

Summary of Highlights/Major Changes to 2023 Ohio 4-H/Ohio State Fair Dog Show Rules

Note: This document is a summary of highlights and major changes. It is your responsibility to read and understand the entire rules for the venue(s) in which you plan to show your dog(s). It is also your responsibility to learn what is expected of the handler/dog team when showing in those venues, including the exercises performed as listed on the score sheets. Rules, score sheets and other resources and information can be found at www.go.osu.edu/dog and www.go.osu.edu/osfdogs. Information specific to the State Fair Dog Show only is posted at www.go.osu.edu/osfdogs.

SCORE SHEETS

Counties are required to use the Ohio 4-H Dog Show score sheets for 4-H fun matches and dog shows. Exercises listed on the score sheets reflect the changes in rules. Score sheets were last revised in 2021. It is very important to use the most current version. These score sheets have either 2021, 2022 or 2023 at the bottom. These years are identical since no revisions were made since 2021.

SHOWMANSHIP AND YOU AND YOUR DOG QUESTIONS

Counties are required to use the questions posted at www.go.osu.edu/dog and www.go.osu.edu/osfdogs for county 4-H Showmanship and You and Your Dog interviews.

OHIO STATE FAIR ENTRIES

OSF Dog Show (July 16-18) at Voinovich Livestock and Trade Center.

Entries must be received at <http://ohiostatefair.com/livestock>, by Wednesday, June 21, 1:00 pm.

Late entries will NOT be accepted.

DRILL TEAM ENTRIES

Drill Team (July 16) entries must be made by the team's advisor/coach at <http://ohiostatefair.com/livestock>. Deadline for entry is Wednesday, June 21, 1:00 pm. Advisor/coach pays for number of team members plus alternates. Advisor/Coach then emails Barb Prince, b.prince@expo.ohio.gov, with list of team members.

Drill Team alternates must be entered online with their respective Drill Team class to be eligible to replace another team member at the Ohio State Fair Dog Show.

Late entries will NOT be accepted.

AGILITY ENTRIES

Agility Trial (July 26) at Taft Coliseum. Please note this date is during the Ohio State Fair! Entries are online only and must be received by Wednesday June 21, 1:00 pm at go.osu.edu/osfagility.

Late entries will NOT be accepted.

POSTER CONTEST ENTRIES

Entries must be postmarked or delivered to the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center by June 21.

Late entries may be displayed but will not be judged.

Please note that we will be using duct tape to secure posters to walls. If you are concerned about damage to your poster, please consider laminating.

GENERAL RULE UPDATES AND REMINDERS

- **Dye and Coloring** - Dogs are not permitted to be dyed or colored in any way. If coat or nails show any evidence of dye or coloring, the score sheet will reflect a major point deduction. This applies to all disciplines of the Ohio 4-H Dog program and the Ohio State Fair Dog Show.
- **Winning Plan** - Exhibitors with a Winning Plan are required to submit that plan at least two weeks prior to the first day of the dog show. The sooner the Winning Plan is received the more time we have to work with the parent to develop a plan to help the exhibitor succeed. With advance preparation we can ensure that Winning Plan will be attached to score sheets prior to the show. Please email Renee Clark clark.471@osu.edu for more information.
- **Placings** - Judges, show staff and 4-H Dog Committee reserve the right to withhold class placements.
- **Health Check at the OSF - reminder** only the paper copy of the County Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate will be accepted at Health Check. Please know that we will not accept electronic or digital copies.

OBEDIENCE

- The figure 8 exercise will be performed using cones as posts. People will no longer be used as posts in the figure 8 exercise.

SHOWMANSHIP

- The judging order for showmanship at the Ohio State Fair will change. Dog and handlers will be judged in the following order, dog exam, handling, and interview questions.

RALLY

- Every effort will be made to post Rally maps in advance of the walk through. If the map cannot be posted the handler may write or photograph sign information during the walk through.

AGILITY

- The 4-Paw Rule for contact equipment will be eliminated. In the event the dog comes off the up-contact handler may choose to allow the dog to retry the obstacle.

