

**DOG OBEDIENCE DEPARTMENT**  
**Superintendent: Sally Martin**

Red, 150-169.5 Points  
 White, less than 150 Points

*Refer to Livestock Rules and Regulations/Health Requirements for additional information.*

**SHOW - CHECK-IN THURSDAY at 7:00 A.M.**  
**DOG SHOW BEGINS AT 8:00 A.M.**

1. Entries - Maximum of two dogs may be entered. ALL DOGS MUST BE PRE-ENTERED. See General Rules and Regulations.
2. All dogs must be on a leash at all times except in show ring and not be taken near the other livestock or into other exhibit buildings. Dogs must be clean and free of parasites of all kinds, DISEASE AND INJURY. NO FEMALES IN SEASON MAY BE EXHIBITED.
3. Dogs will not be housed at the fairgrounds. They are to check-in at 8:00 A.M. Thursday and removed immediately following the competition of judging. All dogs must be confined to the show arena during the judging.
4. The classes will be judged by American Kennel Club (AKC) rules and regulations EXCEPT that the classes will be open to mixed breed and purebred dogs. Handlers are to refer to dress code under LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS. Shorts may not be worn.
5. Dogs and handlers will be evaluated in the following manner:
6. Obedience classes will be judged and scored by AKC rules and regulations.
7. Showmanship will be judged on proper presentation, which includes doing patterns correctly, following the directions of the judge, answering dog related questions correctly and the dog and handler's ability to present a pleasing image. Dogs should be well groomed.
8. Any dog displaying viciousness to a person or another dog will be excused.
9. Health Requirements: Member must present a current rabies certificate during check-in at the fair.
10. All dogs will be health checked at the time of check in by a Fair Veterinarian for a total cost of \$1.00 per animal. Any animal found in poor health or vicious will not be allowed to show and will have to leave the fairgrounds.
11. All dogs shall be trained and handled by the exhibitor without outside assistance.
12. All dogs in the obedience ring must wear a properly fitted collar. No special training collars such as electronic collars, prong collars, or head halters will be permitted. Nothing may be hanging from the dog's collar.
13. All dogs must be 6 months old by March 1<sup>st</sup>.
14. Qualifying Scores  
 Classes 250-252 = 140 points out of 200  
 All other obedience classes = 170 out of 200  
 Classes 259-261 = 70 points out of 100  
 Ribbon awards for classes 250-252  
     Blue, 140-200 Points  
     Red, 130-139.5 Points  
     White, less than 129.5 Points  
 Ribbon awards for classes 253-256  
     Blue, 170-200 Points

**CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION**

250	<b>PRE-NOVICE "A"</b> – This class is <u>ONLY</u> for dogs and exhibitors in their first year of 4-H dog obedience training. Dogs will heel, stand for examination, and do the figure 8 all on leash. They will recall on leash, do sits for one minute, and downs for three minutes on leash. Dogs must not have completed any leg toward any companion dog degree
251	<b>PRE-NOVICE "B"</b> – For dogs in their first year of training and for exhibitors who have had previous dog experience, for exhibitors who have not achieved a qualifying score in Pre-Novice A at the previous year's dog show, or for first year project exhibitors who have achieved a qualifying score in a non 4-H dog obedience show or have a dog with previous experience. Dogs will heel, stand for examination and do a figure eight, recall, do long sits for one minute and long downs for three minutes on leash. Dogs must not have earned any leg toward any Companion Dog degree.
252	<b>SUB-NOVICE</b> – For dogs and handlers who did not receive a qualifying score at the previous year's 4-H dog show in Pre-Novice Class B. Dogs will heel on leash, perform a figure eight on leash, recall off leash, stand for examination off leash, sit-stay for one minute and down-stay for three minutes off leash. Dogs must not have finished any leg towards any Companion Dog degree.
253	<b>NOVICE A: Companion Dog</b> – For exhibitors who have achieved a qualifying score in a 4-H Dog obedience show in a pre-novice A or Pre-Novice B class at the previous year's dog show. A qualifying score is not required to advance to this class. Dogs entered in this class may not be entered in class 250-252. Dogs will heel and perform a figure eight on leash. Dogs will heel, stand for examination, recall, sit-stay for one minute, and long downs for three minutes while off leash. This class is open to dogs that have not completed any leg toward any companion dog degree.
254	<b>GRADUATE NOVICE</b> - This class is open to project exhibitors who have achieved a qualifying score in Novice in a 4-H dog obedience show; However, a qualifying score is not required to enter this class. Dogs will heel on leash, will perform a figure eight, drop on recall, dumbbell recall, recall over high jump, and recall over broad jump while off

	leash. The dog will be required to perform a long down while the handler is out of sight. Dogs entered in this class may not be entered in classes 250-253. This class is open to dogs who do not have any legs towards a CDX or Graduate Novice Degree.
255	<b>OPEN: Companion Dog</b> – This class is open to project exhibitors who have achieved a qualifying score in Graduate Novice or Novice class at a previous 4-H Dog Show; however, a qualifying score in any previous class is not required to enter this class. Dogs will heel and perform a figure eight, drop on recall, retrieve on flat, retrieve over high jump, and perform while off leash. Dogs will be required to do three minute sits and five minute downs off leash and with the exhibitor out of sight. Dogs entered in this class may not enter classes 250-254. This class is open to dogs that have not completed any leg towards any CDX Degree
256	<b>UTILITY</b> – This class is open to project exhibitors who have achieved a qualifying score in the Open Class at a previous 4-H dog show; however, a qualifying score in open is not required to enter. Dogs will free heel, perform a signal exercise, perform scent discrimination, directed retrieve, moving stand for exam, and directed jumping. Dogs entered in this class may not be entered in classes 250-255. Dogs may have a UD degree.
257	<b>NOVICE SHOWMANSHIP</b> – For exhibitors who have never received a first place in class 257. Class will be divided by the age of the exhibitor: Senior, Intermediate, Junior. Exhibitors may not be entered in class 258.
258	<b>OPEN SHOWMANSHIP</b> - For exhibitors who have previously received a first place in class 257. This class will not be divided. Exhibitors may not be entered in class 257.
259 A	<b>NOVICE RALLY A</b> – For dogs and handlers in their <b>first year of training</b> . All heeling is done on a loose leash. There are 10 to 15 stations (start and finish not included). Dogs must enter and leave ring on a leash.
259 B	<b>NOVICE RALLY B</b> – For dogs and handlers in their <b>second year</b> or more years of training and have not qualified in Novice A.. All heeling is done on a loose leash. There are 10 to 15 stations (start and finish not included). Dogs must enter and leave ring on a leash.
260	<b>ADVANCE RALLY</b> – For dogs and who

	have qualified in novice rally. . There will be between 12 to 17 stations (not including start and finish), including one jump. All exercises are done off leash. Dogs enter and leave ring on a leash.
261	<b>EXCELLENT RALLY</b> – For who have qualified in Advanced Rally. There will be between 12 to 19 stations (not including start and finish), including two jumps. All exercises are done off leash. There will be an honor station either sit or down at the judge's discretion. Dogs enter and leave ring on a leash.