

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>	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 Pre-Beginner Novice A Obedience, if the member was in their 2nd year or higher of obedience training, the team moves to Pre-Beginner Novice B Obedience
Beginner Novice Division	Pre-Beginner Novice A	This class is only open to exhibitors and dogs in their first year of Pre-Beginner Novice training with no prior experience in Pre-Beginner Novice training.	Exhibitors and their dog can only compete in this class for 1 year. After their first year, the team MUST move Pre-Beginner Novice B or higher to be eligible for State 4-H Dog Trials the following year.
	Pre-Beginner Novice B	This class is open to exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Pre-Beginner Novice A. Handlers with prior Pre-Beginner Novice experience who are showing a new dog, or new handlers showing an experienced Pre-Beginner Novice dog should also enter the B class.	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 County Level or State 4-H Dog Trials, they MUST move to Beginner Novice A or higher to be eligible for State 4-H Dog Trials the following year.
	Beginner Novice A	This class is only open to exhibitors and dogs in their first year of Beginner Novice training with no prior experience in Beginner Novice training.	Exhibitors can only compete in this class for 1 year. After their first year, the team MUST move to Beginner Novice B or higher to be eligible for State 4-H Dog Trials the following year.
	Beginner Novice B	This class is open to exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Beginner Novice A. Handlers with prior Beginner Novice experience who are showing a new dog, or new handlers showing an experienced Beginner Novice dog should also enter the B class.	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 County Level or State 4-H Dog Trials, they MUST move to Novice A or higher to be eligible for State 4-H Dog Trials the following year.

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Novice Division	Novice A	<p>This class is only open to exhibitors and dogs in their first year of Novice training with no prior experience in Novice training.</p> <p>Exhibitor and dog teams are encouraged to enter this class only after successful completion of the Beginner Novice Division OR with approval of their County Dog Superintendents.</p>	<p>Exhibitors can only compete in this class for 1 year.</p> <p>After their first year, the team MUST move to Novice B or higher to be eligible for State 4-H Dog Trials the following year.</p>
	Novice B	<p>This class is open to exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Novice A. Handlers with prior Novice experience who are showing a new dog, or new handlers showing an experienced Novice dog should also enter the B class.</p>	<p>Exhibitor and dog teams can only stay in this class until they receive a qualifying score at County Level¹ or State 4-H Dog Trials. Once a dog has received a qualifying score at County Level or 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 the following year.</p>
Graduate Novice Division	Pre-Grad Novice A	<p>This class is only open to exhibitors and dogs in their first year of Pre-Graduate Novice training with no prior experience in Pre-Graduate Novice training.</p> <p>Exhibitors are encouraged to enter this class only after successful completion of the Novice Division OR with approval of their County Dog Superintendents.</p>	<p>Exhibitors can only compete in this class for 1 year.</p> <p>After their first year, the team MUST move to Pre-Grad Novice B or higher to be eligible for State 4-H Dog Trials the following year.</p>
	Pre-Grad Novice B	<p>This class is open to exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Pre-Graduate Novice A. Handlers with prior Pre-Graduate Novice experience who are showing a new dog, or new handlers showing an experienced Pre-Graduate Novice dog should also enter the B class.</p>	<p>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 County Level 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 the following year.</p>
	Graduate Novice A	<p>This class is only open to exhibitors and dogs in their first year of Graduate Novice training with no prior experience in Graduate Novice training.</p> <p>Exhibitors are encouraged to enter only after successful completion of the Pre-Grad Novice Classes or receive approval of their County Dog Superintendents.</p>	<p>Exhibitors can only compete in this class for 1 year.</p> <p>After their first year, the team MUST move to Graduate Novice B or higher to be eligible for State 4-H Dog Trials the following year.</p>
	Graduate Novice B	<p>This class is open to exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Graduate Novice A. Handlers with prior Graduate Novice A experience who are showing a new dog, or new handlers showing an experienced Graduate Novice dog should also enter the B class.</p>	<p>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.</p>

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Advanced Division	Open A	<p>This class is only open to exhibitors and dogs in their first year of Advanced Open training with no prior experience in Advanced Open training.</p> <p>Exhibitor and dog teams are encouraged to enter only after successful completion of the Graduate Novice Classes or receive approval of their County Dog Superintendents.</p>	<p>Exhibitors can only compete in this class for 1 year.</p> <p>After their first year, the team MUST move to Open B or higher to be eligible for State 4-H Dog Trials the following year.</p>
	Open B	<p>This class is open to exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Advanced Open A. Handlers with prior Advanced Open A experience who are showing a new dog, or new handlers showing an experienced Advanced Open dog should also enter the B class.</p>	<p>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.</p>
	Graduate Open A	<p>This class is only open to exhibitors and dogs in their first year of Advanced Graduate training with no prior experience in Advanced Graduate training.</p> <p>Exhibitor and dog teams are encouraged to only enter after successful completion of the Open Classes or receive approval of their County Dog Superintendents.</p>	<p>Exhibitors can only compete in this class for 1 year.</p> <p>After their first year, the team MUST move to Open B or higher to be eligible for State 4-H Dog Trials the following year.</p>
	Graduate Open B	<p>This class is open to exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Advanced Graduate Open A. Handlers with prior Advanced Graduate Open A experience who are showing a new dog, or new handlers showing an experienced Advanced Graduate Open dog should also enter the B class.</p>	<p>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.</p>
	Utility A	<p>This class is only open to exhibitors and dogs in their first year of Advanced Utility training with no prior experience in Advanced Utility training.</p> <p>Exhibitor and dog teams are encouraged to enter only after successful completion of the Graduate Open Classes or receive approval of their County Dog Superintendents.</p>	<p>Exhibitors can only compete in this class for 1 year.</p> <p>After their first year, the team MUST move to Utility B or higher to be eligible for State 4-H Dog Trials the following year.</p>
	Utility B	<p>This class is open to exhibitors and dogs who did not earn a qualifying score in Advanced Utility A. Handlers with prior Advanced Utility A experience who are showing a new dog, or new handlers showing an experienced Advanced Utility dog should also enter the B class.</p>	<p>Exhibitor can compete in this level for the remainder of years in the 4-H dog project.</p>

<p>Veterans Division</p>	<p>Novice-Utility</p>	<p><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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>			
<p>* Exhibitors qualifying in an Obedience class at the County Level, regardless of if they attend State 4-H Dog Trials, are strongly recommended to move to the next appropriate class the following year.</p>			
<p>** If a member earns an equivalent title (AKC, UKC, etc.) MORE than 4 months 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 LESS than 4 months prior to State Fair.</p>			
<p>*** 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.</p>			
<p>**** Exhibitors are encouraged to follow this class progression; however, with county approval an exhibitor may advance to a higher level. Exhibitors must still follow state dog contest rules to be eligible to compete at the State Fair 4-H Dog Trials.</p>			
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