



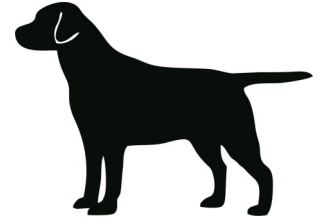
# JR. FAIR DEPARTMENT

## J21 - DOGS

**JUDGING: TBA**

**LOCATION: Dog Building/Youth Park Area**

**JR. FAIR COORDINATOR: Jen Messina**



### **General Rules:**

- 1.) All dogs must be licensed according to state law,
- 2.) Forms to be turned in to the fair office: 2025 Summit County Dog Project Identification Form, and Vaccination/Health Certificate must be filled out by the veterinarian and be turned in by June 1, 2025 to the Jr. Fair Secretary at the fairgrounds via email [summitfairkq@gmail.com](mailto:summitfairkq@gmail.com) or mail PO Box 89, Tallmadge OH, 44278. **YOU WILL REGISTER FOR FAIR ONLINE AT [www.summitfair.com](http://www.summitfair.com)**
- 3.) All dogs must be current on vaccinations and must have their rabies shot by the first class or clinic.
- 4.) Dogs must be six months of age by July 1 2025
- 5.) No Wolf or wolf hybrid will be allowed
- 6.) All Dog project must be enrolled in the Dog Project 201O (Obedience) or 201S (Showmanship) by March 15 2025 and reported to the Dog Committee Chair.
- 7.) All Dog Exhibitors must attend at least 50% of classes and clinics.
- 8.) Show Levels: Obedience, Showmanship, Agility (see separate rules for agility) (Classes can be broken down by groups at the discretion of the Jr. Fair Coordinator)
  - ☐ Beginner: First or second year showing a dog
  - ☐ Intermediate: Third or Fourth year showing a dog
  - ☐ Advanced: Five or more years showing a dog. (exceptions to these levels may be made by the species chair, or committee)
- 9.) Members scores from both Obedience and Showmanship will be added together for the best total score award. Agility will be scored separately.
- 10.) All dogs must follow the fair rules for dogs: no dogs allowed on the mid-way. Dogs are only allowed on the fairgrounds during the show, not for the week. Once the show is done, the dogs must leave the fairgrounds. **ALL DOG EXHIBITORS WILL BE GIVEN A ONE DAY CAR PASS TO USE GATE E.**
- 11.) Dress Code - exhibitors must be neat, clean and well-groomed in appearance. Youth with long hair should tie it back. Closed toed shoes should be worn. Examples of appropriate show attire include: pants and a nice blouse or shirt. More details on clothing for the show will be covered in clinics. Violation of this rule will result in member being dismissed from judging.
- 12.) In show you will be penalized for giving extra commands, for giving treats in the ring and for soiling the ring. Members and their dogs will be dismissed from the ring if there is abuse to an animal.
- 13.) Project book must be complete and brought to Grade and Exhibit on July 12, 2025. The show does not Qualify exhibitors for the State Fair. This is determined at Grade and Exhibit.
- 14.) Each Exhibitor must turn in a \$20 sponsorship (one per 4-Her, not project).

### **Agility Rules:**

- 1) **DUE TO THE SAFETY AND TRAINING ISSUES, HANDLERS MUST PARTICIPATE IN AT LEAST 50% OF THE TRAINING SESSIONS.**
- 2) Dogs participating in Dog Agility must be owned by the exhibitor. They must be housed on Exhibitors premises and in their continual care beginning no later than April 1st. Through the duration of the project.
- 3) First year exhibitors may train and compete with only 1 dog. Second year exhibitors and up may compete with 2 dogs, with permission from the Jr. Fair Dog Committee.
- 4) The dog must be 1 year old by May 15th of the current project year to participate in agility training. To qualify for State Fair Agility Show, the dog must be at least 18 months by July 27th.



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### **Agility Rules Continued:**

- 5) All new exhibitors and dogs, as well as returning members with a new dog, must be assessed by the dog committee to demonstrate that the handler has basic control of the dog (the dog knows basic obedience commands such as sit, down, stay, and come) and the dog shows no aggression. Place and time to be decided upon by the committee and parent of the participant.
- 6) Dog Agility exhibitors must be enrolled in 4H Project 201P by March 15th.
- 7) Each dog exhibitor along with a parent/legal guardian, must read and sign the *Permission to Participate in Ohio 4-H Dog Activities-Disclosure and Release of Claims*. **The form must be on file with the Summit Co. Fair Office.**
- 8) First year dog projects may take the Beginners Level Agility Project (201P) and be eligible to participate on Leash in the Beginners Level Agility Course at the county fair (not State Fair eligible). **Must register with the Extension Office as well as Dog Committee Chair by March 15th.**
- 9) Dogs suffering any deformity, injury, or illness, which may affect the dog's physical or mental performance, or dogs exhibiting signs of aggression will not be allowed to participate. Any exceptions to this rule will need to be reviewed and approved by the Dog Committee.
- 10) **\*\*All dogs enrolled in the Dog Agility Project must have a current county dog license.**
- 11) **\*\*All dogs enrolled in the Dog Agility Project must have a current, completed Certificate of Identification and Vaccination on file with the Summit County Fair Office by June 1, 2025. A copy of this form will be given to the Dog Committee. For the first training class, proof of vaccination is required, or the exhibitor cannot participate.**
- 12) A parent or legal guardian must be present at each training session and the Summit County Fair's Dog Agility Show, unless prearranged with at least two Adult Dog Committee Members.
- 13) **All dogs shall be kept on a leash**, except when completing a run through.
- 14) Dog collars shall be flat collars, lupine collars, or quick release collars. No choke collars permitted.
- 15) Females in season **may not** attend training sessions or competitions.
- 16) Any dog or child creating unnecessary disturbances or engaging in unsafe or disruptive behavior may at the discretion of the Dog Committee be asked to leave the Dog Agility Practice and/or Show.
- 17) **All Dog Agility Project Record Books (201) are required to be completed and judged at the county level judging at the Summit County Fairgrounds.** 18. Any dog exhibiting any type of aggressive behavior toward humans will be unable to participate in any dog project activities, including practices, fun matches, clinics, or the dog show.

**\*\*Required to show at Fair. / State Fair Dog Agility Rules and Project Resources:**

<http://www.ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/dog>

### **CLASSES:**

1. Beginner Obedience
2. Intermediate Obedience
3. Advanced Obedience
4. Beginner Showmanship
5. Intermediate Showmanship
6. Advanced Showmanship
7. Beginner Agility
8. Intermediate Agility
9. Advanced Agility

**Awards Offered per Class 1st through 4th Place**





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### **Rally Rules**

Rally Project Rules AKC Rally information, including rules and signs, can be found at [http://www.akc.org/dog\\_shows\\_trials/rally/index.com](http://www.akc.org/dog_shows_trials/rally/index.com)

1. 4-H exhibitors must be enrolled in the 4-H Obedience Project #201O and attend 4 out of 6 classes offered (dates and location TBD).
2. The Ohio 4-H Dog program follows the American Kennel Clubs descriptions for the Rally class exercises. The descriptions are taken from the AKC Rally Regulations and are used with permission from the AKC.
3. Sharing of one (1) dog by two (2) exhibitors is permitted, provided they meet class and ownership requirements. This applies at the county level ONLY.
4. Exhibitors may show multiple project dogs per Rally level, provided they meet class requirements.
5. Dogs with health and/or other physical limitations should not be trained or shown in any class without consulting a veterinarian. County and/or State Officials/judges and/or advisors have the authority to stop the performance of any dog whose soundness they question.
6. Use of Bait Food, treats, or toys are NOT permitted in any Rally show ring during Rally classes.
7. Collars and Leashes - Rally collars include a well-fitted plain buckle collar, a quick release collar, a safety choke (martingale) collar or a slip collar of an appropriate single length of leather, fabric or chain with two (2) rings (one on each end). Fancy collars, harnesses, halties, studded collars, pinch collars, collars with prongs (banned, only used during trainings), spiked on the inside or the outside, electronic collars or any other special training collars as well as collars that are either too tight or too large which causes the collar to hang down unreasonably in front of the dog, are NOT PERMITTED. Nothing shall be hanging from the collar. Leashes may be made of either fabric or leather and long enough to provide adequate slack. Chain leashes are NOT acceptable.
8. All dogs entered in a Rally Advanced "A" or "B" class or a Rally Excellent "A" or "B" class will need to provide their jump heights on their entry forms. Jump heights for Rally (these differ from Agility) are as follows:  
Height of Dog at Withers Height to be Jumped  
Less than 10 inches 4 inches  
10 inches to less than 15 inches  
8 inches  
15 inches to less than 20 inches  
12 inches  
20 inches and over 16 inches



### **Rally class progression:**

An inexperienced handler with an experienced dog goes with the ability of the exhibitor at the advisors discretion; this applies at the county level ONLY.

Levels and Classes

Level refers to a Rally sub-category, such as Rally Novice.

Class refers to the two classes within the Rally sub-category. The letters "A" and "B" refer to the experience of the youth.

"A" classes are for first-year youth with NO experience. "A" classes can never be repeated by the same youth, regardless of what dog is shown.



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### **Rally class progression:**

“B” classes can be repeated by the same youth regardless of what dog is shown, provided the handler/dog team are not the class winners. If/when a handler/dog team wins first place in a Rally Novice B class, the youth and dog must then move to the Rally Advanced A class provided they can safely perform all exercises off lead. If they cannot safely perform all exercises off lead then they MUST move to the Rally Intermediate A class. Once winning a Rally Intermediate class, the exhibitor is encouraged to move to the Rally Advanced A class, however, they can remain in the Intermediate level till able to perform all exercises off leash. If/when a handler/dog team wins first place in a Rally Advanced B class that team must then move to the Rally Excellent A class.

### Rally classes are as follows:

Each “A” and “B” class is broken into age groups; this applies at the County level ONLY.

8-11 years of age

12-14 years of age

15-18 years of age

Rally S.E.N. (special educational needs)– ON lead class - all ages, this is a modified class Rally Novice A, B - ON lead class

Rally Intermediate A, B – ON lead class

Rally Advanced A or B - OFF lead class

Rally Excellent A or B – OFF lead class

Rally Novice

All exercises are judged on leash. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. Rally Novice A and B must have 10 to 15 stations (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) stationary exercises per class.

### Rally Novice A

This class is for the exhibitor with no prior experience showing at any Rally level before April 1st of the current year.

### Rally Novice B

This class is for the handler/dog team who has had prior experience showing at the Rally Novice level before April 1st of the current year. They have not yet progressed to the Rally Advanced A level or higher. Once winning a Rally Novice B class, the handler/dog team must move to Rally Advanced A at the very minimum the NEXT project year.

### Rally Intermediate

All exercises are judged on leash. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. Rally Intermediate A and B must have 12 to 17 signs (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of seven (7) stationary signs. Intermediate courses will have a minimum of three (3) Advanced level signs. There are no jumps in this class.

### Rally Intermediate A

This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog who have not had any training or showing experience at the Rally Intermediate level before April 1st of the current year. If they have any training or showing experience at the Rally Intermediate A level before April 1st of the current year, they must show at the Rally Intermediate B level at the very minimum. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, he/she must move to Rally Intermediate B at the very minimum. Once a dog has been shown in this class, the dog must be shown in the Rally Intermediate B class at the very minimum.

### Rally Intermediate B

This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog who has shown in Rally Intermediate A or has had any training or showing experience at the Rally Intermediate level before April 1st of the current year..

Once winning this class, the exhibitor and/or dog must move to Rally Advanced A at the very minimum the next project year, provided they can safely perform all exercises off leash.

### Rally Advanced

For Rally Advanced classes, all exercises are judged off leash. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. Rally Advanced A and B must have between 12 -17 stations (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of seven (7) stationary exercises per class. Courses shall have a minimum of three Advanced level stations plus one required jump per class.



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**Rally class progression:**

**Rally Advanced A**

This class is for the handler/dog team who has not had prior experience showing at the Rally Advanced level before April 1st of the current year.

**Rally Advanced B**

This class is for the handler/dog team who has had prior experience showing at the Rally Advanced level before April 1st of the current year. Once winning this class, the handler/dog team must move to Rally Excellent A at the very minimum the NEXT project year.

**Rally Excellent**

All exercises are judged off leash. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. Rally Excellent must have between 15 to 20 stations (Start, Finish and Call to Heel marker not included) with a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of seven (7) stationary exercises. Courses shall have a minimum of two (2) Advanced level stations and a minimum of three (3) Excellent level stations, plus the two (2) required jumps and the Sit Stay exercise per class. Unlike in the Rally Novice and Advanced classes, in Rally Excellent, handlers are not allowed to pat their legs or clap their hands to encourage the dog. Verbal encouragement, multiple commands and/or inaudible signals using one or both arms and hands are allowed; the handler's arms need not be maintained in any particular position at any time. Handlers may not touch their dog or make any physical corrections.

**Rally Excellent A**

This class is for the handler/dog team who has not had prior experience showing at the Rally Excellent level before April 1st of the current year.

**Rally Excellent B**

This class is for the handler/dog team who has had prior experience showing at the Rally Excellent level before April 1st of the current year. Once winning this class, the handler/dog team may stay in this class indefinitely.

**Timing**

All dogs will be timed. Times will be used only in the event of ties for a placement. Timing will begin when the judge gives the order "Forward" and will end when dog and handler cross the Finish station.

**RALLY CLASSES:**

10. A 8 - 11 Years of age
11. A 12 - 14 Years of age
12. A 15 - 18 Years of age
13. B 8 - 11 Years of age
14. B 12 - 14 Years of age
15. B 15 - 18 Years of age
16. S.E.N.
17. Intermediate A - ON lead class
18. Intermediate B - ON lead class
19. Advanced A - OFF lead class
20. Advanced B - OFF lead
21. Rally Excellent A - OFF lead class
22. Rally Excellent B - OFF lead class
23. Rally Novice

