DEPARTMENT 400 - JUNIOR DOG CONTEST

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Show Information:	**Indoor Arena**
Jumpers Agility	**Wednesday, August 2, 3:00PM**
Check in for Agility will begin at 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 2	
Showmanship, Rally and Obedience	**Monday, August 7, 2023**
Check-In for Showmanship, Rally and Obedience will begin at 7:30 a.m.	
Showmanship Testing:	**Monday, August 7, 8:30-9:15 a.m**
Showmanship Judging:	**Monday, August 7, 9:00 am**
Rally Judging:	**Monday, August 7, 9:00 am**
Obedience Judging:	**Monday, August 7, 8:30 am**
Awards – Exhibit Building	**Thursday, August 10, 5:00-6:30 pm**

This department is subject to all BCF General Rules, General Exhibitor Rules and all Junior Exhibitor Livestock and Animal Division Rules in addition to those listed for the department.

GENERAL RULES

~~These rules contemplate a **live 4-H Dog Show** with in-person judging, small group sizes and social distancing.~~ These rules apply to the Showmanship, Obedience and Rally Contest. Please refer to the Agility section for rules related to that contest. Contest requirements may be modified at any time in response to changes in Health Department guidance.

Please read these rules carefully since some classes and requirements have changed.

1. All exhibitors MUST comply with current Health Department requirements.
2. The only training equipment allowed in the Obedience and Rally ring is a slip, chain, flat buckle or clip collar without tags and a nylon or leather leash. No halties, gentle leaders, slip leads, harnesses or pinch collars are allowed. The same collars are allowed without tags in the Showmanship ring, but handlers may also use a martingale or other show lead to exhibit their dog. No bait or treats are allowed in the Obedience or Rally rings. Bait may be used in the Showmanship ring at the discretion of the judge.
3. If a dog has failed an exercise, it will not ordinarily be re-judged unless the judge feels the dog's performance was prejudiced by peculiar and unusual conditions. In such a case, the judge may elect to re-judge the dog only on the portion of the exercise in which the unusual condition

occurred.

4. Exhibitors MUST comply with the Colorado State 4-H Dress Code.
5. NO dogs are allowed beyond the immediate vicinity of the indoor arena unless returning to or from the car. Dogs are not allowed to enter other barns, or buildings on the fairgrounds.
6. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs both inside and outside the arena.
7. Dogs must be on leash at all times except when performing off leash exercises in the show ring.
8. In addition to the BCF General Rules, General Exhibitor Rules and all Junior Exhibitor Livestock and Animal Division Rules, exhibitors must also comply with the policies adopted by the Boulder County Dog Advisory Committee including the rules regarding Shared Family Dogs and Borrowed Dogs, as posted on the Boulder County 4-H Dog Project web page.

ELIGIBILITY RULES

1. Only exhibitors enrolled in the 4-H Dog Project are eligible to enter classes under Department 400.
2. Each 4-H exhibitor must provide an up-to-date printed record book at check in.
3. Exhibitors must own their project dog individually or in partnership with immediate family members or guardians during the complete duration of the project.
4. Exhibitors may only exhibit one dog in Showmanship but may enter separate dogs in Rally and Obedience. An exhibitor may enter more than one dog in Obedience and Rally classes, and may enter more than one dog in the same class for Obedience and Rally if they meet County qualifications. If an exhibitor has two dogs in the same Obedience class, they must choose one dog for the group sits and downs. The other dog must be handled by a currently enrolled 4-H dog project member for the group sits and downs.
5. The progress the dog has made and the number of years the handler has been in the dog project determines the correct class to enter. ~~The Beginner Novice Obedience A class is open to first-year dog project members only, and the Beginner Novice B class is only open to second year dog project members with the same dog and youth team that showed the previous year. Experienced handlers who are working with a new or different dog than previous years should enter the Beginner Novice C Class. First year handlers working with an experienced dog should also enter the Beginner Novice C class. Youth entered in Beginner Novice A or C-1 who receive a qualifying score at County Fair will move to Beginner Novice B or C-2 the following year. In all other Obedience and Rally classes, the A classes are open to first year exhibitors only. The B classes are for exhibitors in their second year or higher who have not yet received a qualifying score in that level. Experienced handlers starting a new dog in Rally should enter the Novice B class.~~ The "A" level classes are limited to exhibitors and/or dogs with no experience showing in that class. If a project member and/or dog has ever received a qualifying score in an A level class and decides to show a new dog, the member must enter the "B" level class.

DOG ELIGIBILITY RULES

1. **Only dogs with a 4-H Dog ID completed in 4-H Online by the last ~~Friday~~ Thursday in April are eligible to enter classes under Department 400. Dogs who do not have a completed Dog ID in 4-H Online by the last ~~Friday~~ Thursday in April will NOT be allowed to compete at County or State Fair.**

2. Vaccines MUST be kept current in 4-H Online throughout the year in order to exhibit at County or State Fair. Upon request, proof of current rabies, distemper and parvovirus vaccination must be presented upon check-in. Rabies tag number must be on the entry form under the Registration Tag category. Rabies vaccines must be administered by a licensed veterinarian. Titers may be accepted as provided in the State 4-H Dog Contest Rules.
3. A dog with an AKC title or a title from another national dog association is disqualified from entering the same class for which that title was awarded or any lower class, except if that title was won less than four months before the State Fair Dog Trials, and then the dog is eligible for entry in the same class. The exceptions to this titling rule are Grad Novice, Open, Grad Open, and Utility Obedience; and Rally Advanced/Excellent and Masters Rally. Rule 1 above, takes precedence over this rule.
4. No bitch in heat will be allowed to compete in any dog class. A Boulder County Fair Livestock Show & Rodeo veterinarian's decision on doubtful cases will be accepted as final.
5. Dog show officials can and will dismiss any entrant or their family from the show for any mistreatment of dogs entered in the show. If a question should arise as to what constitutes mistreatment, 4-H Staff and/or officials will meet to discuss appropriate action in each case. Dismissal from the show will result in the forfeiture of any awards.
6. Dogs 6 months of age or younger are not eligible to compete in Showmanship.

STATE FAIR DOG TRAILS

1. Refer to the Colorado State Fair 4-H Dog Contest Requirements for contest rules governing the State Obedience, Rally and Showmanship contests and the State Agility contest. ~~Virus conditions may affect the Colorado State Fair 4-H Dog Contest and could require limitations on group/class size and building occupancy, limits on member and dog entries, and limitations on spectators. Refer to the Colorado State Fair 4-H Dog Contest Requirements for contest rules.~~
2. After earning a qualifying score in Showmanship, Rally or Obedience competition at the Boulder County Fair, the exhibitor may be eligible to show at State Fair. Qualifying scores are 170 and above in Obedience and Showmanship and 70 and above in Rally. The top four qualifying scores in each class will have the first opportunity to show at State Fair. The next highest qualifying scores will be considered for any remaining spots. If there are still spots available in a class, qualifying scores from 4-H fun matches or other dog shows may be considered for State Fair participation at the discretion of the Superintendent. Exhibitors must provide proof of qualifying score to the project leader or superintendent prior to County Fair.
3. There are no limits on entries for the State Agility Contest.
4. Once scores from County Fair are made available, eligible exhibitors must notify the Dog Superintendent of their decision to participate in State Fair or the State Agility Contest, and which classes they will be entering.
5. The Team Rally competition at State Fair will be limited to 8 entries plus one alternate from Boulder County. The 8 exhibitors with the highest qualifying scores in the Intermediate or higher Rally classes will be eligible to participate in the State Fair Team Rally competition. The exhibitor with the 9th highest score will serve as an alternate team member.

PREMIUMS:

See Junior Exhibitor Livestock and Animal Division Rules under Exhibiting on the County Fair website.

Premiums will be paid according to this chart:

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
$5.00	$4.00	$3.00	$2.00	$1.00

AWARDS:

Class placements awards and scoresheets will be available at the Awards Ceremony.

1. Ribbons will be awarded to the 1st - 5th place exhibitors in each of the Obedience, Showmanship and Rally **CLASSES**.
2. Depending on the number of entries, a Champion and Reserve Champion may be awarded in each **DIVISION** *(ie; Beginner Novice, Novice, Grad Novice, Advanced, Veterans).*
3. An Overall Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded to the highest scoring exhibitors in each **DISCIPLINE** (Obedience, Rally and Showmanship). Dogs entered in Veterans Obedience are not eligible to compete for the Overall Obedience awards.
4. A **Dog** Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be awarded to the single dog and handler teams with the highest combined total qualifying score for Obedience, Showmanship and Rally. Exhibitors must participate in all three disciplines with the same dog in order to be eligible for this award. Exhibitors showing a single dog in this contest are not eligible for the Handler Grand or Reserve Grand Champion award. Dogs entered in the Puppy class or Veterans Division classes are not eligible to compete for Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion awards at County Fair.
5. A **Handler** Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be awarded to the exhibitors with the highest combined total qualifying score for Obedience, Showmanship and Rally. Exhibitors must show more than one dog in the contest and exhibitors must participate in all three disciplines. The exhibitor's highest score from any dog in each discipline will be used to compute the combined score. (Their top scores could come from different dogs or all from the same dog, but they must show more than one dog.) Exhibitors showing more than one dog in this contest are not eligible for the Dog Grand or Reserve Grand Champion award. Dogs entered in the Puppy class or Veterans Division classes are not eligible to compete for the Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion awards at County Fair.
6. The top four qualifying scores in each class are eligible to go to State Fair.
7. Unlimited State Fair entries are available in Graduate Novice A/B, Open A/B, Grad Open A/B and Utility A/B Obedience, Rally Advanced/Excellent A/B, and Masters Rally.
8. The Puppy Class is not offered at State Fair.
9. The top two scorers in each Showmanship age group (Junior, Intermediate, Senior) are eligible to participate in the Boulder County Fair Small Animal Round Robin

CLASSES

1. All exhibitors participating in the 4-H Dog Contest are required to submit a reasonably complete Dog Record Book at check-in for the Dog Contest. Judges may use exhibitor's 4-H Dog Project

Record Books as a tie breaker in any class.

2. The number of judging rings and number of class exhibitors will be determined by current Health Department restrictions.
3. All 4-H Obedience and Rally classes will be patterned after the latest AKC guidelines whenever possible, except that dog registry with AKC is not required. Please see the AKC website for details **www.AKC.org.** Some exercises and rules have been adapted from AKC to better serve the youth of this program.

OBEDIENCE CLASSES

Obedience exercises are patterned after the AKC guidelines wherever possible and are explained in the Dog Resource Handbook. You can also visit **www.AKC.org** for detailed explanations of the exercises. Some classes and exercises have been modified from AKC guidelines to better serve our 4-H youth. A qualifying score in Obedience will be 170 out of the possible 200 points. In all Obedience classes, up to 15 points will be deducted for the following: strong correcting or disciplining, excessive barking, leaving the ring, rules violation or showing fear. Fouling the ring will be a 15-point deduction. The member will be allowed to finish their run. For the safety of all, a dog that snaps, bites, or attempts to bite will be excused from the ring. ~~In all Obedience classes, ten points will be deducted for the following: strong correcting, disciplining, fouling the ring, excessive barking, leaving the ring, rules violation or showing fear.~~ Scoresheets can be viewed on the Colorado 4-H website *http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/state-fair-information/contest-score-sheets/*

The Puppy Class is offered at County Fair but will no longer be offered at State Fair.

A dog with an AKC Obedience title or a title from another national dog association is disqualified from entering the same obedience class for which that title was awarded or any lower class, except if that title was won less than four months before the State Fair 4-H Dog Contest. The exceptions to this titling rule are Grad Novice, Open, Grad Open, and Utility Obedience.

BEGINNER NOVICE DIVISION

CLASS #509: Puppies ~~Pre-Beginner Novice Class~~

This class is for puppies OR older dogs that are not ready for regular obedience classes. The purpose of this class is to introduce obedience commands to a new dog without the stress of perfection seen in regular obedience classes. This class will allow the dog to participate in shows in a positive manner, thus setting the dog up for a lifetime of enjoyment in the show ring. Dog and handler teams are evaluated more on the handler's skill in training their dog and dealing with the animal's mistakes rather than on the skill of the animal when performing the exercises.
Food, treats or toys ARE allowed in the puppy ring. Double commands will also be allowed.
This is a NO SCORE class. The score sheet will consist of Excellent, Good or Needs Improvement.
After one year of showing in the Puppy Class, the team moves into Pre-Beginner Novice A Obedience.

~~If the handler was in their 1st year of obedience training, the team moves into Beginner Novice A Obedience, if the handler was in their 2nd year or higher of obedience training, the team moves to the Beginner Novice C-1 class~~

The dog and handler team in the Puppy class will be judged on the following:

1. Loose Lead Walking – Dog does not need to be in perfect heel position but should not be pulling the handler. The dog should be watching the handler and should be on the handler's left side. Handler should be able to get the dog's attention.
2. Sit for Exam – In this exercise the puppy is commanded to a Sit position. The judge will approach the dog and examine it. The purpose of this exercise is to teach the puppy to accept handling from a friendly stranger.
3. Recall – The handler will command the puppy to stay in a Sit position and will step in front of the dog. When the judge says "Call your dog," the handler will proceed to walk backward no more than six feet while calling the dog. The dog should get up and follow the handler in a happy manner. After the six foot distance has been reached, the handler will command the dog to sit.
4. Down Stay - The handler will put the dog in a Down position. When the judge says "Leave your dog," the handler will command the dog to Stay. The handler will walk to the end of the lead, pause, and then immediately walk around behind the dog and back to the heel position.
5. Serpentine Walking – The expectations are the same as for loose lead walking, with the addition of three "posts" as a distraction.

CLASS #510: Pre-Beginner Novice OBED A

This class is open only to handlers and their dogs in their first year of dog obedience training. All exercises in this class are performed on leash. A 6-foot leash is required for this class. The exercises in this class have been modified from AKC guidelines to better meet the needs of 4-H youth.

Exercise	Points
Heel on Leash	40
Figure Eight *(inanimate objects may be used for this exercise)*	40
Sit for Exam	40
Sit Stay (45 seconds)	40
Recall	40
Total points	200

CLASS #511: Pre-Beginner Novice OBED B

~~This class is open to handlers in their second year of Beginner Novice dog training and who have never received a qualifying score in Beginner Novice Obedience B at County Fair or received an equivalent title from a national dog association. Exhibitors must be the same youth and dog team that showed the previous year in the Beginner Novice A class. All exercises in this class will be judged according to AKC specifications except registration of dog is not required. A 6-foot leash is required for this class.~~ This class is open to exhibitors or dogs with previous experience in Pre-Beginner or Beginner Novice Obedience training OR exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Pre-Beginner Novice A Obedience.All exercises in this class are performed on-leash. A 6-foot leash is required for this class. The exercises in this class have been modified from AKC guidelines to better meet the needs of 4-H youth.

Exercise Points	
Heel on Leash	40
Figure Eight *(inanimate objects may be used for this exercise)*	40
Sit for Exam	40
Sit Stay (~~off leash, walk around ring~~) (45 seconds)	40
Recall ~~(off leash)~~	40
Total points	200

CLASS #512: Beginner Novice OBED ~~C-1~~ A

~~This class is open to experienced handlers who are working with a new dog, *OR* a first year handler working a dog with previous experience in an organized training class. The exercises in this class are the same as for Beginner Novice A except they will be judged at a higher skill level (fewer handler errors are expected) than handlers entered in A level classes. All exercises in this are class performed on leash. A 6 foot leash is required for this class. The exercises in this class have been modified from AKC guidelines to better meet the needs of 4-H youth.~~ This class is open to exhibitors in their 1st year of Beginner Novice training with no prior experience in Beginner Novice Obedience Dog training. A 6 foot leash is required for this class. All exercises in this class will be judged according to AKC specifications except registration of dog is not required.

~~Exercise Points~~	
~~Heel on Leash~~	~~40~~
~~Figure Eight *(inanimate objects may be used for this exercise)*~~	~~40~~
~~Sit for Exam~~	~~40~~
~~Sit Stay (45 seconds)~~	~~40~~
~~Recall~~	~~40~~
~~Total points~~	~~200~~

~~Class #513: Beginner Novice OBED C-2~~

~~This class is open to handlers in their second year of Beginner Novice dog training and who have never received a qualifying score in Beginner Novice Obedience C-2 at Fair or received an equivalent title from a national dog association. Exhibitors must be the same youth and dog team that showed the previous year in the Beginner Novice C-1 class. The exercises in this class are the same as for Beginner Novice B except they will be judged at a higher skill level (fewer handler errors are expected) than handlers entered in the regular B level classes. All exercises in this class will be judged according to AKC specifications except registration of dog is not required. A 6 foot leash is required for this class.~~

~~Exercise Points~~	
~~Heel on Leash~~	~~40~~
~~Figure Eight *(inanimate objects may be used for this exercise)*~~	~~40~~
~~Sit for Exam~~	~~40~~
~~Sit Stay (off leash, walk around ring)~~	~~40~~

~~Recall (off leash) 40~~
~~Total points 200~~

Class #513: Beginner Novice OBED B
This class is open to exhibitors or dogs with previous experience in Beginner Novice Obedience training OR exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Beginner Novice A Obedience. All exercises in this class will be judged according to AKC specifications except registration of dog is not required. A 6 foot leash is required for this class.

Exercise Points	
Heel on Leash	40
Figure Eight	40
Sit for Exam	40
Sit Stay *(off leash, walk around ring)*	40
Recall *(off leash)*	40
Total points	200

NOVICE OBEDIENCE DIVISION

CLASS #514: Novice OBED A
~~This class is open to experienced handlers in their first year of Novice Obedience dog training. All~~ This class is open to exhibitors in their 1st year of Novice training with no prior experience in Novice Obedience Dog training. All exercises in this class will be judged according to AKC specifications except registration of dog is not required. This class includes some off-leash exercises. A 6 foot leash is required for this class.

~~Exercise Points~~
~~Heel on Leash, then Figure Eight on leash *(inanimate objects may be used)* 40~~
~~Stand for Exam (off leash) 30~~
~~Heel Free 40~~
~~Recall 30~~
~~Sit Stay- Get Your Leash 30~~
~~Group Exercise on leash – Sit Stay (1 min.) *(group size may be limited)* 15~~
~~Group Exercise on leash – Down Stay (1 min.) *(group size may be limited)* 15~~
~~Total Points 200~~

CLASS #515: Novice OBED B
~~This class is open to experienced handlers in their second year or above of Novice Obedience training who have never received a qualifying score in any Novice Obedience class at County Fair or received an equivalent title from a national dog association.~~ This class is open to exhibitors or dogs with previous experience in Novice Obedience training OR exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Novice A Obedience. All exercises in this class will be judged according to AKC specifications except registration of dog is not required. This class includes some off-leash exercises. A 6 foot leash is required for this class.

Exercise Points	
Heel on Leash, then Figure Eight on leash	40
Stand for Exam (off leash)	30
Heel Free	40
Recall	30
Sit Stay- Get Your Leash	30
Group Exercise on leash – Sit Stay (1 min.) ~~*(group size may be limited)*~~	15
Group Exercise on leash – Down Stay (1 min.) ~~*(group size may be limited)*~~	15
Total Points	200

GRAD NOVICE OBEDIENCE DIVISION

CLASS #516: Pre Graduate Novice A

~~Pre-Graduate Novice A is open to experienced handlers in their first year of Pre-Graduate Novice dog training~~. This class is open to exhibitors in their 1st year of Pre-Graduate Obedience training with no prior experience in Pre-Graduate Obedience training. . The exercises in this class have been modified from AKC guidelines to better meet the needs of 4-H youth. See below for an explanation of the Pre Graduate Novice exercises.

Exercise Points	
Heel on Leash	40
Moving Stand for Exam (off leash)	30
Heel Free and Figure Eight *(inanimate objects will be used for Fig. 8)*	40
Moving Drop on Recall	30
Recall over Broad Jump	30
Group Exercise – Sit Stay off Leash (1 minute) ~~*(group size may be limited)*~~	15
Group Exercise - Down Stay off Leash(1 minute) ~~*(group size may be limited)*~~	15
Total Points	200

CLASS #517: Pre Graduate Novice B

~~Pre-Grad Novice B is open to experienced handlers in their second or higher year of Pre-Grad Novice dog training who have never received a qualifying score in Pre-Graduate Novice Obedience at County Fair or received an equivalent title from a national dog association.~~ This class is open to exhibitors or dogs with previous experience in Pre-Grad Obedience training OR exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Pre-Grad Novice A Obedience. See below for an explanation of the Pre Graduate Novice exercises.

Exercise Points	
Heel on Leash	40
Moving Stand for Exam (off leash)	30
Heel Free and Figure Eight *(inanimate objects will be used for Fig 8)*	40
Moving Drop on Recall	30
Recall over Broad Jump	30
Group Exercise – Sit Stay OFF Leash (1 minute)	15
Group Exercise - Down Stay OFF Leash (1 minute)	15

Total Points 200

Explanation of Pre-Graduate Novice A & B Exercises

Moving Stand and Examination: This exercise is performed off leash. The judge will give the command "forward," at which time the handler will heel forward with his/her dog. After the handler has proceeded forward about ten feet, the judge will give the command "stand your dog." Without pausing, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to stand and the handler will continue forward about 10 to 12 feet and turn and face the dog. The judge will approach the dog from the front, give a novice exam and give the command "return to your dog." The handler will return to his/her dog by going around and behind and back to heel position.

Moving Drop on Recall: The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog heels and executes a prompt response to the handler's command and/or signal to down and remain in the down position until called or signaled to 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. The handler 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 feature of this exercise is that the dog stays until directed to jump, clears the jump on a single command or signal, and immediately returns 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.

Class 518- Graduate Novice A is ~~open to experienced handlers in their first year of Graduate Novice dog training.~~ This class is open to exhibitors in their 1st year of Graduate Novice Obedience training with no prior experience in Graduate Novice Obedience training.

Class 519- Graduate Novice B ~~is open to experienced handlers in their second or higher year of Grad Novice dog training.~~ - This class is open to exhibitors or dogs with previous experience in Graduate Novice Obedience training OR exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Graduate Novice A The youth and dog team may continue to compete in this class even after receiving a qualifying score in Graduate Novice Obedience at a previous State or County Fair. ~~Some of the exercises in these classes have been modified from AKC guidelines to better meet the needs of 4-H youth.~~

Exercise Points

Heel on Leash & Figure 8 Off Leash *(inanimate objects may be used for Fig 8)*	40
Drop on Recall	40
Dumbbell Recall	30
Dumbbell Recall over High Jump	30
Recall over Broad Jump	30
Stand Stay Get Your Leash	30
Total Points	200

ADVANCED OBEDIENCE DIVISION

Class #520 -Open A ~~is open to experienced handlers in their first year of Open dog training.~~ This class is open to exhibitors in their 1st year of Open Obedience training with no prior experience in Open Obedience training. All exercises in these classes will be judged according to AKC specifications except registration of dog is not required.

Class #521-Open B ~~is open to experienced handlers in their second or higher year of Open dog training~~ This class is open to exhibitors or dogs with previous experience in Open Obedience training OR exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Open A. The youth and dog team may continue to compete in this class, even after receiving a qualifying score in Open Obedience at a previous State or County Fair. ~~Some of the exercises in these classes have been modified from AKC guidelines to better meet the needs of 4-H youth.~~

Exercise Points	
Heel Free & Figure Eight *(inanimate objects may be used for Fig 8)*	40
Command Discrimination (Stand, Down, Sit)	30
Drop on Recall	30
Retrieve on Flat	20
Retrieve over High Jump	30
Broad Jump	20
Stand Stay Get Your Leash	30
Total Points	200

CLASS #522- Grad Open A ~~is open to experienced handlers in their first year of Grad Open training~~. This class is open to exhibitors in their 1st year of Graduate Open Obedience training with no prior experience in Graduate Open Obedience training.
All exercises in these classes will be judged according to AKC specifications except registration of dog is not required.

CLASS #523- Grad Open B This class is open to experienced handlers in their second or higher year of Grad Open training. The youth and dog teams may continue to compete in this class, even after receiving a qualifying score in Graduate Open Obedience at a previous State or County Fair. All exercises in these classes will be judged according to AKC specifications except registration of dog is not required.

Exercise Points	
Signal Exercises	40

Scent Discrimination	40
Moving Stand and Exam	40
Go Out	40
Directed Jumping	40
Total Points	200

CLASS #524- Utility A ~~is open to experienced handlers in their first year of Utility dog training.~~ This class is open to exhibitors in their 1st year of Utility Obedience training with no prior experience in Utility Obedience training. All exercises in these classes will be judged according to AKC specifications except registration of dog is not required.

CLASS #525- Utility B ~~is open to experienced handlers in their second or higher year of Utility dog training.~~ - This class is open to exhibitors or dogs with previous experience in Utility Obedience training OR exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Utility A~~-~~ The youth and dog team may continue to compete in this class for the remainder of their 4-H years, even after receiving a qualifying score in Utility Obedience at a previous State or County Fair. All exercises in these classes will be judged according to AKC specifications except registration of dog is not required.

Exercise Points	
Signal Exercise	40
Scent Discrimination (leather)	30
Scent Discrimination (metal)	30
Directed Retrieve of Glove	30
Moving Stand and Exam	30
Directed Jumping	40
Total Points	200

VETERANS DIVISION – Obedience Classes Only

The Veterans Obedience Division is an optional Division for any dog 7 years old or over who may no longer be able to jump the standard regulation height due to age, injury, joint issues, comfort, etc. Any dog 7 years or older may be entered in the Veterans Division. It is the choice of the handler, the handler's parent, and the handler's trainer and veterinarian whether to exhibit a dog in a Veteran class. Veteran dogs will compete at the obedience level the handler chooses, from Novice up through Utility. All exercises are the same as for regular obedience classes except for the jump height. Veterans Division dogs will be allowed to jump ½ of their regulation jump height. They are required to perform all other exercises as in the regular class; jump height will be the only difference from the regular class. 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. A Veteran dog may change Obedience classes in either direction each year as their health determines. If a dog is entered as a Veteran during a project year, they may go back to regular Obedience classes the following year; however, they must go back to the level they would have been competing at before they moved to Veterans.

The Veterans classes and scoring adjustments are listed below:

Class 526: **Novice Veterans**: Judge's score
Class 527: **Pre-Grad Novice Veterans**: Judge's score plus 3 points
Class 528: **Grad Novice Veterans**: Judge's score plus 6 points
Class 529: **Open Veterans**: Judge's score plus 9 points
Class 530: **Grad Open Veterans**: Judge's score plus 12 points
Class 531: **Utility Veterans**: Judge's score plus 15 points

Dogs entered in the Veterans Division are not eligible to compete for the Overall Obedience or Grand Champion awards at County Fair. Veteran dogs will jump 1/2 the required height for their class. Refer to the chart below for the standard High or Bar Jump heights.

Obedience Jump Information

There are 3 types of jumps that may be used in Obedience classes: the Bar Jump, the High Jump and the Broad Jump. All dogs in regular (non Veterans) Obedience classes must jump their regulation height and width.

For the Broad Jump: The Broad Jump will cover a distance equal to twice the standard height of the High or Bar Jump setting for each dog. Veteran dogs will jump 1/2 the required width for their class and must use the correct number of boards for the width being jumped:
*Four boards are used for widths of 48-72 inches
*Three boards are used for widths of 28-44 inches
*Two boards are used for widths of 16-24 inches
*One board is used for a width of 8 inches.

Standard Jump Height Table	
Measured height of dog at withers	Minimum height to be jumped
Less than 7½"	4"
7½" to 9"	8"
Greater than 9" up to 11"	10"
Greater than 11" up to 13"	12"
Greater than 13" up to 15"	14"
Greater than 15" up to 17"	16"
Greater than 17" up to 19"	18"
Greater than 19" up to 21"	20"
Greater than 21" up to 23"	22"
Greater than 23" up to 25"	24"
Greater than 25" up to 27"	26"
Greater than 27" up to 29"	28"
Greater than 29" up to 31"	30"
Greater than 31" up to 33"	32"
Greater than 33" up to 35"	34"
Greater than 35" up to 37"	36"
Greater than 37"	36"

SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

Dogs under 6 months of age are not eligible to compete in Showmanship classes at County or State Fair.

Placement in Showmanship classes is based on the exhibitor's age and the experience level of the handler. The experience level of the dog has no bearing on class placement.

A written test will be given to each exhibitor entered in a Showmanship class. The exhibitor is responsible for taking the test at the designated time. If the exhibitor does not take the test within the designated time, they will receive zero points for that portion of their showmanship score.

~~In the ring, the judge will ask each exhibitor two questions about their dog's anatomy or breed/breed group. Scores for these questions will be included in the point total for "Breed Presentation" on the Showmanship scoresheet.~~

Exhibitors should be prepared to answer questions in the ring about the breed of dog, the AKC group the breed belongs to, and the purpose of the breed or what the breed is used for. In the case of mixed breeds, the exhibitor must decide the breed the dog they are showing most resembles.

A qualifying score in Showmanship will be 170 points out of the possible 200 points. Class size will be determined by Health Department restrictions in place at the time of the show. During the Showmanship class each area of judging will be evaluated throughout the entire class. The score will reflect the handler's ability to perform these items throughout the class and not just at 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.

Dog Showmanship Scoring:

1. Appearance of handler.....~~20~~ 10
   - Cleanliness and neatness of handler
   - Appropriateness of apparel conforming to Colorado 4-H Dress Code
   - ~~Conforms to Colorado 4-H dress code~~
   - ~~No dangling items interfering with showing~~
   - Good attitude toward dog and other handlers
2. Grooming of dog.....30
   - General condition of dog(age considered)
   - Condition of coat (cleaned, groomed, and no mats)
   - Clean ears and eyes
   - Clean teeth
   - Toenails correct length, Hair trimmed between pads
3. Handling - Stacking the Dog.....40
   - ~~Control of dog's head at all times~~
   - ~~Correct position of front legs appropriate to breed (set judge's side first)~~
   - ~~Correct width apart, parallel and facing forward~~
   - ~~Correct position rear legs appropriate to breed (set judge's side first)~~

   Dog stacked at all times in the ring unless directed by judge

Handler has control of dog's head at all times
Correct position of front legs, appropriate to breed
Correct position of rear legs, appropriate to breed
Point of hock straight down pastern to floor
Stacking produces correct topline for breed
Does not crowd others in line up

4. Gaiting.....35
Ability to follow patterns as directed by judge
Dog fully visible to judge in gaiting position
Proper gaiting in ring based on breed, age, conformation
Smoothness in turns
Correct hand switching
5. Examination.....35
Stand properly during entire exam; does not sit or move away
Does not growl or snap
Dog tried to bite- dismissed from ring
Complete control of head during exam
6. Breed Presentation.....35
Dog is responsive to handler
Dog and handler work as a team within group
Dog is under control
Dog is moved correctly to the best of its ability
Dog's main faults being minimized
Dog is presented correctly for breed or most apparent breed
Ability to answer verbal questions about dog or breed
7. Written test score 10
TOTAL.....200

JUNIOR DIVISION

CLASS #500: Junior Novice - ~~This class is for participants who are 8 – 10 years old as of December 31 of the previous year, are in their 1st year of Showmanship dog training, and have no prior experience with any other dog showing entity.~~ This class is for exhibitors 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 with no prior experience with any other dog showing entity.

CLASS #501: Junior Open - This class is for exhibitors who are 8-10 years old as of December 31 of the previous year with previous experience in Showmanship, either with 4-H or with a national dog association.

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

CLASS #502: Intermediate Novice - This class is for exhibitors who are 11-13 years old as of December 31 of the previous year, are in their 1st year of ~~Showmanship dog training, and have no~~ participation in the project, and with no prior experience with any other dog showing entity.

CLASS #503: Intermediate Open - This class is for exhibitors who are 11-13 years old as of December 31 of the previous year with previous experience in Showmanship, either with 4-H or with a national dog association.

SENIOR DIVISION

CLASS #505: Senior Novice - This class is for participants who are 14-18 years old as of December 31 of the previous year, are in their 1st year of ~~Showmanship dog training, and have of~~ participation in the project, and with no prior experience with any other dog showing entity.

CLASS #506: Senior Open - This class is for exhibitors who are 14-18 years old as of December 31 of the previous year with previous experience in Showmanship, either with 4-H or with a national dog association.

ADVANCED DIVISION

CLASS #504: Intermediate Advanced – This class is for experienced handlers who are 11-13 years of age as of December 31 of the previous year and who placed 1st through 10th at a previous State Fair Dog Trial with a qualifying score in Intermediate Open Showmanship

CLASS #507: Senior Advanced - This class is for experienced handlers who are 14-18 years of age as of December 31 of the previous year and who placed 1st through 10th at a previous State Fair Dog Trial with a qualifying score in Senior Open Showmanship.

CLASS #508: Master Showman - This class is only for Intermediate or Senior handlers who have placed as Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion Showman at a previous State 4-H Dog Trial. At the judge's discretion, any exhibitor who has qualified to show in the Master Showman class at State Fair may compete along with the Senior Advanced class at the Boulder County Fair, but will be judged at a higher level (fewer expected errors) than other exhibitors in the Senior Advanced class.

RALLY OBEDIENCE

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 exhibitors of this program. A qualifying score in Rally is 70 out of the 100 possible points.

1. Prior to the start of each class, a 10 to 15 minute walk through (without dogs) is allowed for the handlers to familiarize themselves with the course pattern. Only during this time, handlers may ask the judge to clarify or answer any questions about the Rally signs or the Rally course.
2. The only training equipment allowed in the Rally ring is a slip, chain, flat buckle or clip collar without tags and a nylon or leather leash. No halties, gentle leaders, slip leads, harnesses or

pinch collars are allowed.

3. The judge will tell the handler when to begin the Rally course. The dog and handler will proceed at their own pace through a course of designated stations.
4. Unlimited communication from the handler to the dog is encouraged. Multiple commands and/or signals using one or both arms are allowed. Arms and hands do not need to be maintained in any particular position at any time. The handler may not touch the dog or make any physical corrections any time. Exhibitors in the Excellent and higher Rally levels may not pat their legs or clap their hands to encourage their dog. Loud or harsh commands or intimidating signals will be penalized.
5. There should be a sense of teamwork between the handler and the dog.
6. Times will be recorded, but not posted. Times may only be used to break ties.
7. Handlers may enter more than one dog in the same Rally class.
8. ~~In all Rally classes a non-qualifying (NQ) score will be administered for the following: strong correcting, disciplining, fouling the ring, excessive barking, consistently tight lead, knocking over a jump, or a sign not attempted by a handler.~~ In all classes a 15-point deduction will be administered in the Rally classes for the following: strong correcting, disciplining, excessive barking, fouling the ring, consistently tight lead, knocking over a jump, or a sign not attempted by a handler.
9. For the safety of all, a dog that snaps, bites, or attempts to bite will be excused from the ring.
10. Scoresheets can be viewed on the Colorado 4-H website *http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/state-fair-information/contest-score-sheets/*
11. There are no Rally classes for Veteran dogs. All dogs must be able to jump required heights and perform the required items.
12. All jump heights will conform with current (January 2021)AKC Rally height and broad jump recommendations. The standard AKC jump requirements for Rally are as follows:

HEIGHT OF DOG AT WITHERS	HIGH OR BAR JUMP HEIGHT TO BE JUMPED	BROAD JUMP DISTANCE TO BE JUMPED
Less than 10 inches	4 inches	8 inches (1 board)
10 inches to less than 15 inches	8 inches	16 inches (2 boards)
15 inches to less than 20 inches	12 inches	24 inches (2 boards)
20 inches and over	16 inches	32 inches (3 boards)

A dog and handler team with any other Rally 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 State 4-H Dog Trials. Please refer to the Dog Eligibility Rules for more information.

"A" level classes are limited to exhibitors with no prior experience showing a dog in that class. Exhibitors showing a new dog must enter the "B" level if they ever received a qualifying score in that class with any other dog.

RALLY NOVICE DIVISION

CLASS #532: Rally Novice A

~~This class is for handlers in their first year of Rally training who have not received a qualifying score~~

~~in Novice Rally at any State 4-H Dog Trial or received an equivalent title from any national dog association.~~ This class is open to exhibitors in their 1st year of Rally Novice training with no prior experience in Rally Novice Dog training. A handler may only compete in Rally Novice A for one year. All exercises are performed ~~judged~~ on leash~~, and all dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash~~. There are no jumps in this class.

CLASS #533: Rally Novice B

~~This class is for handlers in their second year or higher of Rally Novice training with the same dog used in the Rally Novice A class who have not yet earned a qualifying score in Rally Novice at County Fair, OR for handlers who are starting a new dog that has never competed in Rally. Exhibitors are allowed to compete in this class until they have obtained a qualifying score in in Rally Novice or the dog being shown has received an equivalent title from a national dog association. All exercises are judged on leash, and all dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash.~~

This class is open to exhibitors or dogs with previous experience in Rally Novice training OR exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Rally Novice A. All exercises are performed There are no jumps in this class.

RALLY INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

CLASS #534: Rally Intermediate A

~~This class is for experienced handlers in their first year of Rally Intermediate training who have not received a qualifying score in Intermediate Rally at any State 4-H Dog Trial or received an equivalent title from any national dog association.~~ This class is open to exhibitors in their 1st year of Rally Intermediate training with no prior experience in Rally Intermediate Dog training. A handler may only compete in Rally Intermediate A for one year. All exercises are performed ~~judged~~ on leash~~, and all dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash~~. There are no jumps in this class.

CLASS #535: Rally Intermediate B

~~This class is for any handler who is in their second year or above of Rally Intermediate training with the same dog used in the Rally Intermediate A Class who has not yet earned a qualifying score Rally Intermediate at Fair or who is starting a dog that has never competed in Rally. Handlers are allowed to compete in this class until they have obtained a qualifying score or the dog being shown has received an equivalent title from a national dog association.~~ This class is open to exhibitors or dogs with previous experience in Rally Intermediate training OR exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Rally Intermediate A.~~-~~All exercises are performed ~~judged~~ on leash ~~and all dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash~~. There are no jumps in this class.

RALLY ADVANCED DIVISION

CLASS #536: Rally Advanced A

This class is open to exhibitors in their 1st year of Rally Advanced training with no prior experience in Rally Advanced Dog training All exercises are performed ~~judged~~ off leash. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. The Advanced Rally course may include one jump.

CLASS #537: Rally Advanced B

~~This class is for experienced handlers in their second or higher year of Rally Advanced training who have not yet earned a qualifying score in Rally Advanced at County Fair. Handlers may compete in this class until they have obtained a qualifying score, or the dog being shown has received an equivalent title from a national dog association. All exercises are judged~~ This class is open to exhibitors or dogs with previous experience in Rally Advanced training OR exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Rally Advanced A. All exercises are performed off leash. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. The Advanced Rally course may include one jump.

RALLY EXCELLENT DIVISION

CLASS #538: Rally Excellent A

~~Rally Excellent A Class is for experienced handlers who are in their first year of Rally Excellent training who have not received a qualifying score in Rally Excellent at Fair or received an equivalent title from any national dog association. A handler may only compete in the A class for one year. All exercises are judged off leash.~~ This class is open to exhibitors in their 1st year of Rally Excellent training with no prior experience in Rally Excellent dog training. All exercises are performed off leash. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. The Excellent Rally course may include two jumps.

CLASS #539: Rally Excellent B

~~This class is for experienced handlers in their second year or above of Rally Excellent training who have not yet earned a qualifying score in Rally Excellent. Handlers are allowed to compete in this class until they have obtained a qualifying score at Fair, or the dog being shown has received an equivalent title from a national dog association. All exercises are judged off leash~~ This class is open to exhibitors or dogs with previous experience in Rally Excellent training OR exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Rally Excellent A. All exercises are performed off leash.. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. The Excellent Rally course may include two jumps.

RALLY RAE DIVISION

CLASS #540: Rally Advanced/Excellent A (RAE-A)

~~The Rally Advanced/Excellent A Class is for experienced handlers who are in their first year of RAE training who have not received a qualifying score in RAE at County Fair, or have not received an equivalent title for any national dog association. A handler may only compete in the A class for one year. All exercises are judged off leash.~~ This class is open to exhibitors in their 1st year of Rally Advanced/Excellent training with no prior experience in Rally Advanced/Excellent Dog training. All exercises are performed off leash. Handlers must receive a qualifying score in BOTH the Rally Advanced course and the Rally Excellent course at the same dog trial in order to receive a qualifying score in RAE.

CLASS #541: Rally Advanced/Excellent B (RAE-B)

~~The Rally Advanced/Excellent B class is for handlers in their second year or above of RAE training and who have not yet earned a qualifying score in Rally Advanced Excellent. All exercises are judged off~~

~~leash.~~ his class is open to exhibitors or dogs with previous experience in Rally Advanced/Excellent training OR exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Rally Advanced/Excellent A. All exercises are performed off leash. Handlers must receive a qualifying score in BOTH the Rally Advanced course and the Rally Excellent course at the same dog trial in order to receive a qualifying score in RAE. A handler may continue to compete in this class for the ~~remainder of their 4-H years in the dog project unless they choose to advance to the Rally Masters level class.~~ until they are ready to advance to the Rally Masters level class.

RALLY MASTERS DIVISION

~~It is optional for a member to move up to the Masters level after Rally Advanced/Excellent. However, once the member and dog team has shown in Rally Masters at County Fair, that member/dog team is no longer eligible to compete in a lower level class.~~

CLASS 542: Masters Rally A

The Masters Rally A class is open to exhibitors in their 1st year of Rally Masters training with no prior experience in Rally Masters Dog training. All exercises are performed off leash and courses may have 1 jump. There are no retries for any of the signs on the Rally Master course.

~~The Masters Rally A (class 542) class is an optional class for any handler who has earned a qualifying score in Rally Advanced/Excellent at a previous County Fair, or who has received approval from the Dog Superintendent to enter this class. The Masters Rally B (class 543) is for experienced handlers in their 2nd year or above of Masters Rally training. Exhibitors may continue to compete in the B class for their remaining years in the 4-H dog program regardless of whether they have received a qualifying score or received a Masters Rally title from a national dog association. All exercises are judged off leash and courses may have 2 jumps.~~

CLASS 543: Masters Rally B

The Masters Rally B

This class is open to exhibitors or dogs with previous experience in Rally Masters training OR exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Rally Masters A. Exhibitor and dog teams may continue to compete in this class for their remaining years in the program regardless of whether they have received a qualifying score or received a Masters Rally title from a national dog association. All exercises are performed off leash and courses may have 1 jump. There are no retries for any of the signs on the Rally Master course.

Class #544: Team Rally

Team Rally is a non-entry class for the Boulder County Dog Contest. Two teams consisting of 4 members and 4 dogs each will be assembled by the Superintendent to compete in Team Rally at State Fair in the following manner. The 8 exhibitors with the highest qualifying scores in the Intermediate or regular Rally classes at County Fair will have the first opportunity to participate in the State Fair Team Rally competition. The exhibitor with the 9th highest score will serve as an alternate team member. If there are not enough qualifiers to complete two teams plus an alternate, the 4-H Dog Superintendent may select exhibitors with previous experience in Intermediate or higher Rally to fill any openings.

FUN CONTESTS

These contests will be open to all exhibitors and will be held after completion of the regular classes. Dogs must have been entered in the County Fair Dog Show to compete. No pre-entry is required for these contests; sign up is during check-in.

Team Agility – An Agility Team will consist of 5 dogs and handlers. All teams will be given an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the course and obstacles prior to the competition. Dogs and handlers will navigate the agility course individually. Treats will be allowed on the course. Time will start when the judge gives the first member of the team the "Forward" command. All members will run the course individually. The next member on the team will start when the previous member crosses the finish line. Each team will receive a cumulative time. One point will be awarded for each correctly completed obstacle. The team with the highest point score wins the competition. In the event of a tie, the cumulative time will serve as the tie breaker, with the fastest time winning.

Costume Contest – This optional contest will consist of dogs in costume. Costumes can include the handler and can be funny, serious, educational, etc. Contestants will be judged based on creativity.

Best Trick Contest - This optional contest will consist of the exhibitor showing their dog's best trick or task. The contest will be judged based on originality & and degree of difficulty.

DOG AGILITY CONTEST RULES

The Boulder County Fair Dog Agility Contest will follow all equipment, safety and procedural requirements in the State 4-H Dog Agility Rules. These Rules may be found at *https://co4h.colostate.edu/statefair/StateFairContestReq-Cat-Dog.pdf* beginning on page 19. These Rules are in addition to, and do not supersede or negate, the Boulder County Fair General Rules, General Exhibitor Rules or the Junior Dog Contest Rules.

General Agility Rules:

1. Dogs must be a minimum of 12 months old to compete in the Foundation Jumpers classes. Dogs must be a minimum of 15 months old to compete in all other Jumpers agility classes.
2. All dogs must be under control when off-leash in order to compete in the Agility Contest, and dogs and handlers must pass an **Off-Leash Heeling Pre-Test** prior to participating in the Contest. Dogs must always be on a leash outside the ring except when performing exercises off leash at the warm-up area in Agility.
3. No dog with a physical or mental condition that would significantly impair their performance may participate. Some examples of these include (but are not limited to) hip dysplasia, disc problems, severely slipped stifles, shoulder problems, overweight, or advancing age. A judge, Dog Superintendent or County 4-H dog agility trainer will have the authority to stop the performance of any dog whose soundness is in question.
4. Dogs that show signs of aggression toward humans or other dogs will not be permitted to participate.

5. Female dogs in season are not permitted to compete.
6. Handlers may not touch their dogs or an obstacle while running the course. Incidental contact that does not aid the dog on the course will not be penalized.
7. Poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated. Any handler exhibiting poor sportsmanship such as swearing, yelling at their dog, striking the dog, pulling on their dog's fur or body parts, excessive corrections, loud complaints about other exhibitors or the judge, etc., will be eliminated.
8. The judge will penalize any handler receiving outside assistance.
9. A dog unable to complete the course for any reason including leaving the ring and not immediately returning in control of the handler or ceasing to work for a significant period of time will receive an elimination.
10. Handlers may use voice commands, signals, or both. Handlers are encouraged to talk or cheer their dogs through the course. There is no penalty for multiple commands or verbal encouragement, but all must be in the spirit of good sportsmanship.
11. Any dog fouling the ring during competition will be asked to leave the ring - receiving a disqualification.
12. Course walk through will be 5-7 minutes which is done without dogs. A 2-minute warning will be provided so the first handler can get their dog during the walking of the course. Judges will have discretion whether or not to allow additional walk through times.
13. Training aids and treats are not permitted on the course at a trial.
14. Collars must be a flat buckle or rolled leather collar, with no attachments except for a 4"-6" tab (optional in Foundation and Novice, not allowed in Advanced and Intermediate). Pinch/prong and electrical collars, head halters and special training collars are not allowed.
15. Dogs may be brought to the start line on slip leads, slip chains, body harnesses or other collars.
16. Handlers may not jump over the jumps with their dogs.

AGILITY WAIVER

All parents/guardians and members must sign the "4-H Dog Agility Release Form" about injury to dog and handler to participate in classes, shows, and demonstrations. The Waiver can be found at *https://co4h.colostate.edu/statefair/Dog-Agility-Waiver.pdf*

HEIGHT CARDS

All handlers must possess an official Colorado State 4-H Dog Project Agility Height Card for the dog entered in the competition, signed by the measuring authority. Note that two separate measurements and two signatures are required. Official height cards from outside agility venues will also be accepted. Dogs may be measured by judge or show personnel at the State Agility Competition to receive a height card. The Height Card can be found on page 36 of the State Agility Rules *http://co4h.colostate.edu/statefair/score-sheets/Agility-rules.pdf*

OFF-LEASH HEELING PRE-TEST

Since all agility classes are performed off-leash, it is important that ALL dog/handler teams

demonstrate **control** prior to competition. In order to determine that your dog is under control, an Off-Leash Heeling Pre-Test will be given to ALL dog/handler teams entered in the Jumpers classes. If you fail this Pre-Test, you will not be allowed to compete. This Pre-Test does not require perfect heeling, but will evaluate overall off-leash **control** of the dog.

VETERAN CLASSES

Dogs 7 years of age and older are eligible to compete in the Veterans classes. Additionally, dogs with minor physical disabilities (such as minor hip dysplasia) may compete in this level with a veterinarian's approval and provided documentation. Dogs competing in the Veteran class will jump at a lower jump height (Preferred Jump Height).

AGILITY AWARDS

A perfect score is 100 points and is called a "Clean Run". All scores 70 and above are considered qualifying and are eligible for placement awards.

1. Ribbons will be awarded to the 1st - 5th place exhibitors in each of the classes. No placement awards will be awarded for non-qualifying scores.

2. One Champion and one Reserve Champion rosette ribbon will be awarded in all classes. If there is a tie between two exhibitors for champion or reserve champion, the team with the lower time will win.

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Jumpers Agility Classes

- **Class 557 Foundation Jumpers Without Weaves**
- **Class 558 Novice Jumpers Without Weaves - Regular**
- **Class 559 Novice Jumpers Without Weaves - Veteran**
- **Class 560 Intermediate Jumpers Without Weaves - Regular**
- **Class 561 Intermediate Jumpers Without Weaves - Veteran**
- **Class 562 Advanced Jumpers Without Weaves - Regular**
- **Class 563 Advanced Jumpers Without Weaves -Veteran**

Class #557: Foundation - Jumpers Without Weaves

This Foundation level class is recommended for participants or dogs in their first year of Agility training. Participants may also choose to enter a higher level Agility class in their first year provided they pass the Heeling Pre-Test. Dogs competing in the Foundation class may jump a lower jump height (Preferred Jump Height).

The Foundation level course will be a simple course with a basic "S", or "U" shape and will consist of 8-10 obstacles. The following obstacles are used:

- Bar jumps (winged or wingless) (5-9) (required)
- Open Tunnel (1 to 3) (required)

Time will be used to break ties for Champion and Reserve Champion awards.

All dogs must be shown off leash. The use of an approved collar and tab is optional.

Class #558 - Novice - Jumpers without Weaves - Regular
Class #559 – Novice Jumpers Without Weaves - Veteran
The Novice level classes are recommended for participants and dogs with some prior Agility experience, however, experience is not required. All dogs entered in these classes must pass the required Heeling Pre-Test. Dogs competing in the Veteran class will jump at a lower jump height (Preferred Jump Height). The Novice level course will be a simple course. Angles between obstacles should not exceed 90 degrees. Entrances to obstacles should never be adjacent to one another. The course is to consist of 10 to 14 obstacles. The following obstacles are used:

- Bar Jumps (winged or wingless) (6-11) (required)
- Open Tunnel (1 to 3) (required)
- Broad Jump (optional)

Time will be used to break ties for Champion and Reserve Champion awards.
All dogs must be shown off leash. The use of an approved collar and tab is optional.

Class #560 - Intermediate - Jumpers Without Weaves – Regular
Class #561 – Intermediate – Jumpers Without Weaves - Veteran
The Intermediate level classes are recommended for participants and dogs with some prior Agility experience, however, experience is not required. All dogs entered in these classes must pass the required Heeling Pre-Test. Dogs competing in the Veteran class will jump at a lower jump height (Preferred Jump Height). The Intermediate level course is to consist of 14 to 16 obstacles. The following obstacles are used:

- Bar Jumps (winged or wingless) (7-13) (required)
- Open Tunnel (1 to 3) (required)
- Broad Jump (1) OR Double Jump (1) (required)
- Tire Jump (1) (optional)

Time will be used to break ties for Champion and Reserve Champion awards.
All dogs must be shown off leash. The use of an approved collar is optional.

Class #562 - Advanced - Jumpers Without Weaves - Regular
Class #563 - Advanced - Jumpers Without Weaves - Veteran
The Advanced level classes are recommended for participants and dogs with some prior Agility experience, however, experience is not required. All dogs entered in these classes must pass the required Heeling Pre-Test. Dogs competing in the Veteran class will jump at a lower jump height (Preferred Jump Height). The Advanced level course is to consist of 16 to 18 obstacles. The following obstacles are used:

- Bar Jumps (winged or wingless) (9-16) (required)
- Double Bar Jump (required)
- Triple Bar Jump (required)
- Open Tunnel (1 to 3) (required)
- Broad jump (optional)
- Tire Jump (optional)

Time will be used to break ties for Champion and Reserve Champion awards.
All dogs must be shown off leash. The use of an approved collar is optional.

Chart of Obstacle Requirements for Jumpers Classes

Class	Foundation	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Notes
Total Obstacles	8-10	10-14	14-16	16-18	
Total Jumps	5-9	6-12	7-14	10-17	*Includes all bar, double, triple, tire and broad jumps*
Bar Jumps	5-9	6-11	7-13	9-16	
Double Jump	0	0	0-1[2]	1[3]	
Broad Jump	0	0-1	0-1[2]	0-1[3]	
Open Tunnel	1-3	1-3	1-3	1-3	
Tire Jump	0	0	0-1	0-1	
Triple Jump	0	0	0	1	

[2] Either a Broad Jump OR a Double Jump may be used in Intermediate

[3] Either a Broad Jump, Double Jump, or both must be used in Advanced

JUMP HEIGHTS

Regular Jump Heights

Dog's Height	Jump	Broad Jump Width	A-Frame Height	Table Height
7" or under at the withers	4"	8"	5'	8"
11" or under at the withers	8"	16"	5'	8"
14" or under at the withers	12"	24"	5'6"	12"
18" or under at the withers	16"	32"	5'6"	16"
22" or under at the withers	20"	40"	5'6"	20"
Over 22" at the withers	20"+	40"	5'6"	20"

Preferred Jump Heights (veteran and foundation dogs)

Dog's Height	Jump	Broad Jump Width	A-Frame Height	Table Height
11" or under at the withers	4"	8"	5'	8"
14" or under at the withers	8"	16"	5'	8"
18" or under at the withers	12"	24"	5'6"	12"
22" or under at the withers	16"	32"	5'6"	16"
Over 22" at the withers	20"	40"	5'6"	20"