

DIVISION K - DOGS

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The fitting and preparation of all animals for exhibit is the responsibility of the Exhibitor. Assistance in grooming is prohibited unless it involves clipping or stripping. Adults are strictly prohibited from providing direct assistance in preparation or showing.

Division Rules & Regulations:

1. Exhibitors and their exhibits must comply with the "General State Fair Rules & Regulations", "General 4-H and FFA Rules & Regulations", "Animal Rules & Regulations", these "Division Rules & Regulations" and the applicable "Section Rules & Regulations".
2. **Entries:** Entries for this division will be received on **Saturday, September 12th, beginning at 9:00 am in the main show ring in Cow Palace. The State 4-H Dog Show will begin at 10 am. All entries must be pre-entered in 4-H Online at <https://v2.4honline.com/4-H> by the member by July 31st and approved by the local 4-H Extension Educator. 4-H Members desiring to compete in this division should contact their 4-H office for consideration. Confirm which class(es) you are entering, as **NO** changes will be allowed on the day of the show. Any changes that need to be made **MUST** be made no later than one week prior to the show. Extension Educators may approve a maximum of five (5) participants in each class; a maximum of six (6) participants per class may be entered in Rally classes. If designated by the 4-H Extension Educator, an Exhibitor is eligible to show in both an Obedience class and the appropriate Fitting & Showmanship class. Handlers may use the same or different dog for an Obedience class and a Fitting & Showmanship class.**
3. Exhibitors will compete according to their 4-H Age: Junior (ages 8-10 as of 1/1/26); Intermediate (ages 11-13 as of 1/1/26); Senior (ages 14-18 as of 1/1/26). An Exhibitor may exhibit in a class above their age level, but not below their age level. If an exhibitor competes in an AKC, UKC, or any other similar sanctioned dog event, they must compete at or above that same level in all 4-H events.
4. First Year Classes are open only to Exhibitors who are in their first year of showing any dog in their respective section at the State 4-H level (i.e. Obedience, Fitting and Showmanship, etc.) 4-Hers who have competed in AKC obedience trials or professional equivalents in previous years may NOT be considered First-Year Handlers for 4-H Obedience Classes. 4-Hers who are regarded as Open junior Handlers by the AKC, as of August 1 of the current year, may NOT be considered First-Year Handlers for 4-H Fitting and Showing Classes.
5. Exhibitors who have previously won at a skill level are required to move up to the next skill level, regardless of moving up an age level.
6. Check in on day of show will be done by distribution of packets to designated adult (one adult per county). 4-H Extension Educators must indicate the designated adult on the entry form.
7. Good sportsmanship is expected of all exhibitors and all family members. NON-EXHIBITORS SHOULD NOT APPROACH JUDGES. Address all concerns and questions to the show superintendent. The judge and/or superintendent may excuse from the ring or facility any dog or handler who falls in these categories: (a) any handler who willfully interferes with another participant or their dog; (b) any dog, which cannot be controlled by its handler; (c) any obviously ill or lame dog; (d) any handler who abuses their dog in or out of the ring (e) a dog determined to be out-of-control.
8. When possible, except as expressly altered in these rules, the American Kennel Club (AKC) Regulations will be used as the standard for judging.
9. **Eligibility:** Dogs exhibited must have been trained by the Exhibitor and completed an approved training course or participated in a 4-H Dog show. Exhibitor's project must be identified to the 4-H office by June 1 of the current year. Any 4-H project dog, whether registered/unregistered purebred or mixed breed(s), may be entered. All dogs shall be immunized and have a valid rabies vaccination. Rabies vaccination # and expiration date must be listed on dog registration form and a copy of rabies vaccination papers must be sent by the County/City 4-H Office with entry form or **presented the day of the show**. If the vaccination expires between the time of entry and the show, updated papers must be presented at the show. Dogs without a valid rabies vaccination will not be allowed to show. Female dogs in season are not allowed.
10. 4-H Exhibitors should dress in a manner that is appropriate to the event, tasteful, and respectful. Exhibitors may not wear 4-H attire identifying their club or county.
11. **Awards:** Premiums/ribbons will be awarded to 1st – 20th place in each class. Trophies are awarded to the 1st place winners in each class.
12. The same dog may be shown by up to two (2) 4-H members in separate sections (i.e. obedience, rally, fitting and showing). It cannot be shown in the same section by more than one member.

SECTION I - OBEDIENCE

Section Rules & Regulations:

1. An Exhibitor may show two (2) dogs in different obedience classes in the same age division (not more than 1 per class). A dog that has won an obedience class with an AKC qualifying score in a previous State Fair 4-H Dog Show may not compete in that same class again. Once a dog advances to a higher level it cannot move back to a lower level.
2. All exercises will be done individually except the long sit and long down (these will be done in convenient groups).
3. 4-Hers who have competed in AKC obedience trials or professional equivalents in previous years may NOT be considered First-Year Handlers for 4-H Obedience Classes.
4. **No bait will be allowed in the ring. Those using bait will be excused from the ring and forfeit all placings and premiums.**
5. Class Descriptions – EXERCISES & JUDGING CRITERIA WILL FOLLOW AKC GUIDELINES AND RULES THAT ARE IN EFFECT AS OF JANUARY 1 OF CURRENT YEAR, UNLESS MODIFIED AND PUBLISHED IN THE CURRENT STATE FAIR CATALOGUE.
 - a) **Sub-Novice Obedience:** Dogs that have earned one leg toward AKC CD title or other professional equivalent are not eligible for 4-H Sub-Novice Obedience classes. All work will be done on 6' leash. **Exercises include: 1. Heel on Leash, 2. Figure 8 (on leash), 3. Stand for Exam (on leash), 4. Recall (on leash), 5. Long Sit (on leash), 6. Long Down (on leash).**
 - b) **First Year Beginner Novice Obedience:** Dogs that have earned one leg toward AKC CD title or other professional equivalent are not eligible for 4-H Beginner Novice Obedience classes. **Exercises include: 1. Heel on Leash, 2. Figure Eight (on leash), 3. Sit for Exam (on leash-dropped), 4. Sit Stay (on leash – dropped), 5. Recall (on leash).**
 - b) **Beginner Novice Obedience:** Dogs that have earned one leg toward AKC CD title or other professional equivalent are not eligible for 4-H Beginner Novice Obedience classes. **Exercises include: 1. Heel on Leash, 2. Figure Eight (on leash), 3. Sit for Exam (on leash - dropped), 4. Sit Stay (on leash - dropped), 5. Recall (off leash).**
 - c) **Novice Obedience:** Dogs that have earned an AKC CD title or other professional equivalent title are not eligible for 4-H Novice Obedience classes. **Exercises include: 1. Heel on Leash and Figure Eight, 2. Stand for Examination (off leash), 3. Heel Free (off leash), 4. Recall (off leash), 5. Sit Stay – Get Your Leash 6. Long Sit (on leash), 7. Long Down (on leash).**

- d) **Graduate Novice Obedience:** Dogs which have not obtained one (1) leg toward CDX title from the AKC or an equivalent title from another registry but have obtained a CD title from the AKC or an equivalent title from another registry are eligible to compete in this class. **Exercises include: 1. Heel Free and Figure Eight, 2. Drop On Recall (off leash), 3. Dumbbell Recall (off leash), 4. Recall over High Jump (off leash), 5. Recall over Broad Jump (off leash), 6. Stay – Get Your Leash (Sit, Down) (off leash).**
- e) **Open Obedience:** These classes represent advanced obedience and any Exhibitor who has trained a dog to complete the respective class exercises may compete in this class. All entries in the open classes must indicate the appropriate dog jump heights (Open-High and Broad). **Exercises include: 1. Heel Free and Figure Eight (off leash), 2. Command Discrimination (Stand, Down, Sit), 3. Drop on Recall (off leash), 4. Retrieve on Flat (off leash), 5. Retrieve over High Jump (off leash), 6. Broad Jump (off leash), 7. Stay – Get Your Leash (Sit, Down).**
 - 1. Exhibitors who are showing at this level may continue showing at this level indefinitely.
 - 2. For Exhibition Only (FEO) Status: **Exhibitors** that have earned an AKC CDX (or equivalent) on the dog they are entering in this fair may only participate in the Open class as FEO.

CLASSES

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| K1 Sub-Novice - Junior (4-H Ages 8-10) | K12 Novice - Senior (4-H Ages 14-18) |
| K2 Sub-Novice - Intermediate (4-H Ages 11-13) | K13 Graduate Novice – Junior (4-H Ages 8-10) |
| K3 Sub-Novice - Senior (4-H Ages 14-18) | K14 Graduate Novice – Inter. (4-H ages 11-13) |
| K4 First Year Beginner Novice - Junior (4-H Ages 8-10) | K15 Graduate Novice – Senior (4-H Ages 14-18) |
| K5 First Year Beginner Novice - Inter. (4-H Ages 11-13) | K16 Open – Junior (4-H Ages 8-10) |
| K6 First Year Beginner Novice - Senior (4-H Ages 14-18) | K17 Open – Intermediate (4-H Ages 11-13) |
| K7 Beginner Novice - Junior (4-H Ages 8-10) | K18 Open – Senior (4-H Ages 14-18) |
| K8 Beginner Novice - Intermediate (4-H Ages 11-13) | |
| K9 Beginner Novice - Senior (4-H Ages 14-18) | |
| K10 Novice - Junior (4-H Ages 8-10) | |
| K11 Novice - Intermediate (4-H Ages 11-13) | |

SECTION 2 - FITTING & SHOWMANSHIP

Section Rules & Regulations:

1. All fitting (grooming) must be done by the Exhibitor except where help is needed with specialized breed grooming (e.g. clipping, stripping). Artificial preparations such as powder or cornstarch may NOT be left on the dog. Refer to the “4-H and FFA Fitting & Showmanship Regulations”.
2. Dogs must be clean (including their ears) with coats well brushed and free of mats. Dogs should be free of external parasites. Allowances may be made by the judge for unavoidable surface dirt due to wet weather.
3. Exhibitors should be able to show their dogs at an appropriate gait, show the dog’s bite upon judge’s request, stand their dogs in an acceptable pose to permit examination by judge. Exhibitors should be able to answer questions on care, grooming, and background of their breed(s).
4. 4-H Fitting and Showing exhibitors who are regarded as Open junior Handlers by the AKC, as of August 1 of the current year, may NOT be considered First-Year Handlers for 4-H Fitting and Showing Classes.
5. Fitting of Dog (body condition, grooming) and Showing in the Ring (performance of dog, presentation of dog, alertness of exhibitor, personal appearance of the exhibitor, and knowledge of dog) will be judged.
6. Performance of the dog shall not count against the Exhibitor unless in the Judge’s opinion it interferes with another exhibitor’s dog. The ability of the exhibitor to show their dog to its best advantage, whether the dog is cooperating or not, will be evaluated. It is expected that the exhibitor will have worked with their dog adequately prior to the show and have developed a working relationship with the dog.
7. **Class Descriptions** – please read the following class descriptions very carefully.
 - a. **First Year Novice:** Exhibitors who are in their first year of showing any dog in State 4-H Fitting and Showing classes.
 - b. **Novice: Exhibitors** (Handlers) who have previously placed 1st in a Novice Fitting & Showmanship class are not eligible for this class and must compete in the appropriate Open Fitting & Showmanship class. Exception – 1st year Fitting & Showmanship Exhibitors who are regarded as Open Junior Handlers by the AKC, as of August 1 of the current year, are not eligible for this class.
 - c. **Open:** This class represents advanced fitting & showmanship. Local 4-H Extension Educators may pre-enter any 4-H Member in an Open Fitting & Showmanship class regardless of exhibitor’s experience. Once an exhibitor competes in an Open Fitting & Showmanship class they may not compete in a Novice Fitting & Showmanship class at a future State 4-H Fair Dog Show.
 - d. **Dean’s Champion Challenge:** Senior Open Fitting & Showmanship Champions from previous years may compete in this class. Exhibitors who have been named Champion of the current year’s State 4-H Fair Dog Show Fitting & Showmanship classes may also compete in this class. There is no limit to the number of entries that a 4-H office may enter in the Grand Champion class. In addition to a Grand Champion Showman, a Reserve Champion Showman will also be selected from those youth that still remain in the ring after the Grand Champion is selected. **Please note, effective beginning in 2024 - The second-place youth from the class of the Grand Champion exhibitor will not be brought back into the ring for the selection of the Reserve Champion Showman.**

CLASSES

- K35 First Year Novice – Juniors (4-H Ages 8-10)
- K36 First Year Novice – Intermediate (4-H Ages 11-13)
- K37 First year Novice – Senior (4-H Ages 14-18)
- K38 Novice—Juniors (4-H Ages 8-10)
- K39 Novice—Intermediate (4-H Ages 11-13)
- K40 Novice—Senior (4-H Ages 14-18)
- K41 Open—Juniors (4-H Ages 8-10)
- K42 Open—Intermediate (4-H Ages 11-13)
- K43 Open—Senior (4-H Ages 14-18)
- K54 Dean’s Champion Challenge

SECTION 3 – EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS

Section Rules & Regulations:

1. 4-H Members are invited to plan an educational exhibit to be on display during the Dog Show. The exhibit may involve a demonstration, informational poster or other educational display. Youth and adults working together is encouraged. Contact the Superintendent for more information.
2. 4-H Members enrolled in the dog project for the current year are eligible whether entered in State 4-H Dog Show or not. A \$5 Participation Premium will be paid.

CLASS

K100 Dog Educational Exhibit

SECTION 4 – RALLY

Section Rules and Regulations

1. County/City units may enter **up to six exhibitors per class.**
2. An exhibitor may show two (2) dogs in different Rally classes in the same age division (not more than 1 per class). A dog that has won a Rally class in a previous State Fair 4-H Dog Show may not compete in that same class again. The dog must move up to a higher Rally class (i.e. Novice to Advanced) or the Exhibitor must move to the next age level (i.e. Junior to Intermediate). Advancement will be at the discretion of the Local 4-H Dog Project Leader. Once a dog advances to a higher level it cannot move back to a lower level.
3. All course runs will be done individually.
4. Exercises and Judging Criteria for all divisions will follow AKC rules that are in effect as of January 1 of the current year.
5. **Novice Rally:** Dogs which have earned their RN (Rally Novice) title from AKC or an equivalent title from another registry may not compete in this class. All work will be done on lead.
6. **Intermediate Rally:** Dogs which have earned their RI (Rally Intermediate) title from AKC or an equivalent title from another registry may not compete in this class. All work will be done on lead.
7. **Advanced Rally:** Dogs which have earned their RA (Rally Advanced) title from AKC or an equivalent title from another registry may not compete in this class. All work will be done off leash.
8. **Excellent A Rally:** Dogs which have won this class, with a qualifying score in prior years, or have earned their RE (Rally Excellent) title from AKC or an equivalent title from another registry may not compete in this class. All work, with the exception of the Honor Exercises will be done off leash.
9. **Excellent B Rally:** For dogs that have won Excellent A class at the State Fair in prior years, with a qualifying score or have the AKC RE (Rally Excellent) title. All work with the exception of the Honor Exercise, is done off-leash.
10. No bait will be allowed in the ring. Those using bait will be excused from the ring and forfeit all placings and premiums.

CLASSES

- K 60 Novice Rally – Junior
- K 61 Novice Rally – Intermediate
- K 62 Novice Rally – Senior
- K 63 Intermediate Rally – Junior
- K 64 Intermediate Rally – Intermediate
- K 65 Intermediate Rally – Senior
- K 66 Advanced Rally – Junior
- K 67 Advanced Rally – Intermediate
- K 68 Advanced Rally – Senior
- K 69 Excellent A Rally – Junior
- K 70 Excellent A Rally – Intermediate
- K 71 Excellent A Rally – Senior
- K 72 Excellent B Rally – Junior
- K 73 Excellent B Rally – Intermediate
- K 74 Excellent B Rally – Senior

PREMIUM SCHEDULE

Classes	1st Place	2nd – 20th Place
All Dog Classes, Sections I-V	\$15	\$10