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**2020**  
**BOULDER COUNTY**  
**FAIRBOOK**  
**July 31-August 9, 2020**

**4-H & FFA**  
**Livestock Shows**

The Boulder County Fair's mission is to celebrate both rural and urban heritage while cultivating an innovative future through education and leadership. With a tradition of showcasing the accomplishments and leadership of both 4-H and FFA youth and community members, we provide educational and entertaining opportunities for all attendees, meeting the interests and challenges of a changing world.

## ***GENERAL INFORMATION AND RULES***

Cooperation – The Boulder County Fair Livestock Show and Rodeo is held in cooperation with the Boulder County Board of Commissioners, the Boulder County Fair Board and the Boulder County Office of Colorado State University Extension. The Boulder County Fair, Livestock Show and Rodeo does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, age, disability, sexual preference, veteran or marital status, or national origin in its policies and activities.

Responsibility - The Boulder County Fair, Livestock Show & Rodeo (BCF) Management will use all possible care to ensure the safety of animals, exhibits, exhibitors, and people attending the fair. The BCF Management or any individual assisting with the fair, will in no case be responsible for any loss or damage done to, occasioned by, or arising from any animal, or article on exhibition, or for any accident or injury to any person exhibiting, assisting with, or attending the fair. The exhibitors shall indemnify the Fair Management against all legal or other proceeding in regard hereto. The placing of any exhibits on the show grounds by any and all exhibitors shall signify his/her agreement to abide by this rule.

### **FAIRGROUND RULES**

1. Alcohol/Drug Restrictions – Pursuant to Colorado Statue 12-47-901(1)(h)(I), it is illegal to bring **any** outside alcoholic beverages into the BCF, including parking lots. Alcoholic beverages not purchased on the premises will be confiscated immediately and may result in fines and/or ejection from the premises. The presence or use of alcoholic beverages on the fairgrounds is prohibited except in designated areas.

Illegal drugs of any kind, including marijuana, are prohibited from the BCF, including parking lots. Any illegal drugs, including marijuana, will be confiscated and may result in fines and/or ejection from the premises.

2. Disorderly Conduct, Illegal Activity, Vandalism & Horseplay will not be tolerated. Violators will be escorted from the fairgrounds by security and may be prosecuted. No person shall engage in foul, obscene or abusive language or actions.

3. Motorized Vehicles - ATV's and golf carts will not be permitted without prior written permission from the BCF Board. Use of carts is restricted in the areas of the midway or in pedestrian travel areas during BCF hours of operation.

4. Leash Law: Boulder County and the City of Longmont require all dogs to be on a leash at all times on public property. For the safety of animals and people, dogs are not allowed in the poultry, rabbit, goat, or sheep areas and the indoor arena during horse events.

5. Unauthorized carrying or discharging firearms or weapons of any kind is not permitted. Unauthorized paintball, BB, pellet, air, blowguns, rocket slingshots, crossbows, martial arts weapons, fireworks and explosives are not allowed during the Fair.

6. Smoking is not permitted in county facilities or on county property and therefore adhered to by BCF.

7. Parking is not permitted in assigned fire lanes or where otherwise posted "No Parking." Violators may be ticketed and/or towed at owner's expense.

8. Camping is permitted only at the campgrounds. Dry camping ("exhibitors/spectators camping outside the campgrounds") will only be allowed when the campground is full or when prior approval is obtained from the Fair Board.

## **EXHIBITOR GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **ENTRIES**

1. Eligibility - Competition is open to all. 4-H and FFA Exhibitors must belong to a Boulder County 4-H or FFA Club.

2. **Entries** – Prior entry is required in all departments. Entries open after May 1. Late entries will be accepted in the office only with a \$5.00 late fee. Postmark will determine entry date. Entries forms can be found at [bouldercountyfair.org](http://bouldercountyfair.org) and completed the online program, by fillable PDF and emailed, or printed and mailed, faxed or dropped off at the office.

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**Entry deadline: Friday, June 26, 2020**

**Late entry deadline: Friday, July 10 (by office drop off only)**

### **JUDGING**

1. Judges will not award prizes to an unworthy exhibit. It is the intention of the department that no premium or distinction of any kind shall be given to any animal or article that is not deserving. This rule must be strictly adhered to whether there is competition or not. Exhibits that do not meet size requirements will not be considered for Champion or Reserve Champion.
2. Judges shall report to the superintendent any exhibitors who in any way, whether in person or by agents or servants, interfere with them during the adjudication or show any disrespect to them, whereupon **the superintendent shall at his/her discretion demand a proper apology from such exhibitor, or exclude exhibitors from further competition, and the board may withhold from such exhibitors any premiums that have been awarded them, and expel them from further exhibiting at the fair.**
3. The decision of the awarding judges shall be final, and no appeal will be considered.
4. Any exhibitor attempting to interfere with the judges during their adjudication will be promptly excluded from the competition.
5. In all cases not covered by these rules, the ruling of the superintendent of the department will apply.
6. The judge and superintendent of the department shall sign each award book immediately after all awards have been made in the class contained therein.
7. No person shall act as judge in any class in which he/she may be interested as a relative, agent, or employee of an exhibitor or otherwise; and if such case shall be presented, the superintendent of department may remove such interested judge, or substitute another judge temporarily.
8. The awards of such premiums at the show will be confined to entries named in the department.
9. The judge and the person acting as clerk to the judge must take special pains after making an award to see that it is properly entered in the award book.
10. The clerk at each show verifies the accuracy of the judge's book between pre-entries and actual entrants. The superintendent signs the book before premium money is awarded.

## GRIEVANCES, PROTESTS AND APPEALS

1. An “appeal” may be filed by 4-H / FFA and open class exhibitors to get clarifications regarding rules, policies, and judging procedures. The Division Superintendent or the entity (example the Junior Livestock Sale Committee, Horse Leaders Council, Livestock Advisory) would be responsible, as appropriate to handle all appeals;
2. If a protest is filed by 4-H / FFA members, open class exhibitor(s), or other individual(s); the following procedure will be followed. A “Protest Form” must be completed in writing and can be obtained at the Boulder County Fair, Livestock Show & Rodeo (BCF) Manager’s Office. A fee of \$150.00 in cash or certified check must accompany the protest form. The protest shall plainly state the cause of the protest and shall be delivered to the Fair Manager’s office prior to judging or within 1 (one) hour after the conclusion of the class judging. Judging will not be interrupted by a protest and judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. Once the championship judging begins, no protest will be accepted. The protest committee made up of the division superintendent and two fair board representatives will meet and act upon the filed protest. A decision will be given to the individual filing the protest within 24 hours of receiving the filed protest unless a thorough investigation by the protest committee takes longer, in which case the individual filing the protest will be notified. The fee(s) imposed the protest;
3. In the event an individual is not satisfied with the protest ruling by the protest committee, the exhibitor may appeal the protest resolution to the Protest Appeals Committee. This committee is made up of the Fair Board Executive Committee. A fee of \$200.00 in cash or certified check must accompany the appeal which shall be in writing, on an “Appeal Form” obtained at the Boulder County Fair, Livestock Show & Rodeo (BCF) Management Office. The appeal shall plainly state the matter being appealed and shall be delivered to the Fair Management Office not more than 8 (eight) hours after the protest resolution was announced. The decision of the Protest Appeals Committee is final. Compliance with the protest and appeal process is mandatory prior to seeking review in any other forum. The fee(s) imposed above shall be refunded if the matter is resolved in favor of the person bringing the protest appeal;
4. In addition to the fee(s) imposed for the process, an individual protesting that the use of illegal drugs were administered to an animal and ask for testing be administered will stand the cost of the testing if no residuals are identified. Often such tests can cost over \$1,000.00 for each substance chemical checked. If illegal substances are found the cost of the test will be charged against the exhibitor along with the other consequences under general rules number two “Alteration of Conformation and Structure, Prohibited Substances or Unethical Fitting”.

## EXHIBIT RELEASE

1. **No exhibit shall be released until 5:00 p.m. Monday, August 10 except livestock.** All exhibits in the Exhibit Building must be picked up between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The Fair management won’t be responsible for exhibits left after exhibit release. Removal of any exhibit before the designated time will cause the forfeiture of award money.
2. **Livestock-No tack may be removed until the conclusion of the Livestock sale and in coordination with the Department Supervisor. Water, feed for the following day, and bedding is to stay in place for remaining livestock.**
3. **Animals will be released only during each departments designated release time. See specific departments for the release time.** Livestock sold in the Jr. Market Livestock Sale and released by the Jr. Market Livestock Committee President are exempt. Birds sold in the Poultry Sale are exempt and will be released at the time of sale.

- a. Release will be permitted by the Department Superintendent after review of stalls, pens, cages, and tie racks. These areas must be cleaned to the satisfaction of the superintendent and fairgrounds staff.
- b. Failure to comply with this requirement may bar said exhibitor from future participation and/or any premiums, which may have been awarded.

## ***4-H/FFA JUNIOR EXHIBIT RULES***

### **EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY**

1. Only members in good standing and actively enrolled in Boulder County 4-H, St. Vrain Valley FFA, or Boulder Valley FFA, and who have carried out and completed all required project work to date, are eligible to exhibit and show in 4-H/FFA Junior Fair classes.
2. Age Limits: To compete, 4-H members must have turned 8 before January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year and be less than 19 as of January 1 of the current year. St. Vrain FFA members must follow FFA age requirement guidelines and follow all FFA requirements. To compete, FFA members must be eligible for and enrolled in St. Vrain Valley FFA during the school year ending in May of the current year, AND be less than 19 as of January 1 of the current year.
3. Cloverbud: Cloverbud 4-H members (ages 5–7) may exhibit in areas specifically created for them at the fair. They may be recognized for their participation, but not awarded placement ribbons or premiums. Cloverbuds may not participate in competitive events. All proposed exhibits for Cloverbud 4-H members must be approved by the Extension Office before they can be labeled for Cloverbud participation. Cloverbud members may not sell in the Junior Market Livestock Sale.

### **EXHIBIT ELIGIBILITY**

1. Ownership. All Junior Livestock entries must be the property of, and be shown by, the eligible exhibitor. All animals shown must have been fed and cared for by the 4-H member or FFA student exhibiting in their regularly conducted project. Crops and gardens exhibits must have been taken from a field or garden grown by and the property of the exhibitor. Ownership of animals must be in the 4-H club member or FFA exhibitor's individual name prior to the Last Friday of April of the year exhibited, except for market projects which must be owned by market nomination for each species, and except the Lease-An-Animal exhibitors which have a signed lease contract in the Extension Office.

## ***JUNIOR EXHIBITOR LIVESTOCK AND ANIMAL DIVISION RULES***

“Livestock” – refers to the following species; beef, dairy, goat, poultry, rabbit, cavy, sheep, and swine.

### **ANIMAL TREATMENT**

1. The Boulder County Fair, (BCF) is organized and operated exclusively for educational purposes, and sponsors, produces and presents exhibitions of livestock, livestock products and the like for children, adults, and the public. These exhibitions educate the livestock industry, participants of the BCF, general public in better breeding, feeding and care of livestock. BCF arranges for the judging and presentation of premiums and prizes, and the like, in continuation of such exhibitions and/or shows.
2. COLORADO REVISED STATUTES: All exhibitors further agree to abide by all the rules of the Colorado Revised Statutes in regard to livestock shows, exhibitions, and sales. In particular, Section 18-9-207 as it refers to the tampering, drugging, and misrepresentation of animals.
3. The Boulder County Fair and 4-H program adheres to the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) National Code of Show Ring Ethics. Each Livestock exhibitor indicates by turning in entries that they have read the code and will abide by these guidelines.

### ***IAFE NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS***

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the “IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics”, fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

- a. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
- b. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
- c. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
- d. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood or other substances from the



animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates in the animals entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.

At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

- e. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation, or appearance, except the external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
- f. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
- g. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
- h. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
- i. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
- j. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an

animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.

- k. The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

**4. The superintendent of each department and the official animal rights spokesperson for the fair, if in agreement, have the authority to disqualify exhibitors for inhuman treatment of animals at the Boulder County Fair, Livestock Show & Rodeo (BCF).**

5. Inhuman Treatment of Animals. Abuse of animal(s) in any form will not be allowed. No electric prods will be allowed to be used on any animal at any time. Any violation of this rule will result in immediate disqualification with no recourse.

6. Alteration of Conformation and Structure by Prohibited Substance or Unethical Fitting. Prohibited Substance and/or Unethical Fitting defined as: The injection of internal or external administration of any product or material, whether gas, solid, or liquid, to an animal for the purpose of enhancing or transforming the true conformation, configuration, color, breed, condition or age or by making the animal appear more sound than otherwise would appear; the administration, use or application of any drug or feed additive affecting the central nervous system; the administration of diuretics for cosmetic purposes, tissue manipulation, removal, surgical attachment or otherwise to change, conceal, enhance, or transform the true conformation or configuration of the animal; attaching to the hide foreign objects including hair or hair substitutes, cloth or fiber for the purpose of deception. Any physical or physiological attempt to alter the natural musculature or weight by use of injections or ingested material not conducive to the continued health or marketability of bovine, sheep, or swine carcasses or for deception. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification with no recourse and be subject to other sanctions; and the use of artificial tail head, tail fin, poll, use of hair or hair-like substance, cloth or fiber, ineligible age, illegal substitution of animal(s), violates these rules and will result in immediate disqualification with no recourse. Every participant in consideration of their entry being accepted by BCF specifically represents that no animal entered therein by the participant is misrepresented in any way, except for trimming feet or blocking of hair. Every participant agrees to submit the entry for any inspection deemed appropriate by BCF, and further specifically agrees that the conclusion reached by BCF as to whether such animal(s) is in violation of prohibited substance and/or unethical fitting practice shall be final and conclusive without recourse against BCF. Every participant, by entering the animals for exhibition, thereby releases BCF from all claims or demands whatsoever arising from any cause or happening in connection with the inspection of any such animal(s) or any ruling or action taken by reason of the conclusion by BCF under terms of this rule.

7. Consequences for Alteration of Conformation and Structure by Prohibited Substance or Unethical Fitting. In the event any such animal(s) is declared to be in violation of prohibited



substance or unethical fitting as aforesaid, BCF may disqualify and impose such penalties in addition to those other penalties prescribed by law.

- a. Permanently bar such animal(s) from competition at the BCF;
  - b. May bar the participant from entering such animal(s), the participant's family representative or agents or any or all of them from any further participation in the BCF;
  - c. Submit name and address of participant and action taken against participant to other cooperating Livestock Exhibitions, Shows and Sales affecting eligibility;
  - d. Release to the media such actions;
  - e. In the event any award(s), banner(s), premium(s), prize(s), ribbon(s), and/or trophy(s) shall have been awarded by BCF Sponsor(s) to animal(s) exhibited in violation of these rules, the participant of such animal(s) will, upon demand of BCF, immediately return to BCF all award(s), banner(s), premium(s), prize(s), ribbon(s) and/or trophy(s) awarded to such disqualified animal(s);
  - f. Participant will be liable to BCF and shall indemnify and hold BCF harmless from all damages, including but not limited to all expenses and costs for blood, tissue, urine, hide and/or carcass sampling and testing. BCF management labor and expense(s), consultant legal and court cost(s) incurred as a result of violations of BCF rules and regulations.
8. Conduct. Any false representation, interference or unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of any participant will be dealt with by BCF according to the equities of the case. If any participant interferes in any way with the judges or shows disrespect to them, or to the show, the BCF may withhold from such participant any premium monies that may have been awarded or take any other steps deemed desirable.
9. Prohibited Substance, Drug Testing, Sabotage, Tampering, Inhumane Treatment. BCF reserves the right to question the alteration of any animal's physical or physiological structure. As a condition of participation in the BCF, participant agrees to submit to BCF, at their discretion, any animal so entered for immediate testing. Test(s) may include, but not be limited to blood, tissue and urine. Participant(s) further agree that the conclusions reached by BCF shall be final, without recourse against BCF.
10. Lesions, Fungus, and Disease. Any animal that exhibits visible signs of dermatitis, lesions, and/or fungus (ringworm), will immediately be removed from BCF grounds.

#### **FITTING AND GROOMING OF ANIMALS**

1. Junior Livestock entries must be cared for by the Junior Exhibitors of this show. Junior exhibitors are expected to have prepared their own project animal for exhibition. Junior exhibitors may receive mentoring and assistance, providing they are in attendance and participating at all times when assistance is given.
2. Exhibitor Statement: "The superintendents ask for your cooperation in minimizing the use of adult assistance in preparing animals for show at the fair. We understand the younger exhibitors will probably need some assistance. Helping an exhibitor in such a way that he/she is learning the techniques of properly preparing an exhibit is an important part of the total project experience. When an adult lends this assistance to the process, then it becomes a contest among adults, and we have lost the teaching and learning aspect of junior exhibits. Since this is a Junior Show, the goal of the superintendents is to direct the fair in such a way that it is a positive learning experience for our young exhibitors."

3. Boulder County requires that only Boulder County 4-H or St. Vrain Valley and Boulder Valley FFA members enrolled in the Boulder County 4-H & FFA programs can help each other. In addition their own immediate parents, stepparents, brothers, sisters or half-brothers or half-sisters, or legal guardian, living under the same roof, may assist the Boulder County 4-H or FFA youth with fitting, caring for and/or handling junior livestock that is deemed necessary by the head superintendent of that species. Superintendents have the responsibility to determine that said help and/or assistance is educational/demonstrational and youth is present if and when the adult is assisting with the livestock exhibit.
4. The species superintendent has the right to disqualify a junior exhibitor for infraction and abuse of this rule. Any exception/modification to this rule must be approved by the species superintendent ahead of time.
5. Should multiple exhibit and/or multiple specie conflicts occur, prohibiting the Junior Exhibitor from being present for a period of time, it is the responsibility of the Junior Exhibitor to notify the 4-H Staff or the Superintendent of the conflict, prior to the occurrence.
6. Failure to follow fitting rules may result in ineligibility to show or sale livestock at the Boulder County Fair.
7. Warnings. Under Colorado Law, it is a crime to sabotage or tamper with, administer growth stimulation drug(s) to substitute unauthorized animal(s) for exhibition livestock, pursuant to Section 18-9-207, Colorado Revised Statutes. Penalties include up to eighteen (18) months in prison or a fine up to one hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) dollars and the name and photograph of any convicted person(s) to be made available for publication in newspapers and trade journals. Under Colorado Law, a llama professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in llama activities resulting from the inherent risks of llama activities, pursuant to Section 13-21-119, Colorado Horse Statutes.
8. If drug or other chemical residues are found in tissue of carcasses of animals sold through sale or sales connected with the Boulder County Fair, said show and the Boulder County Fair Junior Market Livestock Sale Committee will not be liable or responsible for condition of carcass or sale price of animal. Exhibitor forfeits all rights to the sale price.
9. The Boulder County Fair and Boulder County Quality Animal Program endorse and support the USDA Wholesome Meat Act, the Meat Quality Assurance Program and insist exhibitors are in compliance. Exhibitors of all market animals (beef, dairy, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, swine) must certify their compliance with manufacturer's pre-market withdrawal periods specified for any and all medications, drugs, pesticides, or feed additives administered. The use of any non-approved chemical or improper use of approved chemicals is strictly prohibited.
10. **A completed and signed Certificate of Statement of Disclosure (USDA Wholesome Meat Act form) will be required at the time of weigh-in at the Fair.** The certificate must be signed by a parent, junior exhibitor and the Boulder County 4-H/ St Vrain Valley FFA leader and must be turned in to the Superintendent at the time of weigh-in. No junior market animal will be allowed to show without this certification form properly filled out and signed. If drug or other chemical residues are found in tissue or carcasses of animals at time of or following slaughter, or if there is any evidence of tampering, the exhibitor forfeits all rights to the sale price.
11. **If a carcass is condemned for any reason, including illicit drug use and/or non-compliance of drug withdrawal times, the exhibitor will receive no payment.** The Boulder County Fair also endorses and supports the use of sound management practices in the care and feeding of all

project animals. All exhibitors of Dairy, Dairy Goat, Sheep, Beef, Swine, Poultry, Cavy, and Rabbit project animals must submit a "Certification and Statement of Disclosure" form at time of weigh in. A complete copy of the "Wholesome Meat Animal Assurance" program is available from the Extension Office.

#### **FEED AND CARE:**

1. All Junior exhibitors in whose name the entered animal is owned, and entry accepted and acknowledged, are responsible for the custody, care and feeding of their animal(s).
2. Exhibitors must furnish their own feed, feeding equipment, and bedding and must care for their own animals and exhibits. Water hoses will not be furnished at the wash racks. Exhibitors are asked to bring their own hoses.
3. Stalls and alleyways must be kept clean at all times. Stalls and pens must be cleaned each day and all refuse matter disposed of properly – as directed by one of the Livestock Team members.
4. Exhibitors must feed, water and bed, and otherwise care for the entries during the Fair. Exhibitors are expected to help keep exhibit areas, grooming areas, and barn perimeters clean and attractive. All animals and other exhibits should be kept clean and in a presentable condition at all times. The Head Superintendent for each Livestock Department and the 4-H Livestock Extension Agent reserve the right to feed and water neglected animals. Any animal found in neglect of feed, water, and/or care may be dismissed from the grounds and the exhibitor may be scratched in all entered classes with all premiums and awards forfeited.
5. Failure to observe feed and care rules may result in forfeiting premium money, immediate dismissal from the Fair, and may result in ineligibility to show the following year.
6. Barn A & B pen areas will be closed daily, to the public and exhibitors, from 9:30 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Barn A building will also be closed from 9 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. This is being done for the safety, and welfare of the livestock, and exhibitors while at the fair.

#### **HEALTH REGULATIONS:**

1. All animals to show or exhibit must be present at their appropriate animal health inspection times (if provided by that department) before being allowed into barns or stalls/pens. See individual departments for Animal Health Inspection time. **There is no charge for animal health inspections.**
2. Any livestock originating from a premise under quarantine for any disease will be barred from entry.
3. All exhibitors who have entered any of the Jr. Livestock shows agree to submit their animal for exam and/or testing that is deemed appropriate by the Boulder County Fair officials, Extension Agents, or State Animal Health Officials.
4. Random exams, testing, and sampling may be done at any time, providing it does not interfere with a livestock show for that particular animal in which the exhibitor has made entry. Owners will be informed prior to any exams, tests, or sampling that is done.
5. Veterinarians will inspect Junior Livestock entries at animal health inspections and monitor the general health of animals daily during the fair for visible signs of infection or contagious diseases. Entries found to be showing signs of an infectious or contagious disease may not be allowed to show and may be sent home. The Fair Veterinarian's decision will be final. If an animal presents signs of illness after the judging has been completed, the premiums will still be paid and awarded.
6. The superintendent in charge has the right to call for the services of a veterinarian in the

treatment of a sick animal if the exhibitor is not available. **Any veterinary fees are the responsibility of the exhibitor.**

7. Only a licensed practicing veterinarian, with a livestock superintendent or owner/exhibitor present, may administer antibiotics and or sulfonamides to any animal, including tubing an animal for bloating, while it is on the fairgrounds property.
8. Veterinarian Needs: The exhibitor should contact their own veterinarian should the need arise.

#### **EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY**

1. Meat Quality Assurance Training - Each exhibitor entering a livestock project (excluding horse, cat and dog) is required to complete training and be in compliance of the Colorado State University Youth Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) program, as conducted by Extension or Agricultural Education Instructors.
  - a. Junior exhibitors must complete MQA training prior to the first time they exhibit a livestock project and repeat the training the year following their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday. Check with the Extension Office for MQA training dates and locations.
  - b. **A parent/guardian signature is required on the acceptance form that is completed at the beginning of the training and a completed test sheet must be turned in at the end.**
  - c. Deadline for the taking the MQA program is 45 days prior to the first day of the Boulder County Fair.
  - d. Failure to complete this requirement will exclude the project member from showing and/or selling at the Boulder County Fair.
2. Record Books - **All members who exhibit animal projects (dog, horse, and livestock) at the Boulder County Fair or State or National Shows (Ex: Colorado State Fair, National Western Stock Show) must turn in a completed record book for that species in order to be eligible to exhibit that species in next year's fair. Completed 4-H record books for each species and project exhibited must be submitted to the Boulder County Extension Office no later than the second Friday in September and completed FFA record books must be submitted to the FFA Advisor by the last Friday in September.**
  - a. All Boulder County record books for dog, horse, livestock projects entering into fair are to be reviewed by their FFA Advisor or Boulder County 4-H club or project leader by the first week of July. Record books should be up to date and as complete as possible. Leaders will notify the Extension Office of any members who do not have up to date record books.
  - b. Final 4-H record books will need to be in a prong-like record book cover. No three-ring binders. 4-H branded record book covers are available at the Extension Office while supplies last. Prong-like binders can be purchased at any office store as well.
  - c. Exhibitors whose records are not up to date will not be eligible to show in the current year's Boulder County Fair.
  - d. If a member is ineligible to show a species in one organization (4-H or FFA), they are ineligible to show the species in another organization (4-H or FFA.)
3. Premise Identification - All entrants for livestock exhibited in 4-H/FFA breed or market competitions, including horses, shall provide a premises registration number. Rabbit, Cavy and dog entrants are excluded.

Premises ID is one component of the National Animal Identification System (NAIS). For NAIS's purposes, a premises is defined as a location or site where livestock and poultry are born,

handled, housed, managed, marketed, processed, or exhibited. Premises ID is critical to rapid detection and evaluation of the scope of animal disease outbreaks and in improving emergency response efficiency. A Premises ID is not the same as a Scrapie ID (there is no ear tag associated with Premises ID). A Premises ID is always seven digits made up of both numbers and letters. If your 4-H project animal is housed/boarded somewhere other than your property, the Premises ID would need to be obtained from/through the landowner where your animals are housed. It is simple and free to obtain a Premises ID. You can register online at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/aganimals/traceability> or call 1-303-869-9130

4. Final decision for eligibility will be determined by the Boulder County 4-H Extension Agent and the St. Vrain Valley and Boulder Valley FFA Advisor.

## **ANIMAL ELIGIBILITY**

1. Ownership - All livestock entries must be the property of the eligible exhibitor. Each exhibitor must have valid written evidence of his or her ownership indicating sole ownership prior to the species identification date, which shall include brand inspection, bill of sale, affidavit, registration certificate or other written proof satisfactory to the superintendent. All papers must be available for inspection. Ownership of the animals must be established before animal is nominated and tagged.
  - a. Ownership deadline for all species is April 24th with the exception of market beef, market goat, poultry, rabbit, market sheep and market swine, which must be owned by the species designated county market nomination (ID) date. Check with the Extension Office for nomination dates. When an animal is born after April 24, the mother must be owned by April 24<sup>th</sup> unless other department rules are designated.
  - b. Non-Market animals (Dairy Cattle, Breeding Beef, Dog, Horse, Llama/Alpaca, Dairy Goats, Breeding Goats, Utility Goats, Fiber Goats, Breeding Sheep, Cavy) entered in the Boulder County Fair must have been previously identified by the last Friday in April (April 24th) of the current year using the species Animal Identification Form and uploaded on 4-HOnline enrollment or through their FFA advisor. This form must be on file at the Boulder County Extension Office by the posted deadlines each year (last Friday in April). By submitting this form, the member is declaring they have ownership of the animal and are providing primary care of their project or is an official Lease-An-Animal 4-H project. (Excludes Rabbit, Poultry)
  - c. All animals will be listed and registered to a specific exhibitor. Siblings must specify ownership of specific animals. For example, steer 101 cannot be listed as John's steer and later transferred to his sister, Mary. No changes will be allowed in ownership after the nomination date.
  - d. Lease-An-Animal (LAA) participants, who have a valid, signed lease agreement accepted and filed in the Extension Office, are exempt from all ownership rules. All LAA entries must be leased, as designated on lease agreement, and shown by the eligible exhibitor.
  - e. Inspection - At any time during the project year, each exhibitor, including catch-a-calf participants, agrees to provide for inspection by the Fair Board, or its designated representative, his or her exhibits and evidence of ownership and location.
  - f. The act of entering an animal in the County Fair is the giving consent by the Junior Exhibitor for show management to obtain retinal images on any animal, at any time, and for any reason during Fair and Fair management may take action deemed appropriate based on the results of the retinal images.

2. Animal Death/Quarantine Hardship Rule - Hardship allowances for project animal death or quarantine are at the discretion of the Superintendent and must be cleared by the Extension Agent/FFA Advisor and may not be the same for every department. See Department Superintendent if animal death occurs.
  - a. Hardship is limited to showmanship classes only.
  - b. Exhibitor must provide proof of death/quarantine and may only show another exhibitor's eligible project animal.
  - c. ~~Member will be eligible for class awards but not eligible for Round Robin.~~
3. Animal Care and Housing Forms - All animal exhibitors (livestock, horse and dog) are required to fill out and turn in, with proper signatures, an Animal Care and Housing Form for all animal projects in which they are enrolled. If individuals keep their animals at their home, this information is completed in 4-H Online when you enroll. For those animals not kept at home, a hard copy form must be completed. **Forms are due to the Extension Office no later than the first Friday in May.** Failure to complete and comply with this requirement will exclude the project member from showing and/or selling at the Boulder County Fair.
4. Market Livestock Nomination - Each market animal must be identified by ear tag and retinal scan (beef, goat, sheep); ear tag, ear notches and hair sample (swine); leg band (poultry); or tattoo and hair sample (rabbit). Check with the Extension Office for nomination dates.
  - a. There are no make-up dates for market livestock nominations. Exhibitors may make arrangements for another family to bring your animals.
  - b. Animals missing ear tags will be retagged upon arrival at the Boulder County Fair. Other forms of identification on file (i.e. retinal scan, ear notches, hair DNA, sex, breed, etc.) will be used to verify the animal identity prior to exhibiting.
5. USDA Wholesome Meat Act - The United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act applies to the sale of market livestock sold during the Boulder County Fair as follows:
  - a. Animals must be in good health and carcasses free of drug or chemical residues.
  - b. Antibiotics and sulfonamides have required withdrawal periods.
  - c. Drug label directions for use and withdrawal periods must be followed.
  - d. If drug or other chemical residues are found in tissue of carcasses, the entire carcass may be condemned.
  6. Participants in the Pee Wee showmanship in the different livestock departments are to utilize 4-H/FFA animals that are already on the grounds. No outside animals will be allowed.

## ENTRIES

1. All entries close the date published under the General Exhibitor Rules. Appropriate on-line or paper entry forms must be fully submitted to the Boulder County Fair Office or postmarked by this published deadline.
2. See the Department 100, Junior Horse show for entry deadlines and guidelines.
3. No livestock will be permitted to return to stock trailers, trucks, or parking areas following check-in. Horses and dogs are excluded.
4. Stalls/pens may be assigned by the superintendent. Check with department superintendent for further information.
5. Substitutions - In the event a member's project animal dies or is injured, substitutions are allowed



only with animals that were previously identified by the member during each species nomination/identification period.

## **EXHIBITING**

1. All exhibitors, by making entry to the Boulder County Fair Junior Livestock shows, agree to abide by the Boulder County Fair General Rules, 4-H/FFA General Rules, the rules of each department(s) entered and the code of conduct of 4-H and FFA.
2. Exhibitors must also follow the Colorado 4-H Dress Code while exhibiting and representing 4-H with their projects. FFA members also must follow the Colorado 4-H Dress Code unless wearing official dress.
3. Animals not entered in regularly scheduled classes will not be permitted on the grounds.
4. Underweight/Overweight Animals - Overweight animals will be shown in Overweight classes. Underweight animals will be shown in underweight classes. Underweight and overweight animals are not eligible for Champion or Reserve Champion classes or for the Junior Livestock Sale but may be used in showmanship classes. See species department for weight limits and if overweight/underweight classes are available.
5. Class Calls - All exhibitors will be given three (3) calls prior to the start of each class. The class will commence when the ring steward signals the judge, and no additional exhibitors will be admitted. Failure to show animals when class is called will not justify a class recall.
6. Conflicting Classes - In the event that an exhibitor is needed in two different livestock show rings, the exhibitor must notify both superintendents to work out scheduling. Superintendents will try to adjust judging schedule to accommodate but will not hold the show for an exhibitor.
7. Control of Animal - Any livestock deemed uncontrollable by the superintendent will be excused from the show ring or the fairgrounds depending on the severity of the situation.
  - a. All exhibitors must control and show their own animal.
  - b. In the event an exhibitor has more than one animal in a class, another Boulder County 4-H or St. Vrain Valley/Boulder Valley FFA member may show it for them.
  - c. In the event, a younger Boulder County 4-H or St. Vrain Valley/Boulder Valley FFA member feels uncomfortable showing their animal they may have an older Boulder County 4-H or St. Vrain Valley/Boulder Valley FFA member assist them.
8. Combining/Splitting Classes - It is not the intention of the Boulder County Fair to create classes for each individual animal. A class should have at least three entries to make up a competitive class. When there are less than three entries in a class, the superintendent may allow individual entries to be judged or may combine classes at his/her discretion. Large classes may also be split into smaller classes.
9. Champion/Reserve Champion Selection - All animals that are breed, weight, age or class champions or reserve champions must return to show ring and be judged in the picking of the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion. Failure to do so results in all premium money and prizes being forfeited along with the right to sell any animal in the Junior Market Livestock Sale.
10. Awards & Premiums - Ribbons and premiums will be given to winners in each class as awarded. No awards will be made to an unworthy animal or other exhibit. If classes are not filled, placing will be made according to the merits of the entries as the judge sees it. Trophies may be awarded

based on availability. The decisions of the judge shall be final.

11. Animal Disqualified - Should any animal awarded a cash prize be disqualified, the animals gaining the lower prize shall graduate up into the higher positions next in order above them, if, in the opinion of the judge, these animals are worthy of such prizes. If the Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion animal(s) are disqualified, no further advancement or replacement of animal(s) will be made. All award(s), banner(s), premium(s), prize(s), ribbon(s), and/or trophy(s) will be forfeit and returned.
12. Premiums - payouts will be awarded as follows unless stated otherwise in a specific department. Additional awards and premiums may be given as sponsorship and donations are available at time of judging.

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

#### **OUT-OF-COUNTY FAIRS, SHOWS, AND EXHIBITIONS ENTRIES:**

1. Members planning on exhibiting animals at any national or regional shows such as the Colorado State Fair, Ak-Sar-Ben, American Royal, National Western Stock Show, or any others, must know and adhere to the entry deadlines for those individual shows, fairs or exhibitions.
2. Each fair, show or exhibition has specific nomination, entry forms deadlines, and specific requirements for that event. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to find out these specific dates and requirements.
3. If the out-of-county fair, show or exhibition, (i.e. Colorado State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben) require a Boulder County Fair livestock ear tag, you must complete the Boulder County Fair tag-in process for that species of animal on the set animal nomination date.
4. Club leaders or FFA Advisors will need to collect the DNA samples prior to the nomination date of the out-of-county fair and submit the DNA samples back to the Extension Office by the species deadline set by that show.
5. No animal sold in the Boulder County Fair Jr. Market Sale is eligible to enter or compete at the Colorado State Fair.

## **DEPARTMENT 400 - JUNIOR DOG CONTEST**

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Superintendent: Anne Janicki  
Assistant Superintendent: Rebecca Tayefeh  
Extension Consultant: Brenda Kwang

<b>Show Information:</b>	<b>Indoor Arena</b>
<b>Check-In:</b>	<b>Tuesday, August 4, 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Animal Health Inspection:</b>	<b>Tuesday, August 4, 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Judging:</b>	<b>Tuesday, August 4, 8:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Awards:</b>	<b>Following judging</b>
<b>Release:</b>	<b>Following judging</b>

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**

1. All dogs must be checked by a fair veterinarian before being allowed to show at the fair. A health certificate, no older than 30 days, may be substituted for Animal Health Inspection.
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 use any length leash, 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.

1. Only exhibitors enrolled in the 4-H Dog Project are eligible to enter classes under Department 400.
2. Each 4-H participant must provide an up-to-date printed record book at check in.
3. Participants must own their project dog individually or in partnership with immediate family members or guardians during the complete duration of the project.
4. An exhibitor may enter more than one dog in the same class for Obedience and Rally if they meet County qualifications. Exhibitors may only exhibit one dog in Showmanship. 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 4-H member currently enrolled in the dog project 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 A Obedience 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. Youth that are experienced handlers but 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 Obedience class. Youth entered in Beginner Novice A or C-1 who receive a qualifying score at County Fair may move to the Beginner Novice B or C-2 level the following year. In all other Obedience and Rally classes, the A classes are open to first year contestants only. Second year contestants who have not yet received a qualifying score in that Division and youth competing with a different dog need to be entered in the B level classes.

#### **DOG ELIGIBILITY RULES**

1. Only dogs with a complete 4-H Dog ID on 4-H Online by the last Friday in April (April 24th) are eligible to enter classes under Department 400.
2. 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 will be accepted in accordance with 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 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, 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. Dogs that qualify at State Fair in any Division are NOT eligible to compete in that same Division at any subsequent State Fair. However, dogs that qualify at State Fair in Beginner Novice A or C-1 MAY participate in the Beginner Novice B or C-2 level class at a subsequent Boulder County Fair. 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.

#### STATE FAIR DOG TRAILS:

1. Refer to the Colorado State Fair 4-H Dog Contest Requirements for deadlines, show dates and rules.
2. After earning a qualifying score in competition at the Boulder County Fair, the exhibitor can decide to show at State Fair. **Qualifying scores are 170 and above in obedience and showmanship and 70 and above in rally.** The top four scores in each class will have the first opportunity to show at State Fair. The next highest 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. Eligible exhibitors MUST notify the Dog Superintendent by 5 pm the day of the Boulder County Junior Dog Contest of their decision to participate in State Fair, and which classes they will be entering.
4. The Team Rally competition at State Fair is 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 9<sup>th</sup> highest score will serve as an alternate team member.

#### EXHIBIT CLASSES

1. There will be a minimum of three judging rings. Ring size will depend on **the Division** and the judge's discretion.
2. 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](http://www.AKC.org). Some exercises and rules have been adapted from AKC to better serve the youth of this program.
3. Judges may use participant's 4-H Dog Project Record Books as a tie breaker in any class.

#### PREMIUMS:

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

Premiums will be paid **according to** this chart:

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
\$5.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00

#### AWARDS

Awards will be presented at the end of the County Fair Junior Dog Contest and after all **Fun Contests** have been completed.

1. Ribbons will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> 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. OBEDIENCE HIGH IN TRIAL: A special award will be presented for the Obedience High in Trial and Reserve High in Trial. These awards will go to the exhibitors with the highest Obedience score coming from any the following classes: Novice A & B, Pre- Grad Novice A & B, Graduate Novice A & B, Open A & B, Graduate Open A & B and Utility A & B.
5. RALLY HIGH IN TRIAL: A special award will be presented for the Rally High in Trial and Reserve High in Trial. These awards will go to the exhibitors with the highest Rally score coming from any the following classes: Advanced A & B, Excellent A & B, the Excellent Score from Advanced/Excellent A & B, and Masters A & B.
6. A Dog Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be awarded to the dog and handler team with the highest combined total 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 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.
7. A Handler Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be awarded to the exhibitors with the highest combined total score for Obedience, Showmanship and Rally. Exhibitors must show more than one dog in the contest and exhibitor 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 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.
8. The top four scorers in each class are eligible to go to State Fair.
9. Unlimited State Fair entries are available in Puppy Class, Graduate Novice A/B, Open A/B, Grad Open A/B and Utility A/B Obedience, Rally Advanced/Excellent A/B, and Masters Rally.
10. The top two scorers in each Showmanship age group (Junior, Intermediate, Senior) are eligible to participate in the Small Animal Round Robin

## 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](http://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 except Puppy Class, 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/>

### CLASS #1: Puppies



The puppy 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 Obedience Class: 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.

## ***BEGINNER NOVICE DIVISION***

### **CLASS #2: 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	40
Sit for Exam	40
Sit Stay (45 seconds)	40
Recall	40
<u>Total points</u>	<u>200</u>

### **CLASS #3: 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 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.

#### **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

### **CLASS #4: Beginner Novice OBED C-1**

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 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.

#### **Exercise Points**

Heel on Leash	40
Figure Eight	40
Sit for Exam	40
Sit Stay (45 seconds)	40
Recall	40
Total points	200

### **Class #5: 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 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	40
Sit for Exam	40
Sit Stay (off leash, walk around ring)	40
Recall (off leash)	40

**NOVICE OBEDIENCE DIVISION****CLASS #6: Novice OBED A**

This class is open to experienced handlers in their first year of Novice Obedience dog training. 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, 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.)	15
Group Exercise on leash – Down Stay (1 min.)	15
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>200</b>

**CLASS #7: 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 this class or received an equivalent title from a national dog association. 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, 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.)	15
Group Exercise on leash – Down Stay (1 min.)	15
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>200</b>

**GRAD NOVICE OBEDIENCE DIVISION****CLASS #8: Pre Graduate Novice A**

Pre Grad Novice A is open to experienced handlers in their first year of Pre Grad Novice dog 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	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
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>200</b>

### **CLASS #9: 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 this class, or received an equivalent title from a national dog association. 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	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

<b>Total Points</b>	<b>200</b>
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### **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 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 principle 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 principle 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 #10: Graduate Novice A & B**

Graduate Novice A is open to experienced handlers in their first year of Graduate Novice dog training. Graduate Novice B is open to experienced handlers in their second or higher year of Grad Novice dog training. The youth and dog team may continue to compete in this class even after receiving a qualifying score 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 <b>on Leash</b> & Figure Eight <b>Off Leash</b>	40
Drop on Recall	40
Dumbbell Recall	30
<b>Dumbbell</b> Recall over <b>High</b> Jump	30
Recall over <b>Broad</b> Jump	30
<b>Stand Stay Get Your Leash</b> 30	
Total Points	<u>200</u>

### **ADVANCED OBEDIENCE DIVISION**

#### **CLASS #11: Open A & B**

Open A is open to experienced handlers in their first year of Open dog training.

Open B is open to experienced handlers in their second or higher year of Open dog training. The youth and dog team may continue to compete in this class, even after receiving a qualifying score 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 <b>Free</b> & Figure Eight	40
<b>Command Discrimination (Stand, Down, Sit)</b>	<b>30</b>
Drop on Recall	30
Retrieve on Flat	20
Retrieve over High Jump	30
Broad Jump	20
<b>Stand Stay Get Your Leash</b> 30	
Total Points	<u>200</u>

#### **CLASS #12: Graduate Open A & B**

Grad Open A is open to experienced handlers in their first year of Grad Open training.

Grad Open B 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 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 #13: Utility A & B**

Utility A is open to experienced handlers in their first year of Utility dog training.

Utility B is open to experienced handlers in their second or higher year of Utility dog training. The youth and dog team may continue to compete in this class, even after receiving a qualifying score 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 purpose of the Veterans Obedience Division is to allow older or disabled dogs to continue to participate in obedience competitions. 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  $\frac{1}{2}$  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  $\frac{1}{2}$  their regulation jump height they must be moved to a class that does not require jumping. The Veterans classes and scoring adjustments are listed below:

**Class 14: Novice Veterans:** Judge's score

**Class 15: Pre-Grad Novice Veterans:** Judge's score plus 3 points

**Class 16: Grad Novice Veterans:** Judge's score plus 6 points

**Class 17: Open Veterans:** Judge's score plus 9 points

**Class 18: Grad Open Veterans:** Judge's score plus 12 points

**Class 19: Utility Veterans:** Judge's score plus 15 points



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 the Veterans Division. 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.

**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 48-72 inches \*Three boards are used for 28-44 inches \*Two boards are used for 16-24 inches \*One board is used for 8 inches.

STANDARD JUMP HEIGHTS:	
Measured height of dog at withers	Minimum height to be jumped
Less than 7 ½"	4 inches
7-1/2 to 9"	8 inches
Greater than 9" up to 11"	10 inches
Greater than 11" up to 13"	12 inches
Greater than 13" up to 15"	14 inches
Greater than 15" up to 17"	16 inches
Greater than 17" up to 19"	18 inches
Greater than 19" up to 21"	20 inches
Greater than 21" up to 23"	22 inches
Greater than 23" up to 25"	24 inches
Greater than 25" up to 27"	26 inches
Greater than 27" up to 29"	28 inches
Greater than 29" up to 31"	30 inches
Greater than 31" up to 33"	32 inches
Greater than 33" up to 35"	34 inches
Greater than 35" up to 37"	36 inches
Greater than 37"	36 inches

## SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

A written test will be given to each contestant 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.

A qualifying score in Showmanship will be 170 points out of the possible 200 points. 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:

- Appearance of handler.....20
  - Cleanliness and neatness of handler
  - Appropriateness of apparel
  - Conforms to Colorado 4-H dress code

No dangling items interfering with showing	
2. Grooming of dog.....	30
General condition of dog	
Condition of coat (cleaned, groomed, and no mats)	
Clean ears	
Clean teeth	
Toenails correct length	
3. Stacking.....	35
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)	
Point of hock straight down pastern to floor	
Does not crowd others in line up	
Stacking produces correct topline for breed	
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	
7. Written test score .....	10
TOTAL.....	200

## **JUNIOR DIVISION**

**CLASS #20: 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.

**CLASS #21: Junior Open** - This class is for participants 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 #22: Intermediate Novice** - This class is for participants 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 prior experience with any other dog showing entity.

**CLASS #23: Intermediate Open** - This class is for participants 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 #24: 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 no prior experience with any other dog showing entity.

**CLASS #25: Senior Open** - This class is for participants 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 #26: 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 in Intermediate Open Showmanship.

**CLASS #27: 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 in Senior Open Showmanship.

**CLASS #28: 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 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**

The Colorado State 4-H Dog Program has adopted the changes to Rally Obedience as promulgated by the American Kennel Club in November 2017. 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 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.
3. 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.
4. There should be a sense of teamwork between the handler and the dog.
5. Times will be recorded, but not posted. Times will only be used to break ties.
6. All 4-H Rally classes will be patterned after the latest AKC guidelines whenever possible, except that dog registry with AKC is not required. Some exercises and rules may have been adapted from AKC to better serve the youth of this program.
7. 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.
8. Scoresheets can be viewed on the Colorado 4-H website <http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/state-fair-information/contest-score-sheets/>
9. There are no Rally classes for Veteran dogs. All dogs must be able to jump required heights and perform the required items.
10. The required jump heights for Rally classes are as follows:

HEIGHT OF DOG AT WITHERS	HEIGHT TO BE JUMPED
Less than 10 inches	4 inches
10 inches to less than 15 inches	8 inches
15 inches to less than 20 inches	12 inches
20 inches and over	16 inches

The Broad Jump will cover a distance equal to twice the height of the High or Bar Jump set for each dog. \*Three boards will be used for a jump of 32 inches, \*Two boards for a jump of 16 or 24 inches, and \*One board will be used for a jump of 8 inches.

### **RALLY NOVICE DIVISION**

#### **CLASS #29: 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. A handler may only compete in Rally Novice A for one year. All exercises are judged on leash, and all dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. The leash must be made of fabric or leather and needs to be long enough to provide adequate slack. Only the same collars allowed for

Obedience are allowed for Rally. There are no jumps in this class. A person may enter more than one dog in this class.

**CLASS #30: Rally Novice B**

This class is for handlers in their second year or higher of Rally training with the same dog used in the Rally Novice A class, OR for handlers who are starting a new dog that has never competed in Rally. Participants are allowed to compete in this class until they have obtained a qualifying score in competition 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. There are no jumps in this class. A person may enter more than one dog in this class.

**RALLY INTERMEDIATE DIVISION**

**CLASS #31: 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. A handler may only compete in Rally Intermediate A for one year. All exercises are judged on leash, and all dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. The leash must be made of fabric or leather and needs to be long enough to provide adequate slack. Only the same collars allowed for Obedience are allowed for Rally. There are no jumps in this class. A person may enter more than one dog in this class.

**CLASS #32: 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 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 at a State 4-H Dog Trial 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. There are no jumps in this class. A person may enter more than one dog in this class.

**RALLY ADVANCED DIVISION**

**CLASS #33: Rally Advanced A**

Rally Advanced A is for experienced handlers in their first year of Rally Advanced training who have not received a qualifying score in Advanced Rally at any State 4-H Dog Trial, or an equivalent title from any national dog association. **\*\*NOTE\*\***Beginning in 2018, all exercises in the 4-H Rally Advanced level will be performed off leash. Therefore, any participant who received a qualifying score in 4-H Rally Advanced A at a County or State Fair prior to 2018 may repeat the Advanced A level class. A handler may only compete in Rally Advanced A class for one year. All exercises are judged off leash. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. The Advanced Rally course may include one jump. A person may enter more than one dog in this class.

**CLASS #34: Rally Advanced B**

This class is for experienced handlers in their second or higher year of Rally Advanced training. Handlers may compete in this class until they have obtained a qualifying score at a State 4-H Dog Trial, or the dog being shown has received an equivalent title from a national dog association. **\*\*NOTE\*\***Beginning in 2018, all exercises in the 4-H Rally Advanced level will be performed off leash. Therefore, any handler who received a qualifying score in 4-H Rally Advanced B at a County or State Fair prior to 2018 may repeat the Advanced A level class. All exercises are judged off leash. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. The Advanced Rally course may include one jump. A person may enter more than one dog in this class.

## **RALLY EXCELLENT DIVISION**

### **CLASS #35: 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 any State 4-H Dog Trial 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. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. The Excellent Rally course may include two jumps. Unlike the Rally Novice and Advanced Classes, in Rally Excellent handlers are not allowed to pat their legs or clap their hands to encourage the dog. Verbal encouragement, multiple commands, and/or inaudible signals using one or both arms and hands are allowed; the handler's arms need not be maintained in any particular position at any time. Handlers may not touch their dog or make any physical corrections. A person may enter more than one dog in this class.

### **CLASS #36: Rally Excellent B**

This class is for experienced handlers in their second year or above of Rally Excellent training. Handlers are allowed to compete in this class until they have obtained a qualifying score at a State 4-H Dog Trial, or the dog being shown has received an equivalent title from a national dog association. All exercises are judged off leash. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. The Excellent Rally course may include two jumps. Unlike in the Rally Novice and Advanced Classes, in Rally Excellent handlers are not allowed to pat their legs or clap their hands to encourage the dog. Verbal encouragement, multiple commands, and/or inaudible signals using one or both arms and hands are allowed; the handler's arms need not be maintained in any particular position at any time. Handlers may not touch their dog or make any physical corrections. A person may enter more than one dog in this class.

## **RALLY RAE DIVISION**

### **CLASS #37: 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 any State 4-H Dog Trial, 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. 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 person may enter more than one dog in this class.



### **CLASS #38: Rally Advanced/Excellent B (RAE-B)**

The Rally Advanced/Excellent B class is for handlers in their second year or above of RAE training. All exercises are judged 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.

### **RALLY MASTERS DIVISION**

It is optional for a member to move up to the Masters level after receiving a qualifying score in 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 39: Masters Rally A & B**

The Masters Rally A class is an optional class for any handler who has earned a qualifying score in Rally Advanced/Excellent at a previous County Fair.. The Masters Rally B class is for experienced handlers in their 2nd year or above of Masters Rally training. Participants 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. Handlers are not allowed to pat their legs or clap their hands to encourage the dog. Verbal encouragement, multiple commands, and/or inaudible signals using one or both arms and hands are allowed; the handler's arms need not be maintained in any particular position at any time. Handlers may not touch their dog or make any physical corrections. A person may enter more than one dog in this class.

### **FUN CONTESTS**

These contests are 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 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 contest will consist of dogs in costume. Costumes can include the handler and can be funny, serious, educational, etc. Contestants will be judged by the audience based on creativity.

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