

## DOG TRIALS – 2017

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**Saturday, August 26**      **Obedience Classes  
Advanced Rally and  
Team Classes**

**Sunday, August 27**      **Showmanship and  
Novice Rally Classes**

**Participant's Entry Fee: \$10 per Division, if a member participants in all three Divisions (Obedience, Showmanship & Rally) the cost is \$20.**

**Registration Deadline: August 14**  
**Entry deadline will be Monday two weeks prior to State Fair. Late registrations will be accepted from August 14 through August 18, but must include a late fee of \$20.00 per division. Absolutely NO entries or changes will be accepted after 5:00 pm on August 18.**

**Online registration completed by August 11 is highly preferable.**

If your county contest is on or after this date, please contact Connie Cecil at [connie.cecil@colostate.edu](mailto:connie.cecil@colostate.edu).)

Each county office will issue **one check payable to Colorado State University/4-H Camp Tobin for county entry total.**

Mail by **August 14** to:  
Sharie Harless  
CSU State 4-H Office  
4040 Campus Delivery  
Fort Collins, CO 80523-4040

All 4-H Dog Health Certificates are to be on 4HOnline. The county will complete the online portion of the registration process on behalf of its participants. Each county is responsible for sending a list of entrants and their classes to the superintendent. The receipts from online entry can be used for this purpose.

**NOTE: The 2017 Volunteer Help Form will be web-based and information on the link will be sent out to all 4-H dog members and leaders. Please have your leaders and parents go to the website and sign up.**

**The State Fair Dog Show is a 4-H show. As such, 4-H youth development principles are of primary importance.**

## GENERAL CONTEST RULES:

1. The Dog Trials will be held Saturday and Sunday, August 26 and 27, 2017. They will be held at the Colorado State Fair Events Center, starting with check-in from **7:30 – 8:30 a.m.** on both days. **The Showmanship Test on Sunday will start at 8:00 am and go through until 9:30 am. No test will be given after 9:30 am.**
2. Dates of approved current and effective vaccination of the dog for rabies and parvo-virus must be provided on the State 4-H Dog Health Certificate. Each entrant is required to complete the **State Dog Identification on 4honline** and have it on file in their Extension Office by **May 1<sup>st</sup>**. This form will be used at the State Fair Dog Show so make sure that all 4-H Dog members have completed this Dog ID.
3. If a member's dog does not receive Rabies immunizations as required by the state of Colorado for all 4-H Dog Project participants, a certificate from the member's veterinarian stating the reason must accompany the member to the 4-H State Dog Trial, and be presented to the General Superintendent.
  - 3A. 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. **Proof of Parvovirus immunization must be provided in order to show at the Colorado State Fair.**
4. State Fair 4-H Dog Show officials and/or staff can and will dismiss any entrant or his/her family from the show for any mistreatment of dogs entered in this show. If a question should arise as to what constitutes "mistreatment," State 4-H staff and/or officials will meet to decide appropriate action in each case.
5. Any negative behavior on the part of the exhibitor, family members or leaders directed toward any official will result in disqualification and awards forfeited. If there is a question as to the rules or the judging of a class, adult family members or leaders must approach the Superintendent of that division and **not the judge**. The Superintendents will then take the question to the judge if warranted.
6. Dogs which are deemed to be a danger to people or other dogs can and will be removed from the show grounds and all classes forfeited. This will be determined by a consensus of the Superintendents.
7. Protests must be submitted in writing and presented to the superintendent(s) within 24 hours after judging is announced. Protests will be handled first by the superintendent(s) and then reviewed by State 4-H Office personnel. A fee of \$50 must accompany any protest. If the protest is upheld, the fee will be returned. If the protest is not upheld, the fee will be kept and deposited into the State Dog Project Fund.

8. All entrants will be responsible for clean-up after their dogs. Failure to do so can be a basis for dismissal from the State Fair 4-H Dog Show and/or forfeiture of any placing.
9. Show management will have final decision authority. If needed, show management may request assistance with arbitration from a committee comprised of the show superintendents, the judge (if willing), and the leader and/or agent from county involved (if present).

#### 10. Colorado State 4-H Dress Code

This dress code is to be followed by all Junior, Intermediate, and Senior 4-H members, as well as adult leaders, advisors, and chaperones at all Colorado State 4-H sponsored events including but not limited to the Colorado State Fair 4-H Dog Trials. Deviations from the dress code will result in a request to change. This dress code is not subject to personal interpretation. A state officer, adult leader, advisor, or chaperone may deem clothing inappropriate. In addition, some activities or events will have specific dress requirements that will need to be followed.

##### Appropriate dress consists of:

- **Clothes are clean and 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 top 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.**

*10.A. Appropriate clothing must be worn in all dog show classes, including Obedience and Rally.*

*10.B. The member will be given 5 minutes to change into an appropriate outfit if the judge or Superintendent deems their clothing inappropriate.*

*10.C. If the clothing has been deemed inappropriate by a judge or Superintendent, the member can be denied the opportunity to show their dog until the clothing has been changed.*

*10.D. 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.*

**Youth need to stay in their dress clothes for showmanship until runoffs are announced.**

11. The general age groups for Dog Project are:  
Junior 8-10 years  
Intermediate 11-13 years  
Senior 14-18 years  
Age is determined by the member's age as of December 31, 2016
12. No dogs are allowed beyond the immediate vicinity of the Events Center. Exhibitors are encouraged to use service gate #6 on Small Avenue.
13. No participants or their family members will be allowed to use skateboards, rollerblades, or run in the Event Center. Outside of the Event Center, State Fair rules regarding these issues are posted by State Fair authorities.
14. Dogs must be on a leash at all times except when performing exercises off leash in the show ring.
15. Entrants will be assigned armband numbers through 4HOnline and can be picked up the day of the show. Armband numbers will be the same for Saturday and Sunday events. Armband numbers will be the same for all dogs entered both days.
16. No set-up will be allowed anywhere near the rings. Allowable set-up areas will be designated and no one will be allowed to set up in any other areas. Spectators must stay at least ten feet from the ring.
17. State Fair qualifier ribbons will be given out as the exhibitor exits the ring by the judge and steward. Overall placing scores, prizes, and score sheets will be given out at the day's closing ceremony.
18. 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.

**IN ALL CLASSES, RUN OFFS WILL BE ANNOUNCED THREE TIMES IN FIVE MINUTES. If the youth is not present after this time, his/her run off chances are will be forfeited**

## EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY RULES:

- A. Member must be enrolled in the 4-H Dog Project.
- B. All exhibitors must have complied with each county's eligibility rules for State Fair participation. Exhibitors must enter State Fair in the same class in which they qualified at their county level.
- C. The member must own his/her project dog individually or in partnership with immediate family members or guardians during the complete duration of the project year. No leased dogs will be allowed to show at State Fair. If requested the member must have proof of ownership of the dog at the time of entry and provide that to the superintendents. The member must provide the majority of care for the dog(s).
- D. Any member exhibiting his/her dog at the State Fair 4-H Dog Trial must be an official representative of his/her county. Each county's official(s) are responsible for entering participants in this show. No member will be allowed to substitute for another exhibitor on the day of the show if not properly entered by his/her county.
- E. All exhibitors must have at least one qualifying score in each class of exhibition. Qualifying scores are 170 and above in obedience, 170 and above in showmanship and 70 and above in rally. An acceptable record book must be done and meet all guidelines required by their county for State Fair qualification.
- F. Each exhibitor may exhibit a different dog in obedience, showmanship and rally provided they meet qualifications (refer to rule C). A member may be entered in multiple Obedience or Rally classes with different dogs, but each member may only enter Showmanship one time.

## DOG ELIGIBILITY RULES:

- A. After once earning a qualifying score in competition as a 4-H project dog in Obedience or Rally at the State Fair, that same dog is no longer eligible for exhibition in that same division at any following State Fair except Obedience: Grad Novice, Open, Grad Open and Utility classes; Rally Advanced-Excellent.
- B. If a dog has received a qualifying score in Obedience - Grad Novice, Open, Grad Open, Utility, or Rally -Advanced/Excellent at a previous State Fair, 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.
- C. A dog with any other rally or obedience title from any national dog association (AKC, UKC, CKC, ASCA, etc.) is disqualified from entering the class for which the degree was awarded, or any lower class, except if that title was won less than four months before the State Fair. If the title was won less than four months before the 4-H State Dog Trial

the dog is eligible for entry in the same class. If the dog receives a title more than 4 months before the State Fair Dog Trial, they must move up to the next class. The exceptions to this titling rule are Obedience – Grad Novice, Open, Grad Open, and Utility; and Rally Advanced/Excellent.

## Rule C Examples:

- 1) Dog is awarded a Rally Novice title at the Terry All Kennel Club show on April 12. State Fair Rally competition is August 28. That is more than 4 months away. The team must move up to Advanced Rally A in 4H competition.
  - 2) Dog is awarded a Rally Novice title at the Greeley Kennel Club show on August 14. 4H State Fair Rally competition is August 28. That is less than 4 months. The team may compete in Rally Novice at 4H competition.
- D. No bitch in heat, obviously pregnant or lactating bitches will be allowed to compete in any classes at the State Fair.
  - E. Dogs in obvious pain from a previous illness or injury shall not be shown. If a dog is injured at a show, that dog will be excused from the ring. Consideration of a dog's physical disability needs to be addressed between the handler and project leader before starting the project. A State-Fair-approved veterinarian or qualified veterinarian technician's decision on doubtful cases will be accepted as final.
  - F. No dog other than the county-qualified dog will be eligible to show or compete at state fair. Should any problem arise with the dog designated as the county-qualified dog, the Extension agent must be notified for any course of action.
  - G. If the County qualified dog in Showmanship is injured or in season, a replacement dog may be used at the approval of the County Superintendent. The replacement dog must fulfill all of the "dog eligibility requirements", must be registered in 4HOnline. If requested the health certificate must accompany the dog to the State Dog Trial and be presented to the General Superintendent. If the member chooses to show a dog who has not been carried as a project animal for the current project year, the member must show as exhibition only.

## **SHOWMANSHIP-SUNDAY, August 27:**

### **Showmanship Class Eligibility Requirements:**

A test will be given to each contestant entered in Showmanship. **The exhibitor is responsible for taking this test between 8:00 and 9:30 am on Sunday.** No tests will be given after 9:30 am. If an exhibitor does not take the test by 9:30 am, then that portion of the showmanship score sheet will result in a score of zero.

#### **CLASS 500 Junior Novice Showmanship**

This class is for members who are 8 – 10 years old as of December 31 of the previous year, are in their 1st year of participation in the project, and have no prior experience with any other dog showing entity.

#### **CLASS 501 Junior Open Showmanship**

This class is for members who are 8-10 years old as of December 31 of the previous year and have previous experience in showmanship.

#### **CLASS 502 Intermediate Novice Showmanship**

This class is for members who are 11-13 years old as of December 31 of the previous year, are in their 1st year of participation in the project, and have no prior experience with any other dog showing entity.

#### **CLASS 503 Intermediate Open Showmanship**

This class is for members who are 11-13 years old as of December 31 of the previous year and have previous experience in showmanship.

#### **CLASS 504 Intermediate Advanced Showmanship**

This class is for members who are 11-13 years of age as of December 31 of the previous year. Any member who has placed 1<sup>st</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> at a previous State Dog Trial Intermediate Open Showmanship must enter Intermediate Advanced Showmanship

#### **CLASS 505 Senior Novice Showmanship**

This class is for members who are 14-18 years old as of December 31 of the previous year, are in their 1st year of participation in the project, and have no prior experience with any other dog showing entity.

#### **CLASS 506 Senior Open Showmanship**

This class is for members who are 14-18 years old as of December 31 of the previous year and have previous experience in showmanship

#### **CLASS 507 Senior Advanced Showmanship**

This class is for members who are 14-18 years of age as of December 31 of the previous year. Any member who has placed 1st through 10th at a previous State Dog Trial in Senior Open Showmanship must enter Senior Advanced Showmanship

#### **Class 508 Master Showman Class**

- Intermediate and Senior Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Showmen from any previous State 4H Dog Trial are required to enter the Master Showman class.

- If the youth is in the Intermediate age group, when they become a Senior (at age 14) they can either stay in the Master Showman class or move to the Senior Advanced class only.
- If the youth who has shown in Master Showman in past years should get a new dog, they may choose to either stay in the Master Showman class or to enter the Advanced class in whichever age division they belong in (Intermediate or Senior).
- 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.

1. Junior, Intermediate and Senior Novice classes are for those members who are in their first year of showmanship training and have no prior outside showmanship experience as determined by the county. If prior experience is determined by the county, the exhibitor must move into open class competition in his/her appropriate age group.
2. Showmanship Classes: Each county is limited to **four entries per class** for any showmanship class for a total of 32 entries. There is no limit on entries for **Master Showman**, as long as eligibility has been met.
3. Each member entered at the State Dog Trial should have earned a qualifying score of **170 or above** at a 4-H dog show during the project year.
4. Each individual county has jurisdiction over how a member earns their qualification for entering the State Dog Trials.
5. Rules governing Intermediate and Senior Advanced Showmanship
  - a. Any member who has placed in the top 10 in the Intermediate or Senior Open classes at any previous State Fair must show in Intermediate or Senior Advanced Classes for their remaining years in that age group. If a member who has shown in the Intermediate or Senior Advanced classes gets a new dog, they have the choice to either continue showing Advanced classes or move back to Open Class in their respective age groups. If the member chooses to move back to Open Class in their respective age group with a new dog, they must then qualify the new dog to move to the Advanced classes by placing in the top ten at State Fair.
  - b. A Senior member who has moved up by age from either the Intermediate Open or Advanced class may choose to show in Senior Advanced by advice of their leader and taking into consideration the caliber of the member. Some reasons for choosing this move are:
    - The member placed Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion at a State Fair Dog Show in the Intermediate Division.

- The member has received Best Junior Handler awards from any national dog club.

### General Tips for Showmanship:

6. A brush, comb and a drool rag will be allowed in the ring. No other equipment is permitted.
7. Depending on what you are wearing in the showmanship ring, use proper kneeling etiquette. If you are in a skirt, it is best to kneel on both knees. If you are wearing pants, it would be appropriate to kneel on only one knee. **See 10D in the dress code.**
8. Members with smaller breeds will be expected to show their dogs on a table. Judges will take into consideration the size and physical abilities of the handler. A list of most of the table breeds can be found in the project manual on page 108. A more complete list is available on the American Kennel Club website at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org).
9. If the member is showing a mixed-breed dog; they should determine what breed their dog most resembles, and show in the manner of that breed. If you have a mixed breed dog, you can go to AKC website and look at different pictures of the breeds of dog to decide which breed your dog looks most like. **—see Dog Manual pg. 109.**
10. No dog tags should be on the dog when showing in the ring. Only the correct equipment for a showmanship class should be used. It is very important that your dog wear tags at all times, except when in the show ring.
11. A showmanship score sheet will be used for 2017. Questions will not be asked in the showmanship ring by judges, but rather by trained volunteers or superintendents in a separate area. Youth will have the choice of either answering these questions verbally or on paper. Youth will have until **9:30 am on Sunday** to answer the questions. The area will be marked where questions will be asked.
12. The format for showmanship score sheet includes:  
[http://www.colorado4h.org/events\\_opportunities/state\\_fair/score\\_sheets/DogShowmanshipScoreSheet.pdf](http://www.colorado4h.org/events_opportunities/state_fair/score_sheets/DogShowmanshipScoreSheet.pdf)

A Qualifying Score will be 170 points out of the possible 200 points. Please note: During the Showmanship class each area of judging will be judged throughout the entire class. The score will reflect the member's ability to perform these items throughout the class, and not just one time. For example: the dog should be stacked (either hand stacked or free stacked) upon entering the ring, during the exam, after the pattern, and any time they are in the line-up. The "set-up" score will reflect all of these times when the dog is stacked.

## OBEDIENCE

### Obedience Class Eligibility Requirements

- A. All 4-H obedience 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.

- B. In all classes except Puppy Class, ten points will be deducted in the obedience classes for the following: strong correcting, disciplining, fouling the ring, excessive barking, leaving the ring, rules violation or showing fear.
- C. Handlers entered in B classes will be judged at a higher skill level (handler errors) than handlers entered in A classes.
- D. 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, or pinch collars will be allowed in the show ring. Collars and leads must be 2 separate pieces. Slip leads are not allowed.
- E. The length of your obedience leash should be six feet for all Beginner Novice classes, but may be shorter for all other classes.
- F. 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.
- G. If an exhibitor has two dogs in the same class, they must choose one dog for sits and downs. The other dog must be handled by a currently enrolled 4-H member enrolled in the dog project for sits and downs.
- H. Each county may enter exhibitors in obedience classes (by a selection procedure most appropriate to its own county program) according to the following quota:

**PUPPY CLASS:** unlimited entries per county based on trainer's recommendations. Puppy classes will be for puppies which are not ready for regular obedience classes. The purpose of this class will be to introduce obedience commands to a puppy without the stress of perfection seen in regular obedience classes. This class will introduce the puppy to dog shows in a positive manner, thus setting the puppy up for a life time of enjoyment in the show ring.

1. Handlers will be 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 class will be evaluated more on the handler's skill in training a young dog and dealing with the animal's mistakes than on the skill of the animal when performing the exercises. This will be a NO SCORE CLASS. The score sheet will consist of *Excellent, Good or Needs Improvement* in each of the following areas: Loose Lead Walking; Sit for Exam; Recall; and Down Stay and Serpentine Walking.
2. Loose Lead Walking – This exercise is used to encourage the puppy to feel comfortable and happy on lead while maintaining a

distance of no more than two feet from the handler's left side. This does not need to be heel position. Handlers may use bait and toys to keep the puppy in the correct position, and may tell the puppy to sit after a "Halt." Things to be considered in judging include the enjoyment of the puppy, the bond between the puppy and the handler, and the handler's ability to get the puppy's attention back after a distraction.

3. Sit for Exam – In this exercise the puppy is commanded to a sit position. The judge will approach the puppy and examine it. The judge is required to handle the puppy's ears, mouth, and one front foot during the exam, although petting and scratching are encouraged. The purpose of this exercise is to teach the puppy to accept handling from a friendly stranger.
4. Recall – The handler will command the puppy to stay in a sit position and will step just in front of the puppy with his or her toes no more than six inches from the puppy's front feet. When the judge says "Call your dog," the handler will proceed to walk backward no more than six feet while calling the puppy. The puppy should get up and follow the handler in a happy manner. After the six feet has been reached, the handler will command the puppy to sit.
5. Down Stay – The handler will put the puppy in a down. When the judge says "Leave your puppy," the handler will tell the puppy to stay. The handler will walk to the end of the lead, pause, and then immediately walk behind the puppy and back to heel position.
6. Serpentine Walking – The puppy and handler will walk on a loose lead through a serpentine of three people positioned in a straight line. The expectations are the same as for Loose Lead Walking, with the addition of the distraction of the three "posts."
7. After one year of showing in the Puppy Obedience Class: If the member was in their 1st year of obedience training, the team moves into Beginner Novice A Obedience, if the member was in their 2nd year or higher of obedience training, the team moves to Beginner Novice C 1st year.
8. This class can be judged with 4-H members (scribes) assisting the judge. These scribes must be recommended by their trainers and/or Extension Agent. Scribes are teen leader positions, and the teen scribe must fill out the *4-H Volunteer Information Sheet* in order to be eligible to judge.

#### **BEGINNER NOVICE DIVISION:**

**There is a packet of information on the 4-H Website which describes in detail these classes.**

- A. Beginner Novice A: four exhibitors per county (this is a first-year class for the handlers and their dogs). This class is open only to handlers and their dogs in their first year of dog obedience training work.
- B. Beginner Novice B: four exhibitors per county. This class is open only to second-

year dog obedience training members and must be the same youth and dog team that showed in 2014 in Beginner Novice A.

- C. Beginner Novice C – 1<sup>st</sup> year: four exhibitors per county. This class includes members with previous obedience training who are working with a new dog **or** a dog with previous experience in an organized training class working with a new 4-H member. All exercises will be performed on leash.
- D. Beginner Novice C – 2<sup>nd</sup> year: four exhibitors per county. This class is open only to those in the second year of Beginner Novice training and must be the same youth and dog team that showed in 2015 in Beginner Novice C -1<sup>st</sup> year.

#### **NOVICE DIVISION:**

- A. Novice A: four exhibitors per county. This class is open to members with no prior experience in Novice Dog Training.
- B. Novice B: four exhibitors per county. This class is open to experienced members in their second year or above who have never received a qualifying score at a previous state fair in this class.

#### **GRADUATE NOVICE DIVISION:**

- A. Pre-Grad-Novice A: four exhibitors per county. This class is open to members with no prior experience in Pre-Grad Novice Dog Training. This class was previously called "Grad Novice".
- B. Pre-Grad-Novice B: four exhibitors per county. This class is open to experienced members in their second year or above of Pre-Grad Novice 4-H Dog Training. This class was previously called "Grad Novice".
- C. Grad Novice A: Unlimited number of entries per county. This class was previously called "Pre-Open". The name has been changed to more closely follow AKC class names. This class is for members in their 1st year of Grad Novice training.
- D. Grad Novice B: Unlimited number of entries per county. This class was previously called "Pre-Open". The name has been changed to more closely follow AKC class names. This class is for members in their 2nd or higher year of Grad Novice training.

#### **ADVANCED DIVISION**

Open A&B, Grad Open A&B and Utility A&B: unlimited number of exhibitors per class, per county.

#### **VERERANS DIVISION**

- A. Any dog 7 years old or over may be shown in the Veteran's Division.
- B. Veteran Division dogs will be allowed/required to jump ½ 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.
- C. Once a veteran dog can no longer jump at least ½ their regulation jump height they must be moved to a class that does not require jumping. Members, parents, trainers,

and leaders cannot determine a jump height for a dog. They will be judged at ½ their required jump height.

Dogs shown as a Veteran are eligible for Champion and Reserve Champion in each class in the Veteran's Division and a Grand and Reserve Grand overall will be awarded to the highest scoring dogs in the Veteran's Division.

- D. Dogs shown as a Veteran are eligible for Champion and Reserve Champion in each class in the Veteran's Division and a Grand and Reserve Grand overall will be awarded to the highest scoring dogs in the Veteran's Division.
- E. It is the choice of the member, the member's parent, and the member's trainer and veterinarian as to giving a dog Veteran's designation.
- F. Veteran dogs will compete at the obedience level the member chooses, from Novice up through Utility.
- G. A veteran dog may change obedience levels in either direction each year as their health determines.
- H. Scores will be calculated as follows:
  - a. Novice: judge's score
  - b. Pre-Grad-Novice: judge's score plus 3 points
  - c. Grad Novice: judge's score plus 6 points
  - d. Open: judge's score plus 9 points
  - e. Grad Open: judge's score plus 12 points
  - f. Utility: judge's score plus 15 points
- I. 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.
- J. The dog must jump their required height and width for their class. For the broad jump the correct number of boards must be used for the width being jumped. Refer to the chart for proper jump regulations.
- K. Broad Jump Heights
  - \*Four boards are used for 48-72 inches
  - \*Three boards are used for 28-44 inches
  - \*Two boards are used for 16-24 inches

When decreasing the number of boards in the broad jump, the highest hurdle is removed first.

<b>STANDARD JUMP HEIGHTS:</b>	
<b>Measured height of dog at withers</b>	<b>Minimum height to be jumped</b>
Less than 7 ½"	4 inches
7-1/2 to 9"	8 inches
Greater than 9" up to 11"	10 inches
Greater than 11" up to 13"	12 inches
Greater than 13" up to 15"	14 inches
Greater than 15" up to 17"	16 inches
Greater than 17" up to 19"	18 inches
Greater than 19" up to 21"	20 inches
Greater than 21" up to 23"	22 inches
Greater than 23" up to 25"	24 inches
Greater than 25" up to 27"	26 inches
Greater than 27" up to 29"	28 inches
Greater than 29" up to 31"	30 inches
Greater than 31" up to 33"	32 inches
Greater than 33" up to 35"	34 inches
Greater than 35" up to 37"	36 inches
Greater than 37"	36 inches

### **CLASS NUMBERS**

#### **BEGINNER NOVICE OBEDIENCE DIVISION**

- CLASS 509 Puppy Class
- CLASS 510 Beginner Novice A
- CLASS 511 Beginner Novice B
- CLASS 512 Beginner Novice C – 1<sup>st</sup> year
- CLASS 513 Beginner Novice C – 2<sup>nd</sup> year

#### **NOVICE OBEDIENCE DIVISION**

- CLASS 514 Novice A
- CLASS 515 Novice B

#### **GRADUATE NOVICE OBEDIENCE DIVISION**

- CLASS 516 Pre Graduate Novice A
- CLASS 517 Pre Graduate Novice B
- CLASS 518 Graduate Novice A
- CLASS 519 Graduate Novice B

#### **ADVANCED OBEDIENCE DIVISION**

- CLASS 520 Open A
- CLASS 521 Open B
- CLASS 522 Graduate Open A
- CLASS 523 Graduate Open B
- CLASS 524 Utility A
- CLASS 525 Utility B

#### **VETERAN'S DIVISION**

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

#### **Obedience Classes Score Breakdown**

All exercises are explained in detail in the Dog Resource Handbook or scores sheets can be viewed at the following Colorado 4-H website:

[http://www.colorado4h.org/events\\_opportunities/stat\\_e\\_fair/score\\_sheets/DogObedienceScoresheets.pdf](http://www.colorado4h.org/events_opportunities/stat_e_fair/score_sheets/DogObedienceScoresheets.pdf)

## Explanation of Pre Graduate Novice A & B classes:

Grad Novice Moving Stand and Examination:

The judge will give the command "forward," at which time the handler will heel forward with his/her dog. After the handler has proceeded forward about ten feet, the judge will give the command "stand your dog." Without pausing, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to stand and continue forward about 10 to 12 feet and turn and face the dog. The judge will approach the dog from the front, give a novice exam and give the command "return to your dog." The handler will return to his/her dog by going around and behind and back to heel position.

Moving Drop on Recall:

The principle feature of this exercise is that the dog heels and executes a prompt response to the handler's command and/or signal to down and remain in the down position until called, or signaled to come on command. Orders for the exercise are "Forward," "Down your dog," "Call your dog" and "Finish."

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at a point designated by the judge, who will then ask "Are you ready?" and order "Forward." The handler may command or signal his/her dog to heel, and will walk briskly and naturally. After he/she has gone about 15 feet, the judge will order "Down your dog." Without pausing, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to down. The handler will continue forward to the end of the ring, turn around and stand in a natural manner facing the dog. On the judge's orders or signals, the handler will command or signal the dog to come and immediately sit in front of the handler until the command to "Finish" is given by the judge.

Recall Over Broad Jump:

The principle feature of this exercise is that the dog stays until directed to jump, clears the jump on a single command or signal, and immediately returns to sit in front of the handler. Orders are "Leave your dog," "Call your dog" and "Finish."

The handler will stand with his/her dog sitting in the heel position at least eight feet from the jump, facing the lowest end of the lowest hurdle. When the judge orders "Leave your dog," the handler will give the command and/or signal to stay, go at least eight feet beyond the highest edge of the last hurdle, turn, and face the dog as in the Novice recall. On the judge's order, the handler will give the command or signal to jump. The dog must clear the entire distance of the broad jump without touching it and, without any further command or signal, immediately sit in front of the handler until the command to "Finish" is given by the judge.

### Jump Heights:

Read the Dog Resource Handbook page 83 and 84 to determine the jump heights at  $\frac{3}{4}$  jump. **Note: Colorado does not allow the jump height of  $\frac{3}{4}$**

**that is allowed in Ohio (per page 83) so the correct jump height chart is listed on page 17.**

### Breed Exceptions – Jumps:

Some breeds, because of their conformation, have exceptions granted for their jump heights. Please check the AKC Website under the obedience rules for the current chart of exceptions of breeds for these jumps. The website for AKC is: [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)

### **RALLY**

**Please Note: The Colorado State 4H Dog Program has adopted changes to the Division as were outlined by the American Kennel Club in April 2012. Please note: Some signs have been renumbered.**

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.

- A. In all classes points will be deducted in the Rally classes for the following: strong correcting, disciplining, fouling the ring, excessive barking, leaving the ring, rules violation or showing fear.
- B. Handlers entered in B classes will be judged at a higher skill level (handler errors) than handlers entered in A classes.
- C. 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.
- D. All jump heights will conform with current (as of April 2012 rules and regulations) AKC height and broad jump recommendations.
- E. Each member will be allowed only one run in each class with the dog who has qualified for that class.
- F. Walk-throughs will be announced. Youth will not be allowed to walk through the pattern at any time other than the official walk-through time.
- G. Please refer to the Colorado State 4-H Dog Project Rally Obedience Rules and Regulations for Exhibitors, Judges and Stewards for complete information.
- H. 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.
- I. Each county may enter exhibitors in Rally classes (by a selection procedure most appropriate to its own county program) according to the following quota:

1. Rally Novice A Class – This class is for members and their dogs in their first year of Rally training who have not **received a qualifying score** at any State 4-H Dog Trial and/or have not received an equivalent title from any national dog association. A member may only compete in Rally A for one year.
2. Rally Novice B Class – This class is for any member who is in their second year or above of Rally training with the same dog used in the Rally Novice A Class or who is starting a dog that has never competed in Rally. Members are allowed to compete in this class until they have obtained a **qualifying score** at a State 4-H Dog Trial or the dog being shown has received an equivalent title from a national dog association.
3. Rally Advanced A Class – Rally Advanced A is for members in their first year of Rally Advanced Training who have not received a **qualifying score** in Rally Advanced at any State 4-H Dog Trial, and/or have not received an equivalent title from any national dog association. A member may only compete in Rally Advanced A class for one year.
4. Rally Advanced B Class – This class is for any member who is in their second year or above of Rally Advanced Obedience. Members are allowed to compete in this class until they have obtained a **qualifying score** at a State 4-H Dog Trial, or the dog being shown has received an equivalent title from a national dog association.
5. Rally Excellent A Class – Rally Excellent A Class is for members who are in their first year of Rally Excellent training who have not received a **qualifying score** in Rally Excellent at any State 4-H Dog Trial, and/or have not received an equivalent title for any national dog association. A member may only compete in the A class for one year.
6. Rally Excellent B Class – This class is for any member who is in their second year or above of Rally Excellent training. Members are allowed to compete in this class until they have obtained a **qualifying score** at a State 4-H Dog Trial, or the dog being shown has received an equivalent title from a national dog association.
7. Rally Advanced/Excellent A – This class is for members who have received a **qualifying score** in Rally Excellent at a previous State 4-H Dog Trial or who has received the equivalent of an Excellent title from a national dog association. This class is for members in their 1st year of Advanced/Excellent training.
8. Rally Advanced/Excellent A – This class is for members who have received a **qualifying score** in Rally Excellent at a previous State 4-H Dog Trial or who has received the equivalent of an Excellent title from a national dog association. This class is for members in their 2nd year or above of Advanced/Excellent training. A member

receiving the equivalent National title may continue to compete in this class for their remaining years in the program.

ENTRIES: Each county may enter the following members as designated by each county's qualification rules:

**CLASS 532 Rally Novice A – Four entries**

**CLASS 533 Rally Novice B – Four entries**

**CLASS 534 Rally Advanced A Class – Four entries**

**CLASS 535 Rally Advanced B Class – Four entries**

**CLASS 536 Rally Excellent A Class – Four entries**

**CLASS 537 Rally Excellent B Class – Four entries**

**CLASS 538 Rally Advanced/Excellent A – Four entries**

**CLASS 539 Rally Advanced/Excellent B – Unlimited entries**

**Class 540 Team Rally –Three Entries**

- Counties may enter up to three teams of four members
- Counties may put together teams as they deem fit
- If a county does not have four members and youth still wants to enter, they will then be paired up with either another county or other individuals from other counties.
- If the county had youth members enter individually or as a semi-formed team, it is then up to the state rally superintendents to make up the teams and post them ringside the day of the team rally competition
- Only one dog per youth on a team.
- Only Novice level course will be used in Regular Team Rally
- Five dogs may be entered, one to be considered an alternate.
  - Alternate dog is a dog that is a back-up for any one of the four actual performing dogs that, for any reason, cannot perform.
  - If an alternate dog is to be used, ring stewards and judge must be notified which dog is being switched out for the alternate 15 minutes before the teams start so

that the score sheet can reflect the change

- No dog may be used on more than one team.
- Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons will be awarded to the top two winning teams.
- Total team scores will be determined by the four member's individual (alternate's score to be count if he/she was properly entered as a substitute).

Team rally is for any 4-H youth member who is interested in running rally as a team. Teams will compete against each other for the highest score as a whole team. The total possible score in team rally is 400. If there is a tie, the tie will be broken by the team with the quickest time. All team members will run the course individually, with the team time running continuously. Time will start when the judge gives the first member of the team the forward command from the "Start" sign. The subsequent dog for each team starts when the previous handler for the team passes the "Finish" sign without an additional command of "Forward" by the judge. Timing for each team will begin when the judge commands the first handler in the team to begin with the command "Forward" and will stop when the fourth handler from the team passes the finish line.

#### **OBEDIENCE, SHOWMANSHIP, AND RALLY AWARDS:**

All participants will receive a "State Fair Qualifier" ribbon. The American System will be used to rank the 4-H dog trial participants. First through tenth place ribbons will be awarded in Obedience for scores over 170 that have received 50 percent or more of the maximum point value of that exercise; Showmanship scores of 170 or above; and Rally Scores of 70 and above.

Trophies and rosette ribbons will be awarded to the member scoring the highest point total in the following classes:

#### **Overall Grand and Reserve Grand Champions**

\*Junior Novice and Open Showmanship

\*Intermediate Novice, Open and Advanced Showmanship

\*Senior Novice, Open, and Advanced Showmanship.

\*A special award will be given to the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion in the **Master** Showman Class.

Trophies and rosette ribbons will be awarded to the member scoring the highest point total in the following classes:

#### **Overall Grand and Reserve Grand Champions**

Beginner Novice A, B, Beginner Novice C (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year Obedience)

Novice A & B Obedience

Grad Novice Obedience Classes

Advanced Obedience Classes

Veterans Classes

Trophies and rosette ribbons will be awarded to the member scoring the highest point total in the following classes:

#### **Overall Grand and Reserve Grand Champions**

**Rally** Novice A & B

Rally Advanced A & B

Rally Excellent A & B

Rally Advanced/Excellent A & B.

#### **MASTER SHOWMANSHIP**

A special award will be given to the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion in the Master Showman Class.

#### **HIGH IN TRIAL OBEDIENCE:**

A special award will be awarded to Obedience High In Trial and Reserve High In Trial. These awards will be taken from the highest score in the following classes:

- Graduate Novice A & B
- Open A & B
- Graduate Open A & B
- Utility A & B

#### **HIGH IN TRIAL RALLY:**

A special award will be awarded to the High In Trial and Rally Reserve High In Trial. These awards will be taken from the highest score in the following classes:

- Excellent A
- Excellent B
- The Excellent Score from Advanced/Excellent A & B

Any tie scores will be broken using the time as recorded on the score sheet for the class in which that score comes from. Lowest time will break the tie.

#### **VOLUNTEER INFORMATION**

It takes many people to put on a successful State 4-H Dog Show. Each county will be **REQUIRED** to provide volunteers to be ring stewards, help with registration, be a runner, and assist with set-up and clean-up. Please have your volunteers register through the website.

If you volunteer for set up, please note that set up times might vary due to other events scheduled at the Event's Center the evening before our show. Check with Brandie Jackson, Superintendent for times.

Passes to enter the fairgrounds on the day you are showing should be provided by your local 4-H Extension Agent in your local Extension Office. No passes will be sent out by the superintendents of these contests.

**Handicapped parking on the fairgrounds during the dog show is not permitted; however, provisions can be made for those who need additional assistance in gaining entrance to the Event Center. Arrangements must be made in advance with either the State 4-H Camp Tobin Office or Carol Kuhns, General Superintendent.**

