

## 2025 Ohio 4-H Dog Program/Ohio State Fair Dog Show Summary of Major Changes/Highlights/Deadlines

This document is a summary of highlights and major changes. It is your responsibility to read and understand the entire rules for the class(es) 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 classes, 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](http://www.go.osu.edu/dog) and [www.go.osu.edu/osfdogs](http://www.go.osu.edu/osfdogs). Information specific to the State Fair Dog Show and Agility Trial is posted at [www.go.osu.edu/osfdogs](http://www.go.osu.edu/osfdogs).

### 2025 GENERAL RULE UPDATES

#### Introduction of Scent Work to the 2025 4-H Dog Program

Scent Work is a dog sport that is quickly gaining national popularity. It's a sport based on the task of working detection dogs to locate a scent and communicate to the handler that the scent has been found. Scent Work is a positive, challenging activity that allows dogs the opportunity to use their strongest natural sense in a way that is fun, engaging, and that builds and strengthens a foundation of trust between the handler and dog.

- ~ Classes offered at the 2025 Ohio State Fair Dog Show will be, Scent Work – Novice Container, and Scent Work – Novice Interior.
- ~ Youth must be enrolled in 201P Performance Dog project to compete in Scent Work.
- ~ Youth may only enter one dog per class.
- ~ Introductory session at Ohio Volunteer Conference, March 8·2025.

#### You and Your Dog Project - Siblings may share a dog

Occasionally, a family may have two children interested in dog projects, and only have one dog. It is important for a child and dog to have a bond and train together in preparation of most dog events. The You and Your Dog Project is an exploratory project that's focus is more about animal care, animal welfare, and dog related learning experiences than it is about training to perform. In 2025 we will allow siblings to share a dog in the You and Your Dog class at the Ohio State Fair. Dogs cannot be shared in Obedience, Showmanship, Performance or Working events.

#### 4-H Dog Agility - ON-LEAD CLASSES ARE DISCONTINUED

The Ohio 4-H Dog Program will no longer be offering an on-lead class in Agility. The on-lead class at the Ohio State Fair will be discontinued. The change is primarily for the safety of the dog and handlers while navigating the course.

### OHIO STATE FAIR - CHANGES

- **New Ohio State Fair Championship criteria**  
2025 Ohio State Fair will require exhibitors to earn 30 points to receive the Ohio State Fair Championship. The previous requirement was 25 points.

- **New criteria for placing in Ohio State Fair Dog Show classes**

2025 OSF will require minimum scores for placements. Scores falling below the minimum score will not be eligible for placement.

The scale is as follows:

- Rally classes must score 100 points out of a possible 130 points
- You and Your Dog, Showmanship must score 190 points out of a possible 230 points.
- Beginning level obedience classes (Beginner Novice, Pre-Novice, Preferred Novice) must score 190 points out of a possible 230 points
- Advanced level obedience (Novice, Grad Novice, Grad Open, Open, Utility) must score 180 points out of a possible 230 points.

- **Addition of CGC and Trick Dog Score Sheet**

- Canine Good Citizenship and Trick Dog Classes will still be eligible for AKC titles. In addition, exhibitors will receive a score sheet to provide feedback on performance.
- Exhibitors passing the CGC or Trick Dog class may earn a gold medal in addition to title.

## **2025 OHIO STATE FAIR DOG ENTRY DATES AND DEADLINES**

### **OSF DOG SHOW ENTRY DEADLINE - WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 1:00PM**

OSF Dog Show, June 16-18 at Voinovich Livestock and Trade Center. Please mark your calendars! Entries must be received by Tuesday, May 21, at 1:00 pm. Entries can be made at <http://ohiostatefair.com/livestock>. The system will not accept entries after this time.

**Late entries will NOT be accepted. No day-of-show entries will be accepted.**

### **DRILL TEAM, PRE-NOVICE AND ADVANCED TEAM ENTRY DEADLINE - MAY 21, 1:00PM**

Drill Team, Pre-Novice Team and Advanced Team entries must be made by the team's advisor/coach at <http://ohiostatefair.com/livestock>. Deadline for entry is Wednesday, May 21, 1:00 pm. The advisor/coach must pay for the number of team members plus alternates at the time of entry. Advisor/Coach then emails Barb Prince, [b.prince@expo.ohio.gov](mailto:b.prince@expo.ohio.gov), a list of team members and alternates. All team alternates must be entered online with their team class to be eligible to replace another team member at the Ohio State Fair Dog Show.

**Late entries will NOT be accepted. No day-of-show entries will be accepted.**

### **AGILITY ENTRY DEADLINE - WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 1:00PM**

#### **\*\*\*EARLIER THAN NORMAL ENTRY DEADLINE\*\*\***

Agility Trial (July23) at Taft Coliseum. Please note this date is during the Ohio State Fair! Entries are online only and must be received by Wednesday May 21, 1:00 pm at [go.osu.edu/osfagility](http://go.osu.edu/osfagility).

**Late entries will NOT be accepted. No day-of-show entries will be accepted.**

## **POSTER CONTEST ENTRY DEADLINE - MONDAY, JUNE 2, 4:00 PM**

Dog Poster Entries and Posters must be **RECEIVED by June 2, 4:00 pm**. Mail or deliver entry forms and posters to: OSF Dog Poster Contest, Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Dr., Columbus, Ohio 43210.

In person deliveries must be taken to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, attention: Sara Deakin.

### **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.

## **REMINDERS**

- **Winning Plan** - Exhibitors with a Winning Plan are required to submit their plan at least two weeks prior to the first day of the dog show. Show staff must 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](mailto: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.
- **Score Sheets** - Counties are required to use the Ohio 4-H Dog Show score sheets for 4-H fun matches, dog shows, and agility trials. Exercises listed on the score sheets reflect the changes in rules. Score sheets were revised for 2025. It is very important to use the most current version.
- **Showmanship/You and Your Dog Questions**  
Counties are required to use the questions posted at [www.go.osu.edu/dog](http://www.go.osu.edu/dog) and [www.go.osu.edu/osfdogs](http://www.go.osu.edu/osfdogs) for county 4-H Showmanship and You and Your Dog classes. Question will be taken from the Ohio 4-H Dog Resource Handbook, 2024 edition.

