

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 st of the previous year, who are in their first year of participation in the project and have NO prior experience with any other dog showing entity (4-H, AKC, UKC, etc.).	Exhibitors can only stay in this class for one year. ALL exhibitors will move to the Junior Open class the following year.
	Junior Open	This class is for exhibitors who are 8-10 years old as of December 31 st of the previous year AND who have previous experience in Dog Showmanship. (4-H, AKC, UKC, etc.)	Exhibitors can stay in this class until their age changes to the Intermediate level.
Intermediate Division	Intermediate Novice	This class is for exhibitors who are 11-13 years old as of December 31 st of the previous year, who are in their first year of participation in the project and have NO prior experience with any other dog showing entity (4-H, AKC, UKC, etc.).	Exhibitors can only stay in this class for one year. ALL exhibitors will move to the Intermediate Open class the following year. EXCEPT: If an exhibitor wins the <u>Overall Intermediate Class</u> Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion at the State Fair 4-H Dog Trials, the exhibitor MUST move up to the Master Showman Class to be eligible for the State Fair 4-H Dog Trials in subsequent years.
	Intermediate Open	This class is for exhibitors who are 11-13 years old as of December 31 st of the previous year AND who have previous experience in Dog Showmanship (4-H, AKC, UKC, etc.).	Exhibitors can stay in this class until their age changes to the Senior level EXCEPT: If an exhibitor places 1 st – 10 th with a qualifying score in this class at the State Fair 4-H Dog Trials, the exhibitor MUST move to the Intermediate Advanced class to be eligible for State 4-H Dog Trials in subsequent years. If an exhibitor wins the <u>Overall Intermediate Class</u> Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion at the State Fair 4-H Dog Trials, the exhibitor MUST move to the Master Showman Class to be eligible for State 4-H Dog Trials in subsequent years.
	Intermediate Advanced	This class is for exhibitors who are 11-13 years old as of December 31 st of the previous year AND who placed 1 st – 10 th with a qualifying score in Intermediate Open at a previous State Fair 4-H Dog Trial.	Exhibitors can stay in this class until their age changes to the Senior level or they get a new dog. If an exhibitor gets a new dog, they have the choice to either continue showing in the Advanced class or move back to the Open Class. If an exhibitor wins the <u>Overall Intermediate Class</u> Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion at the State Fair 4-H Dog Trials, the exhibitor MUST move up to the Master Showman Class to be eligible for State 4-H Dog Trials in subsequent years.

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Senior Division	Senior Novice	This class is for exhibitors who are 14-18 years old as of December 31 st of the previous year, who are in their first year of participation in the project and have NO prior experience with any other dog showing entity (4-H, AKC, UKC, etc.).	Exhibitors can only stay in this class for one year. ALL exhibitors will move to the Senior Open class the following year. EXCEPT: If an exhibitor wins the <u>Overall Senior Class</u> Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion at the State Fair 4-H Dog Trial, the exhibitor MUST move up to the Master Showman Class to be eligible for State Fair 4-H Dog Trials in subsequent years.
	Senior Open	This class is for exhibitors who are 14-18 years old as of December 31 st of the previous year AND who have previous experience in Dog Showmanship with any entity (4-H, AKC, UKC, etc.).	Exhibitors can stay in this class for the remainder of their 4-H years. EXCEPT, if an exhibitor places 1 st – 10 th with a qualifying score in this class at State 4-H Dog Trials the exhibitor MUST move up to the Senior Advanced class to be eligible for the State Fair 4-H Dog Trials in subsequent years. If an exhibitor wins the <u>Overall Senior Class</u> Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion at the State Fair 4-H Dog Trial, the exhibitor MUST move up to the Master Showman Class to be eligible for State 4-H Dog Trials in subsequent years.
	Senior Advanced	This class is for exhibitors who are 14-18 years old as of December 31 st of the previous year AND who placed 1 st – 10 th with a qualifying score in Senior Open at a previous State Fair 4-H Dog Trial.	Exhibitor can stay in this class for the remainder of their 4-H years. If an exhibitor in the Advanced class gets a new dog, they have the choice to either continue showing in the Advanced class or move back to the Open Class An exhibitor who has moved up by age from the Intermediate Open or Advanced class may choose to show in Senior Advanced by advice of their leader, taking into consideration the caliber of the exhibitor. Some reasons for choosing this move are: The exhibitor placed Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion at a State Fair 4-H Dog Trial in Intermediate Showmanship, or the exhibitor has received Best Junior Handler awards from any national dog club. If an exhibitor wins the <u>Overall Senior Class</u> Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion at the State Fair 4-H Dog Trials, the exhibitor MUST move up to the Master Showman Class to be eligible for State 4-H Dog Trials in subsequent years.

Division	Class Name	Class Registration Eligibility *	Class Registration Progression **
Masters Division	Master Showman	This class is for exhibitors who are 11-18 years old as of December 31 st of the previous year (Intermediates and Seniors) AND who have won the Overall Grand Champion or Reserved Grand Champion in Intermediate or Senior Showmanship at a previous State 4-H Dog Trial.	Once exhibitors are qualified for the Master Showman class, they can stay in this level until they age up, age out, or get a new dog. If an exhibitor in the Master Showman class ages up from Intermediate to Senior, or gets a new dog, they may elect to move down to an Advanced Showmanship level with approval from their County Dog Superintendent. Once an exhibitor has won Grand Champion Master Showman, they are required to show in Master Showman for their remaining years as a 4-H exhibitor.
<p>* The experience level of the dog is NOT taken into consideration for Showmanship class placement.</p> <p>** Counties have discretion for class placement, but Counties are encouraged to follow the 4-H State Dog Trails Rules as closely as possible. State Fair 4-H Dog Trial Rules will govern eligibility for 4-H State Dog Trial entry.</p>			