

5. Dogs in obvious pain from a previous illness or injury shall not be shown. If a dog is injured at a show, that dog will be excused from the ring. Consideration of a dog's physical disability needs to be addressed between the handler and project leader before starting the project. A State-Fair-approved veterinarian or qualified veterinarian technician's decision on doubtful cases will be accepted as final.
6. No dog other than the County-qualified dog for the same class will be eligible to show or compete at State 4-H Dog Trials. Should any problem arise with the dog designated as the County-qualified dog, the Extension agent must be notified for any course of action.
7. **No substitutions of dogs will be permitted. Extenuating circumstances can be discussed between County 4-H agent and State 4-H Dog Trials General Superintendent.**
8. Any entered dogs must be at a minimum age of 6 months or older and with all necessary vaccinations. For the agility competition, foundation class registered dogs need to be 12 months or older and all other agility classes require a dog to be 15 months or older.

SHOWMANSHIP

SHOWMANSHIP CLASS DESCRIPTIONS & ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

A written Showmanship Test will be given to each contestant entered in Showmanship. **The exhibitor is responsible for taking this test during their scheduled testing time.** If an exhibitor does not take the test during their assigned testing time, then that portion of the Showmanship score sheet will result in a score of zero.

Qualifying FOR State 4-H Dog Trials: A Qualifying Score will be 170 points out of the possible 200 points.

Scores earned AT State 4-H Dog Trials: For all State 4-H Dog Trials, exhibitors with a qualifying score (170 or greater) for Intermediate or Senior Open placing 1st - 10th in their class **MUST** move up to Advanced Showmanship class (Intermediate or Senior) to be eligible to compete at the State 4-H Dog Trials in following years.

PLEASE REVIEW THE COLORADO STATE 4-H DOG LEVEL PROGRESSION CHART FOR CLARIFICATION ON CLASS PROGRESSION.

- **CLASS 500 Junior Novice Showmanship - 4 Entries per County**

- This class is for exhibitors who are 8 –10 years old as of December 31 of the previous year, are in their 1st year of participation in the project and have no prior experience with any other dog showing entity
- **CLASS 501 Junior Open Showmanship - 4 Entries per County**
 - This class is for exhibitors who are 8-10 years old as of December 31 of the previous year and have previous experience in Showmanship.
- **CLASS 502 Intermediate Novice Showmanship - 4 Entries per County**
 - This class is for exhibitors who are 11-13 years old as of December 31 of the previous year, are in their 1st year of participation in the project and have no prior experience with any other dog showing entity
- **CLASS 503 Intermediate Open Showmanship - 4 Entries per County**
 - This class is for exhibitors who are 11-13 years old as of December 31 of the previous year and have previous experience in Showmanship.
- **CLASS 504 Intermediate Advanced Showmanship - 4 Entries per County**
 - This class is for exhibitors who are 11-13 years of age as of December 31 of the previous year placing 1st thru 10th with a qualifying score in Intermediate Open at a previous State Dog Fair.
- **CLASS 505 Senior Novice Showmanship - 4 Entries per County**
 - This class is for exhibitors who are 14-18 years old as of December 31 of the previous year, are in their 1st year of participation in the project and have no prior experience with any other dog showing entity.
- **CLASS 506 Senior Open Showmanship - 4 Entries per County**
 - This class is for exhibitors who are 14-18 years old as of December 31 of the previous year and have previous experience in Showmanship
- **CLASS 507 Senior Advanced Showmanship - 4 Entries per County**
 - This class is for exhibitors who are 14-18 years of age as of December 31 of the previous year placing 1st thru 10th with a qualifying score in Senior Open at a previous State Dog Fair.

- **Class 508 Master Showman Class – Unlimited entries, if eligibility has been met**

- Intermediate and Senior Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Showmen from any previous State 4-H Dog Trials are required to enter the Master Showman class.
 - If the exhibitor is in the Intermediate age group, when they become a Senior (at age 14) they can either stay in the Master Showman class or move to the Senior Advanced class only.
 - If the exhibitor who has shown in Master Showman in past years should get a new dog, they may choose to either stay in the Master Showman class or to enter the Advanced class in whichever age division they belong in (Intermediate or Senior).
 - Once an exhibitor has won Grand Champion Master Showman, they are required to show in Master Showman for their remaining years as a 4-H exhibitor regardless of dog.
 - **Master Showman classes will be judged by three (3) separate judges.**

previous State Fair must show in Intermediate or Senior Advanced Classes for their remaining years in that age group.

- i. If an exhibitor who has shown in the Intermediate or Senior Advanced classes gets a new dog, they have the choice to either continue showing Advanced classes or move back to Open Class in their respective age groups. If the exhibitor chooses to move back to Open Class in their respective age group with a new dog, they must then qualify the new dog to move to the Advanced classes by placing in the top ten at State 4-H Dog Trials.
- B. An exhibitor who has moved up by age from either the Intermediate Open or Advanced class may choose to show in Senior Advanced by advice of their leader and taking into consideration the caliber of the exhibitor. Some reasons for choosing this move are:
 - i. The exhibitor placed Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion at a State 4-H Dog Trials in Intermediate Showmanship.
 - ii. The exhibitor has received Best Junior Handler awards from any national dog club.

SHOWMANSHIP GENERAL RULES

1. Junior, Intermediate and Senior Novice classes are for those exhibitors who are in their first year of Showmanship training and have no prior outside Showmanship experience as determined by the County. If prior experience is determined by the County, the exhibitor must move into Open class competition in his/her appropriate age group. The experience level of the dog is not taken into consideration for Showmanship class placement.
2. Showmanship Classes: Each County is limited to **four entries per class** for any Showmanship class for a total of 32 entries. There is no limit on entries for Master Showman, if eligibility has been met.
3. **Each exhibitor entered at the State 4-H Dog Trials must have earned a qualifying score of 170 or above at a 4-H dog show during the current project year.**
4. All exhibitors must have complied with each County's eligibility rules for State 4-H Dog Trials participation. Exhibitors must enter State 4-H Dog Trials in the same class in which they qualified at their County Level with the same dog in the same 4-H year. Exceptions are allowed under circumstances listed in dog eligibility section.
5. Rules governing Intermediate and Senior Advanced Showmanship
 - A. Any exhibitor who has placed in the top 10 (thus earning a qualifying score) in the Intermediate or Senior Open classes at any

GENERAL SHOWMANSHIP TIPS

1. A brush, comb and a drool rag will be allowed in the ring. No other equipment is permitted.
2. Depending on what you are wearing in the Showmanship ring, use proper kneeling etiquette. If you are in a skirt, it is best to kneel on both knees. If you are wearing pants, it would be appropriate to kneel on only one knee. See General Contest Rules for 4-H Dress Code.
3. Exhibitors with smaller breeds will be expected to show their dogs on a table. Judges will take into consideration the size and physical abilities of the handler. **For more information, please see the dog project manual "Dog Resource Handbook" from The Ohio State University.** A more complete list is available on the American Kennel Club website at www.akc.org.
4. If the exhibitor is showing a mixed-breed dog; they should determine what breed their dog most resembles and show in the manner of that breed. If you have a mixed breed dog, you can go to AKC website and look at different pictures of the breeds of dog to decide which breed your dog looks most like. **See the dog project manual "Dog Resource Handbook" from The Ohio State University.**

5. No dog tags should be on the dog when showing in the ring. Only the correct equipment for a Showmanship class should be used. It is very important that your dog wear tags always, except when in the show ring. See dog project manual "Dog Resource Handbook" from The Ohio State University.
6. A written Showmanship Test will take place outside the ring. This test will be proctored by trained volunteers or Superintendents in a separate area. Exhibitors will have an assigned Showmanship Test time during which they are able to complete their test. Exhibitors will have the choice of either answering these questions verbally or on paper if they need accommodations.
6. Showmanship score sheets can be reviewed at <http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/state-fair-information/contest-score-sheets/>
7. During the Showmanship class each area of judging will be judged throughout the entire class. The score will reflect the exhibitor's ability to perform these items throughout the class, and not just one time. For example: the dog should be stacked (either hand stacked or free stacked) upon entering the ring, during the exam, after the pattern, and any time they are in the line-up. The "set-up" score will reflect these times when the dog is stacked.

OBEDIENCE

OBEDIENCE GENERAL RULES

1. All 4-H Obedience classes will be patterned after the latest AKC Obedience guidelines whenever possible, except that dog registry with AKC is not required. Some exercises and rules may have been adapted from AKC to better serve the 4-H youth in this program.
2. In all Obedience classes, ten points will be deducted for the following: strong correcting, disciplining, excessive barking, leaving the ring, rules violation or showing fear.
3. In all Obedience classes, fouling the ring will be a 15-point deduction. The member will be allowed to finish their run.
4. Handlers entered in B classes will be judged at a higher skill level (handler errors) than handlers entered in A classes.
5. Allowed collars in Obedience classes include: Flat or rolled leather with buckle or snap closure. Flat or rolled nylon collars with buckle or snap closure. Metal choke chain. No halties, gentle

leaders, harnesses, or pinch collars will be allowed in the show ring. Collars and leads must be 2 separate pieces. Slip leads are not allowed.

6. The length of your Obedience leash should be six feet for Beginner Novice & Novice classes.
7. No dog tags can be on the dog when showing in the ring. This includes name tags, rabies tags, or anything else that hangs from the dog's collar. It is very important that your dog wear tags always, except when in the show ring. See dog project manual "Dog Resource Handbook" from The Ohio State University. (Please note the difference between training equipment and show equipment.)
8. If an exhibitor has two dogs in the same class, they must choose one dog for the group exercises. The other dog must be handled by a currently enrolled 4-H exhibitor for the group sits and downs.
9. Each County may qualify exhibitors for State 4-H Dog Trials Obedience classes by a selection procedure most appropriate to its own County program in compliance with the Dog Level Progression Chart and eligibility requirements. Qualification at this 'County Level' could require a qualifying score at County Fair or, if allowed by the County, earning a qualifying score at a 4-H Dog Show.
10. The best way to check what is expected in the various classes is to check out the score sheet posted on the Colorado State 4-H website: <http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/state-fair-information/contest-score-sheets/>
11. Exhibitors qualifying in an Obedience class at County Level, regardless if they attend State 4-H Dog Trials, are strongly recommended to move to the next appropriate class the following year (see State Class Progressions Chart).
12. Exhibitors may choose to enroll in a higher Obedience class than what is directed by the Dog Level Progression Chart with the approval of the County Dog Superintendent.

OBEDIENCE CLASS DESCRIPTION & ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

PLEASE REVIEW THE COLORADO STATE 4-H DOG LEVEL PROGRESSION CHART FOR CLARIFICATION ON CLASS PROGRESSION.

A dog with any other Obedience title from any national dog association (AKC, UKC, CKC, ASCA, etc.) is disqualified from entering the class for which the degree was awarded, or any lower class, except if

that title was won less than four months before the State 4-H Dog Trials. Please refer to the Dog Eligibility Rules for more information.

- **CLASS 509 Puppy Class**
 - This class is available at the County Level but is not available at the State 4-H Dog Trials. You can also see a further description of this class in the Dog Level Progression Chart.

BEGINNER NOVICE OBEDIENCE DIVISION

- **CLASS 510 Beginner Novice A - 4 Entries per County**
 - This class is open only to exhibitors and their dogs in their first year of dog Obedience training work. Dogs that receive a qualifying score in Beginner Novice A (BNA) are eligible to compete in Beginner Novice B (BNB) the following year at State 4-H Dog Trials.
- **CLASS 511 Beginner Novice B – 4 Entries per County**
 - This class is open only to second or higher year of Beginner Novice training and must be the same exhibitor and dog team that showed at BNA the previous year.
- **CLASS 512 Beginner Novice C-1 – 4 Entries per County**
 - This class is open to first-year project exhibitors with an experienced/trained/titled dog OR an experienced handler with a new dog. ALL Beginner Novice C-1 (BNC-1) exhibitors can move with the same dog to the Beginner Novice C-2 (BNC-2) class in their 2nd year.
- **CLASS 513 Beginner Novice C-2 – 4 Entries per County**
 - This class is open only to second or higher year of Beginner Novice training and must be the same exhibitor and dog team that showed at BNC-1 the previous year.

NOVICE OBEDIENCE DIVISION

- **CLASS 514 Novice A – 4 Entries per County**
 - This class is open to exhibitors with no prior experience in Novice Obedience Dog Training.
- **CLASS 515 Novice B – 4 Entries per County**
 - This class is open to experienced exhibitors in their second year or above of Novice Obedience Training who did not earn a qualifying score in Novice A Obedience.

GRADUATE NOVICE OBEDIENCE DIVISION

- **CLASS 516 Pre-Graduate Novice A – 4 Entries per County**
 - This class is open to exhibitors with no prior experience in Pre-Graduate Novice Training.
- **CLASS 517 Pre-Graduate Novice B – 4 Entries per County**
 - This class is open only to second or higher year of Pre-Graduate Novice training who did not earn a qualifying score in Pre-Graduate Novice A.
- **CLASS 518 Graduate Novice A – Unlimited Entries per County**
 - This class is for exhibitors in their 1st year of Graduate Novice Class training
- **CLASS 519 Graduate Novice B – Unlimited Entries per County**
 - This class is for exhibitors in their 2nd or higher year of Grad Novice training OR for members who did not earn a qualifying score in Graduate Novice A. Exhibitor may stay in this class until ready to move up to Open Obedience regardless of whether a qualifying score is earned in Graduate Novice B.

ADVANCED OBEDIENCE DIVISION

- **CLASS 520 Open A – Unlimited Entries per County**
 - This class is for exhibitors in their first year of Open Obedience Training.
- **CLASS 521 Open B – Unlimited Entries per County**
 - This class is open only to second or higher year of Open Obedience training OR for exhibitors who did not earn a qualifying score in Open A. Exhibitor and Dog teams may stay in this class until ready to move up to Graduate Open Obedience regardless of whether a qualifying score is earned in Open B.
- **CLASS 522 Graduate Open A – Unlimited Entries per County**
 - This class is for exhibitors in their first year of Graduate Open Obedience Training.
- **CLASS 523 Graduate Open B – Unlimited Entries per County**
 - This class is open only to second or higher year of Graduate Open Obedience training OR for exhibitors who did not earn a qualifying score in Graduate Open A. Exhibitor and Dog teams may stay in this class until ready to move up to Utility Obedience regardless of whether a

qualifying score is earned in Graduate Open B.

- **CLASS 524 Utility A – Unlimited Entries per County**
 - This class is for exhibitors in their first year of Utility Obedience Training.
- **CLASS 525 Utility B – Unlimited Entries per County**
 - This class is open only to second or higher year of Utility Obedience training OR for exhibitors who did not earn a qualifying score in Utility A. Exhibitor and Dog teams may stay in this class for the remainder of their 4-H years.

VETERANS OBEDIENCE DIVISION

1. The Veteran Obedience Division is an optional Division for any dog **7 years old or over** who may no longer be able to jump the standard regulation height due to age, injury, joint issues, comfort, etc.
2. Veteran Obedience Division dogs will be required to jump $\frac{1}{2}$ of their regulation jump height. They will be required to perform all exercises in their class; jump height will be the only difference from the regular class (refer to the Regulation Jump Height chart below).
3. Once a veteran dog can no longer jump at least $\frac{1}{2}$ their regulation jump height they must be moved to a veteran class that does not require jumping. They will be judged at $\frac{1}{2}$ their regulation jump height.
4. Dogs shown as a Veteran are eligible for Champion and Reserve Champion in each class in the Veteran's Division and a Grand and Reserve Grand overall will be awarded to the highest scoring dogs in the Veteran's Division.
 - A. It is the choice of the exhibitor, the exhibitor's parent, and the exhibitor's trainer and veterinarian as to giving a dog Veteran's designation.
 - B. Veteran dogs will compete in the Obedience class the exhibitor chooses, from Novice up through Utility.
 - C. A veteran dog may change Obedience classes in either direction each year as their health determines.
5. Veterans Obedience Division Scores will be calculated as follows
 - A. Novice: judge's score
 - B. Pre-Grad-Novice: judge's score plus 3 points
 - C. Grad Novice: judge's score plus 6 points
 - D. Open: judge's score plus 9 points
 - E. Grad Open: judge's score plus 12 points

F. Utility: judge's score plus 15 points

6. If a dog is entered as a Veteran during a project year, they may go back to regular Obedience the following year; however, they must go back to the level they would have been competing at before they moved to veterans.
- **CLASS 526 Novice Veterans – 4 Entries per County**
 - **CLASS 527 Pre-Graduate Novice Veterans – 4 Entries per County**
 - **CLASS 528 Graduate Novice Veterans – Unlimited Entries per County**
 - **CLASS 529 Open Veterans – Unlimited Entries per County**
 - **CLASS 530 Graduate Open Veterans – Unlimited Entries per County**
 - **CLASS 531 Utility Veterans – Unlimited Entries per County**

OBEDIENCE JUMP INFORMATION

1. There are 3 types of jumps that may be used in Obedience classes: the Bar Jump, the High Jump and the Broad Jump. The dog must jump their regulation height and width for their class. The Broad Jump will cover a distance equal to **twice** the standard height of the High or Bar Jump setting. For the Broad Jump the correct number of boards must be used for the width being jumped. Refer to the chart for proper jump regulations.
 - a. Broad Jump Distances:
 - i. Four boards are used for 48-72 inches
 - ii. Three boards are used for 28-44 inches
 - iii. Two boards are used for 16-24 inches
- When decreasing the number of boards in the Broad Jump, the tallest hurdle is removed first.
2. **Breed Exceptions – Jumps:** Some breeds, because of their conformation, have exceptions granted for their jump heights. Please check the AKC Website under the Obedience rules for the current chart of exceptions of breeds for these jumps. The website for AKC is: www.akc.org
 3. Standard Obedience Jump Heights for the High and Bar Jumps

Standard Jump Height Table	
Measured height of dog at withers	Minimum height to be jumped
Less than 7½"	4"
7½" to 9"	8"
Greater than 9" up to 11"	10"
Greater than 11" up to 13"	12"
Greater than 13" up to 15"	14"
Greater than 15" up to 17"	16"
Greater than 17" up to 19"	18"
Greater than 19" up to 21"	20"
Greater than 21" up to 23"	22"
Greater than 23" up to 25"	24"
Greater than 25" up to 27"	26"
Greater than 27" up to 29"	28"
Greater than 29" up to 31"	30"
Greater than 31" up to 33"	32"
Greater than 33" up to 35"	34"
Greater than 35" up to 37"	36"
Greater than 37"	36"

Source: <https://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RO2999.pdf>



RALLY

Saturday: Rally Intermediate, Advanced, Excellent, Advanced/Excellent and Masters; Rally Team Classes

Sunday: Rally Novice Classes

RALLY GENERAL RULES

All 4-H Rally classes will be patterned after the latest AKC Obedience guidelines whenever possible, except that dog registry with AKC is not required. Some exercises and rules may have been adapted from AKC to better serve the exhibitors of this program.

There are no classes for veteran dogs in Rally. All dogs MUST be able to perform the required items.

1. In all classes a **15-point deduction** will be administered in the Rally classes for the following: strong correcting, disciplining, excessive barking, fouling the ring, consistently tight lead, knocking over a jump, or a sign not attempted by a handler.
2. Handlers entered in B classes will be judged at a higher skill level (handler errors) than handlers entered in A classes.

3. Allowed collars in Rally classes include: Flat or rolled leather with buckle or snap closure. Flat or rolled nylon collars with buckle or snap closure. Metal choke chain. No halties, gentle leaders, harnesses, or pinch collars will be allowed in the show ring. Collars and leads must be 2 separate pieces. Slip leads are not allowed.
4. No dog tags can be on the dog when showing in the ring. This includes name tags, rabies tag, or anything else that hangs from the dog's collar. It is very important that your dog wear tags always except when in the show ring.
2. All jump heights will conform with current (as of **January 2022** rules and regulations) AKC Rally height and broad jump recommendations. The standard AKC jump requirements for Rally are as follows:

HEIGHT OF DOG AT WITHERS	HIGH OR BAR JUMP HEIGHT TO BE JUMPED	BROAD JUMP DISTANCE TO BE JUMPED
Less than 10 inches	4 inches	8 inches (1 board)
10 inches to less than 15 inches	8 inches	16 inches (2 boards)
15 inches to less than 20 inches	12 inches	24 inches (2 boards)
20 inches and over	16 inches	32 inches (3 boards)

4. Each exhibitor will be allowed only one run in each class with the dog who has qualified for that class.
5. Walk-throughs will be announced. Exhibitors will not be allowed to walk through the pattern at any time other than the official walk-through time. **Exceptions may be made at the judges' discretion due to scheduling conflicts.**
6. **Please refer to the Colorado State 4-H Dog Project Rally Obedience Rules and Regulations for Exhibitors, Judges and Stewards for complete information.**
7. Each County may qualify exhibitors for State 4-H Dog Trials for Rally classes by a selection procedure most appropriate to its own County program in compliance with the Dog Level Progression Chart and eligibility requirements. Qualifications at this 'County Level' could require a qualifying score at County Fair or, if allowed by the County, earning a qualifying score at a 4-H Dog Show.

8. Exhibitors qualifying in a Rally class at County Level, regardless if they attend State 4-H Dog Trials, are strongly recommended to move to the next appropriate class the following year (see State Class Progressions Chart).
9. Exhibitors may choose to enroll in a higher Rally class than what is directed by the Dog Level Progression Chart with the approval of the County Dog Superintendent.

they have obtained a qualifying score in Rally Intermediate.

RALLY CLASS DESCRIPTIONS & ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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A dog with any other Rally title from any national dog association (AKC, UKC, CKC, ASCA, etc.) is disqualified from entering the class for which the degree was awarded, or any lower class, except if that title was won less than four months before the State 4-H Dog Trials. Please refer to the Dog Eligibility Rules for more information.

- **CLASS 532 Rally Novice A – 4 Entries per County**
 - This class is for exhibitor and dog teams in their first year of Rally training. Exhibitor and dog teams may only compete in Rally Novice A for one year. An experienced handler who is starting a new dog should enter the Rally Novice B class.
- **CLASS 533 Rally Novice B – 4 Entries per County**
 - This class is for any exhibitor and dog teams in their second year or above of Rally training who have not received a qualifying score in Rally Novice A OR who are starting a new dog that has never competed in Rally. Exhibitors can compete in this class until they have obtained a qualifying score.
- **CLASS 534 Rally Intermediate A – 4 Entries per County**
 - This class is for exhibitor and dog teams in their first year of Intermediate Rally training who have not received a qualifying score in Intermediate Rally. A member may only compete in this class for one year with the same dog.
- **CLASS 535 Rally Intermediate B Class – 4 Entries per County**
 - This class is for any exhibitor and dog teams in their second year or above of Rally Intermediate training who have not received a qualifying score in Rally Intermediate. Exhibitors can compete in this class until

- **CLASS 536 Rally Advanced A Class – 4 Entries per County**
 - This class is for exhibitor and dog teams in their first year of Advanced Rally training who have not received a qualifying score in Advanced Rally. Exhibitor and dog teams may only compete in this class for one year with the same dog.
- **CLASS 537 Rally Advanced B Class – 4 Entries per County**
 - This class is for any exhibitor and dog teams in their second year or above of Rally Advanced training who have not received a qualifying score in Rally Advanced. Exhibitors can compete in this class until they have obtained a qualifying score in Rally Advanced.
- **CLASS 538 Rally Excellent A Class – 4 Entries per County**
 - This class is for exhibitor and dog teams in their first year of Excellent Rally training who have not received a qualifying score in Excellent Rally. Exhibitor and dog teams may only compete in this class for one year with the same dog.
- **CLASS 539 Rally Excellent B Class – 4 Entries per County**
 - This class is for any exhibitor and dog teams in their second year or above of Rally Excellent training who have not received a qualifying score in Rally Excellent. Exhibitors can compete in this class until they have obtained a qualifying score in Rally Excellent.
- **CLASS 540 Rally Advanced/Excellent A – 4 Entries per County**
 - This class is for exhibitor and dog teams in their first year of Advanced/Excellent Rally training who have not received a qualifying score in Advanced/Excellent Rally. Exhibitor and dog teams may only compete in this class for one year with the same dog.
- **CLASS 541 Rally Advanced/Excellent B – 4 Entries per County**
 - This class is for any exhibitor and dog teams in their second year or above of Rally Advanced/Excellent training who have not received a qualifying score in Rally Advanced/Excellent. Exhibitor and dog teams can compete in this class until they have obtained a qualifying score in Rally Advanced. Exhibitor and dog teams may

continue to compete in this class for their remaining years in the program.

For Rally Masters: It is optional for exhibitor and dog teams to move up to Masters after Rally Advanced/Excellent. However, once the exhibitor and dog team has shown in Rally Masters at the State 4-H Dog Trials, that exhibitor and dog team is no longer eligible to compete in a lower level.

- **CLASS 542 Rally Masters A – Unlimited Entries per County**

- This class is optional for any exhibitor and dog teams in their first year of Rally Masters training. Exhibitor and dog teams need to qualify in the Master's class at the County Level to compete in this class at the State 4-H Dog Trials.

- **CLASS 543 Rally Masters B – Unlimited Entries per County**

- This class is optional for any exhibitor and dog teams in their second year or above in Rally Masters training. Exhibitor and dog teams may continue to compete in this class for their remaining years in the program.

- **CLASS 544 Team Rally – 2 Team Entries per County**

1. Counties may enter up to two teams of four exhibitor and dog teams. Counties need to enter each exhibitor and dog team separately and specify in the description what team they will be on. Example: Entry: Sadie Smith; Dog name: Lucky; Description: Boulder Team 1
2. **The dog that is entered with each youth for the team is the only dog that the youth can use for this class. If the entered dog is not available, then the alternate youth and dog team will be used.**
3. Counties may put together teams as they deem fit. But the teams must be entered in 4HOnline by the State 4-H Dog Trials entry deadline.
4. **If a County does not have four exhibitors to complete a Rally Team, but still has exhibitors that want to enter Team Rally, it will be the responsibility of the County to find extra exhibitors and get them entered correctly. State 4-H Dog Trials Superintendents will no longer build teams on site.**
5. Only one dog per exhibitor on a team.

6. Only exhibitors who have competed at the **INTERMEDIATE LEVEL or ABOVE** may be entered on a Rally Team. Exhibitors who have only competed as a Rally Novice or who have never competed in Rally are not eligible for a Rally Team.
7. Five dogs may be entered, one to be considered an alternate.
8. Alternate exhibitor and dog team is an exhibitor and dog team that is a back-up for any one of the four actual performing dogs that, for any reason, cannot perform. Alternate exhibitor and dog teams will only be allowed to compete for the team they are assigned as an alternate. Alternates will not be used to create more teams.
9. If an alternate exhibitor and dog team is to be used, the ring stewards and judge must be notified which exhibitor and dog team is being switched out for the alternate 15 minutes before the teams start so that the score sheet can reflect the change.
10. No dog may be used on more than one team.
11. Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons will be awarded to the top two winning teams.
12. Total team scores will be determined by the four exhibitor's individual (alternate's score to be counted if he/she was properly entered as a substitute).
13. If a County already has the two teams filled, they cannot enter any more exhibitors.

Team Rally is for any 4-H exhibitor who is interested in competing in Rally as a team. Teams will compete against each other for the highest score as a whole team. The total possible score in team Rally is 400. If there is a tie, the tie will be broken by the team with the quickest time. All team exhibitors will run the course individually, with the team time running continuously. Time will start when the judge gives the first exhibitor of the team the forward command from the "Start" sign. The subsequent dog for each team starts when the previous handler for the team passes the "Finish" sign without an additional command of "Forward" by the judge. Timing for each team will begin when the judge commands the first handler in the team to begin with the command "Forward" and will stop when the fourth handler from the team passes the finish line.