2017 Ohio State Fair Dog Show Rule Changes

The rule changes listed below are underlined in each show discipline’s set of rules.

Ohio State Fair Dog Show Dates
July 29     Agility – Denny Hales Arena
July 31-August 3   Regular Dog Show – Buckeye Sports Center

Entry Deadlines
Tuesday, June 20  Deadline for Ohio 4-H Dog Agility Entries to be *Postmarked*
Send entries to Ohio 4-H Dog Agility, Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Dr., Columbus, Ohio 43210

Tuesday, June 20  Deadline for Dog Show (July 31-August 3) and Drill Team Entries to be *Postmarked*
Send entries to Entry Department, Ohio State Fair, 717 East 17th Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43211-2657
Access to ONLINE ENTRIES will close at midnight June 20.

Saturday, July 1  Deadline for Dog Poster Entries and Posters to be *Postmarked*
Send entry forms and posters to OSF Dog Poster Contest, Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Dr., Columbus, Ohio 43210

Barn Hunt Fun Test*
Youth may enter a maximum of two project dogs for the Barn Hunt Fun Test. Youth may enter both days with the same dog(s). Youth may show the same dog or different dog in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements.
* The Barn Hunt Fun Test is pending approval of the Barn Hunt Association and the Ohio State Fair. Rules will be available pending approval.

Agility
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17. Each competition ring will have a line designating the entrance and the exit. There will not be a gate or barrier to keep the dog in the ring. A dog that runs over the line before, during or after the run without a leash or handler’s control of the leashed dog, will be considered out of the ring. The team will be disqualified for the run and not be permitted to continue.

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Note: We plan on running 2 rings this year.
   Ring 2 – Jumpers: Level 3, Level 2, Level 1, On-Lead.

Drill Team
Note: We are allowing teams (drill team, freestyle, pre-novice, and advanced teams, as well as Dog Bowl teams, to form cross-county teams without the counties needing to have neighboring borders. This is only allowed if clubs in the county do not have enough members from their county (after combining the interest of all clubs’ dog project members) to form teams, and with the approval of Extension professionals from each county.
4. Cross-county Drill Teams:
   (a) **ONLY** if a county *(not a club)* does not have enough members to complete one (1) drill team, or
       they have one (1) team and would like to enter two (2), they may then enter a cross-county
       team. For cross-county teams:
       1. Members must represent their county of 4-H enrollment.
       2. Members from one or more additional counties can make up a cross-county team.
       3. Cross-county team members do not need to be from neighboring counties with adjacent
          borders.

2. Teams will be required to email their music digitally to Lucinda Miller at miller.78@osu.edu, or send a
   CD via USPS to Lucinda Miller at Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Dr.,
   Columbus, OH 43210 **to be received by Friday, July 21.** Teams must also bring a copy of their music to
   the competition.

**Freestyle**

Note: The Handi-Dandi class has been eliminated.

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   teams to form cross-county teams without the counties needing to have neighboring borders. This is
   only allowed if clubs in the county do not have enough members from their county (after combining the
   interest of all clubs’ dog project members) to form teams, and with the approval of Extension
   professionals from each county.

Cross-county Freestyle Pairs and Trios Requirements

1. **ONLY** if a county *(not a club)* does not have enough members to complete a Freestyle Pairs or
   Trios team, they may then enter a cross-county team. For cross-county teams:
   a. Members must represent their county of 4-H enrollment.
   b. Members from one additional county can make up a cross-county Pairs team, and from
      one or more additional counties a cross-county Trios team.
   c. Cross-county team members do not need to be from neighboring counties with adjacent
      borders.
   d. **Team members participating from another county must provide enrollment**
      documentation in the form of a letter from one Extension professional in their county
      on county letterhead. This letter must be sent to Lucinda Miller, Nationwide & Ohio
      Farm Bureau 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Dr., Columbus, OH 43210 **postmarked by**
      **Tuesday, June 20.**
   e. Documentation will be confirmed upon receipt of Extension professional’s letter and
      team entries.

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Obedience
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Pre-Novice and Advanced Teams
Cross-county Team Requirements
1. **ONLY** if a county (not a club) does not have enough members to complete one pre-novice and/or one advanced team, they may then enter a cross-county team. For cross-county teams:
   a. Members must represent their county of 4-H enrollment.
   b. Members from one or more additional counties can make up a cross-county team.
   c. Cross-county team members do not need to be from neighboring counties with adjacent borders.
   d. Team members participating from another county must provide enrollment documentation in the form of a letter from one Extension professional in their county on county letterhead. This letter must be sent to Lucinda Miller, Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Dr., Columbus, OH 43210 postmarked by Tuesday, June 20.
   e. Documentation will be confirmed upon receipt of Extension professional’s letter and team entries.

Novice Obedience
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Group Exercises
Long Sit (1 minute) and Long Down (3 minutes)
The leash remains attached to the dog’s collar and will be placed on the ground alongside the dog with the armband weighted as necessary before the exercise begins.

Novice A and Novice B classes can be combined for the Long Sit, and for the Long Down, provided there are no more than 9 dogs in any one group if the ring is 50 feet long and no more than 7 dogs in any one group if the ring is 40 feet long.

Open, Graduate Open and Utility Obedience
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For Open, Graduate Open, and Utility Obedience AKC Rules and order of exercises (see score sheets) will be followed during judging, with the exception of scoring. Scoring will follow our 4-H scoring procedures outlined on pages 25 and 26. Refer to pages 37-43 for underlined changes.

Rally
Scoring
p. 18 – This is underlined as a point of clarification, not a new rule.
The handler may choose to retry the station once for a correct performance, accepting the mandatory 3-point deduction for the retry of the station. The station is considered an IP if the handler chooses not to retry or fails to perform the station correctly on the second attempt. (This means the handler and dog have two (2) attempts to correctly perform a station.)
Awards
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A trophy will be presented to the first place winner in Rally Novice A, Rally Novice B, Rally Novice C, Rally Advanced A, Rally Advanced B, Rally Excellent A, and Rally Excellent B classes each day. First through fifteenth place rosettes will be awarded in Rally Novice A, Rally Novice B, Rally Novice C, Rally Advanced A, Rally Advanced B, Rally Excellent A, and Rally Excellent B classes each day. All Rally exhibitors will receive participation ribbons.

Showmanship
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Toy breeds and other small breeds are not required to do a courtesy turn. Small breed dogs are defined as breeds shown on a table.

You and Your Dog
p. 16
4-H Dog Project & Record Book (40 pts.): The Animal Records Section of the 4-H Dog Project and Record Book ©2017 (pages 24 through 36) that apply to the You and Your Dog project must be filled out completely, including photographs. .......... The 4-H Dog Project and Record Book with a copyright of 2017 must be used. Older project/record books will not be accepted.