

DOG

This is a Multi-County Event usually held late July. This show is hosted by Otoe County. The following information is taken from their Fair Book.

DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 700-702 - DOG DIVISION

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DOG SHOW RULES

- A. **EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITY** - It is the exhibitor's responsibility to pick up after their dogs at all times. This includes all areas while on the show site. Dogs soiling in the show ring (during a class) will be lowered one ribbon placing.
- B. **DOG ELIGIBILITY** - Exhibitor should provide primary care and training for the dog. The dog should reside with the exhibitor or be cared for by the exhibitor the majority of the year.
- C. **IDENTIFICATION** - Exhibitors must identify their dogs with a photograph and attach to an Identification form from the Extension Office due by **June 15**.
- D. **VACCINATION** - All dogs must be immunized for distemper, hepatitis, parvo and rabies. The [Nebraska State Fair Show Vaccination Record Form \(SF 263\)](#) must document all vaccinations within 1 year or 3 years depending on the vaccine given. This form must be signed by a veterinarian and turned in to the Extension Office with the ID sheet on June 15.
- E. **PRE-ENTRY** - Dog entries, including showmanship, to be eligible to exhibit at the Dog Show must be pre-entered on an Otoe County Entry Sheet due in the Extension Office by the date designated by Otoe County. In 2022 this form is due July 12.
- F. **NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER EXHIBITOR** - Youth may enter one showmanship class, two agility classes (using different dogs and in different level of classes), two obedience classes (using different dogs and in different level of classes), and two rally classes (using different dogs and in different level of classes).
- G. **ADVANCEMENT LEVELS IN OBEDIENCE AND AGILITY CLASSES** - Follow rules in Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines 4-H 420. A youth will move up to a 'transition year', after they receive 2 purples in a specific class at county or state level competition. Youth will finish their 4-H year at the same level if the second purple ribbon occurs in the middle of their 4-H year. Youth do not have to move up in the middle of a 4-H year. Youth will then have the option to stay in their current class for one additional year (after receiving 2 purple ribbons) called the 'transition year'. During the transition year, youth will practice the more advanced class (gaining skills such as off leash work) but may compete in their same level. Youth may advance up to the next level more quickly with advice/assistance from a leader and parent to help evaluate skill and readiness of youth and dog. This may especially occur if the youth has had previous dog handling experiences. Any announcements day of show will take precedence over any other rules or regulations.
- H. **DISQUALIFIED DOGS** - Females in season will not be permitted to be shown. Overly aggressive dogs may be disqualified at the discretion of the judge or superintendent. Lameness or crippled dogs will not be permitted to show if it is determined by a show superintendent that it is affecting the health of the dog.
- I. **AGE OF DOG** - A dog that is exhibited must be 6 months or older. Agility dogs must be 18 months or older to participate in competition.
- J. **DRESS CODE** - Exhibitors are required to wear the official 4-H Attire. No headgear is worn in the show ring. Closed toed shoes with a non-slip sole are required.
- K. **BAITING** - Baiting with food or a toy is not permitted and is cause for disqualification. Handlers may use baiting action without food or toys in showmanship. The judge or superintendent has the authority to disqualify violators.
- L. Non-entered dogs and puppies are not allowed on the Otoe County Fairgrounds.
- M. Only exhibitors are allowed to groom or work dogs at the show, both in and out of the ring.
- N. **SUBSTITUTIONS** - A dog may be substituted for showmanship classes only if it is injured or dies following the entry deadline. Substitutions are generally not allowed in obedience and agility classes however; substitutions may be considered at the discretion of the superintendents. A substitute can be selected from the exhibitor's household family or from the household where the originally entered dog resides. Dog(s) may be substituted only if a superintendent is directly consulted prior to the show date. [Nebraska State Fair Dog Show Vaccination Form \(SF 263\)](#) must be completed for all substitution dogs and received by the superintendent prior to the show date.
- O. All dogs must remain on a leash held by the exhibitor or a responsible adult at all times.

- P. Scoresheets, forms, contest study material, and additional resources can be found at <http://go.unl.edu/ne4hdog>.

DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 700 - SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

CLASS	10	Junior Showmanship - 8 - 10 year olds
CLASS	20	Intermediate Showmanship - 11-13 year olds
CLASS	30	Advanced Showmanship - 14-18 year olds

DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 701 - OBEDIENCE CLASSES

BEGINNING NOVICE. All exercises performed on leash. Dogs must heel including figure 8; come on recall; stand for examination; long sit for one minute and long down for three minutes. The leash may lay on the floor in front of the dog or be held by the handler.

CLASS NUMBER:

CLASS	10	Division A - Exhibitor and the dog is in their first year of county competition.
CLASS	20	Division B - Exhibitor or dog is beyond first year of competition.
CLASS	30	Novice - Dogs must heel on leash including figure 8; stand for examination off leash; heel free; come on recall off leash, long sit for one minute off leash; long down for three minutes off leash.
CLASS	40	Graduate Novice - Dogs must heel on leash; stand for examination off leash; heel free including figure 8; drop on recall; long sit for three minutes and long down for five minutes both with handler out of sight.
CLASS	45	Advanced Graduate Novice - heel on leash and figure 8 (off leash), drop on recall, dumbbell recall, recall over high jump, recall over broad jump, and long down.
CLASS	50	Open - All exercises off leash. Heel free & figure 8; drop on recall; retrieve on flat; retrieve over high jump; broad jump; long sit for 3 minutes and long down for 5 minutes; both with handler out of sight.
CLASS	55	Graduate Open - signal exercise, scent discrimination, directed retrieve, moving stand and examination, go out, and directed jumping.
CLASS	60	Utility – The dog will perform five exercises: the signal exercise, the scent discrimination exercise with leather and metal objects; the directed retrieve, moving stand and examination; directed jumping. Exhibitors must supply their own scent articles and gloves for the directed retrieve.

DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 702 - 4-H DOG AGILITY

GENERAL DOG AGILITY RULES

- A. Agility Jump heights – measure dogs at withers to determine jump height:**
- Dogs 11 inches or less – 4 inches.**
 - Dogs over 14 inches up to and including 14 inches – 8 inches.**
 - Dogs over 14 inches up to and including 18 inches – 12 inches.**
 - Dogs over 18 inches – 16 inches.**
- B. Procedure** - Agility will follow those procedures and classes described in Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines 4-H 420 to determine class entry. Wither heights of all agility dogs must be included with advanced entries. Level 1 & 2 Agility classes are run on leash. Level 3, 4, and 5 are all run off leash. One of each obstacle noted in each level are mandatory and duplicate obstacles will be added to make up quantities of obstacles in each level. Obstacle equipment needing repair or deemed unsafe by judge will be excluded from the competition. Judges determine the arrangements of the obstacles on the course. Level 5 - youth can use additional equipment for competition that they have access to and can use in practice. Obstacles that are used for agility competition events may be included from (AKC, CPE, USDAA, NADAC, UKC, etc.)

CLASS NUMBER:

CLASS	10	Level 1 – 6 obstacles - 3 bar jumps which have two bars each, short dog walk, pause box or table, and tunnel (open).
CLASS	20	Level 2 – 10 obstacles - several bar jumps which have two bars each, short dog walk, pause box or table tunnel (open), chute (collapsed or closed tunnel), solid panel jump and tire jump (hoop jump).
CLASS	30	Level 3 - 10 obstacles - same obstacles as Level 2 but dogs run off leash for Level 3.
CLASS	40	Level 4 - 13 obstacles - bar jump which has one bar each, bar jump which has two bars

each, tall dog walk, pause box or table, tunnel (open), chute (collapsed or closed tunnel), solid panel jump, teeter totter (seesaw), weave poles (single set with 6 poles), and tire jump (hoop jump).

CLASS 50 **Level 5** - 15-20 of any of the following obstacles such as: bar jump which has one bar each, bar jump which has two bars each, tall dog walk, pause box or table, tunnel (open), chute (collapsed or closed tunnel), solid panel jump, A-frame short, A-frame tall, teeter totter (seesaw), weave poles (single set with 6 poles), weave poles (double set with 12 poles), and tire jump (hoop jump) broad jump, dump jump, triple bar jump, swing bridge, crawl, etc. Number of obstacles used for a course will depend on ring size and available equipment at show site. Course layout may include more advanced handling techniques.

DEPARTMENT G - DIVISION 703 - 4-H DOG RALLY

GENERAL DOG RALLY RULES:

- A.** Rally obedience is a dog sport based on obedience. Many of the Rally exercises are the same as, or have the same parts (elements) of traditional obedience.
- B.** Rally obedience is a dog performance class that uses directional signs that are numbered to indicate the course the handler is to follow during the performance. The team of dog and handler heel from sign to sign, and perform the exercises indicated by the numbered sign at each location. At the start sign, the judge gives permission to start the course and then the dog and handler go through the course. The judge will say "Are you ready?" followed by "Forward." No other directives are given. The course consists of signs that instruct the team what to do. Unlike traditional obedience, handlers are allowed to encourage their dogs during the course. There are 4 classes and the number of stations/signs is noted below (start and finish signs are not included in the sign count and are automatically used). Signs may be duplicated and used more than one time to create the course.

CLASS NUMBER:

CLASS 10 **Beginning Rally** - Dog is on leash and there are 5 to 10 stations. These beginning Rally signs are suggested - halt sit, halt down dog, right turn, left turn, about turn right, slow pace, fast pace, and normal pace. These are the same commands that exhibitors use in beginning novice obedience levels.

CLASS 11 **Rally 1** - Dog is on leash and there are 10 to 15 stations.

CLASS 12 **Rally 2** - Dog is off leash and there are 12 to 17 stations.

CLASS 13 **Rally 3** - Dog is off leash and there are 15 to 20 stations.

NOTE: Although every course will have many of the same exercises, the sequence of those exercises in the course design may vary. As the levels go up the difficulty of the exercises goes up as in ordinary obedience. Our rally classes will follow the AKC rules for the same levels. The signs and rules are available online at AKC's website. A difference between rally and regular obedience is that you may talk to your dog as much as you want to guide and instruct him/her.

NOTE: Any exhibitor that does not provide food and water for their animals will not receive their premium money.