

# Dog Show

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County Fair Entries Due – June 1, 2016

Record Registration – June 1, 2015

Dog ID Forms Due – May 1, 2016

Show Check-In: July 28 – 9:00 am

Judging – July 28 – 9:30 am

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

## **Dog E-Record Policy**

All dog e-records must achieve a score of 70% or more to be eligible to show in the project at the following year's Pueblo County Fair.

Youth with e-records not meeting the minimum requirement will be given one week after the grading of books to update/correct the book to meet the standard.

Your 2016 e-record score will be used for eligibility to enroll in the dog project in 2017.

If a youth does not drop a project by the project add/drop date of March 1, the youth is still required to complete a record book to avoid a score of 0% to be eligible to show the following year in that project area.

## **GENERAL CONTEST RULES:**

1. The Dog Trials will be held Thursday, July 28, 2016. It will be held at the Colorado State Fair Ag Palace, starting with check-in from 9:00 a.m. with the show starting at 9:30 a.m.

2. 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 Dog ID Form that is due May 1. The exhibitor is required to complete the **State Dog Identification** on 4honline and is due May 1. 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 listed on the Dog ID Form.

3. Additional vaccinations may be required when necessary.

4. County Fair 4-H Dog Show officials and/or Fair Board 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", superintendents and/or Fair Board 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 or judge 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 and/or Fair Board officials.

7. Protests will follow Pueblo County procedures.

8. All entrants will be responsible for clean-up after their dogs. Failure to do so can be a basis for dismissal from the County Fair 4-H Dog Show and/or forfeiture of any placing.

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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 Pueblo County Fair Board.

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.

In addition to the State Dress Code please adhere to the 4-H Dog Handlers Dress Code below as listed in the Dog Resource Handbook on page 109-110.

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, 2015

12. Dogs must be on a leash at all times except when performing exercises off leash in the show ring.

13. No participants or their family members will be allowed to use skateboards, roller blades, or run in the Ag Palace. Outside of the Ag Palace, State Fair rules regarding these issues are posted by State Fair authorities.

14. Entrants will use the same armband number for all shows in Pueblo County. If entrants have not shown in other shows, they may pick up their armbands the day of the County Fair show. Armband numbers will be the same for all dogs the exhibitor is showing. **If showing more than one dog, each dog will have the entrant's arm band number followed by Dog A, Dog B, Dog C.**

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15. 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.

16. If a dog has failed an exercise, it will not ordinarily be rejudged 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.

## EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY RULES:

A. Member must be enrolled in the 4-H Dog Project.

B. All exhibitors must have complied with Pueblo County's eligibility rules for State Fair participation. Exhibitors must enter State Fair in the same class in which they qualified at the Pueblo County Fair.

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. The member must provide the majority of care for the dog(s). Entrants will need to read, agree, and check the box in 4-H online for the Animal Care and Housing Form. If the dog is not located on your property, please contact the Extension Office..

D. No member will be allowed to substitute for another exhibitor on the day of the show if not properly entered into the Pueblo County Fair.

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 (see above for requirements).

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.

G. NEW IN 2016 – RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP TRAINING. A hands-on training will be offered to members enrolled in the 4-H Dog Project. THIS WILL TAKE THE PLACE OF THE WRITTEN TESTS GIVEN IN THE PAST. ***This will be a mandatory training. Date for this training will be Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Colorado Building at the State Fairgrounds starting at 1:00 PM.*** If a youth cannot attend the hands-on training, they must attend an additional make up training on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 PM in the CSU Extension Office lower meeting room.

H. At this training, youth must pass a dog training worksheet with a 60% or better. Anyone with a learning disability should provide the Extension Office with a letter from your school's Special Education Teacher. Contact the Extension Office individually and the appropriate arrangements will be made to take the test.

I. If you want to be eligible for the year end awards, you MUST take this training each year.

## 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 class at any following State Fair except Obedience Grad Novice, Open, Grad Open and Utility Obedience classes and Rally Advanced-Excellent class.** 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.

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B. 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 County Fair. If the title was won less than four months before the Pueblo County Fair, the dog is eligible for entry in the same class.

If the dog receives a title more than 4 months before the **County** 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. If you receive titles in these classes, you may still compete as a “B” level competitor in the same class at State Fair for as long as necessary to complete the training needed to move up to the next class.

C. No bitch in heat, obviously pregnant or lactating bitches will be allowed to compete in any classes at the County Fair. If the bitch is still expected to be in a state of lactation by State Fair, that dog and entrant will not be allowed to enter State Fair and the next qualified exhibitor will be chosen.

D. 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 County Fair approved veterinarian or qualified veterinarian technician’s decision on doubtful cases will be accepted as final.

E. 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.

F. If the County qualified dog in Showmanship is injured or in season, a replacement may be used at the approval of the County Superintendent. The replacement dog must fulfill all of the “dog eligibility requirements”, must be carried in the member’s record book, and must have a health certificate on file with the county office. The health certificate must accompany the dog to the Pueblo County Fair Dog Trial and be presented to the 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:

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

#### **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 1st through 10th at a previous State Dog Trial in Intermediate Open Showmanship must enter Intermediate Advanced Showmanship.

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## **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'S CLASS**

Intermediate and Senior – Previous Grand or Reserve Grand Champion Winners at the Colorado State Fair are eligible to enter this class. Youth may enter the Master Showman or the Intermediate or Senior classes appropriate for your age, but you cannot enter both classes. Intermediate and Senior Grand and Reserve Grand Champions MUST move up to the Master Showman Class. If the youth is in the Intermediate age group, when becoming a Senior (14 years of age) they can either stay in the Top Showman group or move to the Senior ADVANCED CLASS ONLY. If a youth who has entered in the Top Showman class should get a new dog that youth may return to the INTERMEDIATE or SENIOR ADVANCED CLASS ONLY in their appropriate age group.

Showmanship will run first at all Pueblo County shows in the following order: advanced first, open next, novice.

## **Round Robin Classes:**

Anyone interested in competing in the Pueblo County Fair Round Robin Contest must pre-register for these classes separately from other showmanship classes. No points will be awarded toward high point in these classes. Following is the breakdown of these classes:

- Class 540** Championship Showmanship Class – Ages 8-10 (Novice and Open)
- Class 541** Championship Showmanship Class – Ages 11-13 (Novice and Open)
- Class 542** Championship Showmanship Class – Ages 14-above (All senior classes)

Youth must have received a qualifying score in their showmanship class (with a 4-H dog project dog – not necessarily the state fair competing dog) from a Pueblo County show from the Oct, 2015-Sept 2016 4-H year. Round Robin classes will begin before regular showmanship classes.

## **Showmanship:**

A. Junior, Intermediate and Senior Novice classes are for those members who are in their first year in the 4-H dog project 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.

B. Showmanship Classes: Pueblo 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 the **Master's Class**, as long as eligibility has been met.

C. Each member entered at the Pueblo County Fair Dog Trial should have earned a qualifying score of **170** or above at a 4-H dog show during the project year to **show in that class at State Fair.**

D. Rules governing Intermediate and Senior Advanced Showmanship

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- a. Any member who has placed in the top ten 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.
- b. 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 in the Advanced Class, or move back to the Open Class in their respective age group. If the member chooses to move back to the Open Class in their respective age group with a new dog, they must then qualify the new dog to move to the Advanced Class by placing in the top ten at State Fair.
- c. A Senior member who has moved up by age from either the Intermediate Open or Advanced classes 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
  - i. The member placed Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion at a State Fair Dog Show in the Intermediate division.
  - ii. The member has received Best Junior Handler awards from any national dog club.

## General Tips for Showmanship:

- A. A brush and comb and a drool rag will be allowed in the ring. No other equipment is permitted.
- B. 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.
- C. 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 and guidelines for tabling breeds can be found in the project manual on pages 108 & 109. A more complete list is available on the American Kennel Club website at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org).
- D. 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 page 109
- E. 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.
- F. A revised showmanship score sheet will be used. Questions will not be asked in the showmanship ring by judges, but rather by trained volunteers/superintendents in a separate area. Youth will have the choice of either answering these questions verbally or on paper. Youth will have until 11:00 AM the day of the show to answer their questions. The area will be marked where questions will be asked.
- H. The NEW format for showmanship score sheet includes:

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## SHOWMANSHIP SCORE SHEET FOR 2015:

<b>APPEARANCE OF HANDLER</b>	<b>20</b>		
Cleanliness and Neatness of Handler <input type="checkbox"/>			
Appropriateness of Apparel <input type="checkbox"/>			
Conforms to Colorado 4-H Dress Code <input type="checkbox"/>			
Dangling Items Interfering With Showing <input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>GROOMING OF DOG</b>	<b>30</b>		
General Condition Of Dog (Age considered) <input type="checkbox"/>			
Condition of Coat (cleaned, groomed, no mats) <input type="checkbox"/>			
Clean Ears <input type="checkbox"/>			
Clean Teeth <input type="checkbox"/>			
Toenails Correct Length <input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>STACKING</b> - The dog should be stacked at all times in the ring unless directed by judge to relax. Points awarded for entire class			
Control of Dog's Head <b>AT ALL TIMES</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>35</b>		
Correct Position of Front Legs Appropriate To Breed (set judges side first) <input type="checkbox"/>			
Correct Width Apart, Parallel and Facing Forward <input type="checkbox"/>			
Position Rear Legs Correct Appropriate To Breed (set judges side first) <input type="checkbox"/>			
Point of Hock Straight Down Pastern to Floor <input type="checkbox"/>			
Does not crowd others in line up <input type="checkbox"/>			
Stacking produces correct topline for breed <input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>EXAMINATION</b>			
Stands Properly During Exam; Does Not Sit or Move Away <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>35</b>		
Does Not Growl Or Snap <input type="checkbox"/>			
Dog Tried To Bite -- Dismissed From Ring <input type="checkbox"/>			
Complete Control of Head During Exam <input type="checkbox"/>			

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<b>GAITING</b>		<b>35</b>		
Ability to Follow Patterns as Directed By Judge <input type="checkbox"/>				
Dog Fully Visible to Judge In Gaiting Position <input type="checkbox"/>				
Proper Gaiting in Ring Based On Breed, Age, Conformation <input type="checkbox"/>				
Smoothness In Turns <input type="checkbox"/>				
Correct Hand Switching <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>BREED PRESENTATION</b>		<b>35</b>		
Dog Is Responsive To Handler <input type="checkbox"/>				
Dog and Handler Work As A Team Within Group <input type="checkbox"/>				
Dog Is Under Control <input type="checkbox"/>				
Dog is Moved Correctly To The Best Of Its Ability <input type="checkbox"/>				
Dog's Main Faults Being Minimized <input type="checkbox"/>				
Dog Is Presented Correctly For Breed or Most Apparent Breed <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>ABILITY TO ANSWER EITHER VERBAL OR WRITTEN QUESTIONS</b>		<b>10</b>		
<b>Qualifying Score 170</b>	<b>TOTAL SCORE:</b>	<b>200</b>		

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. Points could also be taken off for not following the dress code.**

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

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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 or nylon slip collar. 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 is required to be six feet for all Beginner Novice classes, but may be shorter for all other obedience 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. Each county may enter exhibitors in obedience classes as follows:

H. 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.

**PUPPY CLASS:** unlimited entries for State Fair 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.

## **BEGINNER NOVICE DIVISION:**

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 2015 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 2014 in Beginner Novice C-1<sup>st</sup> year.

## **NOVICE DIVISION:**

**Novice A:** four exhibitors per county. This class is open to members with no prior experience in Novice Dog Training.

**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:**

**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 A".

**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 B".

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**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.

**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.

### JUMP REQUIREMENTS:

K. 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 below for proper jump regulations:

Height at Withers - in inches	Height of Minimum Jump - in inches
Less than 7-1/2	4 inches
7-1/2 to 9"	8 inches
Greater than 9" up to 11"	10 inches
10" greater than 11"	Up to 12 inches
12" greater than 12 up to 15"	14 inches
Greater than 15" up to 17"	16 inches
16" 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

### JUMP HEIGHTS – STANDARD FROM AKC BOOK

**BROAD JUMP HEIGHTS:** (dpg measured at his or her withers)

- Four boards are used for 48-72 inch dogs
- Three boards are used for 28-44 inch dogs
- Two boards are used for 16-24 inch dogs

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

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## **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)

## **VETERANS 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.
- B. 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.
- C. 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. 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. Veteran dogs will compete only against other veteran dogs for ribbons and awards. Their scores will not count toward awards in any other Obedience divisions.
- J. 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.

## **AGAIN CLASSES NEED TO AGREE WITH STATE FAIR CONTEST CLASSES**

### **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

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## **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.

**Beginner Novice A & B and Beginner Novice C – 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> year will be based on the following:**

1. Heel on Leash 40 points
2. Figure Eight 40 points
3. Sit for Exam 40 points
4. Sit Stay 40 points
5. Recall 40 points

Maximum Total Score 200 points

## **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.**

A. 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.

**B. 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. Additional points could be taken off for not following the dress code.**

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 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.

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E. All jump heights will conform with current (as of April, 2012 rules and regulations) AKC height and broad jump recommendations

F. Each member will be allowed only one run in each class with the dog who has qualified for that class.

G. 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.

H. Please refer to the Colorado State 4-H Dog Project Rally Obedience Rules and Regulations for Exhibitors, Judges and Stewards for complete information.

I. 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.

J. Pueblo County may enter exhibitors in Rally classes at the State Fair according to the following quota:  
\*\* See Pueblo County qualifications

1. Rally Novice A Class – Four entries This class is for members and their dogs in their first year of Rally obedience 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 – Four entries - This class is for any member who is in their second year or above of Rally Obedience 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 – Four Entries - 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 – Four entries - 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 – Four entries - 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 – Four entries - This class is for any member who is in their second year or above of Rally Excellent 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.

7. Rally Advanced/Excellent A – Unlimited entries - 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 B – Unlimited entries - This class is for members who have received a blue

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ribbon in Rally Advanced/ Excellent at a previous State 4-H Dog Trial or who has received the equivalent of an Rally Advanced/ 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.**

## 9. Team Rally - three teams per county. **See team rally rules.**

### **ENTRIES: Class numbers for Rally are listed below:**

- 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 Rally Team Competition – three entries

Youth may do their Rally at their leisure within the designated time set by the superintendent for that Division. A time limit will be set for walk through and will have a 20 minute time limit – times for walk through will be announced before the class starts.

**Rally Team Competition. Pueblo County Team Rally Competition will use a Novice Level Course. The Rally Team Competition will be for teams of any four dogs that are eligible under these regulations.**

1. Five dogs may be entered, one to be considered an alternate; however the same four dogs will perform all of the exercises.
2. No dog may be entered on more than one team and only one dog per entrant.
3. There is a total possible score of 400 points for each team. All team members will run the course individually, with the team time running continuously.
4. 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.
5. Owners can pick a theme for their team and wear costumes accordingly (both handler and dog) as long as the costume does not interfere with movement of dog or handler in the class.
6. Ribbons will be given for this class and will not count toward year end points or awards.
7. Individuals can enter the team rally if not already on a team. These individuals will be pared up to comprise a team of four by the superintendent.

**Scoring.** All stations will be counted with a point value. The maximum point value, which can be deducted at any one station, will be 10 points.

It is possible for a team to receive a negative score

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

All participants will receive a ribbon based on the American System. Classes will be placed 1-10<sup>th</sup>. Participation ribbons will be awarded to the rest of the class. In order to be placed 1-10<sup>th</sup>, Obedience scores must be 170 or above that have received 50 percent or more of the maximum point value of that exercise. Showmanship 170 and above, and Rally 70 and above. Ties in Rally will be broken using the fastest time.

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## **OVERALL AWARDS:**

A Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded in each class if merited. Grand Champion rosettes and Reserve Grand Champion rosettes will be awards in the following divisions if merited: Special awards will be given to the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Best in Trial in Obedience and Rally. Beginner Novice and Rally Novice will not be eligible for this award. Classes will be weighted according to difficulty.

## **Obedience:**

- \*Beginner Novice A, B, Sub Novice C (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year) Division
- \*Novice A & B Obedience Division
- \*Grad Novice Obedience Division
- \*Advanced Obedience Division
- \*Veteran's Division

## **Showmanship:**

- \*Junior Novice and Open Showmanship
- \*Intermediate Novice, Open and Advanced Showmanship
- \*Senior Novice, Open, and Advanced Showmanship

## **Rally:**

- \*Novice A & B
- \*Rally Advanced A & B
- \*Rally Excellent A & B
- \*Rally Advanced/Excellent A & B.
- \*Team Rally

Scores that count toward State Fair Eligibility: The two highest scores PLUS County Fair will determine the qualifiers to represent Pueblo County at State Fair. In all classes, copies of the score sheets from shows outside of Pueblo County must be turned in or faxed to the Extension Office within one week of the out-of-county show. Only **ONE** out-of-county score will be counted, but two opportunities will be given to Pueblo County youth to obtain qualifying scores in Pueblo County. These shows will be held on **April 23** and **June 18**. In Rally, ties will be broken by the lowest time recorded in the class.

**VOLUNTEER INFORMATION** - It takes many people to put on a successful dog show. Each club will be **REQUIRED** to provide volunteers to be ring stewards, help with registration, be a runner, and assist with set-up and clean-up. Check with superintendent for times.

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