2018

Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Rules for Rally

Ohio 4-H
Rally Rules and Regulations
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Preface
Below are the rules for participating in the 2018 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show. It is your responsibility to read, understand, and follow these rules.

1. Prior to participating in 4-H dog activities with a dog (which includes the Ohio State Fair Dog Show), a 2018 Permission to Participate in Ohio 4-H Dog Activities Disclosure and Release of Claims form MUST be signed by the 4-H member and a parent or guardian for this year’s 4-H dog projects. This form for the current year must be on file in the county Extension office for each youth before s/he can participate in the Ohio 4-H Dog Program activities with a dog.

2. Individuals who violate any rule and/or exhibit poor sportsmanship during the Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show will be disqualified from showing.

3. Any dog exhibiting unsafe or threatening behavior at any time before, during, or after exhibition MUST be removed from the fairgrounds and will not be permitted to return at any time throughout the Dog Show. Determination of the show committee and/or judge will be final.

4. A dog that snaps, bites, or attempts to bite while in the ring must be immediately excused from the ring and then removed from the Fairgrounds for the remainder of the Dog Show.

5. Individuals are not permitted to have any discussion with judges at any time throughout the Dog Show. (This does not include discussions or questions during Agility or Rally Briefings or Walkthroughs.)

6. Determinations of the Show Committee and/or Judges are FINAL.

7. Judges’ judging and scoring decisions are FINAL.

8. Individuals with concerns must express them in writing, give them to Show Personnel, and those concerns will be discussed at the fall Ohio 4-H Dog Advisory Committee meeting. Confrontations with judges and/or show personnel may result in disqualification of exhibitor and removal of individuals from the Fairgrounds.

9. Ohio State Fair Dog Show information can be found at http://go.osu.edu/osfdogs.

Project Eligibility
1. Youth must be enrolled in 4-H, and ages 8 and in the third grade, or 9 years old and older regardless of grade level, as of January 1, 2018, with the last year of eligibility, or participation, in 4-H being the year in which the individual turns 19.

2. Youth must be enrolled in the correct dog project to show in classes at the State Fair as follows:

   - You and Your Dog, Project No. 201D – to show in You and Your Dog classes;
   - Obedience, Project No. 201O – to show in Beginner Novice, Pre-Novice, Novice, Graduate Novice, Open, Graduate Open, Utility, Brace, Team, and Rally classes;
   - Showmanship, Project No. 201S – to show in Showmanship classes;
   - Performance Dog, Project No. 201P – to show in Agility, Drill Team, and Freestyle;
   - Working Dog, Project No. 201W – to show in the Assistance Dog and 4-H PetPALS classes;

   - Youth must also be enrolled in Project No. 230 4-H PetPALS to be eligible to show in the 4-H PetPALS class

   - 4-H members can be enrolled in any 4-H Dog Project to participate in the Poster Contest; and
   - Any 4-H member, regardless of 4-H project, can participate in the Dog Skillathon.

3. FFA members are eligible to show provided they meet school FFA dog project requirements. FFA members must follow the 2018 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Rules and entry requirements.

4. Project eligibility and class or classes entered must be determined at the county level. It is the responsibility at the county level to determine what class or classes the exhibitor is eligible for, and
that the exhibitor understands the 2018 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Rules, including the exercises to be performed for the judge.

**Dog Eligibility**
1. Only domestic dogs can be shown. Wolf and wolf hybrids are not permitted.
2. All dogs exhibited must be **six months of age** by the date of the show. *This includes Pilot Dog puppies and other assistance dogs. Dogs exhibited in Agility must be 18 months or older on or before July 28, 2018.* Proof of age is the burden of the exhibitor or exhibitor’s immediate family. Dogs not meeting this age requirement cannot be shown.
3. Dogs shown at the Ohio State Fair Dog Show must be the same project dogs taken by 4-H members at the county level.

**Ownership Requirements**
1. Dogs participating in the Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show must either be owned by the junior fair exhibitor or the exhibitor’s immediate family.
2. Ownership of Assistance Dogs is respective of each applicable organization.
3. Dogs must be in the continual care of the junior fair exhibitor for the duration of the project.
4. *The date of ownership must be no later than April 1,* or earlier as the date specified by the exhibitor’s county. Proof of ownership is the burden of the exhibitor and exhibitor’s family.
5. Hardship cases will not be considered for State Fair participation.
6. Leasing a dog is not permitted for State Fair Dog Show participation. If counties have a leasing program, leased dogs are not permitted to exhibit at the State Fair.
7. Sharing a dog at the county level is not permitted for State Fair Dog Show participation. If two youth share a dog at the county level, neither youth is eligible to show that dog at the State Fair, including 4-H Agility competition.

**Definitions of Ownership**
1. *Immediate family* is defined as the junior fair exhibitor’s father, mother, legal guardian, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, grandfather or grandmother, including the corresponding step and half relations, or by a member of the exhibitor’s household.
2. *Continual care* is defined as the junior fair exhibitor being responsible for and involved in the feeding, cleaning, and caring of the project.
3. *Hardship cases* are defined as dogs that replace the original project enrolled by the exhibitor after the county’s enrollment deadline, or no later than April 1.
4. *Ownership – Registered dogs:* The exhibitor’s name, or a member of his/her immediate family’s name, must appear on the registration certificate of a dog registered by AKC, UKC, individual breed registries, herding dog registries, etc. Co-ownership of a dog is permitted provided the exhibitor’s name, or a member of his/her immediate family’s name, is listed on the registration certificate. It is recommended that a copy of the registration certificate be on file in the county Extension office.
5. *Ownership – Non-registered purchased dogs:* A non-registered dog purchased from a private owner, pet shop, humane society, dog rescue, etc., must have the exhibitor’s name or a member of his/her immediate family’s name, on the bill of sale. It is recommended that a copy of this bill of sale be on file in the county Extension office.
6. *Ownership – Dogs found/gifts:* If a dog was given to the exhibitor or immediate family, or found by the exhibitor or immediate family, the exhibitor or a member of his/her immediate family receiving or finding the dog should verify the date received or found by use of veterinary records, dog licenses, and other forms of records, and write a statement as to the definite or approximate date the dog was received as a gift or found. It is recommended that a copy of this statement be on file in the county Extension office.
Training
1. Lessons, instruction and advice for the exhibitor are encouraged. As long as the exhibitor is present in the learning situation, and handles or trains the dog the majority of the time present, such assistance can include occasional handling or training by another person. Only the exhibitor can train the dog at any type of training class on or after April 1, 2018.
2. The judge will not permit an exhibitor to train or practice any exercise in the show ring at any time.

Showing
1. **No one other than the junior fair exhibitor** is permitted to show the project dog(s) at any type of dog show, including agility, field trials, rally trials, etc., as well as fun matches, on or after April 1, 2018.
2. **No one other than the junior fair exhibitor** is permitted to take the project dog(s) on animal-assisted activities (pet therapy) visits, on or after April 1, 2018.
3. Eligibility for showing in an “A” class is defined as “no training or showing experience for the handler and/or dog prior to the county’s current project year.” Handlers and/or dogs not meeting this requirement MUST show in a “B” class. Refer to “A” class information in the rules for each show discipline.
4. Junior Fair exhibitors in respective activities and classes are expected to perform in those events and demonstrate those skills which are listed in these 2018 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Rules, in the Ohio 4-H Dog Resource Handbook, Ohio 4-H Dog Project and Record Book, and on the various dog 4-H judging score sheets.
   a. Score sheets used in judging are posted under Resources at: go.osu.edu/dog. These score sheets must be used for evaluating 4-H dog projects. Note: All applicable score sheets will have the current year at the bottom of the score sheet.
   b. Any additional information pertinent to the State Fair Dog Show will be posted on the website at www.go.osu.edu/osfdogs.
5. ONLY dogs shown by junior fair exhibitors are permitted on the Fairgrounds. Exceptions can be made for Ohio State Fair show personnel, judges and volunteers, if requests are made to the State Fair Dog Show Director prior to July 28, 2018. ALL dogs must comply with the 2018 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show health requirements.

Safety and Sportsmanship
2018 Permission to Participate in Ohio 4-H Dog Activities Disclosure and Release of Claims:
1. ALL youth enrolled in 4-H dog projects are required to sign the **2018 Permission to Participate in Ohio 4-H Dog Activities Disclosure and Release of Claims** document. A parent or guardian is also required to sign the document. This document must be signed each year a youth enrolls in a 4-H dog project and is to be kept on file at the county Extension office.
   a. Exhibitors and parents/guardians verify they have this signed document on file at their county Extension office, and understand and agree to information provided in this document, when signing the **2018 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate**.

Misbehavior and Excusals for Dogs on the Fairgrounds, Show Area, or in the Show Ring
1. Any dog exhibiting unsafe or threatening behavior at any time before, during, or after exhibition MUST be removed from the fairgrounds and will not be permitted to return at any time throughout the Dog Show. Determination of the show committee and/or judge will be final.
2. The judge or show officials will immediately excuse from the ring any dog exhibiting unsafe or threatening behavior.
   a. The judge will immediately excuse any dog that appears dangerous to other dogs or exhibitors.
   b. Any dog that snaps, bites, or attempts to bite any person or dog while in the show ring will immediately be excused.
c. If a judge determines that a bitch in the ring is in season or appears to be so attractive to males as to be a disturbing element, the bitch is immediately excused. The judge shall not obtain the opinion of the health check officials.

3. Any uncontrolled behavior such as barking, running away from its handler, etc., will be penalized according to the seriousness of the misbehavior, whether it occurs during or between exercises, or before or after judging.

4. Any dog not under its handler’s control may be excused from competition.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct
1. Any exhibitor or other person(s) abusing a dog will be removed from the fairgrounds.
2. The judge or show officials will dismiss from the ring any exhibitor abusing the dog, which will result in disqualification of exhibitor and removal from the Fairgrounds.
3. Judges and/or show officials have the right to deduct points from the Sportsmanship category on the exhibitor’s score sheet if unsportsmanlike conduct is displayed at any time throughout the 4-H dog show prior to or during judging.
4. Judges and/or show officials have the right to disqualify any participant exhibiting poor sportsmanship at any time throughout the 4-H Dog Show from showing, participating in activities, or from receiving any awards.
5. Any handler who willfully interferes with another competitor or that competitor’s dog will be excused from competition.
6. Exhibitors, parents, volunteers, and other individuals verbally and/or physically abusive or threatening to show personnel will be removed from the Fairgrounds, and exhibitors will be disqualified.
7. Show officials have the right to order the removal from the Fairgrounds anyone showing unsportsmanlike conduct.
8. Exhibitors must check in at their show ring within 15 minutes after being called to their ring. Exhibitors who do not check in at their show ring within 15 minutes after being called will have sportsmanship points deducted on their score sheets.

Other
1. An exhibitor disciplining a dog in the show ring will be excused from further competition in that class.
2. The judge will not permit any handler to use excessive verbal commands or to move toward the dog to correct it.
3. Exhibitors are totally responsible for their dogs while on the Fairgrounds.
   a. Dogs must be kept on leash while on the Fairgrounds, except when participating in the ring during judging.
   b. Dogs must be kenneled in designated areas.
   c. Exhibitors must clean up after their dogs.
   d. Dogs are not permitted outside Denny Hale’s Arena and the Buckeye Sports Center except to load, unload, and use the marked Exercise Areas.
   e. Dogs must not be left unattended.
4. Dogs are not permitted to wear any type of muzzle, prong/pinch collar, or electronic collar while on the fairgrounds.
   a. Exhibitors will be disqualified if their dogs are seen wearing muzzles, prong/pinch collars, or electronic collars.
5. Only the exhibitor’s dog, exhibitor, and show officials are permitted in the show ring area at any time throughout the show.
6. Judges’ decisions are final. Exhibitors, parents, volunteers, and other individuals are not permitted to talk with judges at any time during the Dog Show, except during Agility or Rally briefings and walkthroughs.
License Requirements
1. Junior Fair exhibitors must list their dogs’ license tag numbers on the 2018 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate. Exception: Assistance Dogs licensed through their respective organizations.

Health Requirements
1. The 2018 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate completed and signed by a licensed veterinarian is required for exhibition. The 2018 County Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate is also permitted for use at the Ohio State Fair Dog Show provided the vaccinations are current through August 2, 2018 for State Fair exhibition. THESE ARE THE ONLY CERTIFICATES THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED AT HEALTH CHECK. These certificates must include ALL information requested in the Identification Form section, completed, signed, and dated by the exhibitor, and signed by the parent/guardian. The administering veterinarian must complete the information requested in the Vaccination Certificate section. Other certificates of vaccination, computerized vaccination records, pet record cards, or kennel records will not be accepted. It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to make sure all health requirements for State Fair are met.
   a. These certificates can be downloaded at: go.osu.edu/osfdogs.
   b. The use of the 2018 County Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate must be approved by the county 4-H professional and must be used consistently throughout the respective county.
2. ALL dogs must have current Rabies vaccinations, administered by licensed veterinarians. Veterinarians must document on the 2018 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate or 2018 County Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate whether the exhibitor’s dog’s rabies vaccination is current by filling in the “date expires” blank.
3. ALL dogs must be vaccinated for Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parainfluenza, and Parvovirus by licensed veterinarians. If the veterinarian does not administer certain vaccinations, those vaccinations must be noted by the administering veterinarian, either on the vaccination form or letterhead. For the Ohio State Fair Dog Show, all vaccinations must be current through August 2, 2018. (Note: Vaccination deadlines for county fairs may differ.)
4. Bordetella vaccination is recommended, but not required. Consult with your veterinarian.
5. Dogs CANNOT be shown at the Ohio State Fair if vaccinations are given by anyone other than a licensed veterinarian.
6. Any dogs exhibiting abnormalities or symptoms of sickness, disease, or parasite infestation as determined by the health check officials will be eliminated from the show and must be removed from the Fairgrounds. If a dog is under veterinary care for a health condition that is not infectious or contagious, the exhibitor must bring a health certificate from the attending veterinarian verifying the condition and treatment. Decision of the health check officials is final.
7. Bitches showing ANY signs of heat are not permitted on the Fairgrounds. They are not permitted to show! Each dog must go through a health check each day shown, where all females will be checked for signs of heat. If a bitch shows any signs of heat, she will be eliminated from the show and must be removed from the Fairgrounds. Any bitch, which appears so attractive to males as to be a disturbing element, will be eliminated from the show and must be removed from the Fairgrounds. Decision of the health check officials is final.
8. Pregnant and/or lactating (nursing) bitches are not permitted on the Fairgrounds, and may not be shown.
9. Any male or female dog that is a disturbing element to other dogs will be eliminated from the show and must be removed from the Fairgrounds.
10. Before going to Registration, exhibitors must bring their dog(s) and 2018 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate(s) to Health Check each day they are showing.
11. Incomplete or falsified information on the 2018 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate or 2018 County Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate is grounds for dismissal.
   a. Correction tape or other forms of correction used to cover errors on the ID/Vaccination Certificates is NOT permitted.

Scores and Score Sheets for July 30 - August 2 Dog Show
1. Scores will be posted within a reasonable amount of time after each class has been judged. Exhibitors who are tied for the top fifteen places in their respective classes should remain until all classes in the same category are judged, in case of further ties. Failure to stay could mean forfeiture of a possible placing.
2. No one other than show management and judges may view exhibitors’ score sheets during the State Fair Dog Show.
3. Score sheets will be returned to the county Extension office about two weeks following the closing day of the State Fair. Score sheets will not be returned during the State Fair Dog Show.

State Fair Championship Title
Exhibitors showing their dogs at the Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show may apply for titling by recording State Fair achievements during their 4-H careers. The junior fair participant, his or her parent/guardian, and 4-H advisor must document achievements. The Ohio State Fair Championship Title is for the handler, regardless of the number of dogs shown.

Requirements
1. 4-H member may earn one Title per year regardless of the number of dogs shown;
2. 4-H member must accumulate 25 points to earn a Title;
3. Points will carry over from one year to the next;
4. Subsequent Titles will be awarded for each additional 25 points;
5. Points are recorded for the handler; and
6. All State Fair Dog Show participation rules apply.

Point System – Regular Classes
A 4-H member may use multiple dogs the same year to earn points toward an OSF Championship Title provided the dogs are shown in different events. However, in one given year at the Ohio State Fair Dog Shows (2018), youth can receive no more than the following points per event, regardless of the number of dogs exhibited or classes entered in that event:
One (1) point will be awarded for participation in any of these State Fair events:
1. Agility
2. Assistance Dogs
3. 4-H PetPALS
4. Brace
5. Drill Team
6. Obedience
7. You and Your Dog
8. Rally
9. Showmanship
10. Freestyle
11. Team
12. Poster Contest
13. Skillathon
14. AKC Trick Dog*
15. AKC CGC*

An additional 5 points for earning a gold medal or placing 1st through 15th will be awarded per event, per year, regardless of the number of dogs entered in that event. For example: placement in ONE
obedience class, regardless of the number of obedience classes exhibited = 5 points; placement in ONE rally class, regardless of the number of rally classes exhibited = 5 points; placement in ONE agility class, regardless of the number of agility classes exhibited = 5 points.

* For Trick Dog and CGC classes, exhibitors may earn points for participation only. An exhibitor may earn 1 point for participation in ONE Trick Dog class and 1 point for participation in ONE CGC class.

**Awards:** A pin and T-shirt will be presented to each exhibitor receiving his/her first Title at the Ohio State Fair during the Ohio State Fair Dog Show. Exhibitors receiving second titles, third titles, etc. will receive an award depending on sponsorship.

**4-H Exhibitor Versatility Award**

The purpose of the 4-H Exhibitor Versatility Award is to: (1) encourage youth to participate in several classes (including Skillathon and Poster) at the Ohio State Fair Dog Show, and (2) award youth for achieving excellence in the classes in which they are showing or participating. To earn a 4-H Exhibitor Versatility Award, exhibitors must place in FIVE (5) classes as follows: (1) receive a gold medal in Agility; (2) receive a gold medal in the Assistance Dog class; (3) receive an achievement award in the 4-H PetPALS dog class; (4) place in the top five in all classes receiving placings, including the Skillathon and Poster Contest. Youth violating any of the 2018 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Rules or with points taken off for poor sportsmanship will not be eligible for this award. An exhibitor must show in five (5) classes and earn one placing as described above per class, with one dog in each of those classes. The 4-H Exhibitor Versatility Award is based on the number of classes, not number of dogs per class (i.e. for agility and rally). An exhibitor may earn one 4-H Exhibitor Versatility Award a year.

Youth must keep track of their points toward earning the 4-H Exhibitor Versatility Award on a form provided at Registration. This form must be turned in at the Registration table once enough points have been earned to receive this award. After verification that points earned are adequate to receive this award, the award will be presented.

**Ohio State Fair Entry Information**

**ALL exhibitors MUST be pre-entered.**

There will be NO day-of-show entries taken for any classes.

Late entries will be charged a $25.00 late fee per exhibitor.

**Entry Deadlines**

**Wednesday, 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

**Wednesday, June 20**

Deadline for Dog Show (July 30-August 2) 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.

**Sunday, 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
Entries

Terminology

1. **Discipline** – refers to a show category. Each of the following is a Discipline: Showmanship, Obedience (including Team and Brace), Rally, Agility, You and Your Dog, Drill Team, Canine Freestyle, 4-H PetPALS, and Assistance Dogs.

2. **Level** – refers to sub-categories within certain disciplines. For example, Novice is a level in the Obedience discipline; Rally Excellent is a level in the Rally discipline.

3. **Class** – refers to the two classes within certain disciplines and/or discipline levels. The letters “A” and “B” refer to the experience of the youth and dog.
   a. “**A**” classes are for handlers or dogs with NO training or showing experience prior to the county’s current project year. “**A**” classes can never be repeated by the same youth, regardless of what dog is shown. “**A**” classes can never be repeated by the same dog, regardless of what youth shows that dog. Refer to “**A**” class information in the rules for each show discipline.
   b. “**B**” classes can be repeated by the same youth regardless of what dog is shown, and by the same dog, regardless of who shows that dog, provided the youth and/or dog are not the class winners (exception: Showmanship and You & Your Dog). If/when a youth and/or dog wins first place in a “**B**” class, the youth and dog must move to the next level (exception: Showmanship and You & Your Dog). A dog must move to a higher level within a discipline, once that dog begins performing at that higher level. (Refer to each of the show discipline rules for rules specific to that discipline.)

Eligibility

Youth may enter any of the disciplines, levels, and classes they are eligible for as outlined in the 2018 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Rules. The handler and dog must be able to perform the exercises required of the disciplines/levels/class(es) entered. Youth may not enter classes without both youth and dogs being prepared prior to the State Fair to perform the required exercises. A zero (0) will be given to any handler/dog team not attempting an exercise, except as provided otherwise specifically in the rules. A zero (0) on the exhibitor’s score sheet will result in an incomplete for that class, and therefore the exhibitor will not be eligible for an award, except as provided otherwise specifically in the rules.

Exhibitors may show one or more project dogs, provided the exhibitors and dogs meet the eligibility requirements of each respective class, as follows (refer to each respective show discipline rulebook for more detailed and complete information):

Show Disciplines

1. **Agility**
   Youth may enter any number of the disciplines, and are permitted to enter more than one dog per Agility class. Youth showing in Agility may show the same or different project dog(s) in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements.

2. **Obedience**
   **Beginner Novice A**
   Beginner Novice A is for the first-year member and first-year dog with no prior show experience. **Beginner Novice A youth are not permitted to show the same or different dog in any other obedience class.** This is like any other “**A**” class and can never be repeated by youth or dog. Youth may show one project dog in Beginner Novice A.

   **Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice**
   Youth may show one project dog in Beginner Novice B OR Pre-Novice, decided upon according to skill level and preference. **A youth cannot show in both Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice in the same**
**year with the same or different dog.** A dog cannot be shown in both Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice in the same year. Youth may show the same dog in other non-obedience classes and/or a different dog in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements. Youth may NOT show the same dog in another obedience class the same year.

**Novice**
Youth may show one project dog at the Novice level, provided the youth and dog meet class eligibility requirements. Youth may show the same dog in other non-obedience classes and/or a different dog in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements. Youth may NOT show the same dog in another obedience class the same year.

**Advanced Obedience**
Youth may show two project dogs in each of the following Obedience classes: Graduate Novice, Open, Graduate Open, and Utility provided youth and dogs meet eligibility requirements. Youth showing two dogs in “A” classes must meet the requirements of neither the youth and/or dogs having any previous experience at that respective obedience level. Youth and/or dogs cannot repeat the “A” class, and must move to the “B” class in that respective level at the very minimum. If a youth and/or dog wins the first place trophy, s/he must move to a higher level with the same dog; however, can continue to show at the same “B” level with the other dog, providing meeting eligibility requirements. Exception: Youth/dog team winning Open B may repeat this class until ready to move to Graduate Open A. Youth winning Graduate Open B may repeat this class until ready to move to Utility A. Youth may show the same dog or different dog in other non-obedience disciplines and/or a different dog in other obedience levels provided they meet those eligibility requirements. Youth may NOT show the same dog in another obedience class the same year.

3. **Brace**
Youth must show two project dogs that are capable of performing the Novice exercises. Youth may show the same dogs or different dog in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements. Youth showing in Beginner Novice or Pre-Novice classes **cannot** show in Brace.

4. **Teams**
Youth may show a Beginner Novice B or Pre-Novice project dog in the Pre-Novice Team class, and show a Novice level or above project dog in the Advanced Team class if having multiple dogs. Youth may show the same dog or different dog in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements. Team alternates should register for their respective Team class on the **2018 Ohio State Fair Dog Show Entry Form** to be eligible to replace another team member.

5. **Rally**
Youth may show a maximum of two project dogs per Rally level. A level is Rally Novice, Rally Intermediate, Rally Advanced, or Rally Excellent. Youth may show the same dog or different dog in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements.

6. **Showmanship**
Showmanship classes are based on age of youth and show experience of the youth and dog. Therefore, an exhibitor and dog can show in **ONE** Showmanship class only. Youth may show the same dog or different dog in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements.

7. **You and Your Dog**
You and Your Dog classes are based on the age of youth. Therefore, an exhibitor and dog can show in **ONE** You and Your Dog class only. Youth may show the same dog or different dog in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements.
8. **4-H PetPALS**

Youth MUST be enrolled in BOTH the Working Dog, Project No. 201W AND the 4-H PetPALS Project No. 230 to be eligible to enter this class. Youth may show the same dog or different dog in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements.

9. **Assistance Dogs**

   a. Assistance Dogs must be 6 months of age by show date. Youth taking Assistance Dog projects may show their Assistance Dogs in You and Your Dog classes. Youth must show in the appropriate age You and Your Dog level.
   
   b. Youth taking Assistance Dogs may show their Assistance Dogs in one Beginning Obedience level/class (Beginner Novice A, Beginner Novice B, or Pre-Novice) that meets the exhibitor’s experience eligibility. Youth showing Assistance Dogs may show a different project dog(s) in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements.
   
   c. Youth taking Assistance Dogs may enter the Canine Good Citizen class.
   
   d. Youth taking Assistance Dogs may also participate in the Poster Contest and Skillathon.

10. **Canine Freestyle**

    Youth may show one project dog in a maximum of two Canine Freestyle classes, with the following exception:
    
    a. Youth showing in the Sassy Seniors class may NOT show this senior dog in another Freestyle class.

    *To show in a Canine Freestyle class at the Ohio State Fair, youth and their dogs must have practiced a routine and be prepared to perform the routine to the best of their abilities, as a result of training and practice.*
    
    Youth may show the same dog or different dog in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements.

11. **Drill Team**

    Drill Team entries must consist of no more than two Drill Team entries per class per county. The same youth may participate on more than one Drill Team in his/her county provided he/she uses a different project dog. Refer to the Drill Team rules for cross-county Drill Team eligibility. Refer to the Drill Team rules for the number/size of Drill Teams per county permitted to show. Youth may show the same dog or different dog in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements.

12. **AKC Trick Dog**

    Youth may enter any number of project dogs in AKC Trick Dog and are permitted to enter more than one dog per Trick Dog class. Youth showing in AKC Trick Dog may show the same or different project dog(s) in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements. AKC Trick Dog classes offered include Novice Trick Dog, Intermediate Trick Dog, and Advanced Trick Dog. Youth may enter AKC Trick Dog classes on Wednesday, August 1 and Thursday, August 2 with the same or different project dog(s). Youth may enter no more than one (1) Trick Dog class per day with the same dog.

   a. *To show in an AKC Trick Dog class at the Ohio State Fair, youth and their dogs must have practiced the tricks performed and be prepared to perform to the best of their abilities, as a result of training and practice.*

13. **Canine Good Citizen (CGC)**

    Youth may enter any number of project dogs in AKC CGC. Youth showing in AKC CGC may show the same or different project dog(s) in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements. Youth may enter AKC CGC classes on Wednesday, August 1 and Thursday, August 2 with the same or different project dog(s).
a. To show in an AKC CGC class at the Ohio State Fair, youth and their dogs must have practiced the test exercises and be prepared to perform to the best of their abilities, as a result of training and practice.

**Entering Your Dog at the Ohio State Fair**

**Agility – July 28 (Denny Hales Arena)**

1. Any youth enrolled in the Performance Dog, Project No. 201P may enter Agility with one or more dog projects. Youth must enter their dogs by completing a 2018 Ohio State Fair Dog Agility Entry Form, available online at: [www.go.osu.edu/osfdogs](http://www.go.osu.edu/osfdogs). Agility entry forms and payment must be sent to: OSF Dog Agility, Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Dr., Columbus, Ohio 43210. **Entries must be postmarked by Wednesday, June 20.** Entries postmarked after this deadline will be charged a $25.00 late fee. Entry fees are $7.00 per dog per class entered. Online entry is not available.

**Dog Show – July 31 - August 2 (Buckeye Sports Center)**

1. Any youth enrolled in a 4-H or FFA dog project may enter the Ohio State Fair Dog Show, including Dog Poster Contest. The exhibitor’s 4-H advisor/FFA instructor and Extension professional must approve all entries.

2. **General Entries.** Youth must enter their dogs by completing a 2018 Ohio State Fair Dog Show Entry Form, available online at [www.go.osu.edu/osfdogs](http://www.go.osu.edu/osfdogs), or may enter online at [http://ohiostatefair.com/livestock/](http://ohiostatefair.com/livestock/). If not entering online, youth must mail entries and payment directly to the Ohio State Fair Entry Department, 717 East 17th Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43211. Entry fees are $4.00 per dog per class entered. All entry fees must accompany the official State Fair Dog Show Entry Form, or must be paid using credit card if entered online. **Online entries are encouraged and will close at midnight June 20. All paper entries must bear a postage stamp and have a legible cancellation date. Metered entries will NOT be accepted. Credit card payment is available for mail in entries. The entry deadline is Wednesday, June 20. Entries postmarked after June 20 will be charged a $25.00 late fee.**

3. **Brace.** When entering Brace at the Ohio State Fair, youth must pay a $4.00 entry fee PER DOG for this class.

4. **Drill Teams.** Coaches must enter teams by completing a 2018 Ohio State Fair Dog Show Drill Team Entry Form. Deadlines listed above apply. Entry fees are $4.00 per dog per team member. Alternates need to register by the June 20 deadline so they are not charged late fees.

5. **Poster Contest.** Each youth must complete a 2018 Ohio State Fair Dog Show Poster Entry Form and send or bring the completed entry form along with poster to the OSF Dog Poster Contest, Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43210. There are no entry fees for posters. **Posters must be postmarked by Sunday, July 1. Because July 1 is a Sunday, a July 2 postmark will be permitted.** Posters postmarked after the deadline will be displayed, but not judged.

6. **Skillathon.** Any 4-H or FFA member may participate in the Dog Skillathon on Tuesday, July 31. Youth do not need to be enrolled in a 4-H dog project to participate. Registration is the day of the event. There is no registration fee. A responsible adult MUST be present at registration to verify exhibitor’s age by signing the score sheet. Skillathon station categories will be posted at [www.go.osu.edu/osfskillathons](http://www.go.osu.edu/osfskillathons) by June 15.
6. One admission ticket and parking permit will be mailed to each exhibitor entered in Agility.
   a. Dog Walk passes will be provided at registration.
   b. The Agility exhibitor letter and other pertinent information will be posted online at
      www.go.osu.edu/osfdogs by July 1.

7. One admission ticket and parking permit will be mailed to each exhibitor entered in the July 30-
   August 2 Dog Show.
   a. **Admission tickets for additional days showing will be provided at registration.**
   b. Dog walk passes will be provided at registration.
   c. Exhibitor letters and other pertinent information will be posted online at
      www.go.osu.edu/osfdogs by July 1.

Rally Rules and Regulations

*Note: These Rules and Regulations are in effect for the 2018 Ohio State Fair. It is strongly recommended that these Rules and Regulations be followed at the county level. Rally signs required for use in competition by the American Kennel Club (AKC), effective November 2017, must be used.*

Introduction
Rally is a sport in which the dog and handler complete a course that has been designed by the rally judge. The judge tells the handler to begin, and the dog and handler proceed at a brisk pace through a course of designated stations, 10-20 depending on the level. Each of these stations has an 8 ½” x 11” sign providing instructions regarding the next skill that is to be performed, via words, directional arrows, colors, and geometric shapes. The dog and handler team moves continuously at a brisk but normal pace with the dog under control at the handler’s left side. There should be a sense of teamwork between the dog and handler both during the numbered exercises and between the exercise signs; however, perfect heel position is not required. After the judge’s “Forward” order, the team is on its own to complete the entire sequence of numbered signs correctly. Unless otherwise specified in the Rally Regulations, handlers are permitted to talk, praise, encourage, give additional commands and or signals using one or both arms, clap their hands, pat their legs or use any verbal means of encouragement. The handler must move in a natural manner. The handler’s arms need not be maintained in any particular position. At any time during the performance, loud or harsh commands, intimidating signals, and touching the dog (unless specified in the Rally Regulations) will be penalized.

Ring Size and Conditions
The ring sizes for Rally shall be 40 x 50 feet to 50 x 60 feet (between 2,000 and 3,000 square feet) with a minimum width of 30 feet. The floor must have firm footing, using rubber or similar non-slip material at least 4 feet wide for the takeoffs and landings of all jumps, unless the judge feels the surface does not require it. At an outdoor show, the ground should be clean and level. Any grass should be cut short.

Handler’s Appearance
Exhibitors should be neat, clean, and well-groomed in appearance. They should wear clothing that is comfortable to handle in and appropriate for dog shows. Clothing should not distract, limit or hinder the judge’s view of the dog. Youth with long hair should tie it back to keep it from interfering with handling or the judge’s view.

*Acceptable clothing* for all Rally classes includes slacks, dressy shorts, skorts, capri or crop pants, colored dress jeans, collared blouses and shirts, polo shirts, or similar attire, closed-toe shoes, rubber-soled shoes, flats, and similar type footwear.
**Inappropriate clothing** includes clothing that is too tight or too revealing, such as short skirts, short shorts, tank tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, low cut blouses or shirts, shorts hanging too low on the waist, clothing with holes or tears in the fabric, blue jeans, faded or torn jeans of any kind, or other similar types of clothing. Do not wear shirts with club names or logos, or clothing with lettering and distracting or offensive wording or designs. Do not wear hats. Do not wear sandals, open-toed shoes, high-heeled shoes, clogs, or similar type footwear. *Exhibitors dressed inappropriately will have points deducted or may be excused from the show ring.*

**Dog’s Appearance**
Dogs must be clean, well-brushed and in good physical condition appropriate for the dog’s age. The coat must be free from mats and loose hair.

**Hair in Dog’s Eyes**
Any dog whose hair surrounding the eyes, ears, or beard interferes with its performance may have its hair tied back with elastic bands or small plain barrettes. Ribbons or bows are not permitted.

**Collars**
- **Acceptable collars while in the rally show ring:** Well-fitting plain buckle or quick release collars, martingales, or slip collars of an appropriate single length of leather, fabric or chain with two rings, one on each end. Flat securely attached tags are permitted on these collars. Nothing may be hanging from the dog’s collar.
- **Acceptable collars while outside the show ring:** Head halters, fancy collars, harnesses and studded collars are permitted on dogs.
- **Unacceptable collars anywhere on the Fairgrounds:** Pinch collars, collars with prongs or spikes on inside or outside, electronic collars, or any other special training collars, or muzzles. Youth are subject to disqualification from showing and removal from the Fairgrounds if their dogs are seen wearing these collars or devices.

**Leashes**
For Rally Novice classes, leashes must be made of fabric or leather and long enough to provide adequate slack.

All dogs must be kept on leash except when in the show ring or exercise area, and must be brought into and taken out of the ring on leash. Dogs must be kept on leash in the ring when brought in to receive awards.

**Interference and Double Handling**
Assistance, interference, or attempts to control a dog from outside the ring is not permitted. A judge who is aware of such double handling or interference must substantially penalize the dog.

**Fouling the Ring**
A 25-point deduction will be made for any dog fouling the ring. The exhibitor and his/her dog are not to be excused from the ring. Judging is to continue once the area is properly cleaned.

Fouling includes urine, feces or vomit. In exceptionally poor ring conditions, judges must confer with the show committee and other judges to determine scoring if fouling should occur.

**Levels and Classes**
- **Level** refers to a Rally sub-category, such as Rally Novice. **Class** refers to the two classes within the Rally sub-category. The letters “A” and “B” refer to the experience of the youth and dog. “A” classes are for handlers or dogs with NO training or showing experience prior to the county’s current project year. “A” classes can never be repeated by the same youth, regardless of what dog is shown. “A” classes can never be repeated by the same dog, regardless of what youth shows that dog. “B” classes can be
repeated by the same youth regardless of what dog is shown, and by the same dog, regardless of who shows that dog, provided the youth and/or dog are not the class winners. Exception: Refer to Rally class information to read exceptions for Rally Novice B and Rally Novice C. Handlers or dogs winning first place in a “B” class, must move to the next level the next project year. For Rally Novice B that move must be immediately: Refer to Rally Novice B and Rally Novice C class information. A dog must move to a higher level, once that dog begins performing at that higher level.

**Earning Rally Titles Outside of 4-H**
Exhibitors showing their dogs at any Licensed or Member Rally Obedience Trial or at a Sanctioned Match must show their dogs at the same or higher level B classes than they are showing in AKC, UKC, or other titling shows. Dogs completing their Rally Novice (RN) title (or UKC or other titling equivalents) prior to July 1, 2018, must show in Rally Intermediate classes. Dogs completing their Rally Intermediate (RI) Title (or UKC or other titling equivalents) must show in Rally Advanced classes. Dogs completing their Rally Advanced (RA) title (or UKC, or other titling equivalents) prior to July 1, 2018, must show in the Rally Excellent class. Any dog receiving one or more legs toward a title anytime during the project year must then move into the appropriate B class at the time the first leg was earned. Fun matches do not apply.

**Rally Classes Offered at 2018 Ohio State Fair**
The following Rally classes will be offered July 30, 31, August 1, 2:

| Novice A | Intermediate A | Advanced A |
| Novice B | Intermediate B | Advanced B |
| Novice C* | Excellent     |

*Rally Novice C classes are not expected to be added.*

**AKC Rally Information**
AKC Rally information, including rules and signs can be found at [http://www.akc.org/dog_shows_trials/rally/index.cfm](http://www.akc.org/dog_shows_trials/rally/index.cfm).

**Rally Classes Information**
Youth may show a maximum of two project dogs per Rally level. A level is Rally Novice, or Rally Intermediate, or Rally Advanced, or Rally Excellent. Youth may enter Rally classes each day.

Rally Novice A, B, and C classes, and Rally Intermediate A and B classes are performed entirely on leash. Beginner Novice and Pre-Novice level dogs must be shown in either Rally Novice A, B, or C, or Rally Intermediate A or B, depending on their experience and accumulative placings in Rally. Rally Advanced A & B classes are performed off leash. Rally Excellent is performed off leash. **Rally is a different discipline than Obedience. Moving up in one discipline does not mean a mandatory move-up in another discipline**.

Awards for exhibitors placing in Rally will be presented each day.

**Rally Novice**
All exercises are judged on leash. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. Rally Novice A, B, and C must have 10 to 15 stations (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) stationary exercises per class.
Rally Novice A
This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog that has no training or showing experience in Rally prior to the county’s current project year. Once an exhibitor and/or dog shows in this class, he/she must move to Rally Novice B at the very minimum. This class can never be repeated by an exhibitor or dog. Exhibitors and dogs must meet the eligibility requirements of the 2018 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show to participate in Rally at the Ohio State Fair.

Rally Novice B
This class is for the first (1st) or second (2nd) year Rally Novice exhibitor and/or dog who has had prior experience showing at the Rally Novice level prior to the county’s current project year. They have not yet progressed to the Rally Intermediate A level or higher. Once placing 2nd through 5th over an accumulative period of time in three (3) Rally Novice B classes at the Ohio State Fair with the same dog, the exhibitor and dog MUST immediately move to the Rally Novice C class. Once winning first (1st) in a Rally Novice B class, the exhibitor and/or dog must move to a Rally Novice C or Rally Intermediate A class. For example: Jane Doe and her dog Rover win first place in Rally Novice B on Monday, July 30. They MUST show in Rally Novice C or Rally Intermediate A on Tuesday, July 31. Exhibitors and dogs must meet the eligibility requirements of the 2018 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show to participate in Rally at the Ohio State Fair.

Rally Novice C
This class is for the 3rd and subsequent years’ Rally Novice exhibitor who does not choose to move to Rally Intermediate A. Moving to Rally Novice C may occur in the same year the exhibitor and dog have reached the accumulation of placing 2nd through 5th in three (3) Rally Novice B classes, or have placed 1st in Rally Novice B. Move up from Rally Novice B to Rally Novice C would then be immediate THIS project year. Exhibitors and dogs in Rally Novice C are those that have not yet progressed to the Rally Intermediate A level or higher. Once winning a Rally Novice C class, the exhibitor and/or dog are encouraged to move to Rally Intermediate A, but may choose to stay in Rally Novice C. Exhibitors and dogs must meet the eligibility requirements of the 2018 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show to participate in Rally at the Ohio State Fair.

Rally Intermediate
For Rally Intermediate classes, all exercises are judged on leash. Rally Intermediate must have 12 to 17 signs (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of seven (7) stationary signs. Intermediate courses will have a minimum of three (3) Advanced level signs. There are no jumps in this class.

Rally Intermediate A
This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog who have not had any training or showing experience at the Rally Intermediate level prior to the county’s current project year. If they have any training or showing experience at the Rally Intermediate level prior to the county’s current project year, they must show at the Rally Intermediate B level at the very minimum. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, he/she must move to Rally Intermediate B at the very minimum. Once a dog has been shown in this class, the dog must be shown in the Rally Intermediate B class at the very minimum. Exhibitors and dogs must meet the eligibility requirements of the 2018 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show to participate in Rally at the Ohio State Fair.

Rally Intermediate B
This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog who has shown in Rally Intermediate A or has had any training or showing experience at the Rally Intermediate level prior to the county’s current project year. Once winning this class, the exhibitor and/or dog must move to Rally Advanced A at the very minimum
the next project year. Exhibitors and dogs must meet the eligibility requirements of the 2018 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show to participate in Rally at the Ohio State Fair.

Rally Advanced

For Rally Advanced classes, all exercises are judged off leash. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. Rally Advanced A and B must have between 12 - 17 stations (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of seven (7) stationary exercises per class. Courses shall have a minimum of three Advanced level stations plus one required jump per class.

Rally Advanced A

This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog who have not had any training or showing experience at the Rally Advanced level prior the county’s current project year. If they have any training or showing experience at the Rally Advanced level prior to the county’s current project year, they must show at the Rally Advanced B level at the very minimum. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, he/she must move to Rally Advanced B at the very minimum. Once a dog has been shown in this class, the dog must be shown in the Rally Advanced B class at the very minimum. Exhibitors and dogs must meet the eligibility requirements of the 2018 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show to participate in Rally at the Ohio State Fair.

Rally Advanced B

This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog who has shown in Rally Advanced A OR has had any training or showing experience at the Rally Advanced level prior to the county’s current project year. Once winning this class, the exhibitor and/or dog must move to Rally Excellent at the very minimum the next project year. Exhibitors and dogs must meet the eligibility requirements of the 2018 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show to participate in Rally at the Ohio State Fair.

Jumps

A dog is required to jump once in Rally Advanced classes. It may be any jump used as standard equipment in obedience classes (broad jump, high jump, or bar jump), except that 4-foot wide jumps may be used in place of 5-foot wide jumps. Designs should be such that they do not interfere with the jumping of a dog. Various colors and decorations are allowed; however, there must be nothing hanging from the jump.

The Broad Jump will consist of three telescoping hurdles, each approximately 8 inches wide. The largest hurdle will measure about 4 feet 10 inches long (if from a 5-foot set) and about 5 inches at the highest point. In the ring, broad jump hurdles will be arranged in order of size from smallest to largest. They will be evenly spaced, covering a distance equal to twice the height of the high jump set for each dog. Three hurdles will be used for a jump of 32 inches and two hurdles for a jump of 16 or 24 inches, and one hurdle will be used for a jump of 8 inches. When decreasing the number of hurdles in the jump, the highest hurdle will be removed first.

The High Jump will consist of two uprights and solid boards of varying widths that combine to make each dog’s required jump height. The high jump will be 5 feet wide (if from a 5-foot set) and built to be at a height of 4 inches and adjustable in increments of 4 inches up to 16 inches. The uprights of the high jump will be 4 feet high. In additions, two 8-inchboards and one 4-inch board should be available for use. The height of each board will be indicated in black 2-inch numbers.

A 4-inch high jump board will be supplied for dogs that have a height at the withers of less than 10 inches. This jump height will be constructed so the maximum height does not exceed 4 inches, with a half-inch tolerance. This can be a separate board or support system placed between the two standard uprights. The high jump board used to create this 4-inch jump height can be supported by a means other
The Bar Jump has two uprights that are constructed to support only a striped bar which is set at the dog’s required jump height. The bar jump will consist of a bar that is between 2- and 2 ½-inches square with the edges rounded to remove any sharpness. The bar will be black and white in alternate sections each about 3 inches wide. The bar will have the weight of wood. It will be supported by two unconnected 4-foot upright posts about 5 feet apart (if from a 5-foot set) and built to be set at a height of 4 inches and adjustable in increments of 4 inches up to 16 inches. The bar jump may be used in the same way as the high jump. However, if the bar jump is to be used as a jump in both directions, the uprights must be offset to allow the bar to be knocked off from either direction without affecting the uprights.

Send to Jump (Sign #210)
The sign for this station will be placed at least 10 feet before the jump. The sign for this station and the one after it will be set so the handler maintains at least a 3-foot path away from the jump while the dog performs the jump and returns to the handler. The set up and performance of this sign should not be confused with sign #103 – Send Over Jump-Handler Passes By.

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Note: After sending the dog to the jump the handler may pause as needed, but must not pass the jump until the dog has returned to the heel position.

Jump Heights
The dog’s jump height shall be listed on the entry form. Entries may be arranged according to the jump height of the dogs, from either high to low or low to high. All 4-H dogs jump the height listed above.

Rally Excellent
All exercises are judged off leash. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. Rally Excellent must have between 15 to 20 stations (Start, Finish and Call marker not included) with a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of seven (7) stationary exercises. The dog is required to jump twice utilizing one or two jumps. Courses shall have a minimum of two (2) Advanced level stations and a minimum of three (3) Excellent level stations, plus the two (2) required jumps and the Sit Stay sign. Unlike in the Rally Novice, Intermediate, 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 without penalty.

Rally Excellent
This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog who have not had any training or showing experience at the Rally Excellent level prior the county’s current project year. If an exhibitor and/or dog wins first place at the Ohio State Fair, he/she can repeat this class at state provided the county requirements have been met. Exhibitors and dogs must meet the eligibility requirements of the 2018 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show to participate in Rally at the Ohio State Fair. Dogs shown in this class are not permitted to show in any lower levels of Rally.
Sit Stay Exercise (Sign #298)
The judge will designate the area or person in charge of the leash prior to the excellent walkthrough. All exhibitors must be informed of where they need to go to retrieve their leash or from whom during the walkthrough. Immediately following the Finish Sign the handler and dog will go to the Sit Stay sign. The handler will sit the dog, and command and/or signal the dog to sit stay. The handler will then walk forward at least fifteen (15) feet, retrieve the leash from any of the following: gate steward, judge or designated area next to the ring exit, and return to heel position by walking around and behind the dog. The judge will order “Exercise Finished” at which time the judging of the Sit Stay Exercise will be complete. The handler will then attach the leash and exit the ring. The Sit Stay Exercise is not considered to be one of the stationary exercises on the course.

Timing
All dogs will be timed. Times will be used only in the event of ties for a placement. Timing will begin when the judge gives the order “Forward” and will end when dog and handler cross the Finish station.

Rally Scoring
Times will be recorded but not posted. The maximum number of points that can be deducted for any station is 10, with the exception of a Maximum Point Deduction.

Incorrectly Performed (IP) stations occur when a team attempts a station and fails to perform the principal parts of the station on the first attempt. 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.)

Handler errors can be assessed from 1 to 10 points up to Maximum Point Deductions. Handler errors can be assessed at any station or during movement between stations on a course. Once a handler has stopped on any halt exercise, the handler cannot move their feet to assist a dog without incurring a handler error.

Ties will be broken by the fastest time, with the fastest time winning.

Awards
A trophy will be presented to the first place winner in Rally Novice A, Rally Novice B, Rally Novice C, Rally Intermediate A, Rally Intermediate B, Rally Advanced A, Rally Advanced B, and Rally Excellent classes each day. First through fifteenth place rosettes will be awarded in Rally Novice A, Rally Novice B, Rally Novice C, Rally Intermediate A, Rally Intermediate B, Rally Advanced A, Rally Advanced B, and Rally Excellent classes each day. All Rally exhibitors will receive participation ribbons.

Rally Class Progression

| Rally Novice A |   | 1 year, then move to Rally Novice B class (Rally Novice A class can never be repeated by handler OR dog) |
| Rally Novice B |   | for 1st or 2nd year Rally Novice exhibitor. Can repeat this class with same dog until placing 2nd through 5th over an accumulative period of time in three (3) Rally Novice B classes at OSF with same dog. The handler and dog must immediately progress to Rally Novice C. If winning first place in Rally Novice B, handler and dog MUST immediately progress to Rally Novice C at very minimum or Rally Intermediate level. |
| Rally Novice C |   | for 3rd year and subsequent years’ Rally Novice exhibitors not choosing to move up to Rally Intermediate level can repeat class with same dog or different dog. Once winning, exhibitor and/or dog are encouraged to |
move to Rally Intermediate level, but may choose to stay in Rally Novice C.

**Rally Intermediate A**
- 1 year, then move to Rally Intermediate B class (Rally Intermediate A can never be repeated by handler OR dog)

**Rally Intermediate B**
- can repeat this class with same dog or different dog until handler and or win first place; then MUST progress to Rally Advanced level the next year

**Rally Advanced A**
- 1 year, then move to Rally Advanced B class (Rally Advanced A class can never be repeated by handler OR dog)

**Rally Advanced B**
- can repeat class with same dog or different dog until handler and dog win first place; then MUST progress to Rally Excellent level the next year

**Rally Excellent A**
- can repeat class with same dog or different dog

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**Glossary of Rally Terms**
(Taken from AKC Rally Regulations)

**AKC Canine Partners** – an American Kennel Club program that is available to spayed/neutered dogs that are not currently eligible for AKC registration, AKC Foundation Stock Service (FSS) enrollment or an AKC Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) number

**Brisk, briskly** – keenly alive, alert, energetic

**Command** – verbal order from handler to dog

**Deductions:**
- Minor deduction – 1 to 2 points
- Minor to Substantial Deduction – 1 to 10 points
- Substantial Deduction – 6 to 10 points
  - Re-tries of a station are an automatic 3-point deduction (not permitted in the Masters Class or for jumps or Sit Stay)
  - Incorrectly Performed stations are an automatic 10-point deduction

**Directly** – immediately, without deviation or hesitation

**Down** – the dog’s body is on the ground; the dog’s weight is off the feet and legs

**Finish** – the dog moves smartly to heel position

**Front** – a dog sits in front of the handler, close enough that the handler can touch the dog’s head

**Guiding Gently by the Collar** – control of the dog by holding any part of the collar with minimal pressure on the dog’s neck

**Handler Returns to Heel Position** – the handler must return to heel position by walking around behind the dog (unless otherwise stated in these Regulations)

**Heel Position** – the dog is at the handler’s left side, facing the same direction the handler is facing; the dog’s body is within the area of the handler’s left hip; and the dog should be close to, but not crowding its handler so that the handler has freedom of motion at all times

**Incorrectly Performed Station (IP)** - one or more principal parts of a station not performed or performed incorrectly

**Lack of Briskness** – a handler walking slowly to accommodate and/or adapt to their dog

**Lame** - irregularity or impairment of the function of locomotion, irrespective of the cause or how slight or severe

**Luring** - the appearance of having a reward in hand. e.g. holding the thumb and first two fingers together as if holding a treat. No treat need be present.

**Natural Manner** - not artificial; free of affectation; what is customarily expected in the home or public places

**Order** – direction from judge to handler, either verbal or nonverbal

**Out of position** – a dog that is forging, lagging, wide or not facing the same direction the handler is facing
**Pause** - a complete stop of forward motion by the handler

**Pivot** - turning in the circle occupied by the handler before they started the turn; a turn in place together

**Pleading** - repeated urgent commands and/or signals to elicit the proper behavior from the dog while the dog remains unresponsive to handler’s commands or signals.

**Regularly Trained or Instructed** – where a dog and/or handler meet on a regular basis for instruction. A regular basis is considered a set pattern of dates, such as monthly or more often

**Retry a Sign** – a sign that is redone in its entirety, including the approach, before beginning the next sign

**Signal** – nonverbal direction from the handler to dog

**Sit** – the dog has its rear and/or hocks on the ground

**Sign Not Attempted By The Handler** - a sign skipped/missed by the handler before attempting the next sign

**Smartly** – quickly, vigorously

**Tight Leash** – a leash without slack; pulling

**Training** – as related to where a student-handler/teacher-judge relationship is established, with or without compensation

**Turn in Place** – turning in a circle that was occupied by the handler before they started to turn; a pivot

**Withers** – highest point of the dog’s shoulder

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