DEPARTMENT 22
DOG CARE AND TRAINING
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GENERAL RULES

1. Judging starts promptly at 9:00 am. on Saturday July 11th, in the Wawiernia Pavilion.
2. All dogs exhibited MUST be accompanied by an up-to-date Vaccination certificate (as of May 1st of the current year) from a veterinarian for DHLPP Bordetella and Rabies. It is recommended that all dogs have the parvo virus vaccination. The dog listed on your May 1st form must be the dog you exhibit for the current year & all 4-H events throughout the state.
3. An exhibitor may show in one obedience class and one Showmanship class. Different dogs may be used.
4. All dogs must receive training in the area they are showing at the fair. A written statement from the instructor, leader or parent must accompany your May 1st form. Statement must contain dates of & kind of class attended, instructor's name, address and telephone number for verification.
5. One handler per dog, per section.
6. Exhibitor must have ready access to the dog by May 1st of the current year, if they plan to show at the fair in the obedience and showmanship classes. It is recommended that exhibitor attend an obedience class prior to fair.
7. All exhibitors must be dressed to code for showing. No Demin shorts, opened toe shoes, no dresses above the knee, all tops and dresses will have a sleeve. You can also check the dress code for 4-H State Show rules. You may be judged according to dress attire.
8. Each dog entering arena must have proper equipment. Proper equipment for obedience is a choke collar (fabric, chain or a regular collar) and a 6-foot (approximately) lead of any material, except chain. For showmanship it is show lead purchased or homemade. Refer to 4-H books for more information.
9. Females in season must wear protective dog panties at all times in showmanship, agility and obedience and must be crated away from the ring at all times. Females in season may show in any class. Notify the superintendent that you have a dog in season so that she may be properly scheduled at the end of the class.
10. Any exhibitor doing agility must be showing that same dog in an obedience class or has taken this dog to at least 6 sessions of obedience training with proper proof of dates for the training sessions sent in with the May 1st forms. ALSO, THE DOG MUST BE AT LEAST **18 MONTHS OLD** TO DO AGILITY. This is for safety for all parties showing their dogs.
11. Dogs must be on a leash at all times when not exhibiting.
12. Showmanship age as of January 1st of the current year.
13. Experience based on years of 4-H/open exhibitions. If exhibitor wins high point in a division, he/she must go on to the next level unless they show reason of not being possible.
14. First year exhibitors should keep a dog project workbook, refer to the livestock records section class #1082.
15. Dogs causing any problems will be removed from the grounds.
16. Any changes of dogs after May 1st must be approved by the club leader and superintendent and must be in writing. Leader and superintendent should keep copies.
17. Project must be designated on the proper form and given to the superintendent by May 1st. Forms available at the extension office.
18. Pre-Novice B exhibitors cannot show as the same team for more than two years, unless pre-approved by superintendent.
19. An exhibitor's agreement must be signed at check in time by the exhibitor and his/her parent or guardian.
20. The two Jr. and Sr. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion dogs from the showmanship classes will be used on Saturday for showmanship sweepstakes.
21. All May 1st forms must be turned in to the superintendent as a club and not as individuals by May 1st. Cloverbuds must complete this form also.
22. You may not stay in novice obedience more than 3 years unless you have a new dog.
23. **Cloverbuds ages 5-7 (dogs less than 50lbs).** This class will show Saturday July 6th at 9:00am in the Wawiernia Pavilion. For cloverbuds who have attended an obedience class with their dog and show written proof, the 50lb limit will be removed. Youth showing in this class must be accompanied by parent/ guardian into the show ring. **Cloverbuds do need to complete the May 1st form.**
24. **Cloverbuds** showing in Showmanship must know how to show their dog and be able to preform tasks that the judge may ask of them in the show ring and have proper leash and collar.

SECTION 196 - DOG OBEDIENCE

Ribbons

1032. Cloverbuds
1033. Puppies Only, 5-12 month (INELIGIBLE FOR HIGH POINT)
1034. Pre Novice A - New dog and handler in 1st year of dog project
1035. Pre Novice B - Experienced handler and dog or experienced handler and new dog or new handler and experienced dog
1036. Novice Beginners 1st year (on and off leash)
1037. Novice Intermediate 2nd and 3rd year
1038. Advanced Competition - Placed according to the total points earned in any of the following: graduate novice, advanced graduate novice, open, pre agility or agility
1039. High Point

SECTION 197 - SHOWMANSHIP

Ribbons

Class
1040. Showmanship Ages 5-7 Cloverbuds
1041. Showmanship Ages 8-10
1042. Showmanship Ages 11-12
1043. Showmanship Ages 13-15
1044. Showmanship Ages 16 and over
1045. Jr. Champion and Reserve Champion Showman
(First place winners from classes 1041 and 1042)
1046. Sr. Champion and Reserve Champion Showman
(First place winners from classes 1043 and 1044)

SHOWMANSHIP SWEEPSTAKES

Champion and Reserve from classes 1045 and 1046 are to compete on an equal basis. Champion from this class will compete in the Small Animal Sweepstakes Showmanship contest.

Rule #1 Any exhibitor competing in junior and senior sweepstakes qualifying must allow their dogs to be used at the sweepstakes tournament even as an alternate.

Rule #2 If the sweepstake dogs are for any reason a concern for safety to other exhibitors or species you must notify the superintendent and may be required to muzzle during the sweepstakes tournament. If you choose not to muzzle your dog then you and your dog will not be allowed to participate in the small animal sweepstakes.

Rule #3 ALL NOTIFICATIONS MUST BE DONE BY THE END OF THE DOG SHOW DAY (NO EXCEPTIONS)
If you decline participation for any reason in the sweepstakes qualifying the day of the dog show, the superintendent will be responsible for determining the appropriate replacement of dog/dogs for the small animal sweepstakes.

SECTION 198 - BEST IN MATCH

Class
1047. It is presented to the exhibitor with the highest points from both their showmanship and obedience classes.

SECTION 199 – AGILITY

Ribbons
(Dogs must be at least 1 year old to do Agility)
(Must use either showmanship or obedience dog)
See rule # 10

Class
1048. Beginner Agility Ages 8-14
1049. Beginner Agility Ages 15-19
1050. Intermediate Agility Ages 8-14
1051. Intermediate Agility Ages 15-19

SECTION 200 - FUN CLASS

(Clover buds will show first under the obedience & showmanship classes)

Class
1052. Simon Says or Musical Hoops Ages 15-19 (alternating every other year)
1053. Simon Says or Musical Hoops Ages 8-14 (alternating every other year)
1054. Fun Class Team - 4 dogs & 4 handlers.
1055. Brace - 2 dogs & 1 handler.
For class 1054 & 1055: All team & braces exhibitors must be entered as a novice entry or higher to compete in these two fun classes as it is an on and off leash exercise.