

2005 Changes to the Ohio 4-H Dog Program and Ohio State Fair Dog Show

1. The previous health certificate has been replaced with the *2005 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate*. Vaccinations must be current through August 11, 2005, for participation in the State Fair Dog Show. Educators may adapt this certificate for county use.
2. An additional day of non-regular classes has been added to the State Fair Dog Show. Rally, Brace and Team classes will be held Thursday, August 11, in the Buckeye Building. Registration for these classes can be made on the *2005 Ohio State Fair Dog Show Registration Form*. There is no limit to the number of youth who can participate from a county. Refer to the *Rally and Brace and Team Classes* documents for additional information. Also, refer to <http://www.akc.org/events/rally/index.cfm> for additional information.
3. Major changes have been made to the Graduate Novice, Open, and Graduate Open obedience classes, including the score sheets. **Discard old score sheets and replace with the 2005 revised ones.** We follow the American Kennel Club (AKC) obedience regulations, and they have been revised for 2005. Refer to the following document for information pertaining to obedience classes: *2005 Ohio 4-H Dog Program Obedience Class Exercise Descriptions*. Also, refer to <http://www.akc.org/events/obedience/index.cfm> for additional information.
4. Minor changes have been made to the Sub-Novice and Novice score sheets. Handler and Dog Behavior sections have been modified to follow AKC regulations. It is not necessary to discard old Sub-Novice and Novice score sheets; however, please make State Fair participants aware of what will be maximum and minor point deductions at the Ohio State Fair Dog Show. These are better identified in the 2005 score sheets.
5. For the Ohio State Fair, youth showing Assistance Dogs may also show these dogs in Dog Care. *They cannot show Assistance Dogs in Drill Team competition*, which was allowed in the past. Youth may *not* show another dog in either Obedience or Grooming & Handling, if they show their Assistance Dog in Dog Care.
6. The *Showmanship* document is an addendum to the Grooming and Handling project, and will help 4-H'ers be better prepared to show in Grooming and Handling classes.
7. The *2005 General Judging Guidelines for Junior Fair Dog Shows* are followed for Agility. Youth must own their dogs as specified in the Ownership section of the rules. Youth must also be 9 years old and in third grade to show in agility, not Cloverbud age.
8. Refer to the *2005 General Judging Guidelines for Junior Fair Dog Shows* for useful information when planning a dog show and hiring judges. This information should be shared with dog show judges, volunteers, and youth.

Thursday, August 5, 1:00 p.m., Coliseum
Agility

J-18 Agility *Measuring begins at 12:00 p.m.* Agility awards are based upon USDAA® performance standards in the Junior Handler Program classes as follows: A maroon ribbon will be awarded for all qualifying (zero fault) performances; a Gold medal will be awarded for all scores of five fault points or less; a Silver medal will be awarded for all of scores more than five but no more than fifteen fault points; a Bronze medal will be awarded for all scores greater than fifteen fault points. In addition to the USDAA® recognitions, 4-H recognition will be given. (Refer to USDAA® Agility Information under separate cover.)

Monday, August 8, Buckeye Building
Grooming & Handling Junior A, Junior B, Intermediate A, Intermediate B, Senior A and Senior B

Exercises to be performed in all Grooming and Handling classes include: (1) *Interview* questions will be asked from the Grooming and Handling 205 project book and the Dog Care 200 project book. For youth showing in Intermediate B and Senior B classes, questions will also come from the following sections of the Dog Learning Laboratory Kit (used in skillathons): Anatomy: Parts of the Dog (External); Conformation: Bites, Ears and Eyes; Feet, Pasterns and Stifles; Front and Rear Legs; Tails; and Backlines; and Dog Care and Grooming Equipment: 32 pictures of types of equipment and a description for each picture; (2) *Handler Appearance & Attitude*, (3) *Grooming*, and (4) *Handling*

J-11 Grooming and Handling Junior A This class is for the 4-H or FFA member 9-11 years of age as of January 1, 2005. Neither the exhibitor nor the dog has had any prior experience in Grooming and Handling, AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences, or a champion title before April 1, 2005, or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. Once an exhibitor and dog show in this class, he/she must move to Grooming and Handling Junior B provided he/she is still within the age requirements. If the exhibitor will be 12 years of age as of January 1 the next year, then he/she will move to Grooming and Handling Intermediate B. A dog shown in this class at the Ohio State Fair cannot return to this class. It must be shown at the Grooming and Handling B level of the appropriate age of the exhibitor. All youth receiving a score of 200 points or above will receive an Outstanding of the Day rosette. The highest scoring youth will receive a trophy. *2004 Winner – Amanda Iachini, Lorain Co.*

J-12 Grooming and Handling Junior B This class is for the 4-H or FFA member or dog who has shown in Grooming and Handling Junior A or has had prior experience in Grooming and Handling, AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences, or a champion title before April 1, 2005, or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. The exhibitor must meet the age requirements of 9-11 years of age as of January 1, 2005. The exhibitor who wins first place in this class at the Ohio State Fair can return to this class with the same dog every year provided age requirements are met. A dog shown in this class must be shown at the Grooming and Handling B level and cannot go back to an A-level class. A first place trophy and 1 – 15 placing rosettes will be awarded in this class. *2004 Winner – Brittany Rosener, Washington Co.*

J-13 Grooming and Handling Intermediate A This class is for the 4-H or FFA member 12-14 years of age as of January 1, 2005. Neither the exhibitor nor the dog has had any prior experience in Grooming and Handling, AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences, or a champion title before April 1, 2005, or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. Once an exhibitor and dog show in this class, he/she must move to Grooming and Handling Intermediate B provided he/she is still within the age requirements. If the exhibitor will be 15 years of age as of January 1 the next year, then he/she will move to Grooming and Handling Senior B. A dog shown in this class at the Ohio State Fair cannot return to this class. It must be shown at the

Grooming and Handling B level of the appropriate age of the exhibitor. All youth receiving a score of 200 points or above will receive an Outstanding of the Day rosette. The highest scoring youth will receive a trophy. *2004 Winner – Jay Grothouse, Auglaize Co.*

J-14 Grooming and Handling Intermediate B This class is for the 4-H or FFA member or dog who has shown in Grooming and Handling Intermediate A or has had prior experience in Grooming and Handling, AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences, or a champion title before April 1, 2005, or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. The exhibitor must meet the age requirements of 12-14 years of age as of January 1, 2005. The exhibitor who wins first place in this class at the Ohio State Fair can return to this class with the same dog every year provided age requirements are met. A dog shown in this class must be shown at the Grooming and Handling B level and cannot go back to an A-level class. A first-place trophy and 1 – 15 placing rosettes will be awarded in this class. *2004 Winner – Hillary Dwire, Montgomery Co.*

J-15 Grooming and Handling Senior A This class is for the 4-H or FFA member 15-18 years of age as of January 1, 2005. Neither the 4-H or FFA member nor the dog has had any prior experience in Grooming and Handling, AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences, or a champion title before April 1, 2005 or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. Once an exhibitor and dog show in this class, he/she must move to Grooming and Handling Senior B. A dog shown in this class at the Ohio State Fair cannot return to this class. It must be shown at the Grooming and Handling B level. All youth receiving a score of 200 points or above will receive an Outstanding of the Day rosette. The highest scoring youth will receive a trophy. *2004 Winner – J. Bob Joseph, Allen Co.*

J-16 Grooming and Handling Senior B This class is for the 4-H or FFA member or dog who has shown in Grooming and Handling Senior A or has had prior experience in Grooming and Handling, AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences, or a champion title before April 1, 2005 or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. The exhibitor must meet the age requirements of 15-18 as of January 1, current year. The exhibitor who wins first place in this class at the Ohio State Fair can return to this class with the same dog every year provided he/she meets the age requirements. A dog shown in this class must be shown at the Grooming and Handling B level and cannot go back to an A-level class. A first-place trophy and 1 – 15 placing rosettes will be awarded in this class. *2004 Winner – Katrina Davis, Warren Co.*

Tuesday, August 9, Buckeye Building

Sub-Novice A, Sub-Novice B, Novice A and Novice B

Refer to the *2005 Obedience Classes and Exercises Descriptions* document for class information.

J-1 Sub-Novice A This class is for the beginning exhibitor and beginning dog. Neither exhibitor nor dog has had any prior obedience experience before April 1, 2005, or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. This means that the exhibitor and/or dog cannot have any kind of formalized training. If they have had any training, they must enter the Sub-Novice B class. This includes counties who have "pre-sub-novice" or similar classes. Those exhibitors/dogs must enter Sub-Novice B classes at the state fair level. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, he/she must move to Sub-Novice B at the very minimum. Once a dog has been shown in this class, the dog must be shown at the Sub-Novice B level at the very minimum. Exercises performed are the same as J-2. All youth receiving a score of 200 points or above will receive an Outstanding of the Day rosette. The highest scoring youth will receive a trophy. *2004 Winner – Kara Jones, Warren County.*

J-2 Sub-Novice B This class is for the exhibitor or dog who has shown in Sub-Novice A or has had experience at the Sub-Novice level *before* April 1, 2005, or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. They have not yet progressed to Novice level or higher. Exhibitors can show in Sub-Novice B a maximum of two years at the Ohio State Fair

with the same dog, unless winning first place. They then must move to Novice A or higher with that same dog. If an exhibitor wins the Sub-Novice B class the first year, he/she must move to Novice A or higher the next year with the same dog. Once a dog has been shown in this class for two years, the dog must be shown at the Novice A level at the very minimum. The dog of a first place winner in the Sub-Novice B class must then be shown at the Novice A level at the very minimum. A first place trophy and 1 – 15 placing rosettes will be awarded in this class. *2004 Winner – Rebecca Holcomb, Clinton Co.*

J-3 Novice A In this class neither the exhibitor nor dog has had any prior experience at the Novice level before April 1, 2005, or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, he/she must move to Novice B at the very minimum. Once a dog has been shown in this class, the dog must be shown at the Novice B level at the very minimum. Exercises performed are the same as J-4. All youth receiving a score of 200 points or above will receive an Outstanding of the Day rosette. The highest scoring youth will receive a trophy. *2004 Winner – Cody Gibson, Carroll Co.*

J-4 Novice B This class is for the exhibitor or dog who has shown in Novice A or has had experience at the Novice level before April 1, 2005, or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. They have not yet progressed to Graduate Novice A level or higher. Exhibitors can show in Novice B a maximum of two years at the Ohio State Fair with the same dog, unless winning first place. They then must move to Graduate Novice A or higher with that same dog. If an exhibitor wins the Novice B class the first year, he/she must move to Graduate Novice A or higher the next year with the same dog. Once a dog has been shown in this class for two years, the dog must be shown at the Graduate Novice A level at the very minimum. The dog of a first place winner in the Novice B class must then be shown at the Graduate Novice A level at the very minimum. A first place trophy and 1 – 15 placing rosettes will be awarded in this class. *2004 Winner – Alaina Ditmer, Darke Co.*

**Tuesday, August 10, 5:30 p.m., Buckeye Building
Drill Teams**

J-19; J-20; J-21 Drill Team Medallions will be awarded to the first place 4- or 5-member team, the first place 6- or 7-member team, and the first place 8- or 9-member team. Rosettes will be awarded to each 4- or 5-member team participant placing first through tenth, each 6- or 7-member team participant placing first through tenth, and each 8- or 9-member team participant placing first through tenth. (Refer to Dog Drill Team Competition Rules listed elsewhere in this information.) *2004 4-5 Member Drill Team Winner – Hardin Co.; 2004 5-7 Member Drill Team Winner – Clinton Co.; 2004 8-9 Member Drill Team Winner – Hancock Co.*

**Wednesday, August 10, 9:00 a.m., Buckeye Building
Assistance Dogs**

Exercises to be performed in the Assistance Dogs class include: Accepting a Stranger; Dog's Appearance & Grooming; Walk on Loose Lead; Walk Through a Crowd; Acceptance of a Strange Object; Stay and Reaction to Another Dog; Reaction to Distractions.

J-17 Assistance Dogs This class is for 4-H members enrolled in Assistance Dog Project Idea Starter No. 356.08. Dogs are owned by Pilot Dogs, Inc. or other Assistance Dog Organizations. FFA members raising a pilot puppy or other assistance dog may also enter this class. *All exhibitors with dogs passing 6 of the 7 exercises, plus exhibitor's and dog's appearance and sportsmanship, will receive an award.*

Wednesday, August 10, Buckeye Building

Graduate Novice A, Graduate Novice B, Open A, Open B, Graduate Open A and Graduate Open B

Refer to the *2005 Obedience Classes and Exercises Descriptions* document for class information.

J-5 Graduate Novice A In this class neither the exhibitor nor dog has had any prior experience at the Graduate Novice level before April 1, 2005, or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, he/she must move to Graduate Novice B at the very minimum. Once a dog has been shown in this class, the dog must be shown at the Graduate Novice B level at the very minimum. Exercises performed are the same as J-6. A first place trophy and 1 – 15 placing rosettes will be awarded in this class. *2004 Winner – Elizabeth Vandegrift, Clermont Co.*

J-6 Graduate Novice B This class is for the exhibitor or dog who has shown in Graduate Novice A or has had experience at the Graduate Novice level before April 1, 2005, or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. They have not yet progressed to Open A level or higher. Exhibitors can show in Graduate Novice B a maximum of two years at the Ohio State Fair with the same dog, unless winning first place. They then must move to Open A or higher with that same dog. If an exhibitor wins the Graduate Novice B class the first year, he/she must move to Open A or higher the next year with the same dog. Once a dog has been shown in this class for two years, the dog must be shown at the Open A level at the very minimum. The dog of a first place winner in the Graduate Novice B class must then be shown at the Open A level. A first place trophy and 1 – 15 placing rosettes will be awarded in this class. *2004 Winner – Nekda Mattison, Montgomery Co.*

J-7 Open A In this class neither the exhibitor nor dog has had any prior experience at the Open level before April 1, 2005 or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, he/she must move to Open B at the very minimum. Once a dog has been shown in this class, the dog must be shown at the Open B level at the very minimum. A first place trophy and 1 – 15 placing rosettes will be awarded in this class. Exercises performed are the same as J-8. *2004 Winner – Sarah Reichert, Shelby Co.*

J-8 Open B This class is for the exhibitor or dog who has shown in Open A or has had experience at the Open level before April 1, 2005, or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. They have not yet progressed to the Graduate Open level or higher. Exhibitors can show in Open B a maximum of two years at the Ohio State Fair with the same dog. They then must move to Graduate Open A with that same dog. If an exhibitor wins the Open B class the first year, he/she must move to Graduate Open A the next year with the same dog at the very minimum. Once a dog has been shown in this class for two years, the dog must be shown at the Graduate Open A level at the very minimum. The dog of a first place winner in the Open B class must then be shown at the Graduate Open A level at the very minimum. A first place trophy and 1 – 15 placing rosettes will be awarded in this class. *2004 Winner – Kim Thompson, Mahoning Co.*

J-9 Graduate Open A In this class neither the exhibitor nor dog has had any prior experience at the Graduate Open level, or a higher level of dog obedience, before April 1, 2005 or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, he/she must move to Graduate Open B at the very minimum. Once a dog has been shown in this class, the dog must then be shown at the Graduate Open B level. Exercises performed are the same as J-10. A first place trophy and 1 – 15 placing rosettes will be awarded in this class. *2004 Winner – Jena English, Clinton Co.*

J-10 Graduate Open B This class is for the exhibitor or dog who has shown in Graduate Open A or has had prior experience at the Graduate Open level, or a higher level of dog

obedience before April 1, 2005 or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. If an exhibitor and/or dog does not win first place in Graduate Open B at the Ohio State Fair, he/she can repeat this class at the state level provided the county requirements have been met, and the exhibitor has been selected to show at the Ohio State Fair. The exhibitor who wins first place in this class at the Ohio State Fair can return to this class with the same dog every year. Dogs shown in this class cannot show in any lower levels of dog obedience at the Ohio State Fair. A first place trophy and 1 – 15 placing rosettes will be awarded in this class. *2004 Winner – Michael Spurlock, Clermont Co.*

Wednesday, August 10, 9:30 a.m., Buckeye Building
Dog Care
4-H & FFA members MUST bring their dogs to judging.

Exercises to be performed in all Dog Care classes include: (1) *Member's Interview* (Questions will be asked from the Dog Care 200 project book.); (2) *Member's Record Form* (The exhibitor must complete the record form on pages 65-69 of the Dog Care 200 book for the current project year. Nothing can be added to this project record for this section of judging); (3) *Member's Appearance and Attitude*; (4) *Dog's Appearance and Manners*; (5) *Creative Achievement of Member and Dog* (The exhibitor must show something that he or she did with or for his or her dog during the current project year. This could include, but is not limited to, tricks; costumes or dog clothing/toys; equipment made; scrapbooks; or posters. Creative achievement must show a bond and teamwork between youth and dog.)

J-DC1 Junior Dog Care This class is for 4-H members 9-11 years of age as of January 1, 2005 enrolled in Dog Care, Project No. 200. The trophy winner of this class may repeat this class every other year. Youth scoring 200 points and higher will receive Outstanding of the Day rosettes. The highest scoring youth will receive a trophy. *2004 Winner – Kristine Everett, Shelby Co.*

J-DC2 Intermediate Dog Care This class is for 4-H members 12-14 years of age as of January 1, 2005 enrolled in Dog Care, Project No. 200. The trophy winner of this class may repeat this class every other year. Youth scoring 200 points and higher will receive Outstanding of the Day rosettes. The highest scoring youth will receive a trophy. *2004 Winner – Krystan Dick, Franklin Co.*

J-DC3 Senior Dog Care This class is for 4-H members 15-18 years of age as of January 1, 2005 enrolled in Dog Care, Project No. 200. The trophy winner of this class may repeat this class every other year. Youth scoring 200 points and higher will receive Outstanding of the Day rosettes. The highest scoring youth will receive a trophy. *2004 Trophy Winner – Michelle Curren, Marion Co.*

Thursday, August 11, 9:00 a.m., Buckeye Building
Rally, Brace, and Team Classes

Refer to the *2005 Rally, and Brace and Team* description documents for class information.

These non-regular classes have been added to the Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show to promote teamwork and fun between dog and handler, as well as to give youth more opportunities to show their dogs at the state level. Showing in these classes will **not** count toward the Outstanding Dog Exhibitor or State Fair Championship Titles.

J-22 Rally Novice A This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog with no prior experience showing Rally before April 1, 2005, or their county's enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. Exhibitors and dogs must meet the eligibility requirements of the *Rules for 2005 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Participation* to participate in Rally. Awards will be presented.

J-23 Rally Novice B This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog who has had prior experience showing Rally before April 1, 2005, or their county's enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. Exhibitors and dogs must meet the eligibility requirements of the *Rules for 2005 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Participation* to participate in Rally. Awards will be presented.

J-24 Brace This class is for the exhibitor with two dogs (any breed or breeds) that are capable of performing the Novice exercises. The exhibitors and dogs must meet the eligibility requirements of the *Rules for 2005 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Participation*. Exercises, performances and judging will be as in the Novice Class. Awards will be presented

J-24 Team This class will be for teams of exhibitors and their dogs that meet the eligibility requirements of the *Rules for 2005 Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show Participation*. The same four dogs will perform all exercises. The dogs on a team will perform the exercises simultaneously and will be judged as specified for the Novice Class, except that a Drop on Recall will be used in place of the Recall exercise. Awards will be presented.

Dog Skillathon

A Dog Skillathon will be held on Monday, August 8 (9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) and Tuesday, August 9 (9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.), during the Ohio State Fair Dog Activities in the Buckeye Building. This contest is open to any 4-H or FFA member. There are ten age divisions (9 through 18 years). Ages are determined as of 1/1/05. First place in each age division will receive an award courtesy of C.T. Farm and Country and a cash award from the Youth Reserve Program (Y.R.P.). Junior (9-11 yrs.), Intermediate (12-14 yrs.), and Senior (15-18 yrs.) age division winner awards will be presented. Other awards include participation tokens, outstanding awards, and a special award to the overall winner. Awards will be presented at the end of the day on Tuesday, August 9.

2005 Dog Skillathon Winners

Age 9:	Hannah Curtis, Licking Co.	Age 14:	Maria Neff, Darke Co.
Age 10:	Dorothy Kehl, Clinton Co.	Age 15:	Kristina Solch, Miami Co.
Age 11:	Lara Staples, Brown Co.	Age 16:	Jessica Brewer, Clark Co.
Age 12:	Mattea Benz, Clinton Co.	Age 17:	Brittany Marshall, Clinton Co.
Age 13:	Hillary Dwire, Montgomery Co.	Age 18:	Jena English, Clinton Co.
	(Overall Winner)		

State Fair Championship Title

4-H and FFA members showing their dogs at the Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Dog Show may apply for titling by recording State Fair achievements during their 4-H or FFA careers. The junior fair participant, his or her parent/guardian, and 4-H advisor or FFA instructor must document achievements.

Requirements

1. A 4-H or FFA member must accumulate a minimum of 25 points;
2. Points are recorded for the handler;
3. Points are accumulated for one dog per event; and
4. All State Fair participation rules apply.

Point System

One point will be awarded for participation in any of these state fair categories:

1. Dog Care
2. Obedience
4. Assistance Dogs
5. Drill Team
7. Poster Contest
8. Skillathon

3. Grooming and Handling 6. Agility

An additional 5 points will be awarded for a 1 through 15 placement in any category, or for receiving a gold medal in Agility, or receiving an Outstanding in Dog Care. Five points will be awarded to youth receiving an Outstanding in Sub-Novice A, Novice A, Grooming & Handling Junior A, Grooming & Handling Intermediate A, or Grooming & Handling Senior A, and for earning a passing score in Assistance Dogs. An exhibitor cannot exceed 6 points per event.

To earn a State Fair Championship Title, exhibitors can accumulate points each year they exhibit at the State Fair, and when 25 points have been accumulated, the title will be awarded. Once a Title has been earned, the exhibitor may then start accumulating points for a second title.

Awards

A pin, t-shirt, and certificate will be presented to each exhibitor receiving his/her first Title at the Ohio State Fair at noon and at the end of each day of judging. Exhibitors receiving second or third titles will receive a pin and certificate.

Outstanding Dog Exhibitor

A total of \$500.00 will be distributed to the first, second and third place outstanding Dog Exhibitors, with first place receiving \$300.00, second place receiving \$150.00 and third place receiving \$50.00. The top three placings will be determined by a point system from scores/placings from a combination of show scores, including the Poster Contest and Skillathon scores. Awards will be presented at awards presentation on Wednesday, August 10.

Some examples of possible combinations for accumulating points toward the Outstanding Dog Exhibitor include:

- a. If exhibitor shows in Obedience, he/she can also compete in Agility (provided the dog has had agility show experience), Drill Team, the Skillathon, and the Poster Contest. He/she could also take an Assistance Dog. If exhibitor shows in upper level obedience (J-5 – J-10) he/she may show the same or different dog in Grooming and Handling.
- b. If exhibitor shows in Grooming & Handling, he/she can also compete in Agility (provided the dog has had agility show experience), Drill Team, the Skillathon, and the Poster Contest. He/she could also take an Assistance Dog. The exhibitor could also show the same or different dog in an upper level obedience class (J-5 – J-10).
- c. If exhibitor shows in Dog Care, he/she can compete in Drill Team, Agility (provided the dog has had agility show experience), the Skillathon, and the Poster Contest. He/she could also take an Assistance Dog.
- d. If exhibitor shows only an Assistance Dog, he/she could compete on a Drill Team, the Skillathon, and the Poster Contest.

Point System for Outstanding Dog Exhibitor

- a. Obedience (except Sub-Novice A & Novice A), Grooming & Handling (except Junior A, Intermediate A, & Senior A), Drill Team, and Poster Contest: 30 points for 1st place; 28 pts. – 2nd place, etc. through 2 pts. – 15th place.
- b. Sub-Novice A, Novice A, Grooming & Handling Jr. A, Intermediate A, & Senior A – Trophy winner in each age division – 30 points; 15 points for scores from 200 to 230.
- c. Dog Care – Trophy winner in each age division – 30 points; 15 points for scores from 200 to 230.
- d. Assistance Dogs – 30 points to each exhibitor receiving a passing score.
- e. Agility – Maroon ribbon (qualifying, zero fault performance) – 30 points; gold medal (5 fault points or less) – 25 points; silver medal (more than 5 but less than 16 fault points) – 20 points; and bronze medal (16 fault points or more) – 10 points.
- f. Dog Skillathon – First place in each age division – 30 points; overall winner – earns an additional 10 points; outstanding awards – top 20% in each age group – 15 points.

2005 Outstanding Dog Exhibitors:

1st – Hillary Dwire, Montgomery Co

2nd – Maria Neff, Darke Co..

3rd – Brittany Marshall, Clinton Co.

Summary of Progression of Obedience Classes at the Ohio State Fair Dog Show

- (J-1) Sub-Novice A** - 1 year, then move to Sub-Novice B
- (J-2) Sub-Novice B** - 2 years maximum with same dog unless class winner, then move to Novice A
- (J-3) Novice A** - 1 year, then move to Novice B
- (J-4) Novice B** - 2 years maximum with same dog unless class winner, then move to Grad Novice A
- (J-5) Graduate Novice A** - 1 year, then move to Grad Novice B
- (J-6) Graduate Novice B** - 2 years maximum with same dog unless class winner, then move to Open A
- (J-7) Open A** - 1 year, then move to Open B
- (J-8) Open B** - 2 years maximum with same dog unless class winner, then move to Grad Open A
- (J-9) Graduate Open A** - 1 year, then move to Grad Open B
- (J-10) Graduate Open B** - *can repeat this class with same dog regardless of winning*

a. Refer to the J-1 through J-10 class descriptions for more details. Exhibitors must continually progress to a higher level of obedience training with the same dog. At the Ohio State Fair any previous participants (youth and dogs) in classes Sub-Novice A, Novice A, Graduate Novice A, Open A, and Graduate Open A may not enter the same class ever again. First place winners (youth and dogs) of Sub-Novice B, Novice B, Graduate Novice B, and Open B are not permitted to repeat the same class with the same dog. First place winners (youth and dogs) of Graduate Open B may repeat this class each year.

b. Participants in Sub-Novice B, Novice B, Graduate Novice B, and Open B can show in these classes a maximum of two years with the same dog, unless winning first place. Participants in Graduate Open B can show in this class every year with the same dog, regardless of winning.

c. Dogs of first place winners in obedience classes are not permitted to be shown in the same or lower level obedience classes again, except they may be shown in Graduate Open B every year.

d. Exhibitors showing their dogs at any Licensed or Member Obedience Trial or at a Sanctioned Match must show their dogs at the same or higher *level B classes* than they are showing in AKC, UKC, or other titling shows. Dogs completing their Companion Dog (CD) title (or UKC, or other titling equivalents) *prior to, or anytime during, the project year* must show in Graduate Novice classes. Dogs completing their Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) title (or UKC, or other titling equivalents) *prior to, or anytime during, the project year* must show in Open or Graduate Open classes. *Any dog receiving one or more legs toward a title anytime during the project year must then move into the appropriate B class at the time the first leg was earned. This rule, if applicable, supercedes exhibitor and dog information listed in the class descriptions found elsewhere in this document.* Fun matches do not apply.

Summary of Progression of Grooming and Handling Classes at the Ohio State Fair Dog Show

(J-11) Grooming and Handling Junior A (9-11 yrs. as of 1/1/05) - 1 year, then move to Grooming and Handling Junior B if still meeting the age requirements or move to Grooming and Handling Intermediate B if 12 as of January 1. Neither the youth nor the dog can return to an A class.

(J-12) Grooming and Handling Junior B (9-11 yrs. as of 1/1/05) - until reach Intermediate age division; *class winner can repeat Grooming and Handling Junior B every year with same dog*; must progress from Grooming and Handling Junior B to Grooming and Handling Intermediate B.

(J-13) Grooming and Handling Intermediate A (12-14 yrs. as of 1/1/05) - 1 year, then move to Grooming and Handling Intermediate B if still meeting the age requirements or move to Grooming and Handling Senior B if 15 as of January 1. Neither the youth nor the dog can return to an A class.

(J-14) Grooming and Handling Intermediate B (12-14 yrs. as of 1/1/05) - until reach Senior age division; *class winner can repeat Intermediate Grooming and Handling B every year with same dog*; must progress from Grooming and Handling Intermediate B to Grooming and Handling Senior B.

(J-15) Grooming and Handling Senior A (15-18 yrs. as of 1/1/05) - 1 year, then move to Grooming and Handling Senior B. Neither the youth nor dog can return to an A class.

(J-16) Grooming and Handling Senior B (15-18 yrs. as of 1/1/05) - until ineligible to join 4-H or be in FFA; *class winner can repeat Grooming and Handling Senior B every year with same dog*.

a. Refer to the J-11 through J-16 class descriptions for more details. At the Ohio State Fair any previous participants or dogs in Grooming & Handling Junior A, Grooming & Handling Intermediate A, and Grooming & Handling Senior A may not enter the same class. First place winners of the Grooming & Handling B classes can repeat Grooming & Handling B every year with same dog provided youth meet age eligibility.

b. For Grooming and Handling classes, dogs with AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences must be shown in exhibitor age-appropriate B classes. *Dogs completing a title prior to, or anytime during, the project year must show in exhibitor age-appropriate B classes. Any dog receiving points toward a championship title anytime during the project year must then move into the appropriate B class at the time the points were first earned.*

This rule, if applicable, supercedes exhibitor and dog information listed in the class descriptions found elsewhere in this document. Fun matches do not apply.

2005 Ohio 4-H Dog Program Obedience Class Exercise Descriptions

The Ohio 4-H Dog Program follows the American Kennel Club's (AKC) descriptions for obedience class exercises. The descriptions are taken from AKC's Obedience Regulations and used with permission from AKC. Refer to <http://www.akc.org/events/obedience/index.cfm> for additional information. Refer to the 2005 4-H Dog Obedience Score Sheets for the explanations of Maximum Point Deductions and Minor to Substantial Point Deductions, as well as possible points awarded for each exercise within a class. Refer to *General Judging Guidelines for Junior Fair Dog Shows* for further information about the judging process and recommended scoring.

Sub-Novice A and B Class Explanation

All exercises will be performed On Leash (leash should be 6 feet in length)

Heal on Leash

The principle feature of this exercise is the ability of the dog and handler to work as a team. Orders for this exercise are "Forward," "Halt," "Right Turn," "Left Turn," "About Turn," "Slow," "Normal," and "Fast." "Fast" means that the handler must run, and the handler and dog must move forward at a noticeable accelerated speed. All "About Turns" will be right about turns. Orders for halts and turns will be given only when the handler is moving at normal speed.

The other orders may be given in any sequence, and turns and halts may be repeated.

The leash may be held in either hand or in both hands, but the hands must be held in a natural position. Any tightening or jerking of the leash and use of any extra commands and/or signals will be penalized.

The handler will enter the ring with the dog on a loose leash and stand with the dog sitting in the heel position. The judge will ask if the handler is ready before giving the order, "Forward." The handler may give a command OR signal to heel and will walk briskly and naturally with the dog on a loose leash. The dog should walk close to the handler's left side without swinging wide, lagging, forging, or crowding. The dog must not interfere with the handler's freedom of motion at any time. At each order to halt, the handler will stop. The dog shall sit straight and promptly in the heel position without command or signal and shall not move until the handler again moves forward on the judge's order. After each halt, it is permissible for the handler to give a command or signal to heel before moving forward again. The judge will say, "Exercise Finished," after this portion of the exercise.

Figure Eight

The handler will stand and the dog will sit in heel position facing the judge, midway between the two stewards, who will be standing eight (8) feet apart. The handler may go around either steward first. After the judge asks, "Are you ready?" and gives the order, "Forward," the handler and dog will walk briskly around and between the two stewards twice. There will be no about turn, fast or slow, but the judge must order at least one halt during this exercise and another halt at the end.

Stand for Examination

The principle feature of this exercise is that the dog stand in position before and during the examination without displaying resentment. Orders are, "Stand your dog, and leave when you are ready," "Back to your dog," and "Exercise Finished."

On the judge's order, the handler will take his/her dog to the place indicated by the judge and, on the judge's order, will stand/pose the dog by the method of the handler's choice, taking any reasonable time if he/she chooses to pose the dog as in the show ring. The handler will then stand with the dog in the heel position, give the command and/or signal to stay, walk straight forward about six (6) feet, and then turn and face the dog.

The judge will approach the dog from the front. Using the fingers and palm of one hand, the judge will touch the dog's head, body, and hindquarters. On the order "Back to your dog," the handler will walk around behind the dog and return to the heel position. The dog must remain standing until the judge has said, "Exercise Finished."

Recall

The principal features of this exercise are that the dog stay where left until called by the handler, and that the dog respond promptly to the handler's command or signal to come.

Orders are, "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," and "Finish."

On order from the judge, the handler may give a command and/or signal to the dog to stay in the sit position. The handler will then walk forward to the other end of the ring, turn to face the dog, and stand with the arms and hands hanging naturally. On the judge's order or signal, the handler will either command OR signal the dog to come. The dog must come directly, at a brisk trot or gallop and sit straight, centered in front of the handler. The dog must be close enough to its handler so that the handler could touch its head without excessive bending, stretching, or moving either foot.

On the judge's order, the handler will give a command OR signal to finish. The dog must go smartly to heel position and sit. The manner in which the dog finishes will be optional, provided it is prompt and that the dog sits straight at heel.

Group Exercises: Long Sit (1 minute) and Long Down (3 minutes) The principal feature of these exercises is that the dog remain in the sitting or down position, whichever is required by the particular exercise.

Orders are "Sit your dogs" or "Down your dogs," "Leave your dogs," and "Back to your dogs."

All competing dogs in the class perform these exercises together provided the dogs can be spaced four (4) feet per dog on one side of the ring. If there are more dogs competing than can be spaced 4 feet per dog, some must be judged in another group.

Before starting the Long Sit, the judge will ask if the handlers are ready. When the judge gives the order, the handlers will command and/or signal their dogs to sit, if they are not already sitting. On further order to "Leave your dogs," the handlers will give a command

and/or signal to stay and immediately will go to the end of the leash, turn, and face their dogs.

If a dog gets up and starts to wander or follow its handler or if a dog moves to interfere with another dog, the judge will promptly instruct the handler or one of the stewards to remove the dog from the ring and/or keep it away from other dogs.

After one minute from the time the judge has ordered the handlers to leave their dogs, the judge will give the order to return. The handlers must go back promptly, walking around and in back of their own dog to the heel position. The dogs must not move from the sitting position until after the judge has said, "Exercise finished." This order will not be given until the handlers are back in heel position.

Before starting the Long Down, the judge will ask if the handlers are ready. On the judge's order, the handlers will down their dogs, without touching either the dogs or their collars, so that the dogs are facing the opposite side of the ring. The rest of this exercise is done in the same manner as the Long Sit, except that the judge will order the handlers to return after three minutes, and the dogs must not move from the down position until after the judge has said, "Exercise finished."

The dogs will not be required to sit at the end of this exercise.

(Note: Use the 2005 score sheet for Sub-Novice. The exercises and maximum points are the same as in 2004; however, "Handler Behavior" and "Dog Behavior" has been deleted and the new headings are "Maximum Point Deduction" and "Minor to Substantial Point Deduction." Also, many of the deductions are better clarified. This score sheet follows the AKC Pre-Novice Score Sheet.)

Novice A and B Class Explanation

Heel on Leash and Figure 8

(This exercise is done On Leash) The principle feature of this exercise is the ability of the dog and handler to work as a team. Orders for this exercise are "Forward," "Halt," "Right Turn," "Left Turn," "About Turn," "Slow," "Normal," and "Fast." "Fast" means that the handler must run, and the handler and dog must move forward at a noticeable accelerated speed. All "About Turns" will be right about turns. Orders for halts and turns will be given only when the handler is moving at normal speed.

The other orders may be given in any sequence, and turns and halts may be repeated.

The leash may be held in either hand or in both hands, but the hands must be held in a natural position. Any tightening or jerking of the leash and use of any extra commands and/or signals will be penalized.

The handler will enter the ring with the dog on a loose leash and stand with the dog sitting in the heel position. The judge will ask if the handler is ready before giving the order, "Forward." The handler may give a command OR signal to heel and will walk briskly and naturally with the dog on a loose leash. The dog should walk close to the handler's left side without swinging wide, lagging, forging, or crowding. The dog must not interfere with the handler's freedom of motion at any time. At each order to halt, the

handler will stop. The dog shall sit straight and promptly in the heel position without command or signal and shall not move until the handler again moves forward on the judge's order. After each halt, it is permissible for the handler to give a command or signal to heel before moving forward again. The judge will say, "Exercise Finished," after this portion of the exercise.

For the Figure Eight, the handler will stand and the dog will sit in heel position facing the judge, midway between the two stewards, who will be standing eight (8) feet apart. The handler may go around either steward first. After the judge asks, "Are you ready?" and gives the order, "Forward," the handler and dog will walk briskly around and between the two stewards twice. There will be no about turn, fast or slow, but the judge must order at least one halt during this exercise and another halt at the end.

Stand for Examination

The principle feature of this exercise is that the dog stand in position before and during the examination without displaying resentment. Orders are, "Stand your dog, and leave when you are ready," "Back to your dog," and "Exercise Finished."

On the judge's order, the handler will remove the leash and give it to a steward, who will place it on the judge's table or other designated place. The handler will take his/her dog to the place indicated by the judge and, on the judge's order, will stand/pose the dog by the method of the handler's choice, taking any reasonable time if he/she chooses to pose the dog as in the show ring. The handler will then stand with the dog in the heel position, give the command and/or signal to stay, walk straight forward about six (6) feet, and then turn and face the dog.

The judge will approach the dog from the front. Using the fingers and palm of one hand, the judge will touch the dog's head, body, and hindquarters. On the order "Back to your dog," the handler will walk around behind the dog and return to the heel position. The dog must remain standing until the judge has said, "Exercise Finished."

Heel Free

This exercise will be performed as in the Heel on Leash but without either the leash or the Figure Eight.

Recall

The principal features of this exercise are that the dog stay where left until called by the handler, and that the dog respond promptly to the handler's command or signal to come.

Orders are, "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," and "Finish."

On order from the judge, the handler may give a command and/or signal to the dog to stay in the sit position. The handler will then walk forward to the other end of the ring, turn to face the dog, and stand with the arms and hands hanging naturally. On the judge's order or signal, the handler will either command OR signal the dog to come. The dog must come directly, at a brisk trot or gallop and sit straight, centered in front of the handler. The dog must be close enough to its handler so that the handler could touch its head without excessive bending, stretching, or moving either foot.

On the judge's order, the handler will give a command OR signal to finish. The dog must go smartly to heel position and sit. The manner in which the dog finishes will be optional, provided it is prompt and that the dog sits straight at heel.

Group Exercises: Long Sit (1 minute) and Long Down (3 minutes)

The principal feature of these exercises is that the dog remain in the sitting or down position, whichever is required by the particular exercise.

Orders are "Sit your dogs" or "Down your dogs," "Leave your dogs," and "Back to your dogs."

All competing dogs in the class perform these exercises together provided the dogs can be spaced four (4) feet per dog on one side of the ring. If there are more dogs competing than can be spaced 4 feet per dog, some must be judged in another group.

Before starting the Long Sit, the judge will ask if the handlers are ready. When the judge gives the order, the handlers will command and/or signal their dogs to sit, if they are not already sitting. On further order to "Leave your dogs," the handlers will give a command and/or signal to stay and immediately will go to the end of the leash, turn, and face their dogs.

If a dog gets up and starts to wander or follow its handler or if a dog moves to interfere with another dog, the judge will promptly instruct the handler or one of the stewards to remove the dog from the ring and/or keep it away from other dogs.

After one minute from the time the judge has ordered the handlers to leave their dogs, the judge will give the order to return. The handlers must go back promptly, walking around and in back of their own dog to the heel position. The dogs must not move from the sitting position until after the judge has said, "Exercise finished." This order will not be given until the handlers are back in heel position.

Before starting the Long Down, the judge will ask if the handlers are ready. On the judge's order, the handlers will down their dogs, without touching either the dogs or their collars, so that the dogs are facing the opposite side of the ring. The rest of this exercise is done in the same manner as the Long Sit, except that the judge will order the handlers to return after three minutes, and the dogs must not move from the down position until after the judge has said, "Exercise finished."

The dogs will not be required to sit at the end of this exercise.

(Note: Use the 2005 score sheet for Novice. The exercises and maximum points are the same as in 2004; however, "Handler Behavior" and "Dog Behavior" has been deleted and the new headings are "Maximum Point Deduction" and "Minor to Substantial Point Deduction." Also, many of the deductions are better clarified. This score sheet follows the AKC Novice Score Sheet.)

Graduate Novice A and B Class Explanation

All exercises will be performed Off Leash

Heel On Leash and Figure 8

This exercise will be executed in the same manner as the Novice Heel on Leash and Figure Eight exercise, except that the dog will be off leash for the Figure 8. Orders are the same as in Heel on Leash and Figure Eight.

Drop on Recall

The principal features of this exercise, in addition to those listed under the Novice Recall, are the dog's prompt response to the handler's command or signal to drop and the dog's remaining in the down position until again called or signaled to come. The dog will be judged on the promptness of its response to the command or signal.

The judge will order "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," then give a clear signal to drop the dog, followed by "Call your dog" and "Finish."

On order from the judge, the handler may give a command and/or signal for the dog to stay in the sit position. The handler will walk forward to the other end of the ring, then turn, facing his/her dog, and stand naturally. On the judge's order or signal, the handler will either command or signal the dog to come. The dog must come directly at a brisk trot or gallop. On the judge's arm or hand signal, the handler shall give the command and/or signal to drop, and the dog must drop immediately to a complete down position. The dog must remain down until the judge gives the order or signal for the handler to signal or command the dog to come. The dog completes the exercise as in the Novice Recall.

Dumbbell Recall

This exercise will be performed like the Novice Recall but with the dog holding the dumbbell. In addition to the Novice Recall, the dog will promptly take, hold, and deliver the dumbbell when commanded.

The judge's orders are: "Give your dog the dumbbell," "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," "Take it," and "Finish."

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. When the judge orders, "Give your dog the dumbbell," the handler will present the dumbbell with one command. The dog must accept it readily and hold it. When the judge orders, the handler may give the command and/or signal to stay and will walk forward to the other end of the ring and turns to face the dog. On the judge's order or signal, the handler will command or signal the dog to come. The dog must come directly at a brisk trot or gallop. When the dog is sitting in front of the handler, the judge will order, "Take it," and the handler will give a command and take the dumbbell. The finish will be done as in the Novice Recall.

Recall Over High Jump

The principal features of the exercise are that the dog stay until directed to jump, clear the jump on a single command or signal, and immediately return to sit in front of the handler.

Orders are: "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," and "Finish."

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at least 8 feet from the jump. When the judge orders, "Leave your dog," the handler will give the command and/or signal to stay, go at least 8 feet beyond the other side of the high jump, and turn and face the dog as in the Novice Recall. On the judge's order, the handler will give the command or signal to jump. The dog must clear the high jump without touching it and, without any further command or signal, immediately sit in front of the handler and finish as in the Novice Recall.

The height of the jump will be required as it is for the Open Retrieve over High Jump exercise.

Recall Over Broad Jump

The principal features of the exercise are the same as in the Recall over High Jump exercise.

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at least 8 feet from the jump, facing the lowest hurdle. When the judge orders, "Leave your dog," the handler will give the command and/or signal to stay, go at least 8 feet beyond the last hurdle, and turn and face the dog as in the Novice Recall. On the judge's order, the handler will give the command or signal to jump. The dog must clear the entire distance of the broad jump without touching it and, without any further command or signal, immediately sit in front of the handler and finish as in the Novice Recall.

The distance of the jump will be the same as in the Open Classes.

Long Down

The Long Down exercise will be performed as in the Open Group Exercise, except that the judge will order the handlers to return after three minutes.

(Note: Use the 2005 score sheet for Graduate Novice. This score sheet follows the AKC Graduate Novice Score Sheet. Drop on Recall and Recall Over High Jump have replaced the Moving Stand for Exam and Moving Drop on Recall. Also, many of the deductions are better clarified.)

Open A and B Class Explanation

All exercises will be performed Off Leash

Heel Free and Figure Eight

This exercise will be executed in the same manner as the Novice Heel on Leash and Figure Eight exercise, except that the dog will be off leash. Orders are the same as in Heel on Leash and Figure Eight.

Drop on Recall

The principal features of this exercise, in addition to those listed under the Novice Recall, are the dog's prompt response to the handler's command or signal to drop and the dog's remaining in the down position until again called or signaled to come. The dog will be judged on the promptness of its response to the command or signal.

The judge will order “Leave your dog,” “Call your dog,” then give a clear signal to drop the dog, followed by “Call your dog” and “Finish.”

On order from the judge, the handler may give a command and/or signal for the dog to stay in the sit position. The handler will walk forward to the other end of the ring, then turn, facing his/her dog, and stand naturally. On the judge’s order or signal, the handler will either command or signal the dog to come. The dog must come directly at a brisk trot or gallop. On the judge’s arm or hand signal, the handler shall give the command or signal to drop, and the dog must drop immediately to a complete down position. The dog must remain down until the judge gives the order or signal for the handler to signal or command the dog to come. The dog completes the exercise as in the Novice Recall.

Retrieve on Flat

The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog retrieve promptly. Orders are “Throw it,” “Send your dog,” “Take it,” and “Finish.”

The handler will stand with his/her dog sitting in the heel position in a place designated by the judge. On the judge’s order, “Throw it,” the handler will give the command and/or signal to stay. If the handler does use a signal, that signal may not be given with the hand that is holding the dumbbell. After the dumbbell is thrown at least 20 feet, the judge will order the handler, “Send your dog.” The retrieve should be executed at a brisk trot or gallop. The dog will go directly to the dumbbell and retrieve it, returning directly to the handler as in the Novice Recall without unnecessary mouthing or playing. On order from the judge to “Take it,” the handler will give command or signal and take the dumbbell.

The finish will be executed as in the Novice Recall.

The dumbbell, which must be approved by the judge, will be made of one or more solid pieces of wood or non-wooden material similar in size, shape and weight to a wooden dumbbell. Metal dumbbells are not permitted. Dumbbells will not be hollowed out. They may be unfinished, coated with a clear finish, or may be any color. They may not have decorations or attachments but may bear an inconspicuous mark for identification. The size of the dumbbell will be proportionate to the size of the dog. The judge will require the dumbbell to be thrown again before the dog is sent if it is thrown less than 20 feet, too far to one side, or too close to the ring’s edge.

Retrieve Over High Jump

The principal features of this exercise are that the dog go out over the jump, pick up the dumbbell, and promptly return with it over the jump. Orders are “Throw it,” “Send your dog,” “Take it,” and “Finish.” This exercise will be executed in the same manner as the Retrieve on Flat, except that the dog will clear the high jump both going and coming. The handler will stand at least 8 feet, or any reasonable distance beyond 8 feet, from the jump, will remain in the same spot throughout the exercise and will throw the dumbbell at least 8 feet beyond the jump. (These 8-foot distances should be clearly marked.)

The minimum jump will be set at the nearest multiple of 2 inches to three-quarters the height of the dog at the withers for the following breeds:

Basset Hounds	Great Danes
Bernese Mountain Dogs	Great Pyrenees

Bloodhounds	Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs
Bulldogs	Irish Wolfhounds
Bullmastiffs	Mastiffs
Cardigan Welsh Corgis	Newfoundlands
Clumber Spaniels	Saint Bernards
Dachshunds	Skye Terriers
French Bulldogs	

The minimum jump shall be set to the multiple of 2 inches nearest the height of the dog at the withers for all other dogs, with no dog jumping less than 8 inches or more than 36 inches. Handlers having their dogs jump more than the minimum required height will neither be penalized nor receive extra consideration. For breeds that jump three-quarters the height of the dog at the withers, the minimum jumps will be set in accordance with the following table:

Measured Height of Dog at Withers	Height to be Jumped
Less than 12 ½"	8"
12 ½" to less than 15"	10"
15" to less than 17 ½"	12"
17 ½" to less than 20"	14"
20" to less than 23"	16"
23" to less than 25 ½"	18"
25 ½" to less than 28"	20"
28" to less than 31"	22"
31" to less than 33 ½"	24"
33 ½" to less than 36"	26"
36" to less than 39"	28"

The stewards, based on the handler's advice as to the dog's height, may preset the jumps. The judge will make certain the jump is at least the minimum required height for each dog and must also be aware that the jump may be set at a higher height if requested by the handler. Judges may, at their discretion, verify the height of any dog at the withers.

The high jump will be 5 feet wide and built to provide 2-inch increments from 8 inches to 36 inches. The uprights of the high jump will be 4 feet high. It is suggested that the bottom board measure 8 inches down from its top to the floor or ground. In addition, three other 8-inch boards, a 4-inch board, and 2-inch board should be used. A 6-inch board may also be used. The jump will be a flat white. The height of each board will be indicated in black 2-inch numbers.

Broad Jump

The principal features of this exercise are that the dog stay where left until directed to jump, that the dog clear the jump on a single command or signal, and that the dog return to its handler after it has jumped.

Orders are "Leave your dog," "Send your dog," and "Finish."

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at least 8 feet from the jump facing the lowest side of the lowest hurdle. (This 8-foot distance should be clearly marked.) On order from the judge to "Leave your dog," the handler will give the command and/or signal to stay and go to a position facing the right side of the jump. The

handler may stand anywhere between the lowest edge of the first hurdle and the highest edge of the last hurdle with their toes about 2 feet from the jump.

On the judge's order, the handler will give the command or signal to jump. While the dog is in midair, the handler will execute a right-angle turn, but will remain in the same spot. The dog will clear the entire distance of the hurdle without touching them and, without further command or signal, immediately return to a sitting position in front of the handler, finishing as in the Novice Recall.

The broad jump will consist of four white telescoping hurdles, all about 8 inches wide. The largest hurdle will measure about 5 feet long and about 6 inches at the highest point. In the ring, they will be arranged in order of size, evenly spaced, covering a distance equal to twice the height of the high jump setting for each dog. Four hurdles will be used for a jump of 48 to 72 inches, three for 28 to 44 inches and two for a jump of 16 to 24 inches. When decreasing the number of hurdles in the jump, the highest hurdle will be removed first. It is the judge's responsibility to see that the distance jumped by each dog is in accordance with these *Regulations*.

Group Exercises (Long Sit and Long Down)

During these exercises the judge will stand so that all the dogs are in their line of vision. Without having to turn around, judges should be able to see all the handlers as they leave and return to the ring.

These exercises are performed in the same manner as in the Novice Classes, except that the handlers must cross to the opposite side of the ring then leave in a single file and go completely out of the dogs' sight. Counting from the judge's order to "Leave your dogs," the handlers must remain in the place designated by the judge until three minutes have passed for the Long Sit and five minutes for the Long Down. On the judge's orders, the handlers will return to the ring in reverse order, lining up to face their dogs at the opposite side of the ring, and return to their dogs.

Orders are the same as in the Novice Group Exercises.

(Note: Use the 2005 score sheet for Open. This score sheet follows the AKC Open Score Sheet. The exercises remain the same, as do the maximum points per exercise; however, many of the deductions are better clarified.)

Graduate Open A and B Class Explanations

All exercises will be performed Off Leash

Signal Exercise

The principal features of this exercise are the ability of dog and handler to work as a team while heeling and the dog's correct response to the signals to stand, stay, down, sit, and come.

Orders are the same as in the Novice Heel on Leash, except for the judge's order to "Stand your dog." This order will only be given when dog and handler are walking at a normal pace and will be followed by the order "Leave your dog." The judge must use signals for directing the handler to signal the dog to down, sit, come (in that sequence) and to finish.

Heeling will be done as in the Heel Free, except that the handler may use signals only and must not speak to their dog at any time during this exercise.

While the dog is heeling at one end of the ring, the judge will order the handler to “Stand your dog.” On further order to “Leave your dog,” the handler will signal the dog to stay, go 10 to 20 feet, then turn and face the dog. On the judge’s signal, the handler will give the signals to down, sit, come, and finish as in the Novice Recall. On the judge’s signals to stay, down, sit, come, and finish, the handler may give the command and/or signal.

Scent Discrimination

The principal feature of this exercise is the selection of the handler’s article from among the other articles by scent alone and the prompt delivery of the correct article to the handler.

The judge will ask, “What method will you be using to send your dog?” The handler must respond with either “After a sit” or “Send directly.” The judge will then ask, “Are you Ready?” immediately prior to taking the article from the handler. This taking of the article will be considered to be the first order, and scoring of the exercise will begin at that time. The remaining orders are “Send your dog,” “Take it,” and “Finish.”

In each of these two exercises, the dog must select and retrieve an article that has been handled by its handler. The dog must make this selection based on scent alone.

The articles will be provided by the handler and will consist of four articles (two leather and two metal), which may be items of everyday use. The size of the articles will be proportionate to the size of the dog. Two articles must be made entirely of rigid metal and two of leather, designed so that only a minimum amount of thread or other material is visible. The articles will be legibly numbered with a different number and must be approved by the judge.

The handler will present all four articles to the judge, who will make a written note of the numbers of the one article the handler has selected. These articles will be placed on a table or chair within the ring until the handler picks each up separately. The judge or steward will handle each of the remaining three articles while randomly arranging them on the floor or ground about 6 inches apart. The closest article should be about 20 feet from the handler and dog. Before the dog is sent, the judge must make sure that the articles are visible to both dog and handler and that they are far enough apart so that there will be no confusion of scent among articles.

After the articles have been put out, the handler and dog will remain facing the articles until the judge has given the order, “Send your dog.” The handler must hand the article to the judge immediately when ordered. The judge will make certain the handler scents the article with their hands only.

On the judge’s order, the handler will place the article on the judge’s book or work sheet. Without touching that article, the judge *or steward* will place it among the others.

On order from the judge to “Send your dog,” the handler may give the command to heel. The handler will come to a halt with the dog sitting in the heel position. The handler will

then give the command or signal to retrieve. Handlers have the option as to how the dog is sent.

The handler may give their scent by extending the palm of one hand in front of the dog's nose or gently touching the dog's nose, but the arm and hand must be returned to a natural position before they turn and face the articles.

The dog should go directly to the articles at a brisk trot or gallop. It may take any reasonable time to select the correct article but must work continuously. After picking up the correct article, the dog will complete the exercise as in the Retrieve on Flat.

If a dog retrieves the wrong first article, that article and the correct one must be removed. They will be placed on the table or chair, and the next exercise will be done with one less article.

Directed Retrieve

The principal features of this exercise are that the dog stay until directed to retrieve and that it go directly to the designated glove and retrieve it promptly. In this exercise the handler will provide two gloves that are predominately white. They must be open and must be approved by the judge. Handlers will stand with their backs to the unobstructed end of the ring midway between and in line with the jumps. The dog will be sitting in heel position. The judge or steward will drop the gloves across the end of the ring while the handler and dog are facing the opposite direction. Each glove is dropped about 3 feet in from each corner.

The gloves will be designated "One" and "Two" reading from left to right when the handler is facing the gloves. The orders for the exercise are "One," or "Two," "Take it," and "Finish." When the judge designates the glove by number, the handler will turn in place to face the glove, halting with the dog sitting in heel position. The handler may not touch the dog or reposition it. The handler will give the dog the direction to the designated glove with a single motion of the left hand and arm along the right side of the dog. Either simultaneously with or immediately following giving the direction, the handler must give a verbal retrieve command. The dog must then go directly to the glove, completing the exercise as in the Retrieve on Flat.

Handlers may bend their bodies and knees as far as necessary to give the direction to the dogs but must then stand up in a natural position with their arms at their sides.

The judge should decide how to assign the gloves so that each glove will be used approximately the same number of times.

Moving Stand and Examination

The principal features of the exercise are that the dog heel, stand, and stay as the handler moves away; accept the examination without shyness or resentment; and return to the handler on command.

Orders for the exercise are "Forward," "Stand your dog," and "Call your dog to heel." The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position at a point indicated by the judge. The judge will ask, "Are you ready?" and then will order, "Forward." The handler will command or signal the dog to heel. After the handler has proceeded about 10 feet,

the judge will order, “Stand your dog.” The handler will command and/or signal the dog to stand and continue forward about 10 to 12 feet. (The handler may pause or hesitate when giving the command and/or signal to stand.) The handler will then turn either to the right or left to face the dog, which must stand and stay in position.

The judge will approach the dog from the front to examine it as in dog show judging. The exam will not include the teeth or testicles.

When the judge orders, “Call your dog to heel,” the handler will command and/or signal the dog to return to the heel position. The dog should return to heel position in a brisk manner.

Go Out

The principal features of this exercise are that the dog go away from the handler to the opposite end of the ring and stop as directed. The orders are: “Send your dog” and “Return to your Dog”.

The handler will stand in the approximate center of the ring between the jumps facing the unobstructed end of the ring. The judge will order “Send your dog,” and the handler will command and/or signal the dog to go forward at a brisk trot or gallop to a point about 20 feet past the jumps in the approximate center of the ring. When the dog reaches this point, the handler will give a command to sit. The dog must stop and sit with its attention on the handler, but it need not sit squarely.

The judge will then order the handler, “Return to your dog,” and the handler will return to the heel position.

Directed Jumping

The principal features of this exercise are that the dog stay where left, jump as directed, and return to the handler as in the Novice Recall. The orders are: “Leave your dog,” “Bar,” “High,” and “Finish.”

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in the heel position at the unobstructed end and in the center of the ring. The judge will order “Leave your dog,” and the handler will walk to the far end of the ring and turn to face the dog. The judge will order either “Bar” or “High” for the jump, and the handler will command and/or signal the dog to return to the handler over that designated jump. While the dog is in midair, the handler may turn to face the dog as it returns. The dog will sit in front of the handler, and, on order from the judge, finish as in the Novice Recall. The dog will be sent over only one jump, and the same jump will be used for all dogs as designated by the judge at the start of the class.

(Note: Use the 2005 score sheet for Graduate Open. This score sheet follows the AKC Graduate Open Sheet. Scent Discrimination and Go Out have replaced the Drop on Recall and Retrieve on Flat. Also, many of the deductions are better clarified.)

GLOSSARY OF TERMS (Taken from AKC Obedience Regulations)

Brisk, briskly - keenly alive, alert, energetic

Command - verbal order from handler to dog

Crooked - a dog that is not straight in line with the direction the handler is facing

Crowding - a dog so close to handler as to interfere with handler's freedom of motion

Directly - immediately, without deviation or hesitation

Drop completely - a down position that would be acceptable for a Long Down exercise

Gently - with kindness, without harshness or roughness

Guiding gently by the collar - control of the dog by holding any part of the collar with minimal pressure on the dog's neck

Lame - irregularity or impairment of the function of locomotion, irrespective of the cause or how slight or severe

Minor penalty - 1/2 point to 2-1/2 points

Mouthing - when a dog chews or rolls the dumbbell in its mouth unnecessarily

Natural - not artificial; free of affectation; what is customarily expected in the home or public places

Order - direction from judge to handler, either verbal or nonverbal

Prompt response - without hesitation, immediate, quick

Resentment - resistance, unwillingness

Signal - nonverbal direction from the handler to dog, as described in Chapter 2, Section 20

Smartly - quickly, vigorously

Substantial penalty - 3 points or more

Turn in place - turning in the circle that was occupied by the handler before they started to turn

Withers - highest point of the dog's shoulder

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