

## Section C – 4-H DOG SHOW

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### A. RULES AND REGULATIONS

**\*\*\*ATTENTION\*\*\***

**A photocopy of each animal's health papers does not have to accompany the entry form to State Fair, however, the animal's rabies certificate MUST accompany the entry form sent to the Superintendent. It is also IMPERATIVE that you bring the original health papers with you for inspection upon arrival on the Fairgrounds.**

1. All New York State Fair Dept. 51 4-H Dog Show entries **must** be 4-H members and endorsed by a Cornell Cooperative Extension Educator before they can be accepted by the NYS Fair.

**It is the responsibility of each educator, volunteer, parent and exhibitor to ensure that each dog is trained exclusively by the 4-H'er exhibiting that dog. Any dog (family owned or not) who has had training by another person can't compete at that level of training with a 4-H exhibitor. The dog should be trained and shown by the 4-H'er at the next highest level of training. (Remember in 4-H rules – moving from A to B is not moving up a level except in G & H). It is the responsibility of the 4-H instructor/educator in any county to verify that the dogs entered into State Fair competition have been trained at the level being shown by the 4-H exhibitor.**

4-H'ers may send their entries directly to the Fair as soon as the entry bears the endorsement of a Cornell Cooperative Extension Educator or party designated by Cooperative Extension to endorse its entries.

In no case will an entry be accepted **if postmarked after Wednesday, August 1**. Absolutely no phone in entries will be accepted. All entries should carry First Class Postage. Allow at least 7 days for delivery. Address your completed, educator-endorsed entries to: Entry Department, NYS Fair, 581 State Fair Boulevard, Syracuse, NY 13209. **A copy is also required to be mailed to the youth superintendent by the entry deadline.**

**No substitutions or class changes are allowed after the entry deadline (Youth or Dogs.)** Premiums are not paid in Brace, 4-Person Team or Drill Team. Only two brace and two 4-Person Teams allowed per county. Absolutely no post entries will be accepted for any classes.

2. In situations where Cornell Cooperative Extension entries cannot be finalized until after the State Fair entry deadline, ALL potential entries should be entered by the deadline and the State Fair Entry Dept. **and the Dog Show Superintendent should be notified of scratches prior to the start of the fair.**

3. All 4-H dogs must conform to the rules and regulations of the Livestock Health requirements as determined by the Department of Agriculture and Markets printed at the beginning of the catalog.
4. All exhibitors **MUST** bring their dog's rabies certificate with them to State Fair. In addition, you **MUST** send a copy for each dog entered to the Superintendent. Any entry form that does not have a valid rabies certificate attached will be considered void. It is recommended that you have your dogs immunized (as appropriate to their age) against distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis and parvovirus yearly. Bordetella and parainfluenza virus vaccines are also recommended annually for show dogs. Exhibitors should consult their veterinarian for further information about these vaccines as well as internal and external parasite control programs.
5. **Each** county participating is expected to provide help for stewarding. A steward is expected to finish an entire class.
6. All 4-H dogs will be exhibited in the Coliseum and warm up ring on Saturday, August 18.
  - a. **AT NO TIME MAY A DOG BE LEFT UNATTENDED.**
  - b. **EXHIBITORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN DOGS AND MUST IMMEDIATELY CLEAN UP AFTER THEIR DOGS. FAILURE TO OBSERVE THESE REGULATIONS WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE DISCIPLINARY ACTION.**
  - c. Youth are not to walk their dogs anywhere on the fairgrounds, other than necessary transit to and from the Dog Shows or to and from the Youth Building Dog Science Cynology booth.
  - d. Exhibitors are encouraged to bring county banners to display near their sitting area.
  - e. All exhibitors must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
  - f. Crating area is located at top of the Coliseum.
  - g. No crating in walkways.
7. A bitch in season must not be brought to the State Fair, determination made by judge.
8. All dogs should be at least 6 months of age.
9. Dog leashes for Beginner exercises are to be 6 feet in length.
10. All dogs in the obedience ring **MUST** wear a properly fitted collar approved by the judge/superintendent. No special training collars such as electronic collars, prong collars or gentle leaders. Martingales are an acceptable collar. Nothing may be hanging from the dog's collar.
11. Dress Code: See our website at <http://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/animal-programs/dogs/>
12. Each exhibitor will receive one day premium for each day he or she exhibits a dog, even if showing more than one dog in more than one class.
13. Restrictions on numbers of entries per county are noted with each of the class descriptions.
14. The performance of the 4H'ers and their dogs will be scored according to standard score sheets. In general, American Kennel Club (AKC) rules will be used for obedience and rally class evaluations. However, mixed parentage dogs are welcome.

15. If any 4Her needs any accommodations to participate in our event, please let us know as soon as possible at [cw14@cornell.edu](mailto:cw14@cornell.edu) or (607) 351-1744. RV camper is available at \$25/night. Please see RV form to reserve.
16. NO FOOD/BAIT is allowed in the ring during obedience, agility or rally classes, whether in a pocket or exposed. No food/bait shall be brought through the announcer's stand/exhibitor's entrance.
17. The Danish system will be used for awards (blue, red, and white ribbons). The highest scoring dog and handler in each class will receive a special award. Order of presentation:  
 Good (red ribbon) and Worthy (white ribbon) awards distributed in random order followed by Excellent (blue ribbon) awards ranked in reverse order (last blue to first blue).
18. Dogs that received a red or white ribbon rating at the State Fair may compete in the same class the second year. Dogs that received a Blue placing must move up to the next level. In obedience training, it is important that the dog learn the exercise well before going on to the next training level.
19. Scoring: Ribbons will be awarded on the following basis:
 

Beginner and Graduate Beginners, Novice, Advance Novice, Graduate Novice, Open and Utility	
Excellent (Blue)	170-200
Very Good (Red)	150-169
Worthy (White)	0-149
Brace	
Excellent (Blue)	340-400
Very Good (Red)	300-339
Worthy (White)	0-299
4-Person Team	
Excellent (Blue)	680-800
Very Good (Red)	600-679
Worthy (White)	0-599
Grooming and Handling	
Excellent (Blue)	86-100
Very Good (Red)	71-85
Worthy (White)	0-70
Agility (Pre-Novice & Novice)	
Excellent (Blue)	86-100
Very Good (Red)	70 – 85.5
Worthy (White)	Below 70
Agility (Open, Excellent & Masters)	
Excellent (Blue)	91-100
Very Good (Red)	70-90.5
Worthy (White)	Below 70
Rally Novice A, B, Advanced, Excellent, Intermediate & Masters	
Excellent (Blue)	86 – 100
Very Good (Red)	71 – 85.5
Worthy (White)	Under 70

To break a tied score in obedience classes, the heel-on-leash exercise will be used (without Figure 8).

20. Limping or injured dogs may be excused, at the judge's discretion.
21. Any dog that has been known to bite another dog/person **MUST NOT** be brought to the New York State Fair. As per AKC rules, any dog that attacks another dog or appears dangerous to other dogs in the ring (i.e., growling) must be excused.

**B. SHOW SCHEDULE** – For Saturday, August 18 – Coliseum & Warm Up Ring

7:00-7:45 a.m.	Registration. <b>ONE person (the county delegate indicated on County entry forms) needs to pick up the packet</b> (which includes arm-bands for ALL exhibitors from that county) <b>and indicate any scratches which they are aware of. No class changes can be made.</b>
7:45 – 8:00 a.m.	County Official will notify Superintendent of <b>all known</b> absentees by returning armbands not picked up.
<b>Class Start times will be e-mailed to County Official after August 10<sup>th</sup>. Exhibitors should be at Coliseum 1 hour before class Begins.</b>	Utility, Open A & B and Beginner A, B & C & Rally & Grooming & Handling. Graduate Beginner Novice A & B, Novice A, Agility Excellent, Agility Open, Agility Novice, Agility Masters and Agility Pre-Novice will follow the Agility Excellent Class Advanced Novice followed by Graduate Novice
<b>At conclusion of all other classes</b>	Novice B, Brace, 4-Person Teams and Service Dog will begin as rings become available.  Drill Team
	<b>AWARDS</b> (All ribbons will be awarded at this time. Exhibitors are expected to stay through the awards ceremony. Those who do not stay until ribbons are awarded will <b>not</b> have their ribbons and score sheets forwarded to them.)

**Section CA INDIVIDUAL CLASSES & CLASS #**

**NOTE:** No dog may compete in more than one regular class (Classes 2-13). An individual can compete at one level only with each dog.

**Special Classes**

Class No. 1 Each county may submit 2 alternates.

**Service Dog Class** – This class is only for those dogs currently being raised by 4-H members for an organization that provides dogs to aid the handicapped (e.g., Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Hearing Dogs, etc.). It is intended as a way to inform the public of this important aspect of the 4-H Dog Program. Dogs will be evaluated on their appearance (grooming) and simple obedience appropriate to their age and service. Entry **MUST** include the name of the organization for which the dog is being used. Service Dogs are allowed to wear identification (blanket, collar, etc.) appropriate to their sponsoring organization. Any dog that is released from a service dog program is

no longer eligible for this class. **Dogs entered in this class may participate in no other class except Drill Team.**

## **OBEDIENCE CLASSES**

### **Regular Classes**

Class No. 2

**Beginner A** – For 4H'ers who have not previously trained a dog. The dogs in this class must not have graduated beyond the Beginner level. All exercises (Heel on Leash, Figure 8; Sit for Exam; Sit Stay (30 sec. – 1 min.), Recall) will be performed with the dog on lead. The maximum possible score is 200 points. Dogs receiving a blue in this class **MUST** move up to Beginner C or higher. **Dogs entered in this class can't participate in Agility, Brace or 4-Person Team.**

Class No. 3

**Beginner B** – For 4H'ers who have previously trained a dog. The dogs in this class must not have graduated beyond the Beginner level. All exercises (Heel on Leash, Figure 8; Sit for Exam; Sit Stay (30 sec. – 1 min.), Recall) will be performed with the dog on lead. The maximum possible score is 200 points. Dogs receiving a blue in this class **MUST** move to Beginner C. **Dogs entered in this class cannot also participate in Agility, Brace or 4-Person Team or higher.**

Class No. 4

**Beginner C** – For 4H'ers who have previously trained a dog in Beginner or more advanced levels of obedience. Dogs must not have graduated beyond the Beginner level. Exercises and maximum possible points are the same as in Beginner A, except for recall off leash and sit is dropped leash. Dogs receiving a blue in this class **MUST** move to Graduate Beginner. **Dogs entered in this class cannot also participate in Brace or 4-Person Team.**

Class No. 5

**Graduate Beginner A** – For 4H'ers who have not previously trained a dog beyond the Graduate Beginner level. Dogs must not have graduated beyond the Graduate Beginner level. Exercises and maximum possible points are the same as in the Beginner A and B classes EXCEPT that the Stand for Examination, Recall, Long Sit, 1 minute; Long Down, 3 minutes exercises are done with leash attached to collar and placed next to dog with number. Dogs receiving a blue ribbon in this class **MUST** move to Novice.

Class No. 6

**Graduate Beginner B** – For 4H'ers who have previously trained a dog in graduate beginner or more advanced levels of obedience. Dogs must not have graduated beyond the Graduate Beginner level. Exercises and maximum possible points are the same as in Graduate Beginner A. Dogs receiving a blue ribbon in this class **MUST** move to Novice.

Class No. 7

**Novice A** – For 4H'ers and dogs who have completed a Novice course of instruction but have not graduated beyond this level. Dogs must not have completed their AKC Companion Dog (CD) title (or the equivalent – UKC U-CD, All-American CD, Club CD, CKC CD, etc.) unless the CD was earned within 60 days of the show. Other than the Heel On Leash and Figure 8, all exercises will be performed with the dog off lead (Stand for Examination; Heel Off Leash; Recall). (Long Sit, 1 minute; Long Down, 3 minutes are done with leash attached to collar and placed next to dog with number). Maximum possible score will be 200 points.

Class No. 8

**Novice B** – Exercises will be the same as Novice A. Exhibitors can participate in this class more than once. Open to any handler and dog at the Novice Level but not ready for Advanced Novice.

Class No. 9

**Advanced Novice** – For 4H’ers and dogs who have not graduated beyond the Advanced Novice level of obedience. Dogs may have earned a CD title but not a Companion Dog Excellence (CDX) title (or the equivalent). Other than the Heel On Leash, all exercises will be performed with the dog off leash (Stand for Examination; Heel Free and Figure 8; Drop on Recall; Long Sit, Handlers Out of Sight, 3 minutes; Long Down, Handlers Out of Sight, 5 minutes). Maximum possible score will be 200 points. Open to any handler and dog beyond the Novice Level but not ready for Graduate Novice.

Class No. 10

**Graduate Novice** – Dogs may not have earned a CDX or equivalent title, unless the title was earned within 60 days of the show. The exercises are: Heel Free and Figure 8; Drop on Recall; Dumbbell Recall; Recall over High Jump; Recall over Broad Jump and Long Down. The maximum possible score is 200 points. Open to any handler and dog beyond the Novice level but not ready for open class (due to training and/or physical ability of dog).

Class No. 11 (**unlimited number of entries per county**)

**Open A** – For 4H’ers and dogs who have not graduated beyond the Open level of obedience. Dogs may have earned a CD degree but not a CDX, unless the CDX was earned within 60 days of the show. ALL exercises will be performed with the dog off leash (Heel Free and Figure 8; Drop on Recall; Retrieve on Flat; Retrieve Over High Jump; Broad Jump; Long Sit, Handlers Out of Sight, 3 minutes; Long Down, Handlers Out of Sight, 5 minutes). Maximum possible score will be 200 points.

Class No. 12 (**unlimited number of entries per county**)

**Open B** – Dogs who have received their CDX but are not ready to enter Utility may participate in Open B. All exercises are the same as Class No. 11, Open A. With special permission from the 4-H Dog Show Superintendent, dogs may repeat in this class regardless of point score or ribbon placing in the Open class at previous State Fair shows.

Class No. 13 (**unlimited number of entries per county**)

**Utility** – For 4H’ers and dogs who have not earned a Utility Dog (UD) title or the equivalent, unless this title has been completed within 60 days of the show. ALL exercises will be performed with the dog off leash (Signal Exercise; Scent Discrimination, one metal article, one leather article; Directed Retrieve; Moving Stand and Examination; Directed Jumping). Maximum possible score will be 200 points. Dogs may repeat in this class regardless of point score or ribbon placing in the Utility class at previous State Fair shows. With special permission from the 4-H Dog Show Superintendent, 4H’ers with dogs that have earned a UD may participate in the Utility class FOR EXHIBITION ONLY (FEO).

**Non-Regular Classes**

Class No. 14 (**no premiums, ribbons only**)

**Brace** – For ONE 4H’er with TWO dogs, at least one of the dogs being owned by the 4H’er handling the Brace. The two dogs may be different breeds. Exercises will be performed as in Graduate Beginner (with 160 points maximum for the Heel On Leash and Figure 8, and 60 points each maximum for the Stand for Examination, Recall, Long Sit and Long Down). **Maximum possible score will be 400 points.** 4H’ers and dogs who have participated in this class in previous years may repeat as long as they qualify at the county level. Beginner A, B and C Obedience dogs are not eligible for Brace; dogs must be working at the Graduate Beginner Level. The same two dogs, as a brace, may not be shown twice.

Class No. 15 (**no premiums, ribbons only**)

**Four-Person Team** – Teams will consist of four 4H’ers with their four dogs simultaneously performing Graduate Beginner exercises (with 240 points maximum for the Heel On Leash, 80 points maximum for the Figure 8 and 120 points each maximum for the Stand for Examination,

Recall, Long Sit and Long Down). The Figure 8 will require the use of 5 stewards as “posts”. Once lined up for the Recall, the judge will instruct the 4H’ers to leave their dogs (all four handlers leave as a group). Each 4H’er will call their dog individually. Once all four dogs have been called, the judge will instruct the handlers to finish their dogs (as a group). Maximum possible score will be 800 points. 4H’ers and dogs who have participated in this class in previous years may repeat as long as they qualify at the county level. Only one entry per handler/dog combination. Beginner A, B and C obedience dogs are not eligible for 4-Person Team. Dogs must be working at the Graduate Beginner Level.

**Class No. 16 (group premium and rosettes only)**

**Drill Team** – Each team will consist of 8 or more dogs and their trainers (4H’ers) who will perform a detailed drill of their own design. If a county does not have at least 8 dogs, they may join with another county to make a team. Trainers may wish to dress alike and perform to music. Live music is permitted. Counties using pre-recorded music should bring their own CDs for playing over the Coliseum sound system. No adult may enter the arena with the Drill Team. Vocal or whistle commands are permitted, but they must be given by a member of the Drill Team.

To avoid congestion at the in gate, drill team coordinators should plan to enter the Coliseum (under the clock) and exit from the opposite end of the Coliseum.

Dogs may be dressed to add further color. The drill should be at least five but not exceed eight minutes in length. Points will be deducted if these limits are not met (Loss of 1 point for each 15 seconds over or under these limits, an additional 5 points off for an over 60 second deviation). The team will be scored according to the “Drill Team Score Sheet”.

An award totaling \$150.00 will be split by the participating drill teams, not to exceed \$25 per team, to help defray exhibit expenses. **Each drill team must identify a captain on the entry form. That captain will receive the team’s award.**

**If a dog defecates or eliminates in the ring during the Drill Team, they will lose 15 points per occurrence.**

**DRILL TEAM SCORE CARD**

**POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION**

Appearance-uniformity, neatness, appropriateness	10
Appropriateness of musical accompaniment	5
Difficulty of the routine	15
Handling	15
Obedience – attentiveness to the aims of dog obedience	20
Originality	15
Precision	<u>20</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

**Section CB**

**GROOMING AND HANDLING CLASSES  
To be held on Saturday, August 18 in Coliseum**

**Class No. 17**

**Grooming and Handling A Junior** – For 4H’ers 8 to 13 years of age who are competing for the first time in Grooming and Handling at State Fair, unless the Handler has qualified for the Open Class of Junior Showmanship at an AKC Show. **Handlers who receive a red or white ribbon rating at State Fair may compete at this level the second year.**

**Class No. 18**

**Grooming and Handling A Senior** – For 4H’ers 14 to 18 years of age who are competing for the first time in Grooming and Handling at State Fair, unless the Handler has qualified for the Open

Class of Junior Showmanship at an AKC Show. Handlers who receive a red or white ribbon rating at State Fair may compete at this level the second year.

Class No. 19

**Grooming and Handling B Junior** – For 4H’ers 9 to 13 years of age as of Jan. 1 and have previously completed in Grooming and Handling at the State Fair..

Class No. 20

**Grooming & Handling B – Senior** – For 4H’ers 14 to 18 years of age as of Jan. 1 and have previously competed in Grooming & Handling at the State Fair.

Class No 21 – Senior

**Grooming and Handling C** – For 4-H’ers who have previously been a Grooming and Handling B Champion and/or have qualified for the Open Class of Junior Showmanship at an AKC show (or the equivalent), even if it is their first year.

### **General Guidelines for Grooming and Handling Classes:**

- One entry per handler in Grooming and Handling. 4H’er can **NOT** enter multiple Grooming & Handling Classes. Handler would be competing against themselves.
- The Appearance of the Animal (Grooming) will account for 45 points and the Showing (Handling) of the Animal will account for 45 points. Knowledge of handler (appropriate to class level) will account for 10 points. Maximum possible score will be 100 points. **Ties are broken based upon handling skills and knowledge of handler.**
- If a dog defecates or eliminates in the ring during Grooming and Handling, they will lose 15 points **per occurrence**.
- If a 4H’er is also entered in one or more obedience classes, he/she should notify one of the stewards in the obedience class(es) that he/she is also entered in Grooming and Handling and note which ring. Where possible, 4H’ers should participate in their Grooming and Handling class as scheduled. The individual exercises of the obedience classes require only one 4H’er and his/her dog at a time so it is easier to pick up an obedience class later than it is to group 8 or more handlers together for a Grooming and Handling class. *Discriminating* use of bait (food, toy, etc.) will be allowed in Grooming and Handling classes but is not mandatory. Inappropriate baiting will be severely penalized.
- Dogs must be shown by the 4-H member who did the grooming. The same dog may not be shown twice .
- Gaiting Patterns.  
Dogs should be moved at a trot.  
How smoothly a pattern is performed is more important than the actual mechanics of it (i.e., which hand switched where). 4H’ers should strive to keep their dogs between themselves and the judge where possible.

4H’ers in all divisions (A,B,C) will be expected to be able to gait their dog in a circle, a triangle and in a straight line. The straight line may be on a diagonal of the ring or parallel to a side of the ring (e.g., judge may ask handler to gait their dog “straight up and back”).

4H’ers in Grooming and Handling divisions B and C will additionally be expected to be able to gait their dogs in an L pattern and also in a straight line paired with another 4H’er and his/her dog.



In any division (A,B,C), the judge will ask the 4H'ers questions about their dogs. In the A division, basic questions such as "How old is your dog?", "What breed/breeds is your dog?", etc. may be asked to familiarize the 4H'er with being asked a question and responding. In the B division, more difficult questions may be asked (e.g., parts of the dog, breed specific questions, etc.).

**Section CC**  
**RALLY OBEDIENCE**  
**To be held on Saturday, August 18 in the Coliseum**

A. RULES:

1. The Obedience Regulations & Rules applying to dog shows, where applicable, shall apply to all persons and dogs, except as otherwise provided.
2. All dogs shall be shown in a flat buckle, snap collar or martingale.
3. Food will **NOT** be permitted in the ring.
4. A copy of the course will be posted at the announcers stand and maps will be in the catalog.
5. Competitors shall be provided with a 15-minute period to walk the course (without dogs) and ask the judge questions.
6. There will be a maximum time of three (3) minutes per handler/dog team. **Anyone with special needs should notify the Superintendent at time of entry.**
7. Dogs may be shown in only one level of Rally Obedience.
8. If a dog defecates or eliminates in the ring during Rally, they will lose 15 points **per occurrence.**
9. Times will be used only to break a tie for Grand or Reserve.
10. Rally Jump Heights – Dog measured to the withers: under 10" – jump 4"; 10" and under 15" – jump 8", 15" to less than 20" = jump 12" & 20" and above – jump 16".

B. SCORING:

Shall generally follow AKC Guidelines.

Class No. 22

**Rally Novice A** – Course shall consist of 10-15 stations plus a START & FINISH sign. This course is open to dogs at all levels of Obedience. Rally Novice will be performed on a leash. Dogs receiving Blue Ribbons must move up to the next level or to Rally B. Dogs who have received a Rally Novice (RN) Title (or the equivalent R1, etc.) unless earned within 60 days of the show must move to Rally Advanced.

Class No. 23

**Rally Novice B** – For dogs who are not yet ready for Rally Advanced but who received a blue ribbon in the previous year. Class description is the same as Rally Novice A. This class is available only once. If the dog received a blue, the dog must move to Rally Advanced in the next year.

Class No. 24

**Rally Intermediate** – Will be Rally Advanced course performed ON leash. No jump. No dogs previously shown in Rally Advanced eligible.

Class No. 25

**Rally Advanced** – Course shall consist of 12 – 17 exercise stations plus a START & FINISH sign. Rally Advanced course shall be performed with the dog off leash. All dogs must be working at the Graduate Beginner level to be training/working/showing in this class. Dogs not entered in an obedience class may be asked to perform an off leash exercise to show that they belong in Rally Advanced. Beginner A & B Obedience dogs are not eligible. Dogs who have received a Blue Ribbon or a Rally Advanced (RA) Title (or the equivalent) unless earned within 60 days of the show must move to Rally Excellent.

Class No. 26

**Rally Excellent** – Course shall consist of 15 – 20 stations plus a START & FINISH sign with no more than 7 stationary exercises. All dogs must be working at the Graduate Beginner level to be training/working/showing in this class. Dogs not entered in an obedience class may be asked to perform an off leash exercise to show that they belong in Rally Excellent. Beginner A & B obedience dogs are not eligible. All exercises shall be performed off leash except the Honor Exercise. Dogs who have received a Blue Ribbon or Rally Excellent (RE) Title (or the equivalent) unless earned within 60 days of the show may participate FEO with permission from the 4-H Dog Show Superintendent.

Class No. 27

**Rally Masters** – Course shall consist of 17 – 20 stations plus a start and finish sign. Signs used will include signs from **all** levels of rally plus new masters signs. Open to Rally Excellent Grand Champions and AKC Excellent dogs with RAE titles.

### Section CD AGILITY CLASS

**To be held on Saturday, August 18 in the Warm Up Ring**

A. RULES:

1. 4-H rules can be located at <http://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/animal-programs/dogs/dog-class-scoresheets/>
2. All dogs **MUST** be working at the Beginner C Level to be training/working/showing in Agility. **Beginner A & B obedience dogs are not eligible.** Dogs not entered in an obedience class may be asked to perform an off lead recall to show that they belong in Agility.
3. Dogs must be at least 15 months old.
4. Either no collar or flat buckle collars but no hanging tags or attachments.
5. Handlers shall be allowed to bring their dog to the start line on leash. Handlers shall comply with the judges' instructions for being ready to start their run, having their dog **off leash and under control in a timely manner.**
6. **Food and toys are not permitted in course area or in the ring** and handlers are not permitted to use whistles or other instruments or devices.
7. Handlers will be excused by the judge/superintendent for inappropriate actions including training devices.

8. Handlers in all classes will be allowed one ten minute walk through the course, without a dog, prior to the start of the class.
9. A handler may be asked to leave the ring at any time at the judges/superintendents discretion.
10. All dogs must be measured prior to judging. A measuring steward will be available throughout registration and opportunities will be provided throughout the 4-H year to obtain a 4-H height card for your agility dog. The dog's height to be measured at the withers. If you have a permanent height card from another agility organization, that may be used in place of a 4-H card. If you have a height card, please attach a copy to the entry you are sending to the Superintendent.
11. No jump height to exceed 24". Dogs entered in the Agility Classes shall jump AKC Preferred jump heights (4" lower).
12. **If a dog defecates or eliminates in the ring during Agility, they will lose 15 points per occurrence.**
13. If a dog is trained by someone before the 4-H handler takes over, that dog must be shown at the next highest level of competition.

B. SCORING:

1. **Course Time Deductions** will be made as follows:

**Pre-Novice & Novice:**

One point deduction for every second over course time rounding down to whole numbers.

**Open:**

Two point deduction for every second over course time rounding down to whole numbers.

A handler will be asked to leave the course if their time exceeds two times the standard course time. A whistle will not be used.

2. **Wrong Course:** will result in a 5-point deduction for each occurrence.
3. **Pause Table Faults:** will result in a 5-point deduction for each occurrence.
4. **Outside Assistance:** will result in a 2-point deduction to elimination at the judges' discretion.
5. Handler is not allowed to touch dog or equipment while competing.
6. **Contacts:** at judge's discretion.

Class No. 28

**Agility (Pre-Novice)** – A ten obstacle course that is straight forward using non-winged jumps, pipe tunnel, A-frame, tire jump, table and dog walk. Any dog that received a Blue placing must move to the next level.

Class No. 29

**Agility (Novice)** – Any dog that received a Blue placing must move to the next level. Dogs must not have completed their AKC Novice Standard Agility title (or the equivalent – NADAC, USDAA, etc.) unless the title was earned within 60 days of the show.

At least 12 – 13 obstacles must be used in the Novice classes: (There will be **no weaves** in Novice.)

Class No. 30

**Agility (Open)** – For dogs who have received a blue award in the Novice Level. Dogs must not have completed their AKC Open standard title (or the equivalent – NADAC, USDAA, etc.) unless the title was earned within 60 days of the show. Additional obstacles will be added.

Class No. 31

**Agility (Excellent)** – For dogs who have received a blue award in the Open Level. Dogs must not have completed their AKC Excellent Title (or the equivalent – NADAC, USDAA, etc.) unless the title was earned within 60 days of the show. Dogs who have titled or received a blue ribbon in this class may compete FEO.

Class No. 32

**Agility (Masters)** – For dogs titled in Agility Excellent or received a blue in the Excellent Class.