

## 2016 OHIO STATE FAIR JUNIOR FAIR DOG ACTIVITIES

**Agility** – Saturday, **July 30**, 8:00am – Denny Hales Arena  
**All Other Classes** – Monday, **August 1**, 12:00pm; Tuesday, **August 2**, 8:00am;  
Wednesday, **August 3**, 8:00am; and Thursday, **August 4**, 8:00am  
**Buckeye Sports Center**

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**For complete sets of rules and regulations for each show discipline refer to:**

[www.go.osu.edu/dog](http://www.go.osu.edu/dog)

### GENERAL RULES

#### **Preface:**

Below are the rules for participating in the 2016 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 *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: [www.go.osu.edu/dog](http://www.go.osu.edu/dog). Click on the Resources link.

### **Project Eligibility:**

1. Youth must be enrolled in 4-H, and ages 8 and in the third grade as of January 1, 2016, 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, or 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 *2016 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 *2016 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 30, 2016.** 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 dogs enrolled 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, 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, 2016*.
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, 2016*.
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, 2016*.
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 *2016 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](http://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.
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 30, 2016. ALL dogs must comply with the 2016 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show health requirements.

### **Safety and Sportsmanship:**

#### **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 *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 *2016 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 collar, or electronic collar while on the fairgrounds.
  - a. Exhibitors will be disqualified if their dogs are seen wearing muzzles, prong 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.
  - a. Discussion and/or confrontation with judges may result in disqualification of exhibitor and removal of individuals from the Fairgrounds.

#### **License Requirements:**

1. Junior Fair exhibitors must list their dogs' license tag numbers on the *2016 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate*. Exception: Assistance Dogs licensed through their respective organizations.

#### **Health Requirements:**

1. The **2016 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate** completed and signed by a licensed, accredited veterinarian **is required for exhibition. THIS IS THE ONLY CERTIFICATE THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED AT HEALTH CHECK.** This certificate must include **ALL** information requested in the Identification Form section, completed and signed by the exhibitor. 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.**

2. **ALL** dogs must have current Rabies vaccinations, administered by licensed, accredited veterinarians. Veterinarians must document on the *2016 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate* whether the exhibitor's dog's rabies vaccination is current for 1 year or 3 years by filling in the "date expires" blank.
3. ALL dogs must be vaccinated for Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parainfluenza, and Parvovirus by licensed, accredited 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 4, 2016.** (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, accredited veterinarian.
6. **The 2016 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate is available from the county Extension office.** It can also be downloaded at: [go.osu.edu/dog](http://go.osu.edu/dog). This same form may be used for county fair shows provided the vaccinations are current through August 4, 2016 for State Fair exhibition. *The use of this form/certificate at the county level must be approved by the county 4-H professional and must be consistent throughout the respective county.*
7. 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.**
8. **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.**
9. Pregnant and/or lactating (nursing) bitches are not permitted on the Fairgrounds, and may not be shown.
10. 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.
11. Before going to Registration, exhibitors must bring their dog(s) and *2016 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate(s)* to Health Check **each day** they are showing. Incomplete or falsified information is grounds for dismissal.

### **Scores and Score Sheets for August 1-4 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 (2016), 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:

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Agility          | 8. Rally           |
| 2. Assistance Dogs  | 9. Showmanship     |
| 3. 4-H PetPALS      | 10. Freestyle      |
| 4. Brace            | 11. Team           |
| 5. Drill Team       | 12. Poster Contest |
| 6. Obedience        | 13. Skillathon     |
| 7. You and Your Dog |                    |

An additional 5 points for earning a gold medal or placing 1<sup>st</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 or third titles will receive an additional 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 a gold medal in Rally Novice A; (4) receive an achievement award in the 4-H PetPALS dog class; (5) place in the top five in all classes receiving placings, including the Skillathon and Poster. Youth violating any of the *2016 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.**

### Entry Deadlines

**Friday, July 1**

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

**Friday, July 1**

Deadline for Dog Poster Entries and Posters to be **Postmarked**

Send entries to OSF Dog Poster Contest, Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau  
4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Dr., Columbus, Ohio 43210

**Friday, July 1**

Deadline for Dog Show (August 3-6) and Drill Team entries to  
be **Postmarked**

Send entries to Entry Department, Ohio State Fair, 717 East 17<sup>th</sup> Ave.,  
Columbus, Ohio 43211-2657

### 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, 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 *2016 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(s) 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. 4-H Agility**

Youth may enter any number of project dogs in 4-H Agility and are permitted to enter more than one dog per 4-H Agility class. Youth showing in 4-H 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 (not including non-regular 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 (not including non-regular obedience classes) 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 *2016 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 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. 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 exceptions:

- a. Youth showing in the Sassy Seniors class may NOT show this senior dog in another Freestyle class.
- b. Youth showing in the Handi-Dandi class may NOT show in any other Freestyle class with the same or different dog.

*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.

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

#### **4-H Agility – July 30 (Denny Hales Arena)**

1. Any youth enrolled in *Performance Dog*, Project No. 201P may enter 4-H Agility with one or more dog projects. Youth must enter their dogs by completing a *2016 Ohio State Fair Dog 4-H Agility Entry Form*, available online at: [www.go.osu.edu/dog](http://www.go.osu.edu/dog). Agility entry forms and payment must be sent to: Ohio 4-H Dog Agility, Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Dr., Columbus, Ohio 43210. **Entries must be postmarked by Friday, July 1.** Entries postmarked after this deadline will not be accepted. Entry fees are \$7.00 per dog per class entered.

#### **Dog Show – August 1-4 (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 *2016 Ohio State Fair Dog Show Entry Form*, available online at: [www.go.osu.edu/dog](http://www.go.osu.edu/dog), or may enter online at: <http://ohiostatefair.com/index.php/competitions-37/agriculturelivestock/jr-livestock>. Online entries will close at midnight July 1. If not entering online, youth must mail entries and payment directly to the Ohio State Fair Entry Department, 717 East 17<sup>th</sup> 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. All 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 Friday, July 1. Entries postmarked after July 1 will be charged a \$50.00 late fee.**

3. **Drill Teams:** Coaches must enter teams by completing a *2016 Ohio State Fair Dog Show Drill Team Entry Form*. Deadlines listed above apply. Entry fees are \$4.00 per dog per team member per class if entering in more than one Drill Team class. Alternates need to register by the July 1 deadline so they are not charged late fees.
4. **Poster Contest:** Each youth must complete a *2016 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 Friday, July 1.** Posters postmarked after the deadline will be displayed, but not judged.
5. **Skillathon:** Any 4-H or FFA member may participate in the Dog Skillathon on Tuesday, August 2. (The Dog Skillathon will be one day only this year.) 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/dog](http://www.go.osu.edu/dog) by June 15.
6. One admission ticket and parking permit will be mailed to each exhibitor entered in Agility.
7. One admission ticket and parking permit will be mailed to each exhibitor entered in the August 1-4 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/dog](http://www.go.osu.edu/dog) by July 1.

### Premiums

Premium money will be paid for Junior Showmanship A & B, Intermediate Showmanship A & B, and Senior Showmanship, A & B; Beginner Novice A & B; Pre-Novice; Novice A & B, and Graduate Novice Obedience, A & B as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$20.00      2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$15.00      3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$10.00

Premium money will be paid for the trophy winners of the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Dog Poster Contest as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$18.00

