

2024 New Jersey State Dog Show

DOG CARE AND TRAINING RULES

Classes offered for Dog Care and Training members: Obedience, Jr. Showmanship, Grooming, Agility, Rally, Canine Good Citizen testing, Trick Dog, and Wild Card Pre-Novice.

Puppies MUST have had their first shots against all necessary diseases in order to participate.

For their own protections, un-vaccinated puppies should NOT be brought to the show.
Failure to comply may result in disqualification.

4-H State Dog Show General Rules for Dog Care and Training Project Members:

1. Dogs must be the current project of the 4-H member. Leaders are expected to check record books to be sure that members are using only those dog(s) which they are actually tracking for their current 4-H project.
2. In the Obedience division, dogs may enter only one class in which they are currently working. Members will be pre-registered by their club leaders and have final approval by their county agent/program associate.
3. All entries must be up to date on distemper, parvovirus, and rabies vaccinations, and may be asked for proof of vaccination.
4. Any animal that shows signs of illness will be excused from the ring and sent home from the show grounds.
5. Female dogs must have been out of season five days.
6. Dogs should be clean, well groomed, and wearing the correct collar and lead. Collars with prongs, electronic collars, or collars that are either too tight or unreasonably large are not permitted in the show rings (taken from AKC rules).
7. Dogs must be on lead and under control at all times outside of classes, or kept in a sturdy crate.
8. Handlers are responsible for their dogs at all times, including clean-up. Please bring your own plastic bags.
9. Handlers are required to supply fresh water for their dogs.
10. Dogs who foul the ring will be disqualified. This does not apply to Jr. Showmanship or CGC and CGCA.
11. Unnecessary severity in handling of a dog can be cause for dismissal from the show ring by the judge.
12. Use of food treats is prohibited in all classes except Junior Showmanship.

Awards:

1. All participants will receive participation ribbons. Grooming participants will receive Danish ribbons.
2. **1st through 6th place rosettes** will be awarded for each class of Obedience, Jr. Showmanship, Agility and Rally. A special item will be awarded to first place winners.
3. **Best in Shows** will be awarded for Junior Showmanship (separate Bests for Novice, Open, and Master). **High in Trials** will be awarded for Obedience (Beginner Novice/Pre-Novice levels), Obedience (Intermediate Novice and above), Rally Novice, Rally Advanced, Agility Jumps Tables Tunnels, and Agility Standard. *Wild Card Pre-Novice is NOT eligible for High in Trials award.*
4. Honorable Mentions may be awarded at the judges' discretion.

2024 New Jersey State Dog Show Junior Showmanship Division

Jr. Showmanship will be judged on:

- the appearance of the handler and their dog,
- the member's handling skills and
- overall appearance as a working team.

Beginner Class: All Grades

First time competitors or exhibition ONLY. This participation only class allows newcomers to become familiar with Jr. Showmanship showing. Anyone who does not want to compete can also enter this class. 1st – 4th will NOT be awarded. Participation ribbons will be given to every exhibitor in this class.

Junior Level = 4th - 6th Grades		
<p><u>Junior Novice</u></p> <p>for those who have received <u>less than</u> three 1st - 4th PLACINGS in this class.</p>	<p><u>Junior Open</u></p> <p>for those who have received three 1st - 4th placings (over one or more years) in the 4-H Junior Novice class; <u>or</u></p> <p>members who have shown at the Novice Junior level at an AKC show.</p>	<p><u>Junior Master Class</u></p> <p>For those who have shown at the Open level at an AKC show; <u>or</u></p> <p>who have won three Best Junior Handler awards at 4-H shows (formerly 4-H Advanced class).</p>
Intermediate Level = 7th - 9th Grades		
<p><u>Intermediate Novice</u></p> <p>for those who have received <u>less than</u> three 1st - 4th PLACINGS in this class.</p>	<p><u>Intermediate Open</u></p> <p>for those who have received three 1st - 4th placings in the Intermediate Novice class (over one or more years); <u>or</u></p> <p>members who choose to move directly up from the 4-H Junior Open class; <u>or</u></p> <p>members who have shown at the Intermediate Novice level at an AKC show.</p>	<p><u>Intermediate Master Class</u></p> <p>For those who have shown at the Open level at an AKC show; <u>or</u></p> <p>members who have won three Best Junior Handler awards at 4-H shows (formerly 4-H Advanced class).</p>
Senior Level = 10th -13th Grades		
<p><u>Senior Novice</u></p> <p>for those who have received <u>less than</u> three 1st - 4th PLACINGS in this class.</p>	<p><u>Senior Open</u></p> <p>for those who who have received three 1st - 4th placings in the Senior Novice class (over one or more years); <u>or</u></p> <p>members who choose to move directly up from the 4-H Intermediate Open class; <u>or</u></p> <p>members who have shown in the Novice Senior level at an AKC show.</p>	<p><u>Senior Master Class</u></p> <p>For those who have shown at the Open level at an AKC show; <u>or</u></p> <p>members who have won three Best Junior Handler awards at 4-H shows (formerly 4-H Advanced class).</p>
<p>Best Junior Handler – Novice (all grades)</p>	<p>Best Junior Handler – Open (all grades)</p>	<p>Best Junior Handler – Master (all grades)</p>

First place winners of each experience level (Novice, Open, Master) across grade levels (Junior, Intermediate, Senior) will compete for “Best Junior Handler” for their grade experience level

- ie. Best Jr. Handler - Novice will be -determined from 1st place Novice winners in each grade level.

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All classes except Beginner follow a 200 point scoring system.

<p>Beginner A (All On Leash) (non-competitive)</p> <p>Both Handler AND Dog are new to showing</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Simple Heeling: 40 points 2. Sit for Examination: 20 points 3. Long Sit (30 seconds): 30 points 4. Long Down (60 seconds): 30 points <p>First time competitors. This <u>participation only</u> class allows newcomers to become familiar with Obedience showing.</p> <p>1st – 4th will NOT be awarded. Participation ribbons will be given to every exhibitor in this class.</p>	<p>Beginner B (All On Leash) (non-competitive)</p> <p>Dog OR Handler has Showing Experience</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Simple Heeling: 40 points 2. Sit for Examination: 20 points 3. Long Sit (30 seconds): 30 points 4. Long Down (60 seconds): 30 points <p>First time competitors. This <u>participation only</u> class allows newcomers to become familiar with Obedience showing.</p> <p>1st – 4th will NOT be awarded. Participation ribbons will be given to every exhibitor in this class.</p>
<p>Pre-Novice A (all on leash)</p> <p>Both Handler AND Dog are new to showing</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Heel on Leash: 45 points 2. Figure Eight: 25 points 3. Stand for Examination: 30 points 4. Recall: 40 points 5. Long Sit (1 minute): 30 points 6. Long Down (3 minutes): 30 points 	<p>Pre-Novice B (all on leash)</p> <p>Dog OR Handler has Showing Experience</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Heel on Leash: 45 points 2. Figure Eight: 25 points 3. Stand for Examination: 30 points 4. Recall: 40 points 5. Long Sit (1 minute): 30 points 6. Long Down (3 minutes): 30 points
<p>Intermediate Novice</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Heel (on leash): 45 points 2. Figure Eight (on leash) 25 points 3. Stand for Examination (off leash) 30 points 4. Recall (off leash) 40 points 5. Long Sit (off leash) 30 points 6. Long Down (off leash) 30 points 	<p>Novice</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Heel (on leash) and Figure Eight (on leash): 40 points 2. Stand for Examination (off leash): 30 points 3. Heel Free (off leash): 40 points 4. Recall (off leash): 30 points 5. Sit Stay Get Your Leash (off leash): 30 points 6. Long Sit (off leash, 1 minute) & Long Down (off leash, 3 minutes): 30 points
<p>Advanced Novice</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Heel (on leash): 30 points 2. Stand for Exam and Call Dog: 30 points 3. Heel Free and Figure Eight (on leash): 40 points 4. Drop on Recall: 40 Points 5. Long Sit (handler across ring, 3 minutes): 30 points 6. Long Down (handler out of sight, 3 minutes): 30 points 	<p>Graduate Novice (AKC-based score sheet)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Heel (on leash) and Figure Eight (off leash): 40 points 2. Drop on Recall: 40 points 3. Dumbbell Recall: 30 points 4. Recall Over High Jump: 30 points 5. Recall Over Broad Jump: 30 points 6. Stand Stay Get Your Leash: 30 points

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Rally Obedience Division

For more details, see "Rally Obedience Rules and Guidelines" packet.

In Rally, the dog and handler complete a course designed by the rally judge. The judge tells the handler to begin, and the dog and handler proceed at their own pace through a course of designated stations (10 – 20, depending on the level). Each of these stations has a sign providing instructions regarding the next skill that is to be performed. Rally scoring is not as precise as formal obedience, and ultimately it is the judge's decision on the scoring of any station and the overall performance of the team. Unlimited communication from the handler to the dog is to be encouraged and not penalized. Handlers are permitted to talk, praise, encourage, clap their hands, pat their legs, or use any verbal means of encouragement. Multiple commands and/or signals using one or both arms and hands are allowed.

Scoring for all levels is based on a maximum score of 100 points. All dogs will be timed, but times will only be used in the event of a tie. All classes will be award first through sixth place rosette ribbons.

Classes

Each handler-dog team may only enter one rally class at the NJ State 4-H Dog show. Please enter the class that best represents the ability of the team.

Rally Novice Class - On Lead

- All exercises on leash
- 10-15 stations (start and finish not included) with no more than 5 stationary exercises per class.
- No handler/dog team may enter this class who has been awarded 1st place in this class at a state-level Rally Obedience event or has earned 3 or more qualifying scores in Rally Novice in their 4-H career.

Rally Advanced Class A – On Lead

- All exercises on leash
- 12-17 stations (start and finish not included) with no more than 7 stationary exercises per class.
- One jump is required.
- No handler/dog team may enter this class that has been awarded 1st place in this class at a state-level Rally Obedience event or has earned 3 or more qualifying scores in Rally Advanced A in their 4-H career.

Rally Advanced Class B – Off Lead

- All exercises off leash
- 12-17 stations (start and finish not included) with no more than 7 stationary exercises per class.
- One jump is required.
- This class is open to all participants.

Jumps

Rally jumps used will be the standard equipment in 4-H obedience classes (broad jump, high jump, or bar jump). The entrant's jump height will be the safest option based on the dog's size and abilities. 4-H club leaders must approve the entered jump height. Offered heights range from 4"-20".

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Agility Division

For more details, see “Agility Rules and Guidelines” packet.

Each handler-dog team may only enter one agility class at the NJ State 4-H Dog show. Please enter the class that best represents the ability of the team. The entrant’s jump height will be the safest option based on the dog’s size and abilities. 4-H club leaders must approve the entered jump height. Offered heights range from 4”-20”.

Beginner - non-competitive, on lead

- An Introduction to Agility
- For dogs and handler team with minimal or no experience in agility,
- 7-10 obstacles including jumps, table

On Lead - best suited for dogs with some agility experience

- For dogs with some experience in agility
- 7-10 obstacles including jumps, table

Off Lead for the dog and handler with agility experience

- For dogs with experience in agility, contact equipment, and are reliable off-leash.
- 10-15 obstacles may include contact equipment (A-frame, dog walk, and/or seesaw), weave poles, jumps, tunnels, and a table.

****NOTE****

In order to safely re-introduce Agility to the NJ 4-H Dog Training Division, class details have been modified from the “Agility Rules and Guidelines” packet.

These changes include:

- Addition of the Non-Competitive Beginner Class
- Course modifications to accommodate On-Lead participation as defined by the Judge

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Other Divisions

Wild Card Pre-Novice

This class is ONLY open to participants competing at the Obedience Beginner or Pre-Novice levels. It is intended for dogs who are working on mastering the Pre-Novice level, but may be struggling with one of the exercises. Before competing, handlers may choose one exercise where their dog's performance will not count towards their final score. The Pre-Novice exercises will be performed and judged as in the regular Pre-Novice class except that verbal praise during the exercises is to be encouraged. However, additional commands will be penalized accordingly. The point values for the exercises, scoring and maximum total points are the same as the regular Pre-Novice class. Scores from the Wild Card Pre-Novice class are not eligible for High in Trial awards.

Trick Dog

Trick Dog is a fun way to showcase your dog's skills! Dogs must perform 10 of the listed skills in the AKC Novice Trick Dog level. Dogs that are CGC certified only need to perform 5 of the listed skills, but must provide proof of certification. Some of the tricks available include bark on command, crawl on belly, fetch, hand signals (down, sit, or come), high five, spin in circle, touch, kennel up, and many more. Learn more about Trick Dog by visiting <https://www.akc.org/sports/trick-dog/>.

Grooming

Proper grooming is essential to keeping your dog happy and healthy. In this class, the judge will examine your dog from teeth to tail and provide feedback on how to improve your grooming practices. Participants will receive a Danish ribbon based on their final score.

Canine Good Citizenship Testing:

Those participating in the Canine Good Citizenship Testing will need to check-in at the CGC ring upon arrival and sign up for a time slot. All teams who pass the test may submit their results for an AKC certificate. Please bring your dog's brush and its AKC number if registered. More information about the test and individual stations can be found at:

http://www.akc.org/events/cgc/training_testing.cfm