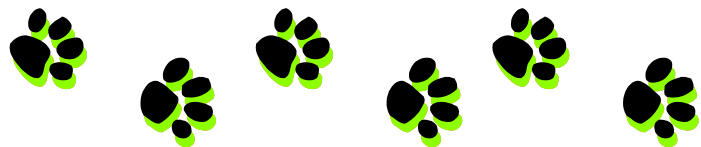


El Paso County 4-H Dog Obedience and Showmanship Rules Revised April 2009



DOG Showmanship and Obedience RULES

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1. Dogs must be part of the El Paso County 4-H Dog Project since **May 1st**.
2. Handlers must be enrolled in the 4-H Dog Project in El Paso County.
3. Handler must own his/her project dog individually or in partnership with parent or guardian during the complete duration of the dog project.
Dogs must be trained and shown exclusively by the 4-H member during the complete duration of the dog project.
4. The Dog Superintendent at her discretion can place the child in the appropriate class according to the experience of the child or dog.
5. Exhibitor may exhibit any number of dogs, but only one dog per class if they meet county qualifications. Dogs cannot be the same for different classes. (For example the same dog may not be shown in Novice and Graduate Novice, etc.)
6. All entered dogs must have current rabies, D.H., and Parvo vaccinations.
Kennel Cough vaccination is recommended. Proof of it must be attached to County Fair entry form.
7. Bitches in season and lame dogs will not be allowed to compete. A veterinarian technician's decision on doubtful cases will be accepted as final.
8. Exhibitors which show in the county fair dog show must show in both obedience and showmanship but it does not have to be with the same dog.
9. Dogs **must be shown** (in any county 4-H dog show) **in at least one 4-H dog show in obedience or showmanship prior to county fair** in order to exhibit at the county fair. **A copy of the score sheet must be given to the dog superintendent prior to county fair as proof of dog show completion requirement.** Score sheets will be accepted up to two weeks prior to County Fair. **It is the responsibility of the 4-H member for getting the score sheets to the superintendent. The superintendent will not call the 4-H member for the score sheets! Score sheets may be attached to the entry form when it is turned in on exhibit day at the county extension office in June.**
10. A project dog may be shared by siblings if the family only has one dog provided the siblings are in different age groups.

TRIAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Entered dogs must be on leash at all times except in the obedience rings.
2. County Fair 4-H staff or judge can and will dismiss any entrant or their families from the show for any mistreatment of dog or dogs entered in the show. If a question should arise as to what constitutes “mistreatment”. County 4-H staff and/or officials will meet to decide appropriate action in each case. **Any behavior that is considered negative on the part of the exhibitor, family members of the exhibitor or leaders, directed toward any show official, 4-H show staff, or 4-H exhibitor or their parents will result in disqualification and awards forfeited.**
3. The judge must disqualify any dog that attempts to attack any person in the ring. He/she shall excuse a dog that attacks another dog in the ring or that appears dangerous to other dogs in the rings.
4. Parents may not train or groom the 4-H dogs during a show. A parent or other adult may handle a dog in the event of a fight, or when the animal is uncontrollable to the child.
5. All exhibitors will be responsible for cleanup after their dogs.
6. The exhibitor must submit any complaint or protest to the Superintendent in the form of a signed letter along with \$25.00. The complaint may only be from the 4-H exhibitor and must be received within 24 hours. The money will be returned if the complaint or protest is valid. Follow Grievance Policy Guidelines

GENERAL RULES

1. Equipment: Obedience-slip collar (choke collar) and six-foot leash; Showmanship-show lead and show collar.
2. Trial requirements for the County Fair will be the same as State Fair requirements. A.K.C. obedience regulations shall apply where applicable.
3. All exercises will be judged according to the latest A.K.C. obedience regulations whenever possible. Except that registry of dog with A.K.C. is not required. **It should be noted that this is not an A.K.C. show, rather a 4-H show run by 4-H regulations.**
4. **To be eligible for the Over-all High Point Award, the handler must enter an obedience class and a showmanship class using the same dog. (This award recognizes the versatility of the dog who does both obedience and**

showmanship). All dog show scores (copies of score sheets must be given to superintendent as proof of show and scores) including the Record Book scores, County Fair show scores, State Fair scores and the test score done at the dog show will be totaled for the Over-all High Point Award.

5. After once earning a qualifying score of a 170 or above at the County fair dog show, or a blue ribbon in competition as a 4-H project dog at the State Fair, that same dog is no longer eligible for exhibition in the same or lower class at any following County or State Fair, except Open and Utility classes.
6. A dog with an A.K.C. degree is disqualified from entering the class for which degree was awarded or any lower class, except if that degree was won less than four months before the El Paso County fair. Then the dog is eligible for entry in the same class. Rule 5 takes precedence over this rule.
7. The progress the dog has made determines the obedience class it should be entered in. The member's years in 4-H has no bearing on which class to enter his/her dog **EXCEPT SUBNOVICE A, WHICH IS OPEN TO FIRST YEAR DOG PROJECT MEMBERS ONLY. SUB NOVICE B IS ONLY OPEN TO EXPERIENCED HANDLERS WHO ARE NOT READY TO MOVE ON TO NOVICE A. You can only be in Sub Novice B for one year. After that you MUST move to Novice A. The only exception is when showing a new dog. Then they will be entered in Sub Novice C.**
8. Showmanship: Novice Junior Showmanship and Novice Senior Showmanship classes are only open to first year members.

STATE FAIR

1. Exhibitor must have an up to date record book, exhibited in at least one 4-H dog show, and entered the County Fair obedience or showmanship classes and have a qualifying score.
2. The four highest scores from each class will determine selection for exhibitors to officially represent El Paso County in the State Fair dog show. Scores will be taken from the combined scores of County fair and the one other required show score. **There must be at least one qualifying score.** A score of 170 or above is an obedience qualifying score, and 90 and above for showmanship. The 4-H member may hand in more than one score sheet. The score sheet with the highest score will be chosen for the tabulation. Score sheets will be accepted up until two weeks prior to county fair and may be turned into the superintendent or the CSU Extension Office. The superintendent will tabulate the score sheets. In the event of a tie the county fair test score will be used.

3. **Sub-Novice A** four exhibitors per county. (1st year members only.)

Sub-Novice B four exhibitors per county. (Open only to second year project members with the same dog and must be the youth and dog team that showed the previous year in Sub-Novice A)

Sub Novice C four exhibitors per county. This class is open to experienced handlers with a first year dog only.

A. **Novice A** four exhibitors per county. (Members with no prior experience in Novice dog training.)

B. **Novice B** four exhibitors per county. (Experienced handler in Novice with a new dog, or who have never received a blue ribbon at a previous state fair in this class .)

C. **Graduate Novice A**, four exhibitors per county. (Members with no prior experience in Graduate Novice dog training.)

D. **Graduate Novice B** four exhibitors per county. (Experienced handler in their second year or above or above with a new dog, or dog not ready to go on to open.)

E. **Open and Utility** (unlimited number per county).

F. **Showmanship** One dog per exhibitor (may be different dog than obedience). four entries per class for a total of 18.

G. **Junior open** (8-10) four

H. **Junior Novice** (8-10) four

I. **Intermediate open** (11-13) four

J. **Intermediate Novice** (11-13) four

K. **Senior Open** (14-18) four

L. **Senior Novice** (14-18) four

M. **Rally**: 4 exhibitors per county for each level.

3 Handlers entered in B classes will be judged at a higher skill level (handler errors) than handlers entered in “A” classes.

4. **State fair passes will be given to the 4-H exhibitor only.**

5. **State Fair date is August 29 for Showmanship, and 30th for Obedience and Rally. Check in at 8:00 am and show starts 9:00**

6. Entrée Fee: \$5.00 per exhibitor for one contest and \$10.00 per exhibitor if entering more than one contest, all payable to the county office.

7. Dog sitting may be offered during and after the show for \$1.00 an hour/per dog and must be crated.

8. Dogs must be on a leash at all times except in the ring for a class.

9. All exhibitors must have at least one qualifying score in each class of exhibition at a local show or local county fair, an acceptable record book and meet all guidelines required by their county for state fair qualification.

Qualifying scores are 170 and above in obedience and 90 and above in showmanship.

COUNTY FAIR AWARDS

1. Ribbons to 6th place.
2. 1st place ribbon & \$5.00
2nd place ribbon & \$3.00
3rd place ribbon & \$2.00
4th place ribbon
5th place ribbon
6th place ribbon
Participation ribbons are given after 6th place.
3. Danish ribbons may also be awarded along with the American ribbon system at the judge's discretion. (No premium money)
4. OBEDIENCE:
200-190 Blue Award
189- 170 Red Award
169 and below White Award
SHOWMANSHIP: 90-100 Blue Award 80-89 Red Award 70 and below White Award
5. Record books will be awarded a blue, red, or white award depending on the number of points earned. Champions and Reserves will receive rosettes per age group. Participation awards may be given to incomplete record books. (No premium money).

CLASS CHANGE

State fair has made a change to the Graduate Novice class.

A	Heel on leash	40
B	Moving stand for exam (off leash)	30
C	Heel free and figure 8 (off leash)	40
D.	Moving drop on recall	30
E	Recall over broad jump	30
F	Down and stay	30
	(3 min. (handler out of sight of dog).	
	Total	200

Sub Novice B

This class open only to **2nd year members with the same dog** and must be the youth and dog team that showed the previous year in Sub-Novice A (Handlers judged at higher skill level (handler errors)).

Sub Novice C

This class is open to experienced handlers with a **first year dog only**.

EXPLANATION OF CHANGES IN GRADUATE NOVICE A & B classes

Grad Novice Moving Stand and Examination:

The judge will approach the dog from the front and will touch only the dog's head, body and hindquarters, using the fingers and palm of one hand. The judge will then order "**Back to your dog**", and the handler will walk around behind the dog, returning to heel position. The dog must remain standing until after the judge has said, "**Exercise finished**". Orders for the exercise are: "**Forward, Stand your dog, (given while the handler is walking) and Back to your dog**".

Moving Drop on Recall:

The principal features of this exercise are that the dog heel, execute a prompt response to the handlers command and/or signal to down and remain in the down position until called, or signaled to come and 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. He or she 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 principal features of the exercise are that the dog stays until directed to jump, clear the jump on a single command or signal, and immediately return 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.

The broad jump will consist of four telescoping hurdles; all about eight inches wide and painted a flat white. The largest hurdle will measure about five feet long and about six inches at the highest point. In the ring, they will be arranged in order of size, evenly spaced, covering a distance equal to the specifications of your breed

	Measured Height At Withers	Broad Jump in Inches
<u>BREEDS</u>		
Basset Hounds		
Bernice Mountain Dogs		
Bloodhounds	Less than 12 ½"	16 inches
Bulldogs		
Bullmastiffs	12 ½" to less than 15"	20 inches
Cardigan Welsh Corgis		
Clumber Spaniels	15" to less than 17 ½"	24 inches
Dachshunds		
French Bulldogs	17 ½" to less than 20"	28 inches
Great Danes		
Great Pyrenees	20" to less than 23"	32 inches
Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs		
Irish Wolfhounds	23" to less than 25 ½"	36 inches
Mastiffs		
Newfoundlands	25 ½" to less than 28"	40 inches
Saint Bernards		
Skye Terriers	28" to less than 31"	44 inches
	31" to less than 33 ½"	48 inches
	33 ½" to less than 36"	52 inches
	36" to less than 39"	56 inches

BREED SPECIFICATIONS

The following breeds will jump according to the following chart. (If your dog is not purebred, the most apparent breed will apply).

OTHER BREEDS:

All other breeds will jump a distance of twice the height of the dog at the withers with a minimum being 16" and a maximum being 72".

EXAMPLE: A dog measuring 20" at the withers would jump a total of 20 times 2= 40"

EXAMPLE: A dog measuring 31" at the withers would jump a total of 31 times 2=62"

EXAMPLE: A dog measuring 7" at the withers would jump the minimum of 16".

EXAMPLE: A dog measuring 39" at the withers would jump the maximum of 72".

The boards shall be spaced as equally as possible as follows:

1. For dogs that jump from 16-24 inches use two boards.
2. For dogs that jump from 28-44 inches use three boards.
3. For dogs that jump from 48-72 inches use four boards.

I have read the El Paso County Dog Obedience and Showmanship Show rules and agree to abide by them.

4-H member-----

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Parents-----

Date-----