



**Colorado 4-H Dog Level Progression Chart
4-H Dog Obedience Class Placement***

Division	Class Name	Class Registration Eligibility	Class Registration Progression
Puppy Division	Puppy Class	<p>*NOT A STATE 4-H DOG TRIALS CLASS BUT HIGHLY ENCOURAGED IN COUNTIES*</p> <p>For puppies or dogs which are not ready for regular obedience classes. The purpose of this class will be to introduce obedience commands to a puppy/dog without the stress of perfection seen in regular obedience classes. This class will introduce the puppy/dog to dog shows in a positive manner, thus setting the puppy/dog up for a lifetime of enjoyment in the show ring.</p>	<p>After one year of showing in the Puppy Obedience Class: If the member was in their 1st year of obedience training, the team moves into Beginner Novice A Obedience, if the member was in their 2nd year or higher of obedience training, the team moves to Beginner Novice C-1st Obedience</p>
Beginner Novice Division	Beginner Novice A	This class is open only to exhibitors and their dogs in their first year of dog Obedience training work.	ALL Beginner Novice A (BNA) exhibitors MUST move with the same dog to the Beginner Novice B (BNB) class in their 2nd year to be eligible for State 4-H Dog Trials.
	Beginner Novice B	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 in BNA or BNB the previous year.	Exhibitor and Dog teams may stay in this class until they receive a qualifying score at County Level ¹ or State 4-H Dog Trials. Once a dog has received a qualifying score at State 4-H Dog Trials they MUST move to Novice A to be eligible for State 4-H Dog Trials.
	Beginner Novice C-1	This class is open to first-year project exhibitors with an experienced/trained/titled dog OR an experienced handler with new dog.	ALL Beginner Novice C-1 (BNC-1) exhibitors MUST move with the same dog to the Beginner Novice C-2 (BNC-2) class in their 2nd year to be eligible for State 4-H Dog Trials.
	Beginner Novice C-2	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 or BNC-2 the previous year.	Exhibitor and Dog teams may stay at this level until they receive a qualifying score at County Level ¹ or State 4-H Dog Trials. Once a dog has received a qualifying score at State 4-H Dog Trials they MUST move to Novice A to be eligible for State 4-H Dog Trials.
Novice Division	Novice A	<p>This class is open to exhibitors in their 1st year of Novice training with no prior experience in Novice Obedience Dog training.</p> <p>Exhibitor and dog teams are encouraged to enter this class after successful completion of the Beginner Novice Division OR with approval of their County Dog Superintendents.</p>	<p>Exhibitor and dog teams can only stay in this class for 1 year.</p> <p>Once the team earns a qualifying score at the County Level¹ or State 4-H Dog Trials they MUST move to Pre-Graduate Novice A class (or higher level with approval of their County Dog Superintendent) to be eligible for State 4-H Dog Trials.</p> <p>If the team does not earn a qualifying score, the team MUST move to Novice B to be eligible for State 4-H Dog Trials.</p>
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Novice Division Continued	Novice B	This class is open to experienced exhibitor and dog teams in their second year or above of Novice Obedience training who did not earn a qualifying score in Novice A Obedience.	Exhibitor and dog teams can only stay in this class until they receive a qualifying score at County Level ¹ or State 4-H Dog Trials. Once a dog has received a qualifying score at State 4-H Dog Trials they MUST move to Pre-Graduate Novice A (or higher level with approval of their County Dog Superintendent) to be eligible for State 4-H Dog Trials.
Graduate Novice Division	Pre-Grad Novice A	This class is open to exhibitors in their 1st year of Pre-Graduate Obedience training with no prior experience in Pre-Graduate Obedience training. Exhibitor and dog teams are encouraged to enter this class after successful completion of the Novice Division OR with approval of their County Dog Superintendents.	Exhibitor and dog teams can only stay in this class for 1 year. Once the team earns a qualifying score at the County Level ¹ or State 4-H Dog Trials they MUST move to Graduate Novice A (or higher level with approval of their County Dog Superintendent) to be eligible for State 4-H Dog Trials. If the team does not earn a qualifying score, the team MUST move to Pre-Graduate Novice B to be eligible for State 4-H Dog Trials.
	Pre-Grad Novice B	This class is open to experienced exhibitor and dog teams in their second year or above of Pre-Grad Obedience training who did not earn a qualifying score in Pre-Grad Novice-A Obedience.	Exhibitor and dog teams can only stay in this class until they receive a qualifying score at County Level or State 4-H Dog Trials. Once a dog has received a qualifying score at State 4-H Dog Trials they MUST move to Graduate Novice A (or higher level with approval of their County Dog Superintendent) to be eligible for State 4-H Dog Trials.
	Graduate Novice A	This class is open to exhibitors in their 1st year of Graduate Novice Obedience training with no prior experience in Graduate Novice Obedience training. Exhibitor and dog teams are encouraged to enter after successful completion of the Pre-Grad Novice Classes or receive approval of their County Dog Superintendents.	Exhibitor and dog teams can only stay in this class for 1 year. After their first year the team MUST move to Graduate Novice B or higher to be eligible for State 4-H Dog Trials.
	Graduate Novice B	This class is open to experienced exhibitor and dog teams in their second year or above of Graduate Novice Obedience training OR those who did not earn a qualifying score in Graduate Novice A.	Exhibitor and dog teams 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 Division	Open A	This class is open to exhibitors in their 1st year of Open Obedience training with no prior experience in Open Obedience training. Exhibitor and dog teams are encouraged to enter after successful completion of the Graduate Novice Classes or receive approval of their County Dog Superintendents.	Exhibitor and dog teams can only stay in this class for 1 year. After their first year the team MUST move to Open B or higher to be eligible for State 4-H Dog Trials.
	Open B	This class is open to experienced exhibitor and dog teams in their second year or above of Open Obedience training OR those 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 A Obedience regardless of whether a qualifying score is earned in Open B.

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Advanced Division Continued	Graduate Open A	This class is open to exhibitors in their 1st year of Graduate Open Obedience training with no prior experience in Graduate Open Obedience training. Exhibitor and dog teams are encouraged to enter after successful	Exhibitor and dog teams can only stay in this class for 1 year. After their first year the team MUST move to Graduate Open B or higher to be eligible for State 4-H Dog Trials.

		completion of the Open Classes or receive approval of their County Dog Superintendents.	
	Graduate Open B	This class is open to experienced exhibitor and dog teams in their second year or above of Graduate Open Obedience training OR those 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 A Obedience regardless of whether a qualifying score is earned in Graduate Open B.
	Utility A	This class is open to exhibitors in their 1st year of Utility Obedience training with no prior experience in Utility Obedience training. Exhibitor and dog teams are encouraged to enter after successful completion of the Graduate Open Classes or receive approval of their County Dog Superintendents.	Exhibitor and dog teams can only stay in this class for 1 year. After their first year the team MUST move to Utility B to be eligible for State 4-H Dog Trials.
	Utility B	This class is open to experienced exhibitor and dog teams in their second year or above of Utility Obedience training OR those who did not earn a qualifying score in Utility A.	Exhibitor and dog teams can stay in this level for the remainder of years in the 4-H dog project.
Veterans Division	Novice-Utility	<u>Optional</u> level for Dogs 7 years or older who can no longer jump the full heights required by regular Novice through Utility Obedience classes. Approval of their County Dog Superintendent is required.	Veteran dogs will compete at the Obedience level the member chooses, from Novice up through Utility Obedience. A veteran dog may change Obedience levels in either direction each year as their health determines. Once a veteran dog can no longer jump at least ½ their regulation jump height they must be moved to a class that does not require jumping. Veteran dogs cannot compete against regular Obedience classes for awards at State 4-H Dog Trials. See State Dog Contest Rules for additional details.
¹ Qualification at the "County Level" means earning a qualifying score at County Fair or, if allowed by the County, earning a qualifying score at a 4-H Fun Match.			
* 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.			
** If a member earns an equivalent title (AKC, UKC, etc.) <u>MORE than 4 months</u> prior to State Dog Trials, they are disqualified from competing in that same level at State Fair. They may still compete at the level if the title is received <u>LESS than 4 months</u> prior to State Fair.			
*** Counties are encouraged to follow the 4-H State Dog Trails rules as closely as possible. Please note that some counties may have different requirements and it is important that exhibitors learn both their county and state rules to ensure success in qualifying for 4-H State Dog Trail Fair. Counties have the discretion for class placement. However, 4-H State Dog Trial rules may prohibit eligibility for 4-H State Dog Trial entry.			

For 2021 ONLY Due to circumstances of the COVID-19 in 2020, exhibitors will have the option to repeat the Obedience class shown in for 2020.