

JUNIOR FAIR DOG PROGRAM

Department 900

Saturday, August 17, 2019 @ 10:30 AM

Requirements:

1. Before showing at the Defiance County Fair, Dog Matches or State Fair Competition, the dog and handler must attend a **MINIMUM OF FIVE (5) Dog Committee training sessions** or be observed and approved by a Dog Committee Member. Lessons, instruction and advice for the exhibitor are encouraged. As long as the exhibitor is present in the learning situation, and handles or trains the dog the majority of the time present, such assistance can include occasional handling or training by another person
2. **Entry is limited to two dogs.** 4-H members may exhibit more than one dog as long as they only exhibit one dog in each level (Example Pre Novice A & B are one level). They are permitted to exhibit the same dog in an obedience class, a rally class, agility, and a showmanship class. Exception to this is brace class (see Brace Rule) and agility and Rally. They may show more than one dog in the same agility class and Rally Class.
3. **Livestock Quality Assurance Requirement:** In place of Livestock Quality Assurance, Dog exhibitors are required to participate in one outside educational/awareness event. Examples include but are not limited to:
 - Dog Demonstration at the Summer Ball Fest (July)
 - Dog Demonstration/Fundraiser at TSC Clover Day Fundraiser (May/October)
 - * Other events as approved by the Dog Committee
4. **First Year/Beginner Class** In this class, there will be no numerical scores. Exhibitors will receive a grade of A, B, or C. There will be no placements in this class. The judge's comments are very important in this class, as the following year the 4-H'er will hopefully be moving up to a regular obedience or grooming and handling class. This class is designed for the 4-H'er who has never taken a dog project. This is meant to be an introduction to the dog project that the 4-H'er can build on the following year. They are to display basic dog care knowledge and basic control needed for the family pet. They are not required to perform the exercises with the perfection needed in the Obedience classes. All exercises will be performed on an individual basis. If the exhibitor chooses to take the First Year Beginners Class, they are not eligible to participate in any other competitive classes such as obedience, showmanship or rally.
5. **Premier Exhibitor Award** (Replaces High Score Obedience/Showmanship Award)
This award will be tabulated by the following formula. Highest total point earned by an exhibitor showing the same dog in the following classes.

Obedience	230 points
Showmanship	230 points
Rally	130 points
<u>Skill-a-thon</u>	<u>100 points</u>
Total Possible Points available	690 points

Specific Dog Show Discipline Rules

Defiance County will follow the rules and regulations described in each of the rulebooks that can be found on the Defiance County dog exhibitors may obtain a copy of the rules from the Defiance County Extension Office.

- All participants in the Junior Fair Dog show must be dressed in proper attire, have necessary health papers and checked in at registration.
- Leashes must be 6 feet in length for sub novice classes.
- Advancement Rule: All shows will follow the class advancement rules as listed in the Ohio State Fair Dog Show Guidelines. Members who win at the County Level must advance to the next class. All "A" class participants must advance the following year and all "B" class participants must advance after two years in the same class.

4-H Dog Project Eligibility & Completion:

1. Members must have a current health form on file with the Extension Office by June 15.
2. Youth must own or co-own dog or be owned by immediate family. Youth may not lease a dog project. Dogs cannot be shared by siblings or other individuals.
3. Hardship cases/replacement of dogs will not be considered.
4. Only domestic dogs can be shown; no wolves or wolf hybrids.
5. Dogs must be six months old by show date.
6. Female dogs cannot be in heat.
7. Members must sign the Permission to Participate/Project Registration Form (yellow).
8. If a dog has been or becomes aggressive toward people and/or other dogs, that dog CANNOT be take or continue as a 4-H dog project.
9. Dogs must be in youth's continual care by April 1st.
10. No one other than the 4-H member is permitted to show or handle the project dog at any type of dog show on or after April 1st.
11. On or after April 1, only the youth can train the dog at any kind of training class.
12. All members exhibiting an animal project at the Defiance County Fair must complete a dog skillathon.

Junior Fair Entry:

1. The Permission to Participate/Project Registration Form (yellow) will serve as the member's Junior Fair Entry. Members not participating in the Junior Fair show must notify the Extension Office by July 31st.
2. Eligibility for showing in an "A" class is defined as "no training or showing experience for the handler and/or dog prior to the county's current project year." Handlers and/or dogs not meeting this requirement MUST show in a "B" class.

Recommend Show Attire:

Handler's appearance: Exhibitors should be neat, clean, and well-groomed in appearance. They should wear clothing that is comfortable to handle in and appropriate for dog shows. Clothing should not distract, limit or hinder the judge's view of the dog. Inappropriate clothing includes T-shirts, jackets or other apparel with slogans, 4-H club, FFA Chapter, or dog club names, etc., halter tops, tank tops, blue jeans and shorts, sandals, clogs, high-heeled shoes, and other similar footwear. For Grooming and Handling classes it is recommended that girls wear skirts, dresses, skorts, dress shorts or similar attire, and boys wear dress shirts, ties, and dress slacks. For Obedience, Dog Care, Brace and Team classes colored dress jeans and dress shorts are appropriate. Club shirts, jeans and shorts are acceptable for Agility. Jeans and shorts are acceptable for Rally.

Ohio State Fair Dog Show:

1. Defiance County Rule: The Ohio State Fair no longer requires a qualifying show for youth to attend the State Fair. However, Defiance County youth wanting to participate at the State Fair level recommends a minimum of 180 points at a regional dog fun match.
2. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to make the entry for the Ohio State Fair Dog Show.
3. All entries for the Ohio State Fair Dog Show must be approved/signed by the 4-H Extension Educator.
4. Defiance County Youth do not need to qualify in counties to be eligible to show at the State Fair

Safety & Sportsmanship

- Any dog exhibiting unsafe or threatening behavior at any time before, during, or after exhibition must be removed from the Fairgrounds
- Judges must excuse any dog that appears dangerous to other dogs or exhibitors, that snaps, attempts to attack, or attacks any person or dog while in the show ring. They have the right and responsibility to do so
- Dogs cannot wear muzzles, prong collars, electronic collars, etc. on while on the Fairgrounds
- Youth exhibiting poor sportsmanship will have points taken off in the appropriate section on their score sheet, and may be excused from the show ring and asked to leave the Fairgrounds.

Disciplines:

- Showmanship (used to be called Grooming & Handling)
- Obedience (beginning and advanced)
- Rally (a form of obedience)
- Agility
- Other
 - You & Your Dog, Assistance Dogs, 4-H PetPALS, Drill Team, Canine Freestyle, Skillathon, Poster Contest

Difference Between “A” and “B” Classes

- * “A” classes are for FIRST year youth and FIRST year dogs with NO prior show experience at that level
- * “A” classes can NEVER be repeated by the youth OR the dog under any circumstances
- * “B” classes can be repeated by youth and dog
 - * Until winning first place (at State Fair)
 - * County rules may be more strict
 - * Youth cannot just stay in same level “B” class because they do not want to train at a higher level

Once a youth and/or dog has shown in an “A” class, neither can ever go back to that same “A” class. This is true with a different dog also. Once a youth and/or dog has shown in a “B” class and has moved to a higher Level, they can never go back to the lower Level “B” class with the same dog. Youth can go back to lower Level “B” class with a different dog

If a 9-year-old, inexperienced youth joins 4-H with a dog that has shown at the Graduate Novice Level, then they have to show at the Graduate Novice B level, regardless of the youth’s experience.

Summary of Major Changes to 2019 Ohio 4-H Ohio State Fair Dog Show Rules

Note: This document highlights the major changes. It is your responsibility to read and understand the entire rules for the venue(s) in which you plan to show your dog(s). It is also your responsibility to learn what is expected of the handler/dog team when showing in those venues, including the exercises performed as listed on the score sheets.

SCORE SHEETS

1. Counties are required to use the Ohio 4-H Dog Show score sheets for 4-H fun matches and dog shows. Exercises listed on the score sheets reflect the changes in rules, making it very important to use the 2019 versions. These score sheets have 2019 at the bottom.

OHIO STATE FAIR ENTRIES

1. Late entries will not be accepted after Monday, July 15. All late entries must be accompanied with a \$25.00 late entry fee. However, entries and late fees RECEIVED AFTER MONDAY, JULY 15, will not be accepted and will be returned.
2. Youth are not required to make online entries for the dog show July 29-August 1; however, OSF encourages online entries, which will close midnight June 20. Online entries are not permitted for Drill Team entries, Agility entries, and Poster entries.

AGILITY

1. Right now there are no major rule changes, however, due to the Ohio State Highway Patrol revising traffic patterns and parking areas, the date and location for Agility at the Ohio State Fair will not be determined until sometime after mid-January. We will let everyone know as soon as we know. Agility rules will be finalized at that time also.

SHOWMANSHIP

1. Use of bait is permitted in the Showmanship ring. (page 19) (The rule previously read that it was up to the discretion of the judge.)

RALLY

1. Rally Novice C has been discontinued.
2. Know the requirements to move to Rally Intermediate A from Rally Novice B. (pages 17, 18)
3. Rally Advanced A and B classes have been combined into one Rally Advanced class.
4. The maximum course time for Rally classes will be four (4) minutes. (page 20)

OBEDIENCE

1. *Pre-Novice* (page 32, 34). The Long Down on Leash is for 1 minute, not 3 minutes as before.
2. *Pre-Novice Team* (pages 13, 25, 26). Only one dog can be entered per exhibitor as a pre-novice team competitor.
3. *Novice*. (pages 35, 36) The last two exercises: Sit Stay – Get Your Leash, and Group Exercise – Sit and Down Stay, are major changes. (previously 1-minute long sit and 3-minute long down)
4. *Graduate Novice*. (pages 36-40) The exercises changed are Heel Free and Figure Eight off Leash (previously Heel on Leash and Figure Eight off Leash); Dumbbell Recall over the High Jump (previously Recall over High Jump); and **Stand Stay – Get Your Leash** (previously 3-minute long down).
5. *Open*. (pages 40, 42) The second exercise is Command Discrimination (Stand, Down, Sit), and the last exercise is **Stand Stay – Get Your Leash**. This exercise replaces the long sit and long down.