

## 2026 dog rules for open classes

Ribbons will be awarded as follows: Blue 170-200 points, Red 150-169 ½ points, White 149 ½ or lower.

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### Qualifying Scores

- A. If a dog/exhibitor achieves a qualifying score in a class at the previous year's Fair, he/she must move up to the next class.
- B. Qualifying score = 185 points or above

### Class Description

- Intro "A" - Obedience - This class is ONLY for dogs and exhibitors in their first year of dog obedience training. Dogs will heel, sit for examination and do the figure 8 all on leash. They will recall on leash (no finish) and do sit stay and down stay for one minute on leash. Dog must not have completed any leg toward any CD degree.

Intro class is for First year exhibitor with First year dog only.

- Beginners Novice A & B - Obedience – All Exercises will be on leash: heel, figure 8, sit for examination, sit stay handler walk around the ring, recall (no finish). Dogs must not have finished any leg towards any CD degree.

Beginners Novice A is only for dogs and handler teams in their 2<sup>nd</sup> year of training. Exhibitor/Dog team may only enter this class 1 year. Dogs must not have earned any obedience title through AKC, UKC, etc.

Beginners Novice B is for dog/handler teams, where the dog has had previous training, but this is the first year for the exhibitor or for an exhibitor with experience, but this is the first year for the dog. This class is also open to exhibitor/dog teams in their 3<sup>rd</sup> year of training that did not receive a qualifying score in Beginners Novice A last year.

- Preferred Novice A & B – Obedience – Dogs will heel and do figure 8 on leash, stand for examination off leash, heel free, and recall with finish. Sit or down stay will be done with the handler leaving the dog in the center of the ring and on the judge's command walk around the ring and sit stay to retrieve leash as indicated by the judge.

Preferred Novice A – A handler/dog team may enter this class 1 year.

Preferred Novice B – A handler/dog team may enter this class until they receive a qualifying score.

- Novice A - Obedience - For exhibitors who have achieved a qualifying score in a dog obedience show. A qualifying score is not required to advance to this class. Dogs will heel and do figure 8 on leash, stand for examination off leash, heel off leash and recall off leash with finish, sit stay – get your leash, do long sit and long down for one minute on leash. This class is open to dogs and handlers that have not completed any leg toward any CD degree.

- Novice B - Obedience - For exhibitors who have achieved a qualifying score in Novice A. Dogs will heel and do figure 8 on leash and stand for examination off leash, heel off leash, recall off leash with finish, sit stay – get your leash, do long sit and long down for one minute on leash. This class is open to dogs that have not completed their third leg toward any CD degree.

- Graduate Novice A & B - Obedience - Exercises will include heel free, figure 8 exercise off leash, drop on recall, dumbbell recall, recall over high jump and recall over broad jump and stand stay get your leash. Open to dogs that do not have any legs toward a CDX degree.

Graduate Novice A – For dogs attempting the dumbbell work and have not received a qualifying score

Graduate Novice B – For dogs that readily carry the dumbbell, or have received a qualifying score in Graduate Novice A.

Dogs must not have received any “CDX” level titles.

- Open A & B - Obedience - This class is open to project exhibitors who have achieved a qualifying score in the Graduate Novice class. Dogs will heel and figure 8 off leash, command discrimination (stand, down, sit), drop on recall, retrieve on flat, retrieve over the high jump and perform the broad jump and stand stay – get your leash.

Open A - Open to dogs that do not have a CDX degree.

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## Rally

- Rally Novice A Class: For dogs which have not previously competed in any rally class and are in their first year of rally training. All exercises are performed on leash. There will be between 10 – 15 stations (start and finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of five stationary exercises. Exhibitors are allowed to pat their legs, clap their hands or talk to encourage the dog. Exhibitors may touch their dog only for a stand exercise. AKC Rally Novice level signs will be used for this class.
- Rally Novice B Class: For dogs which have competed in any rally class and are in their 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year of rally training. Exhibitor/dog combinations are limited to 2 years in this class. All exercises are performed on leash. There will be between 10 – 15 stations (start and finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of five stationary exercises. Exhibitors are allowed to pat their legs, clap their hands or talk to encourage the dog. Exhibitors may touch their dog only for a stand exercise. AKC Rally Novice level signs will be used for this class. Novice A course will be used.
- Rally Intermediate: For dogs which have competed in any rally class and are in their 3<sup>rd</sup> year of rally training or more, or for a dog who has earned any Rally Novice title (AKC, UKC etc.). Exhibitor/dog combinations are limited to 2 years in this class. All exercises are performed on leash. There will be between 12-17 stations (start and finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of seven stationary exercises. Intermediate courses will have a minimum of three Advanced level stations. There are no jumps in this class. Exhibitors are allowed to pat their legs, clap their hands or talk to encourage the dog. Exhibitors may touch their dog only for a stand exercise. AKC Rally Intermediate level signs will be used for this class.
- Rally Advanced Class: For dogs which have competed in any rally class and are in their 4 or more years in rally training or for a dog who has earned any Rally Intermediate title (AKC, UKC etc.). There is no limit on the number of years an exhibitor/dog combination can compete in this class. All exercises are performed OFF leash. There will be between 12-17 stations (start and finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of seven stationary exercises. Courses will have

a minimum of three advanced level stations plus one required jump. Exhibitors are allowed to pat their legs, clap their hands or talk to encourage the dog. Exhibitors may touch their dog only for a stand exercise. AKC Advanced level signs will be used for this class.

- Rally Excellent Class: All exercises off lead with 2 jumping exercises. Includes 15 – 20 stations