.

14. A dog unable to complete the course for any reason (including leaving the ring and not immediately returning in control of the handler or ceasing to work for a significant period of time will receive an elimination.
15. Any dog refusing an obstacle for the third time will be asked by the judge to go on to the next obstacle.
16. **Anyone not obeying the judge's order will be asked to leave the ring, receiving an elimination.**
17. Handlers may use voice commands, signals, or both. Handlers are encouraged to talk or cheer their dogs through the course. **There is no penalty for multiple commands or verbal encouragement, but all must be in the spirit of good sportsmanship.**
18. Any dog fouling the ring during competition will be asked to leave the ring – receiving a disqualification.
19. **A dog/handler team receiving a qualifying score at a County Agility Trial must advance to the next level the following year.**
20. A dog/handler team who competes at the State Agility Trial must follow the State Agility Progression Chart.
21. There will be a practice jump outside of the ring.
22. Measure the dog at the highest point of the withers. The dog must be set up standing squarely in natural position on a flat surface. The dog's head should be held in a comfortable and natural position, not dropped down or held up high by the collar. Have the dog stand on a level surface.
23. Handlers inappropriately dressed will be required to change their apparel before competing.
24. The Show Official is the final authority regarding 4-H Dog Agility competition.

#### **Level Scoring**

**(1) Blue – 70 – 100 points**

**(2) Red – 60 to 69 points**

**(3) White – 59 or fewer points**

## **Jump Heights**

<b>Dog's Height</b>	<b>Jump</b>	<b>Broad Jump Width</b>	<b>A-Frame Height</b>	<b>Table Height</b>
<b>7" or under at the withers</b>	<b>4"</b>	<b>8"</b>	<b>5'</b>	<b>8"</b>
<b>11" or under at the withers</b>	<b>8"</b>	<b>16"</b>	<b>5'</b>	<b>8"</b>
<b>14" or under at the withers</b>	<b>12"</b>	<b>24"</b>	<b>5'6"</b>	<b>12"</b>
<b>18" or under at the withers</b>	<b>16"</b>	<b>32"</b>	<b>5'6"</b>	<b>16"</b>
<b>22" or under at the withers</b>	<b>20"</b>	<b>40"</b>	<b>5'6"</b>	<b>20"</b>
<b>Over 22" at the withers</b>	<b>20+"</b>	<b>40"</b>	<b>5'6"</b>	<b>20"</b>

## **Veteran, Pre-Foundation, & Foundation Jump Heights**

<b>Dog's Height</b>	<b>Jump</b>	<b>Broad Jump Width</b>	<b>A-Frame Height</b>	<b>Table Height</b>
<b>11" or under at the withers</b>	<b>4"</b>	<b>8"</b>	<b>5'</b>	<b>8"</b>
<b>14" or under at the withers</b>	<b>8"</b>	<b>16"</b>	<b>5'</b>	<b>8"</b>
<b>18" or under at the withers</b>	<b>12"</b>	<b>24"</b>	<b>5'6"</b>	<b>12"</b>
<b>22" or under at the withers</b>	<b>16"</b>	<b>32"</b>	<b>5'6"</b>	<b>16"</b>
<b>Over 22" at the withers</b>	<b>20"</b>	<b>40"</b>	<b>5'6"</b>	<b>20"</b>

### **Pre-Foundation Standard**

#### **(Regular and Veteran)**

**This class will be for dogs/handler teams which are not ready for regular agility classes. This will be a NO SCORE CLASS. This class is available at the County Level but is not available at the State 4-H Dog Trials. This class may be skipped with Superintendent approval.**

#### **Class**

- 545B. .... Pre-Foundation Standard – 11" Dog
- 545C. .... Pre-Foundation Standard – 14" Dog
- 545D. .... Pre-Foundation Standard – 18" Dog
- 545E. .... Pre-Foundation Standard – 22" Dog
- 545F. .... Pre-Foundation Standard – Over 22" Dog

This is an entry-level class with a simple "S", or "U" (horseshoe) course and consists of 8 to 10 obstacles.

- Open Tunnel (1 to 3)
- 12' Dog Walk (elevation of 24") required
- A-Frame (9', apex 5') required
- Bar Jumps (Winged or Wingless) (4 to 6) required
- Pause Table (allowed)

There is no time limit provided the dog is willing and working.

All dogs must be shown on leash. The use of an approved collar and tab is optional. Each participant will receive a special ribbon.

### **Foundation Standard**

#### **(Regular and Veteran)**

#### **Class**

- 550B. .... Foundation Standard – 11" Dog
- 550C. .... Foundation Standard – 14" Dog
- 550D. .... Foundation Standard – 18" Dog
- 550E. .... Foundation Standard – 22" Dog
- 550F. .... Foundation Standard – Over 22" Dog

This is an entry-level class with a simple "S", or "U" (horseshoe) course and consists of 8 to 10 obstacles.

- Open Tunnel (1 to 3)
- 12' Dog Walk (elevation of 24") required
- A-Frame (9', apex 5') required
- Bar Jumps (Winged or Wingless) (4 to 6) required
- Pause Table (allowed)

There is no time limit provided the dog is willing and working. Time will be used to break ties for Champion and Reserve Champion awards.

All dogs must be shown off leash. The use of an approved collar and tab is optional.

## **Novice Standard**

### **(Regular)**

#### **Class**

- 551A. .... Novice Standard – 7” Dog
- 551B. .... Novice Standard – 11” Dog
- 551C. .... Novice Standard – 14” Dog
- 551D. .... Novice Standard – 18” Dog
- 551E. .... Novice Standard – 22” Dog
- 551F. .... Novice Standard – Over 22” Dog

## **Novice Standard**

### **(Veteran)**

#### **Class**

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- 552B. .... Novice Standard – 11” Dog
- 552C. .... Novice Standard – 14” Dog
- 552D. .... Novice Standard – 18” Dog
- 552E. .... Novice Standard – 22” Dog
- 552F. .... Novice Standard – Over 22” Dog

This course is slightly more challenging than the simple “S”, or “U” of the foundation class and consists of 10 to 14 obstacles.

- A-Frame (9’, apex depending on jump height) required
- 12’ Dog Walk (elevation of 48”) required
- Seesaw (24” high at pivot point) required
- Weave Poles (set of 6) required
- Pause Table (allowed)
- Open Tunnel (1 to 3) required
- Tire Jump required
- Broad Jump (allowed)
- Bar Jumps (Winged or Wingless) (4 to 6) required

Time will be used to break ties for Champion and Reserve Champion awards.

Dogs must be shown off leash. The use of an approved collar and a tab is optional.



## **Intermediate Standard**

### **(Regular)**

#### **Class**

- 553A. .... Intermediate Standard – 7” Dog
- 553B. .... Intermediate Standard – 11” Dog
- 553C. .... Intermediate Standard – 14” Dog
- 553D. .... Intermediate Standard – 18” Dog
- 553E. .... Intermediate Standard – 22” Dog
- 553F. .... Intermediate Standard – Over 22” Dog

## **Intermediate Standard**

### **(Veteran)**

#### **Class**

- 554B. .... Intermediate Standard – 11” Dog
- 554C. .... Intermediate Standard – 14” Dog
- 554D. .... Intermediate Standard – 18” Dog
- 554E. .... Intermediate Standard – 22” Dog
- 554F. .... Intermediate Standard – Over 22” Dog

This course is slightly more challenging than a figure 8, similar to the AKC Novice class and consists of 14 to 16 obstacles.

- A-Frame (9', apex depending on jump height) required
- 12' Dog Walk (elevation of 48") required
- Seesaw (24" high at pivot point) required
- Weave Polls (set of 6) required
- Pause Table (allowed)
- Open Tunnel (1 to 3) required
- Tire Jump (required)
- Broad Jump (allowed)
- Double Bar Jump (allowed)
- Bar Jump (Winged or Wingless) (4 to 8) required

Time will be used to break ties for Champion and Reserve Champion awards.

All dogs must be shown off leash. The use of an approved collar and a tab is optional.

## **Advanced Standard**

### **(Regular)**

#### **Class**

- 555A. .... Advanced Standard – 7” Dog
- 555B. .... Advanced Standard – 11” Dog
- 555C. .... Advanced Standard – 14” Dog
- 555D. .... Advanced Standard – 18” Dog
- 555E. .... Advanced Standard – 22” Dog
- 555F. .... Advanced Standard – Over 22” Dog

## **Advanced Standard**

### **(Veteran)**

#### **Class**

- 556B. .... Advanced Standard – 11” Dog
- 556C. .... Advanced Standard – 14” Dog
- 556D. .... Advanced Standard – 18” Dog
- 556E. .... Advanced Standard – 22” Dog
- 556F. .... Advanced Standard – Over 22” Dog

The focus of the Advanced Agility Class is on enhanced obstacle performance with more handling required. The course will consist of 16 to 18 obstacles.

- A-Frame (9’, apex depending on jump height) required
- Dog Walk (elevation 48”) required
- Seesaw (24” high at pivot point) required
- Weave Poles (set of 12 poles)
- Pause Table (allowed)
- Open Tunnel (1 to 3) required
- Bar Jumps (winged or wingless) (4 to 10) required
- Double Bar Jump (maximum 2) required
- Tire Jump required
- Broad Jump (maximum 1) (allowed)
- Triple Bar Jump (1) required

Time will be used to break ties for Champion and Reserve Champion awards.

All dogs must be shown off leash. The use of an approved collar and a tab is optional.

## **Jumpers Agility Classes**

### **Pre-Foundation- Jumpers without Weaves**

#### **(Regular & Veteran)**

**This class will be for dogs/handler teams which are not ready for regular agility classes. This will be a NO SCORE CLASS. This class is available at the County Level but is not available at the State 4-H Dog Trials. This class may be skipped with Superintendent approval.**

#### **Class**

- 546B. .... Foundation Jumper – 11” Dog
- 546C. .... Foundation Jumper – 14” Dog
- 546D. .... Foundation Jumper – 18” Dog
- 546E. .... Foundation Jumper – 22” Dog
- 546F. .... Foundation Jumper – Over 22” Dog

This will be a simple course with a basic “S”, or “U” shape consisting of 8 to 10 obstacles.

- Bar Jumps (Winged or Wingless) (5 to 9) (required)
- Open Tunnel (1 to 3) (required)

All Dogs must be shown on leash. The use of an approved collar and tab is optional. Each participant will receive a special ribbon.

### **Foundation- Jumpers without Weaves**

#### **(Regular & Veteran)**

#### **Class**

- 557B. .... Foundation Jumper – 11” Dog
- 557C. .... Foundation Jumper – 14” Dog
- 557D. .... Foundation Jumper – 18” Dog
- 557E. .... Foundation Jumper – 22” Dog
- 557F. .... Foundation Jumper – Over 22” Dog

This will be a simple course with a basic “S”, or “U” shape consisting of 8 to 10 obstacles.

- Bar Jumps (Winged or Wingless) (5 to 9) (required)
- Open Tunnel (1 to 3) (required)

Time will be used to break ties for Champion and Reserve Champion awards.

All Dogs must be shown off leash. The use of an approved collar and tab is optional.

## **Novice – Jumpers without Weaves**

### **(Regular)**

#### **Class**

- 558A. .... Novice Jumper – 7” Dog
- 558B. .... Novice Jumper – 11” Dog
- 558C. .... Novice Jumper – 14” Dog
- 558D. .... Novice Jumper – 18” Dog
- 558E. .... Novice Jumper – 22” Dog
- 558F. .... Novice Jumper – Over 22” Dog

## **Novice - Jump**

### **(Veteran)**

#### **Class**

- 559B. .... Novice Jumper – 11” Dog
- 559C. .... Novice Jumper – 14” Dog
- 559D. .... Novice Jumper – 18” Dog
- 559E. .... Novice Jumper – 22” Dog
- 559F. .... Novice Jumper – Over 22” Dog

This will be a simple course. Angles between obstacles should not exceed 90 degrees. Entrances to obstacles should never be adjacent to one another. The course is to consist of 10 to 14 obstacles.

- Bar Jumps (Winged or Wingless) (6 to 11) required
- Open Tunnel (1 to 3) required
- Broad Jump (1) optional

Time will be used to break ties for Champion and Reserve Champion awards.

All Dogs must be shown off leash. The use of an approved collar and a tab is optional.

## **Intermediate – Jumpers without Weaves**

### **(Regular)**

#### **Class**

- 560A. .... Intermediate Jumper – 7” Dog
- 560B. .... Intermediate Jumper – 11” Dog
- 560C. .... Intermediate Jumper – 14” Dog
- 560D. .... Intermediate Jumper – 18” Dog
- 560E. .... Intermediate Jumper – 22” Dog
- 560F. .... Intermediate Jumper – Over 22” Dog

## **Intermediate – Jump**

### **(Veteran)**

#### **Class**

- 561B. .... Intermediate Jumper – 11” Dog
- 561C. .... Intermediate Jumper – 14” Dog
- 561D. .... Intermediate Jumper – 18” Dog
- 561E. .... Intermediate Jumper – 22” Dog
- 561F. .... Intermediate Jumper – Over 22” Dog

This course will consist of 14 to 16 obstacles.

The following obstacles are used:

- Bar Jumps (Winged or Wingless) (7 to 13) required
- Open Tunnel (1 to 3) required
- Broad Jump (1) OR Double Jump (1) required
- Tire Jump (1) optional

Time will be used to break ties for Champion and Reserve Champion awards.

All Dogs must be shown off leash. The use of an approved collar is mandatory, and a tab is optional.

## **Advanced - Jump**

### **(Regular)**

#### **Class**

- 562A. .... Advanced Jumper – 7” Dog
- 562B. .... Advanced Jumper – 11” Dog
- 562C. .... Advanced Jumper – 14” Dog
- 562D. .... Advanced Jumper – 18” Dog
- 562E. .... Advanced Jumper – 22” Dog
- 562F. .... Advanced Jumper – Over 22” Dog

## **Advanced - Jump**

### **(Veteran)**

#### **Class**

- 563B. .... Advanced Jumper – 11” Dog
- 563C. .... Advanced Jumper – 14” Dog
- 563D. .... Advanced Jumper – 18” Dog
- 563E. .... Advanced Jumper – 22” Dog
- 563F. .... Advanced Jumper – Over 22” Dog

This course will consist of 16 to 18 obstacles.

The following obstacles are used:

- Bar Jumps (Winged or Wingless) (9 to 16) required
- Double Bar Jump required
- Triple Bar Jump required
- Open Tunnel (1 to 3) required
- Broad Jump optional
- Tire Jump optional

Time will be used to break ties for Champion and Reserve Champion awards.

All Dogs must be shown off leash. The use of an approved collar is optional.

## **Scoring**

### **Standard Faults - 5 Point Penalties:**

- Knocking a bar off a hurdle. Applies whether it was the dog, the Handler, or a tab that knocked the bar down.
- Touching the dog intentionally. 5 points per touch, 3 or more touches will be an elimination.
- Dog steps on or walks over the Broad Jump
- Outside help or interference. Such as someone telling the handler which obstacle is next, any commands or cues to the dog, etc. 5 points up to elimination depending on severity.
- Dog goes between the tire and the frame (dog must complete the tire jump properly to avoid the major fault of omitting the obstacle)
- Anticipation of table count - Dog gets off before the judge finished saying the word "go".

### **Major Faults - 10 Point Penalties:**

- Handler may have a maximum of two major faults before being eliminated.
- Omitting any obstacle – Includes being told by the judge to omit the obstacle or the handler omitting an obstacle by choice or by error.
- Wrong course. Taking an obstacle in the wrong order or going the wrong direction over an obstacle (including back-weaving three or more weave poles). If all 4 paws of a dog touches an obstacle not in sequence or in the wrong direction will be charged with a wrong course
- Uncorrected improper entry to weave poles or failing to correct a skipped weave pole (incorrect performance of an obstacle). Handlers will be asked by the judge to move on after 3 incorrect tries at the weave poles. A fourth try will be considered training in the ring.
- Missed Contact Zone when exiting the equipment. (Yellow or contrasting color zone)
- Refusal or not completing an obstacle
- Failure to correct on pause table – for any dog that jumps off before the judge finished saying the word “go”.

### **Elimination (incomplete):**

- Dog who stops working and leaves the ring
- An extreme amount of outside help
- Handler touching the obstacles or the dog 3 or more times
- Fouling the course
- Handler requests to leave the ring before completing run
- An uncorrected wrong course (i.e.: dog taking an obstacle the wrong direction and the handler not fixing it.
- Training in the ring

### **Elimination: (these offenses shall be immediately reported to the Show Officials)**

- Poor sportsmanship – including, but not limited to: swearing, treating a dog harshly, complaining loudly about judges or other exhibitors, using treats in the ring, failure to omit and go on to the next obstacle when instructed to do so by the judge
- Abuse of dogs anywhere on the show grounds
- A dog that attacks or threatens to attack a human or another dog

### **Time**

- Time is used as a tiebreaker

## **Final Score**

- A perfect score (clean run) is 100 points.
- Course faults are added together and subtracted from 100 to give the final score.
- The dog and handler team with the highest score is the winner.
- In the event of a tie, the team with the lowest time is the winner.

Champion and Reserve Champion in the following height classes will receive:

Champion..... Rosette

Reserve Champion..... Rosette

Foundation Standard, Regular & Veteran

Novice Standard, Regular & Veteran

Intermediate Standard, Regular & Veteran

Advanced Standard, Regular & Veteran

Foundation Jumpers, Regular & Veteran

Novice Jumpers, Regular & Veteran

Intermediate Jumpers, Regular & Veteran

Advanced Jumpers, Regular & Standard

Champion and Reserve Champion from each of the following divisions will receive:

Champion..... Slip Lead

Reserve Champion..... Slip Lead

Standard Division (Includes Regular: Foundation Standard, Novice Standard, Intermediate Standard, and Advanced Standard)

Standard Veteran Division (Includes Veteran: Foundation Standard, Novice Standard, Intermediate Standard, and Advanced Standard)

Jumpers Without Weaves Division (Includes Regular: Foundation, Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced Jumpers)

Jumpers Without Weaves Veteran Division (Includes Veteran: Foundation, Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced Jumpers)