

**Class Score Sheets can be found online at [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/events/event/state\\_4\\_h\\_dog\\_show](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/events/event/state_4_h_dog_show)**

### **SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES**

**Cloverbud** – a handler who is 5 or under the age of 8 years in the year they register for 4-H. They will be participating non-competitively.

**Junior Novice – (1<sup>st</sup> Year Only)** – a handler who is under the age of 14 in the calendar year. The handler neither has shown in any dog show nor has been in any competition before. Also, the dog has never been shown before with the current or a previous handler.

**Junior Novice** – a handler who is under the age of 14 in the calendar year. The handler has not won three first places with competition present in a licensed novice class or 4-H dog show.

**Junior Open** – a handler who is under the age of 14 in the calendar year and has won three first places with competition present in a licensed novice class or 4-H dog show.

**Senior Novice (1<sup>st</sup> Year Only)** – a handler who is at the age of 14 or not over 19, or has not graduated from high school in the year they register for 4-H. The handler has never shown and/or the dog has never been shown in any licensed dog show.

**Senior Novice** – a handler who is age 14 and not over 19, or has not graduated from high school in the year they register for 4-H. The handler has not won three first places with competition present in a licensed novice class or 4-H dog show.

**Senior Open** – a handler who is at the age of 14 and not over 19 or has not graduated from high school in the year they register for 4-H. The handler has won three first places with competition present in a licensed novice class or 4-H dog show.

**Champion Class** – a handler who has won 5 or more classes in Junior Showmanship with four or more in the class. This applies to classes in 4-H and non 4-H shows; also, included are dogs that already have their championship title.

### **OBEDIENCE**

Dogs must be at least 6 months of age at time of competition. "A" is for handlers and dogs who will be competing at a level in their first year. "B" is for handlers who have competed in the "A" class previously, or a new handler with a dog who has competed in Obedience previously.

**Cloverbud** – handlers who are age 5 or under the age of 9 years. They will be participating non-competitively.

**Pre-Novice A** – new dogs and new handlers (age 9 or older) in their first year of the 4-H dog project.

**Pre-Novice B** – handlers and/or dogs who have competed in Pre-Novice previously.

**Beginner Novice A** – handlers and/or dogs that have a minimum of 1 qualifying score (4-H or other) in either Pre-Novice A or B.

**Beginner Novice B** – Experienced dogs and/or handlers who have competed in Beginner Novice A.

**Novice A** – handlers and/or dogs that have received 3 qualifying scores (4-H or other) in Pre-Novice and/or Beginner Novice. A dog that is owned or co-owned by a person who has previously handled or regularly trained a dog that has won a CD title may not be entered in the Novice A class, nor may a dog be handled in this class by such a person.

**Novice B** – handlers and/or dogs that have Novice experience.

**Graduate Novice A** – handlers and/or dogs who have completed Novice work that have received 3 qualifying scores (4-H or other).

**Graduate Novice B** – handlers and/or dogs that have experience in Graduate Novice A.

**Advanced Graduate Novice A** – handlers and/or dogs who have completed Graduate Novice work that have received 3 qualifying scores (4-H or other).

**Advanced Graduate Novice B** – handlers and/or dogs that have experience in Graduate Novice A.

**Open Class** – handlers and dogs who have completed Graduate Novice.

## **AGILITY**

Dogs must be at least one year of age at time of competition. The Beginners class is divided into "A" and "B" classes. "A" is for handlers and dogs who will be competing in their first year. "B" is for handlers who have competed in the "A" class previously, or a new handler with a dog who has competed in Agility previously.

**Cloverbud** – new handlers who are age 5 or under 9 years of age. They will be participating non-competitively.

**Beginners A** – new dogs and or handlers in their first year in the 4-H dog project who are age 9 or older. All dogs are to be on lead with a buckle collar with jump heights of 8" and long jump 16" wide. Handlers will be allowed to jump the jumps with their dog.

**Beginners B** – second year dogs or handlers and dogs who have not competed in a higher agility level. Jump heights are 8" and long jump 16" wide. Handlers will be allowed to jump the jumps with their dog.

**Intermediate** – for dogs who have received their Beginning Agility title (3 qualifying scores). This level is done off lead with jump heights of 12" and long jump 24" wide. Handlers will *not* be allowed to jump with their dogs. For dogs 10" or less at the withers, jump heights will be 8" and long jump will be 16" wide. The course will include a dog walk and six weave poles. Dogs must complete the weave poles, but will not be faulted for several attempts.

**Advanced** - for dogs who have received their Intermediate Agility title. This level is done off lead with additional obstacles such as the teeter-totter and jump heights as follows:

<b>Height for</b>	<b>Dogs over 20"</b>	<b>16-20"</b>	<b>11-15"</b>	<b>10' &amp; Under</b>
Height:	20"	16"	12"	8"
Long Jump:	40"	32"	24"	16"
Table Height:	16"	12"	12"	8"

## **RALLY OBEDIENCE**

Dogs must be six months of age at time of competition.

**Cloverbud** – a handler who is 5 or under the age of 8 years in the year they register for 4-H. They will be participating non-competitively.

**Novice A** – first year dogs in Rally.

**Novice B** – any dog that does not have a Novice Rally title.

**Intermediate-** To be eligible for entry in this class dogs must have won the Rally Novice (RN) title but may not have won the Rally Advanced (RA). All dogs are judged on leash.

**Advanced** – dogs who have an Intermediate Rally title in 4-H or any other registry.

**Excellent** – dogs who have an Advanced Rally title in 4-H or any other registry.

**Master-** dogs who have a Rally Excellent (RE) title.

## **SPECIAL CLASSES (may not be available at the fair):**

### Leader Dog/Service Dog Puppy Class

For puppies training to become either leader dogs (Leader Dogs for the Blind, other) or service dogs (Canine Companions for Independence or Paws With a Cause). Puppies should be between 5-9 months at time of show.

**Leader Dog/Service Dog puppy age 5-6 months**

**Leader Dog/Service Dog puppy age 7-8 months**

**Leader Dog/Service Dog puppy age 9 months**

### Team Class

4 dogs, 4 handlers doing Novice exercises. All exercises are executed at the same time except for the recall. A 5<sup>th</sup> dog as an alternate can be named at the time of entry. Dogs must be Novice level or higher.

### Brace Class

2 dogs coupled or uncoupled, handled by 1 handler doing Novice exercises. Dogs must be Novice level or higher.