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# Revised 2020 Illinois County 4-H Dog Show Classes and Guidelines

## INFORMATION FOR EXHIBITORS & STAFF

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**FYI – Due to current shelter regulations this year’s dog shows will be conducted via video submissions. Therefore the following classes have be altered to best accommodate this new format, please read for changes that will affect your class. This year’s qualifying score will not count towards forcing anyone into the next class up for next year. All required dog obedience classes are waived for this year only. This year’s shows will consist of obedience and rally only. No showmanship is being offered with the new format.**

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  - a. **OBEDIENCE:** 4-H’ers aged 8-18 years who have obtained a qualifying score of 170 or above with their dog at a County 4-H Show, County 4-H Obedience Class Graduation Trial, or an AKC Obedience Trial.
  - b. **RALLY OBEDIENCE:** 4-H’ers aged 8-18 years who have obtained a qualifying score of 70 or above with their dog at a County 4-H Show, County 4-H Obedience Class Graduation Trial, or an AKC Rally Trial.
2. Exhibitors must have been at least 8 years old, and not yet 19 as of September 1, 2019.
3. Special problems not covered by these rules will be acted upon by the superintendents and members of the State 4-H Dog Advisory Committee in accordance with the Illinois 4-H Policies, including the Youth Code of Conduct, and Member Behavior Guidelines.
4. All exhibitors must have completed the Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification and are expected to be familiar with and abide by both the principles of that certification and the Illinois Humane Care for Animals Act.
5. A dog being shown in the dog obedience or Rally project must be trained by and belong to the exhibitor or to a member of his/her immediate family. Or the dog can be leased for the length of the project and a signed agreement should be on file with local 4-H extension office by June 1, 2020.
6. All participants must use appropriate show equipment. Acceptable leashes are a maximum of 6 feet (can be shorter in advanced classes) of leather, nylon or canvas. No prong or electronic collars will be allowed on the grounds. No identification tags on collars used in the show ring. Harnesses or other training aids such as a gentle leader are not acceptable show equipment.
7. Female dogs in season or lactating cannot participate in the State 4-H Dog Show.
8. Judges’ decisions are final.
9. **DATE FOR 2020:** The State 4-H Dog Show is tentatively scheduled for August 29, 2020 in Dixon, Illinois.

**The Illinois State 4-H Dog Show uses the American Kennel Club (AKC) regulations as a guideline. These will be slightly modified this year in light of the current online format.**

For complete rules and regulations, please contact AKC. Rulebook is available free to all as a PDF on their website.

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## **OBEDIENCE**

1. To be eligible a dog and handler team must have a qualifying score. **Please view individual classes for new qualifying score needed this year.**
2. A dog (who has received a qualifying score at the previous year's state fair/state show or meets Rule #3) cannot be shown in the same class as the previous year except in Graduate Novice, Pre Open, Open, Graduate Open and Utility. Exhibitors may show for two years in Graduate Novice and Pre Open providing the dog does not have a Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) or qualified for a leg on a CDX. Open, Graduate Open and Utility exhibitors can show for three (3) years in these classes. See Rule #3 for exceptions.
3. Dogs do not have to be AKC registered to show in the 4-H obedience show. AKC rules will be used as a guideline for judging. If a dog has 3 qualifying scores for a title prior to 6 months of the State 4-H Dog Show, it must be shown in the next highest class. Open and Utility dog exhibitors should examine Rule #2 for exceptions.
4. Beginner Novice I is for new handlers and inexperienced dogs only.
5. Beginner Novice II is for experienced handlers with inexperienced dogs or experienced dogs with inexperienced handlers.
6. We will be sending specific obedience signs to counties so they can email them to exhibitors to print off and use when videotaping their entries.

# Classes

## **Beginner Novice I Class (50401)**

(For inexperienced handlers and inexperienced dogs)

1. Heel on Leash (forward, halt, right turn, left turn, about turn, slow, normal and fast). The last order signifies that the handler and dog must break pace. These orders will be given by utilizing posted signs ..... Maximum points 40
  2. Sit for Exam (on leash) ..... Maximum points 40
  3. Recall (off leash front/no finish) ..... Maximum points 40
- Qualifying score needed for state advancement .....100**

## **Beginner Novice II Class (50402)**

(For experienced handlers and inexperienced dogs, or experienced dogs and inexperienced handlers.)

1. Heel on Leash (forward, halt, right turn, left turn, about turn, slow, normal and fast). The last order signifies that the handler and dog must break pace. These orders will be given by utilizing posted signs ..... Maximum points 40
  2. Sit for Exam (on leash) ..... Maximum points 40
  3. Recall (off leash front/no finish) ..... Maximum points 40
- Qualifying score needed for state advancement.....100**

## **Preferred Novice Class (50403)**

1. Figure 8 (on leash) and Heel on Leash ..... Maximum points 40
  2. Stand for Examination (off leash) ..... Maximum points 30
  3. Recall (off leash with finish) ..... Maximum points 30
  4. Down, Stay-Get Your Leash (off leash) ..... Maximum points 30
- Qualifying score needed for state advancement.....110**

## **Novice Class (50404)**

1. Figure 8 (on leash) Heel Free (off leash) ..... Maximum points 40
  2. Stand for Examination (off leash) ..... Maximum points 30
  3. Recall (off leash with finish)..... Maximum points 30
  4. Down Stay get your leash (off leash) ..... Maximum points 30
- Qualifying score needed for state advancement.....110**

## **Graduate Novice Class (50405)**

1. Heel Free and Figure 8 (off leash) ..... Maximum points 40
  2. Drop on Recall ..... Maximum points 40
  3. Dumbbell Recall ..... Maximum points 30
  4. Sit, Stay-Get your leash..... Maximum points 30
- Qualifying score needed for state advancement.....115**

**Preferred Open Class (50406)**

- 1. Heel Free and Figure 8 ..... Maximum points 40
  - 2. Command Discrimination (Stand, Down, Sit) ..... Maximum points 30
  - 3. Drop on Recall ..... Maximum points 30
  - 4. Retrieve on Flat ..... Maximum points 20
  - 5. Retrieve over High Jump ..... Maximum points 30
  - 6. Broad Jump ..... Maximum points 20
- Qualifying score needed for state advancement.....140**

**Graduate Open Class (50408)**

- 1. Signal Exercise ..... Maximum points 40
  - 2. Scent Discrimination ..... Maximum points 30
  - 3. Go Out..... Maximum points 30
  - 4. Directed Jumping ..... Maximum points 40
  - 5. Moving Stand and Examination ..... Maximum points 30
  - 6. Directed Retrieve ..... Maximum points 30
- Qualifying score needed for state advancement.....170**

**Preferred Utility Class (50409)**

- 1. Signal Exercise..... Maximum points 40
  - 2. Scent Discrimination Article #1..... Maximum points 30
  - 3. Scent Discrimination Article #2..... Maximum points 30
  - 4. Directed Retrieve ..... Maximum points 30
  - 5. Moving Stand & Examination ..... Maximum points 30
  - 6. Directed Jumping ..... Maximum points 40
- Qualifying score needed for state advancement.....170**

**Utility Class (50410)**

- 1. Signal Exercise ..... Maximum points 40
  - 2. Scent Discrimination Article #1 ..... Maximum points 30
  - 3. Scent Discrimination Article #2 ..... Maximum points 30
  - 4. Directed Retrieve ..... Maximum points 30
  - 5. Moving, Stand and Examination ..... Maximum points 30
  - 6. Directed Jumping ..... Maximum points 40
- Qualifying score needed for state advancement.....170**

## **RALLY OBEDIENCE**

1. The event will be timed. In the event of a tie score, the fastest time will break the tie.
2. A Dog/Handler must receive 3 qualifying scores before advancing to the next level.
3. Suggested Rally rings should be between 2000 & 3000 square feet with a minimum width of 30 feet.
4. Unless otherwise noted, handler may speak to the dog, pat their leg, or clap their hands to encourage.

### **Rally Novice (50413)**

10-15 signs are used (not including start and finish). Three to seven of the signs must be “stationary” signs. Performed on leash.

### **Rally Intermediate (50414)**

A total of 10 -17 signs are used (not including start and finish). Three to seven of the signs must be “stationary” signs. At least three “advanced” signs. Performed on leash.

### **Rally Advanced (50415)**

A total of 10-17 signs are used (not including start and finish). Three to seven of the signs must be “stationary” signs. At least three “advanced” signs. Dog must jump once. Performed **off leash**.

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