

Colorado 4-H Dog Level Progression Chart

4-H Dog Showmanship Class Placement*

Division	Class Name	Class Registration Eligibility	Class Registration Progression
Junior Division	Junior Novice	This class is for exhibitors who are 8–10 years old as of December 31 of the current 4-H year, are in their 1st year of participation in Showmanship and have no prior experience with any other dog showing entity (4-H, AKC, UKC, etc.).	Exhibitor can only stay in this class for 1 year.
	Junior Open	This class is for exhibitors who are 8–10 years old as of December 31 of the current 4-H year and have previous experience in Showmanship (4-H, AKC, UKC, etc.).	Exhibitor can stay in this class until age changes.
Intermediate Division	Intermediate Novice	This class is for exhibitors who are 11–13 years old as of December 31 of the current 4-H year, are in their 1st year of participation in Showmanship and have no prior experience with any other dog showing entity (4-H, AKC, UKC, etc.).	<p>Exhibitor can only stay in this class for 1 year.</p> <p>If exhibitor wins the Intermediate class Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion at State 4-H Dog Trials, exhibitor MUST move up to the Master Showman Class to be eligible for State 4-H Dog Trials the following year.</p>
	Intermediate Open	This class is for exhibitors who are 11–13 years old as of December 31 of the current 4-H year and have previous experience in Showmanship (4-H, AKC, UKC, etc.).	<p>Exhibitor can stay in this class until age changes EXCEPT if exhibitor places 1st – 10th in this class at State 4-H Dog Trials, then the exhibitor MUST move to the Intermediate Advanced class to be eligible for State 4-H Dog Trials the following year.</p> <p>If exhibitor wins the Intermediate class Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion at State 4-H Dog Trials, the exhibitor MUST move to the Master Showman Class to be eligible for State 4-H Dog Trials.</p>
	Intermediate Advanced	This class is for exhibitors who are 11–13 years old as of December 31 of the current 4-H year who placed 1 st through 10 th with a qualifying score in Intermediate Open at a previous State 4-H Dog Trial.	<p>Exhibitor can stay in this class until age out. If exhibitor wins the Intermediate class Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion at State 4-H Dog Trials, exhibitor MUST register in the Master Showman Class to be eligible for State 4-H Dog Trials.</p>

Division	Class Name	Class Registration Eligibility	Class Registration Progression
Senior Division	Senior Novice	This class is for exhibitors who are 14–18 years old as of December 31 of the current year, are in their 1st year of participation in Showmanship and have no prior experience with any other dog showing entity (4-H, AKC, UKC, etc.).	Exhibitor can only stay in this class for 1 year. If exhibitor wins the Senior class Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion at State 4-H Dog Trial, exhibitor MUST register in the Master Showman Class to be eligible for State 4-H Dog Trials the following year.
	Senior Open	This class is for exhibitors who are 14–18 years old as of December 31 of the current 4-H year and have at least one year showmanship experience with any entity (4-H, AKC, UKC, etc.).	Exhibitor can stay in this class until age changes EXCEPT if exhibitor places 1st – 10th in this class at State 4-H Dog Trials this year, then the exhibitor MUST move up to the Senior Advanced class to be eligible for State 4-H Dog Trials the following year. If exhibitor wins the Senior class Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion at State 4-H Dog Trial, the exhibitor MUST move up to the Master Showman Class to be eligible for State 4-H Dog Trials the following year.
	Senior Advanced	This class is for exhibitors who are 14–18 years of age as of December 31 of the current 4-H year who placed 1 st through 10 th with a qualifying score in Senior Open at a previous State 4-H Dog Trial.	Exhibitor can stay in this class until age out. If exhibitor wins the Senior class Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion at State 4-H Dog Trials, exhibitor MUST register in the Master Showman Class to be eligible for State 4-H Dog Trials the following year.
Masters Division	Master Showman	This class is for exhibitors who are age 11–18 as of December 31 of the current 4-H year (Intermediates and Seniors) who have won the Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion in Intermediate or Senior Showmanship at a previous State 4-H Dog Trial.	Once an exhibitor has won Grand or Reserve Grand Champion Master Showman, Senior Grand or Reserve Grand Champion Showman, or Intermediate Grand or Reserve Grand Champion Showman, they are required to show in the Master Showman class for their remaining years as a 4-H exhibitor.

* Counties are encouraged to follow the 4-H State Dog Trails rules as closely as possible. Please note that some counties may have differences and it is important that exhibitors learn both their county and state rules to ensure success in qualifying for the 4-H State Dog Trails at State 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.

In Showmanship, the handler is the focus of judging, not the dog.

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