

SIoux COUNTY FAIR 4-H DOG SHOW

- A. Procedures – Those procedures described in Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Rules 4H421.
- B. **Advancement Levels in Obedience Classes:** The following definitions and rules apply to advancement in obedience classes:
- 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. During the transition year, youth will practice the more advanced class (gaining skills such as off leash work) but may complete in their same level. Youth may advance up to the next level more quickly with advice/assistance from a leader and parent to help evaluation skill and readiness of youth and dog. This may especially occur if the youth has had previous dog handling experiences.
 - Refer to Guidelines for Nebraska 4-H Dog Shows for details.
- C. **Advancement in Showmanship Classes:** Classes are divided into age divisions.
- D. **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.
- E. **Age of Dogs:** Dogs that are exhibited must be six months or older.
- F. **Baiting:** Baiting with food or toy is not permitted and is cause for disqualification. Handlers may use baiting action without food or toys in showmanship. The judge has authority to disqualify violators.
- G. **Vaccination:** All dogs must be immunized for distemper, hepatitis, parvo, and rabies. The Nebraska State Fair Show Vaccination Record Form (SF263) must document all vaccinations within 1 year or 3 years depending on the vaccine given. All required vaccinations must be given within 1 to 3 years of the show date based on label guidelines. All vaccinations must be in effect at the time of the Dog Show. Explanation: Some vaccinations are viable for one year and some vaccinations are viable for three years but are specifically designed and administered according to their label. The Dog Vaccination Form must be completed by a veterinarian and turned into the office by July 1st. The form can be found at: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/northernpanhandle/sioux-county-fair/>.
- H. Only exhibitors are allowed to groom or work dogs at the show, both in and out of the ring.

SHOWMANSHIP

- I700001 **Clover Kid Showmanship:** Ages 5-7 years old by Jan. 1 of the current year.
- I700002 **Junior Showmanship:** Ages 8-10 year olds by Jan. 1 of the current year.
- I700003 **Intermediate Showmanship:** Ages 11-13 year olds by Jan. 1 of the current year.
- I700004 **Senior Showmanship:** Ages 14-18 year olds by Jan. 1 of the current year.

OBEDIENCE

- I701010 **Beginning Novice Division A:** Handler and dog being shown are both in their first year of county or state 4-H, or other dog show experience. Dogs must heel including figure 8; stand for examination; come on recall; long sit for one minute and long down for three minutes. During the sit and down exercise, the leash must be held by the handler.
- I701020 **Beginning Novice Division B:** exhibitor or dog is beyond first year of competition. Dogs must heel including figure 8; stand for examination; come on recall; long sit for one minute and long down for three minutes. During the sit and down exercise, the leash must be held by the handler.
- I701025 **Beginning Novice Division C:** exhibitor and dog are beyond first year of competition.
- I701030 **Novice A:** exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Beginning Novice and are in first year of Novice Class competition. 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 and long down for three minutes off leash with handler across the ring.
- I701035 **Novice B:** exhibitor and dog are beyond first year of Novice Class competition. 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 and long down for three minutes off leash with handler across the ring.
- I701040 **Graduate Novice:** Dogs must heel on leash; stand for examination off leash; heel free including figure eight; drop on recall; long sit for three minutes and long down for five minutes both with handler out of sight. Dogs must heel on leash, stand for examination off lead, heel free including figure 8; drop on recall off leash, long sit off leash for 3 minutes and long down off leash for 5 minutes both with handler out of sight.

- I701045** **Advanced Graduate Novice:** exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Novice. Dogs must heel on leash and figure 8 (off leash), drop on recall, dumbbell recall, recall over high jump, recall over broad jump, and long down.
- I701050** **Open:** exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Advanced Graduate Novice. All exercises off leash. Heel free and figure eight; drop on recall; retrieve on flat; retrieve over high jump; broad jump; long sit for three minutes and long down for five minutes both with handler out of sight. Refer to Guidelines for Nebraska 4-H Dog Shows for jump heights/distances.
- I701055** **Graduate Open:** exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Open. Includes signal exercise, scent discrimination, directed retrieve, moving stand and examination, go out and directed jumping.
- I701060** **Utility:** Exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Graduate Open. The dog will perform five exercises: the signal exercise; the scent discrimination exercise with leather and metal object; the directed retrieve; moving stand and examinations; directed jumping. Exhibitors must supply their own scent articles and gloves for directed retrieve.