Summary of Major Changes to 2019 Ohio 4-H/Ohio State Fair Dog Show Rules

Note: This document highlights the 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.

SCORE SHEETS
1. 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, making it very important to use the 2019 versions. These score sheets have 2019 at the bottom.

QUESTIONS
1. 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. (These questions will be posted by March 1, 2018.)

OHIO STATE FAIR ENTRIES
1. Late entries will not be accepted after Monday, July 15. All late entries must be accompanied with a $25.00 late entry fee. However, entries and late fees RECEIVED AFTER MONDAY, JULY 15, will not be accepted and will be returned.
2. Youth are not required to make online entries for the dog show July 29-August 1; however, OSF encourages online entries, which will close midnight June 20. Online entries are not permitted for Drill Team entries, Agility entries, and Poster entries.

AGILITY
1. Right now there are no major rule changes, however, due to the Ohio State Highway Patrol revising traffic patterns and parking areas, the date and location for Agility at the Ohio State Fair will not be determined until sometime after mid-January. We will let everyone know as soon as we know. Agility rules will be finalized at that time also.

SHOWMANSHIP
1. Use of bait is permitted in the Showmanship ring. (page 19) (The rule previously read that it was up to the discretion of the judge.)

RALLY
1. Rally Novice C has been discontinued.
2. Know the requirements to move to Rally Intermediate A from Rally Novice B. (pages 17, 18)
3. Rally Advanced A and B classes have been combined into one Rally Advanced class.
4. The maximum course time for Rally classes will be four (4) minutes. (page 20)
OBEDIENCE
1. Pre-Novice (page 32, 34). The Long Down on Leash is for 1 minute, not 3 minutes as before.
2. Pre-Novice Team (pages 13, 25, 26). Only one dog can be entered per exhibitor as a pre-novice team competitor.
3. Novice. (pages 35, 36) The last two exercises: Sit Stay – Get Your Leash, and Group Exercise – Sit and Down Stay, are major changes. (previously 1-minute long sit and 3-minute long down)
4. Graduate Novice. (pages 36-40) The exercises changed are Heel Free and Figure Eight off Leash (previously Heel on Leash and Figure Eight off Leash); Dumbbell Recall over the High Jump (previously Recall over High Jump); and Stand Stay – Get Your Leash (previously 3-minute long down).
5. Open. (pages 40, 42) The second exercise is Command Discrimination (Stand, Down, Sit), and the last exercise is Stand Stay – Get Your Leash. This exercise replaces the long sit and long down.

YOU AND YOUR DOG
1. The ENTIRE 4-H Dog Project and Record Book ©2017 must be filled out completely, including photographs (page 18). This includes ALL pages applicable to your You and Your Dog project. Remember that this book cannot be used in previous years. The book must remain intact and pages cannot be separated. If you need to add pages, do so but without taking the book apart.
2. The Exhibit section of the evaluation will be judged first. (page 18)
3. If scores are equal throughout the score sheet and exhibitors still remain tied, the members tied will be called back for a 3-minute presentation summarizing their 5-minute presentation. (page 19)

4-H PetPALS
1. Youth must be enrolled in the 4-H PetPALS Project no. 230 to be eligible to show in the 4-H PetPALS class. Youth no longer need to also be enrolled in the Working Dog project. (page 22)

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