

Department K

Dogs

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Requirements

1. Members must be enrolled in the 4-H Dog Project. Dogs entered must have been a part of the project since March 16, 2020, or earlier. The member must own or lease his/her dog individually or in partnership with parent or guardian during the complete duration of the project. An exhibitor may show only one dog per class **in Obedience & Showmanship. No leased dogs will be allowed to show at State Fair.**

2. 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 2020 Larimer County Fair by May 1. Exhibitors are not required to show all dogs that they ID.

3. Prior Entry is required for all classes, including obedience and showmanship. A copy of the dog's current (through September 1, 2020) rabies vaccination information SHOULD be on file with each Dog ID. **All dogs must be vaccinated for Rabies, Canine Distemper and Parvovirus to show at the Colorado State Fair.**

4. 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.

5. It will be the **Judge's responsibility** to determine if a dog is unsound.

6. The Judge's decision is final.

7. Larimer County Dog Show Dress Code - This dress code is to be followed by all Junior, Intermediate and Senior 4-H members. 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 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.
- Appropriate clothing must be worn in all dog show classes.
- 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.

The progress the dog has made determines the class in which it should be entered.

8. After once earning a qualifying score in competition as a 4-H project dog in Obedience 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.

9. 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

10. Show Management will have final decision authority.

11. **Awards:**

A. 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 190

Dog Showmanship

1. **Prior Entry is Required.** Ages figured as of December 31, 2019.

2. Showmanship is limited to one dog per exhibitor (may be different dog than obedience).

3. 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. Gaiting..... 35 points

Ability to follow patterns as directed by Judge

Dog fully visible to Judge in gaiting position

Proper gaiting in ring based on breed, age, conformation

Smoothness in turns

Correct hand switching

F. Breed Presentation35 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
Total 190 points

Junior Open Showmanship

Class
501. Junior Open Showmanship
This class is for members 8 – 10 years and their dogs with previous experience in Showmanship.

Intermediate Open Showmanship

Class
503. Intermediate Open Showmanship
This class is for members 11 – 13 years and their dogs with previous experience in Showmanship.

Intermediate Advanced 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 have the choice to either continue showing Advanced Class or move back to Open. The member must then qualify the new dog to move up to Advanced.

Senior Open Showmanship

Class
506. Senior Open Showmanship
This class is for members 14 years and over and their dogs with previous experience in Showmanship.

Senior Advanced Showmanship

Class
507. Senior Advanced Showmanship
This class is for any member who has placed 1st – 10th 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 have the choice to either continue showing Advanced Class or move back to Open. The member must then qualify the new dog to move up to Advanced.

Master Showmanship Class

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 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 enter 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.

Dog Obedience

1. In all classes, 10 points will be deducted in the obedience classes for the following: strong correction and disciplining.
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 Beginner 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.

Beginner Novice B

This class is ONLY open to second year project members with the same dog and must be the same youth and dog team that showed the previous year in Beginner-Novice A. 6-foot lead required. **Members cannot show in Beginner Novice B for more than one year.**

Class

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

A. Heel on Leash	40 points
B. Figure 8 on Leash	40 points
C. Sit for Exam on Leash	40 points
D. Sit Stay on Leash.....	40 points
E. Recall on Leash	40 points
Total	200 points

Beginner Novice C – 2nd Year

This class is open to only those in the second year of Beginner Novice C training and must be the same youth and dog team that showed the previous year in Beginner Novice C – 2nd Year. 6-foot lead required. **Members cannot show in Beginner Novice C – 2nd year for more than one year.**

Class

513. A dog entered in the Beginner Novice C – 2nd Year class must perform on leash the following exercises: (6-foot lead required)

A. Heel on Leash	40 points
B. Figure 8 on Leash	40 points
C. Sit for Exam on Leash	40 points
D. Sit Stay on Leash.....	40 points
E. Recall on Leash	40 points
Total	200 points

Novice A

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

Class

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

A. Heel on Leash, then Figure 8	40 points
B. Stand for Exam (off leash)	30 points
C. Heel free (figure 8 not included)	40 points
D. Recall (handler about 35 feet from dog)	30 points
E. Sit Stay – Get Your Leash	30 points
F. Sit & Down Stay	30 points
Total	200 points

Novice B

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.

Class

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

A. Heel on Leash, then figure 8	40 points
B. Stand for Exam (off leash)	30 points
C. Heel free (figure 8 not included)	40 points
D. Recall (handler about 35 feet from dog)	30 points
E. Sit Stay – Get Your Leash	30 points
F. Sit & Down Stay	30 points
Total	200 points

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.**

Class

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

A. Heel on Leash	40 points
B. Moving Stand and Exam (off leash)	30 points
C. Heel Free and Figure 8 (off leash)	40 points
D. Moving Drop on Recall	30 points
E. Recall Over Broad jump	30 points
F. Down Stay	30 points
(3 minutes)	
Total	200 points

Pre-Graduate Novice B

This class is open to experienced members in their second year or above of Pre-Graduate Novice Dog Training.

Class

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

A. Heel on Leash	40 points
B. Moving stand and Exam (off leash)	30 points
C. Heel Free and Figure 8 (off leash)	40 points
D. Moving Drop on Recall	30 points
E. Recall Over Broad Jump	30 points
F. Down Stay	30 points
(3 minutes; handler out of sight of dog)	
Total	200 points

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.**

Class

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

A. Heel on Leash and Figure 8 off leash	40 points
B. Drop on Recall	40 points
C. Dumbbell Recall	30 points
D. Recall Over High Jump	30 points
E. Recall Over Broad Jump	30 points
F. Stand-Stay, Get Your Leash	30 points
Total	200 points

Graduate Novice B

This class is open to members in their second or higher year of Graduate Novice training.

Class

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

A. Heel on Leash and Figure 8 off Leash	40 points
B. Drop on Recall	40 points
C. Dumbbell Recall	30 points
D. Recall Over High Jump	30 points
E. Recall Over Broad Jump	30 points
F. Stand-Stay, Get Your Leash	30 points
Total	200 points

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.**

Class

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

A. Heel Free and Figure 8 off Leash	40 points
B. Command Discrimination, Stand Down Sit	30 points
C. Drop on Recall	30 points
D. Retrieve on Flat	20 points
E. Retrieve Over High Jump	30 points
F. Broad Jump	20 points
G. Stand-Stay, Get Your Leash	30 points
Total	200 points

Open B

This class is open to members with dogs who are experienced in Open Handling.

Class

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

A. Heel Free and Figure 8 off Leash	40 points
B. Command Discrimination, Stand Down Sit	30 points
C. Drop on Recall	30 points
D. Retrieve on Flat	20 points
E. Retrieve Over High Jump	30 points
F. Broad Jump	20 points
G. Stand-Stay, Get Your Leash	30 points
Total	200 points

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.

Class

522. All exercises in accordance to AKC specifications, except registration of dog is not required.
- A. Signal Exercises..... 40 points
 - B. Scent Discrimination..... 30 points
 - C. Directed Retrieve 30 points
 - D. Moving Stand and Exam..... 30 points
 - E. Go Out..... 30 points
 - F. Directed Jumping 40 points
 - Total 200 points**

Graduate Open B

This class is open to members who are experienced in Graduate Open.

Class

523. All exercises in accordance to AKC specifications, except registration of do is not required.
- A. Signal Exercises..... 40 points
 - B. Scent Discrimination..... 30 points
 - C. Directed Retrieve 30 points
 - D. Moving Stand and Exam..... 30 points
 - E. Go Out..... 30 points
 - F. Directed Jumping 40 points
 - Total 200 points**

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.

Class

524. All exercises in accordance to AKC specifications, except registration of dog is not required.
- A. Signal Exercise 40 points
 - B. Scent Discrimination-Leather 30 points
 - C. Scent Discrimination-Metal 30 points
 - D. Directed Retrieve of Glove 30 points
 - E. Moving Stand and Exam 30 points
 - F. Directed Jumping 40 points
 - Total 200 points**

Utility B

This class is open to members with dogs who are experienced in Utility Handling.

Class

525. All exercises in accordance to AKC specifications, except registration of dog is not required.
- A. Signal Exercise 40 points
 - B. Scent Discrimination-Leather 30 points
 - C. Scent Discrimination-Metal 30 points
 - D. Directed Retrieve of Glove 30 points
 - E. Moving Stand and Exam 30 points
 - F. Directed Jumping 40 points
 - Total 200 points**

Veterans Division

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

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.

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.

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

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"