

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 style="text-align: center;">~NOT A STATE FAIR 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 first year of obedience training, the team moves into Beginner Novice A Obedience, if the member was in their second or higher year of obedience training, the team moves to Beginner Novice C-1 Obedience
Beginner Novice Division	Beginner Novice A	This class is open ONLY to exhibitor and dog teams in their very first year of Obedience dog training.	Exhibitor and dog teams can only stay in this class for one year. ALL Beginner Novice A (BNA) exhibitors MUST move with the same dog to the Beginner Novice B (BNB) class in their second year to be eligible for the State Fair 4-H Dog Trials.
	Beginner Novice B	This class is open to exhibitor and dog teams in their 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 the County level or State Fair 4-H Dog Trials. Once a team has received a qualifying score at the County level or State Fair 4-H Dog Trials they must move to Novice A to be eligible for the State Fair 4-H Dog Trials with the same dog in subsequent years.
	Beginner Novice C-1	This class is open to first-year exhibitors with an experienced/trained/titled dog OR an experienced handler starting with a new dog.	Exhibitor and dog teams can only stay in this class for one year. 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 second year to be eligible for the State Fair 4-H Dog Trials.
	Beginner Novice C-2	This class is open only to exhibitors in their second or higher year of Beginner Novice training and must be the same exhibitor and dog team that showed in BNC-1 or BNC-2 the previous year.	Exhibitor and dog teams may stay in this class until they receive a qualifying score at the County level or State Fair 4-H Dog Trials. Once a team has received a qualifying score at the County level or State Fair 4-H Dog Trials they MUST move to Novice A to be eligible for the State Fair 4-H Dog Trials with the same dog in subsequent years.
Novice Division	Novice A	<p>This class is open to exhibitor and dog teams in their first 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 Superintendent.</p>	<p>Exhibitor and dog teams can only stay in this class for one year.</p> <p>Once a team earns a qualifying score at the County level or State Fair 4-H Dog Trials, they must move to Pre-Graduate Novice A class or higher class to be eligible for the State Fair 4-H Dog Trials with the same dog in subsequent years.</p> <p>If the team does NOT earn a qualifying score, the team must move to Novice B to be eligible for the State Fair 4-H Dog Trials with the same dog in subsequent years.</p>

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<p>Novice Division <i>(Continued)</i></p>	<p>Novice B</p>	<p>This class is open to exhibitor and dog teams in their second or higher year of Novice Obedience training who did not earn a qualifying score in Novice Obedience.</p>	<p>Exhibitor and dog teams may stay in this class until they receive a qualifying score at the County level or State Fair 4-H Dog Trials.</p> <p>Once a dog has received a qualifying score at the County level or State Fair 4-H Dog Trials they must move to Pre-Graduate Novice A or higher class to be eligible for the State Fair 4-H Dog Trials with the same dog in subsequent years.</p>
<p>Graduate Novice Division</p>	<p>Pre-Graduate Novice A</p>	<p>This class is open to exhibitor and dog teams in their first year of Pre-Graduate Obedience training with no prior experience in Pre-Graduate Obedience training.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Exhibitor and dog teams can only stay in this class for one year. Once the team earns a qualifying score at the County level or the State Fair 4-H Dog Trials, they must move to Graduate Novice A or higher class to be eligible for the State Fair 4-H Dog Trials with the same dog in subsequent years.</p> <p>If the team does NOT earn a Qualifying Score at the County level or State Fair 4-H Dog Trials, the team must move to Pre-Graduate Novice B to be eligible for the State Fair 4-H Dog Trials with the same dog in subsequent years.</p>
	<p>Pre-Graduate Novice B</p>	<p>This class is open to exhibitor and dog teams in their second or higher year of Pre-Graduate Obedience training who did not earn a qualifying score in Pre-Graduate Novice Obedience.</p>	<p>Exhibitor and dog teams may stay in this class until they receive a qualifying score at the County level or State Fair 4-H Dog Trials.</p> <p>Once a dog has received a qualifying score at the State Fair 4-H Dog Trials they must move to Graduate Novice A or higher level to be eligible for the State Fair 4-H Dog Trials with the same dog in subsequent years.</p>
	<p>Graduate Novice A</p>	<p>This class is open to exhibitor and dog teams in their first year of Graduate Novice Obedience training with no prior experience in Graduate Novice Obedience training.</p> <p>Exhibitor and dog teams are encouraged to enter this class after successful completion of the Pre-Graduate Novice class or with approval of their County Dog Superintendent.</p>	<p>Exhibitor and dog teams can only stay in this class for one year. After their first year, the team must move to Graduate Novice B or a higher class to be eligible for the State Fair 4-H Dog Trials with the same dog in subsequent years.</p>
	<p>Graduate Novice B</p>	<p>This class is open to exhibitor and dog teams in their second or higher years of Graduate Novice Obedience training.</p>	<p>Exhibitor and dog teams <u>may stay in this class</u> until ready to move up to Open Obedience regardless of whether a qualifying score is earned in Graduate Novice B at the County level or State Fair 4-H Dog Trials.</p>

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Advanced Division	Open A	<p>This class is open to exhibitor and dog teams in their first year of Open Obedience training with no prior experience in Open Obedience training.</p> <p>Exhibitor and dog teams are encouraged to enter this class after successful completion of the Graduate Novice class or with approval of their County Dog Superintendent.</p>	<p>Exhibitor and dog teams can only stay in this class for one year.</p> <p>After their first year, the team must move to Open B or a higher class to be eligible for the State Fair 4-H Dog Trials with the same dog in subsequent years.</p>
	Open B	<p>This class is open to exhibitor and dog teams in their second or higher year of Open Obedience training.</p>	<p>Exhibitor and dog teams <u>may stay in this class</u> until ready to move up to Graduate Open A Obedience regardless of whether a qualifying score is earned in Open B at the County level or State Fair 4-H Dog Trials.</p>
	Graduate Open A	<p>This class is open to exhibitor and dog teams in their first year of Graduate Open Obedience training with no prior experience in Graduate Open Obedience training.</p> <p>Exhibitor and dog teams are encouraged to enter this class after successful completion of the Open class or with approval of their County Dog Superintendent.</p>	<p>Exhibitor and dog teams can only stay in this class for one year.</p> <p>After their first year the team must move to Graduate Open B or a higher class to be eligible for the State Fair 4-H Dog Trials with the same dog in subsequent years.</p>
	Graduate Open B	<p>This class is open to exhibitor and dog teams in their second or higher year of Graduate Open Obedience training.</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 at the County level or State Fair 4-H Dog Trials.</p>
	Utility A	<p>This class is open to exhibitor and dog teams in their first year of Utility Obedience training with no prior experience in Utility Obedience training.</p> <p>Exhibitor and dog teams are encouraged to enter this class after successful completion of the Graduate Open class or with approval of their County Dog Superintendent.</p>	<p>Exhibitor and dog teams can only stay in this class for one year.</p> <p>After their first year the team must move to Utility B to be eligible for the State Fair 4-H Dog Trials with the same dog in subsequent years.</p>
	Utility B	<p>This class is open to exhibitor and dog teams in their second or higher year of Utility Obedience training.</p>	<p>Exhibitor and dog teams <u>can stay in this level</u> for the remainder of years in the 4-H dog project.</p>

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Veteran Division	Novice through Utility	The Veteran Division is an <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 the State Fair 4-H Dog Trials. See State Dog Contest Rules for additional details.
<p>* If a team earns an equivalent title (AKC, UKC, etc.) <u>MORE</u> than 4 months prior to the State Fair 4-H Dog Trials, they are disqualified from competing in that same level at State Fair. They may still compete in that level if the title is received <u>LESS</u> than 4 months prior to State Fair.</p>			
<p>** Counties have discretion for class placement and may elect to use qualifying scores from either County Fair <u>or</u> State Fair as their criteria for class progression. However, 4-H State Dog Trial Rules will govern eligibility for State Fair 4-H Dog Trial entries. Exhibitor and dog teams qualifying in an Obedience class at County Fair are strongly encouraged to move up to the next higher class the following year, regardless of whether they attend State Fair. Once a team obtains a qualifying score at the State Fair 4-H Dog Trials, that exhibitor is no longer eligible to compete in that class with the same dog in subsequent years at State Fair and must move up to the next higher class.</p>			