

Quick Guide To Classes for 4-H and FFA Dog Shows

This is no way replaces the complete rule book. Please refer to the complete San Diego County Dog Show rules on the San Diego County Dog Advisory Facebook page

Dog Rules Obedience:

B.6 ADDITIONAL OBEDIENCE GOALS: Graduate Novice

Dogs may compete in this class until the leader feels the member is ready for the next class, which is Open. A qualifying score will be 170 points or better with at least one-half of the points in each exercise.

Dog rules Obedience:

NOVICE B

Class is for handlers who have received three qualifying scores in Novice A on one dog & are handling their next dog. A 4H member who, with their project dog, is actively competing or has earned at least one leg toward an AKC (or other qualified competition venue) Companion Dog (or its equivalent) title, may compete in the Novice classes without first competing in the Beginning Novice Classes.

Dog Rules: obedience

NOVICE A

Handlers show in this class until receiving three qualifying scores on first dog. Qualifying scores from Novice A carry over into the next year. Thus, any combination of three qualifying scores will move the member to Graduate Novice.

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NOVICE B

Class is for handlers who have received three qualifying scores in Novice A on one dog & are handling their next dog. A 4H member who, with their project dog, is actively competing or has earned at least one leg toward an AKC (or other qualified competition venue) Companion Dog (or its equivalent) title, may compete in the Novice classes without first competing in the Beginning Novice Classes.

Beginning Novice B no returning exhibitor will move out of this category.

Dog Rules:

Obedience

B.3.2 BEGINNING NOVICE B

For experienced handlers with experienced and/or inexperienced dogs is required. Examples:

1. A member whose dog has not received three qualifying scores in Beginning Novice A during the first year or
2. A member who has trained a dog previously & starting with a new dog

B.3.3 SCORING FOR BEGINNING NOVICE A & B

A qualifying score will be a score of 170 points or more with more than half of the points in each exercise. Three qualifying scores are required to move to the Novice class.

Beginning Novice A we have many who showed this year. Returning exhibitors will now move up to Beginning Novice B as the Novice A class is for first year exhibitors. No one received 3 qualifying scores so all will go to Beginning novice B.

BEGINNING NOVICE A IS A CLASS FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER SHOWING OBEDIENCE!!!!

Dog Rules Obedience:

B.3.1 BEGINNING NOVICE A

For the first year member with a dog they have started to train. If a member receives three qualifying scores, they move to Novice A. If, during their first year of showing they do not receive three qualifying scores, they move to Beginning Novice B. Qualifying scores from Beginning Novice A carry

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1. Heel on Leash
 2. Figure Eight
 3. Stand for Examination
 4. Recall
 5. Long Sit
 6. Long Down
- Maximum Total Score
45 points 25 points 30 points 40 points 30 points
30 points 200 points

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over into the next year. Thus, any combination of three qualifying scores from A & B will move the member to Novice).

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Dog Rules Obedience:

B.2.1 BEGINNING NOVICE A & B

1. A qualifying score is required for county points.
2. Qualifying scores are 170 Points or more out of 200, with at least 50% of the points in each exercise.
3. A handler may exhibit more than one dog and acquire points on each dog.
4. Qualifying scores towards titles carry over from one year to the next.
5. A member shows in Novice until he/she has won three first places (with qualifying scores) in point shows or a county medal.
6. A handler/dog team will only move up at the beginning of a competitive year, not during it.

Dog Rules Obedience:

B.1 EXPLANATION OF OBEDIENCE CLASS NAMES

Beginning Novice A First Year, First Dog

Beginning Novice B is for second or more years or second dog. Junior, Intermediate, Senior refer to the contestants age range

We can't announce names here on the Facebook page but I will give you numbers as to how many exhibitors move up in categories. Remember in showmanship points are on the HANDLER not handler/dog team.

NOVICE

Junior we have one person moving up with 3 first places with qualifying score. Eligible for county medal. This medal won't count next year. Handler will remain in open A until winning a county medal twice in open A.

Intermediate we have no one moving up.

Senior we have no one moving up

OPEN A

Junior we have no one that showed in this class.

Intermediate we have one person who has qualified to win a county medal. It takes two county medals to move up. As of this time we have no one moving up to masters from this group.

Sr. we have no one moving up.

Showmanship

PRIMARY

None or minimal experience with handling dogs in showmanship is required. 4H members are eligible for this class in the ages of kindergarten to 3rd grade. No class placements are made at the Primary level; it is a participation only class.

NOVICE

None or minimal experience with handling dogs in showmanship is required. Handler moves to next class after three first places with qualifying scores in point shows or after winning a county medal.

OPEN A

Has showed a dog in Novice and won three first places with qualifying scores or a county medal. Handler remains in this class until winning a county medal twice, and then moves to Master Showmanship.

OPEN B

Any handler may show a second dog in this class. Novice, Open A, and Master Showman may compete in this class.

MASTER

Handler moves into this class after winning a county medal twice in the Open A class.

A 4H member who is actively competing in Junior Showmanship and has earned three first placements in Novice Classes at AKC (or other qualified competition venues) and currently competing in Open Showmanship classes may compete in the 4H Open Classes.

1. Once a handler moves to a more advanced class, they may not return to a lower level with that same dog.
2. Novice and Open A are each offered in three age categories (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior).
3. Open B and Master Classes will have no age categories.

Dog Rule Showmanship:

A.4 SCORING RULES

1. A non-qualifying scores will win placement ribbons, although a qualifying score is necessary to earn County Points.
2. Any member who has won two county medals in Open Showmanship A shall move to the Master class.
3. Once a member moves up to a new class within an event, he/she may not revert back to the previous class with that same dog.
4. Entries in the Showmanship Open B class are not eligible for Showmanship High Point awards.

FFA RULES

WHEN OFFERED THERE ARE SPECIAL FFA CLASSES FOR EXHIBITORS FROM THE FFA PROGRAM

NOVICE FFA IS FOR AN EXHIBITOR WHO HAS NEVER SHOWN ANY TYPE OF ANIMAL BEFORE IN FFA.

ADVANCED FFA IS FOR ANY EXHIBITOR WHO HAS SHOWN ANY TYPE OF ANIMAL IN ANY CATEGORY AT ANYTIME IN FFA. ALL FFA EXHIBITORS MUST GO INTO THIS CATEGORY AFTER SHOWING ANY ANIMAL IN ANY CATEGORIES.

FFA EXHIBITORS DO NOT COMPETE WITH 4-H EXHIBITORS IN THE SAME CLASS AT THE DOG SHOW.