

YOUTH DOG SHOW

Bob Thomas Equestrian Center Covered Arena and Pavilion

Show Chairperson Samantha Richards
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Educational Opportunities ...See Point Categories on page 9

Entry Due Date **December 6, 2024**
..... (Post Marked or Hand Delivered)
1st Late Entry Period **December 13, 2024**
..... (Double Entry Fees)
Final Late Entry Period **January 10, 2025**
..... (Double Entry Fees plus \$100.00)

Record Book Deadline ... Hand Delivered or Postmarked
..... **On or Before January 10, 2025**
**No Record Books will be accepted at Check-in – See
Rules on page 10

Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care
Workshop Deadline January 20, 2025
***This workshop is **REQUIRED** for ALL students
entered in the Youth Dog Show. (See page 11 for details)

SHOW SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2025

Pavilion

Arrival/Check-in 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.
(For Champion Youth Participants Only)

** All Posters Turned In

Skillathon & Record Book Test 10 a.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025

Covered Arena

Arrival..... 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Showmanship, Agility, Obedience, & Rally 9:00 a.m.

Brace and Team Classes TBD

Announce Champion Youthat end of show

Individuals are limited to entering a maximum of 2
Youth Livestock Shows at the 2025 Florida State Fair.

ABOUT THE YOUTH DOG SHOW

The Youth Dog Show was created to help develop character, knowledge, a sense of responsibility, and life skills in a 4-H, FFA, or YLPA youth project.

This show is organized and run by volunteers who make every effort to make it an enjoyable experience for all attendees.

Parents, Leaders, and Teachers can help us in several ways. Please make sure that all exhibitors are aware of all of the requirements for the classes in which they enter. Read the rules and class descriptions provided in this show booklet and address any questions for clarification to Samantha Richards at richards.samr@gmail.com. If this is your child's first show experience, ask his or her leader, teacher, or

trainer what to expect at a show, what to bring, and how best to prepare. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to enter the dog and handler into the proper classes. Youth are responsible for reading the rules and complying. Consider volunteering to help at the show. We can always use more help inside and outside of the show ring.

INTERPRETATION OF RULES

The management of the Florida State Fair reserves the right to amend, add to, and interpret the following Rules and Regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all questions and differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Fair.

ELIGIBILITY

1. ONLY FLORIDA RESIDENTS THAT ARE BONA FIDE 4-H OR YLPA MEMBERS (8 YEARS OLD OR OLDER AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2024) or FFA members are eligible TO ENTER. All entrants must be currently active in the 4-H or YLPA Club program or the Vocational Agricultural Program in Florida. Anyone having currently graduated from high school, dropped out of high school, or is currently enrolled in an Agriculture Class but not attending class shall be ineligible to enter the show. FFA Chapters and 4-H and YLPA Clubs must be valid clubs and in good standing with their local and state organizations.
2. Exhibitors must show as a member of the same organization they entered under and are members of.
3. All dogs must be owned and/or in the exhibitor's possession by November 1, 2024. The Florida State Fair Dog Leasing Program is no longer applicable. The junior handler must be the exclusive handler in all venues (4H, AKC, UKC, etc.) throughout the project (November 1st through March 1st).
4. All dogs must be at least 6 months of age. Dogs entered in Agility must be at least 15 months of age as of the day of the show.
5. All dogs must be in good health on show day.
6. Approval for the use of a substitute dog due to extenuating circumstances may be granted by the Youth Dog Show Chairperson. Substitute dogs must be owned and in your possession by November 1, 2024, and must be one of the exhibitor's project animals. The exhibitor must notify the chairperson as soon as possible after the determination that a substitute dog is necessary no later than January 24, 2025. No substitutions will be allowed after January 24, 2025, except for females in heat.
7. Notify the Show Chairperson AND the Show Secretary of any substitutions.

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Secretary
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8. Any exhibitor from a family with an outstanding balance owed to the Fair will not be eligible to show at the Florida State Fair.

ENTRIES

1. All entries must be made on the Official Florida State Fair Youth Dog Show Entry Form with all information complete and accurate. **CLASS CHANGES WILL NOT BE MADE AT THE SHOW!**

PLEASE NOTE: A separate entry form is required for each dog entered. Official Florida State Fair Youth Dog Show Entry Forms are available on our website.

2. There will be a **\$25.00 entry fee for up to 2 dogs per exhibitor.** Make all checks payable to **The Florida State Fair Authority. Entry Fees are Non-Refundable.**

3. **Basic and Junior Exhibitors may only enter one dog.**
4. **All other exhibitors (besides Basic and Junior exhibitors) will be limited to a maximum of two (2) dogs entered. Up to two (2) dogs may be entered in all divisions EXCEPT showmanship. For families, a dog will be allowed in each division one time.**

5. Exhibitors must show in at least one additional class besides showmanship (i.e., rally, obedience, or agility) to be eligible to compete in the Champion of Champions program.

6. **Entry Due Date - All entries must be hand-delivered or postmarked on or before December 6, 2024.** It is the policy of the Florida State Fair to abide by all Rules and Regulations as posted on the Florida State Fair Agribusiness website at www.floridastatefair.com

Entry fee will be determined by the date entries are postmarked or hand-delivered to the Agribusiness Office. Hand-delivered entries will be accepted in the Agribusiness Office up to office closing at 5:00 p.m. on the day of the deadline.

Certified mail or a Certificate of Mailing validated by the Post Office is recommended. A metered postmark will NOT be considered a valid postmark for entry deadline purposes.

The 1st Late Entry Period for entries postmarked or hand-delivered between December 7 and December 13, 2024, are subject to management approval and availability of space and will be charged double (\$50.00 per exhibitor) entry fees.

The Final Late Entry Period for entries postmarked or hand-delivered between December 15, 2024, and January 10, 2025, are subject to management approval and availability of space and will be charged double entry fees plus a \$100.00 fee for Youth Entry.

7. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SIGNED BY THE 4-H COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT AND THE 4-H LEADER, YLPA REPRESENTATIVE, OR FFA TEACHER. AGENTS AND TEACHERS ARE CERTIFYING THAT THE ENTRANT IS A BONA FIDE MEMBER OF THEIR RESPECTIVE ORGANIZATION AND MEETS ALL ELIGIBILITY RULES AND REGULATIONS.

IF THE DOG AND HANDLER ARE ENTERED IN A LOWER CLASS THAN DEEMED CORRECT, THEY WILL NOT BE CHANGED AT THE SHOW AND WILL RECEIVE NO SCORE AND NO PLACEMENT.

8. MANDATORY – PROOF of RABIES A current proof of the dog's rabies vaccination must include the Owner's Name, Dog's Name, Date of Vaccine, Date of Vaccine

Expiration, and Date of Next Vaccine Due and MUST be submitted with the entry form.

9. Exhibitors will be sent a letter confirming that their entry has been received with instructions for admission to the Fairgrounds. **NO CLASS CONFIRMATIONS WILL BE MAILED OR EMAILED.**

10. For Entry Verification purposes, the Fair suggests sending a self-addressed stamped envelope with your entry.

ASSISTANCE

1. Youth exhibitors are expected to care for, prepare, and show their own animals while on the grounds of the Florida State Fair.

2. **Adults are strictly prohibited from providing direct assistance in preparation or showing of youth animals while on the grounds of the Florida State Fair.**

3. All preparation will be done in a designated area.

4. Exceptions to the above rule must be approved by the committee and be in writing before the Fair.

5. Violations can result in the exhibitor's disqualification, and all premiums, Achievement premiums, etc., will be forfeited.

YOUTH DOG SHOW DEFINITIONS:

Basic Handler/Exhibitor- Exhibitors who have NEVER competed in ANY state-level dog show, or any outside venue (i.e. AKC, UKC, NADAC, etc.) **AND is competing within their FIRST PROJECT YEAR of 4H or FFA.** Handlers may compete in Basic classes with a basic dog for only one year and then must move up to the next level.

Basic Dog- Any dog that has NEVER competed in ANY state-level dog show or any other outside venue (i.e. AKC, UKC, NADAC, etc.) **AND is being shown by a basic handler. A dog may compete in Basic classes with a basic handler for only the first 4-H/FFA year.**

Experienced Handler – Exhibitor who has previously shown at a state-level dog show, has competed in any outside venue (i.e., AKC, UKC, NADAC, etc.), or has already completed their first full year of 4H or FFA with a dog project.

Experienced Dog - Any dog that has previously shown at a state-level dog show, has competed in any outside venue (i.e., AKC, UKC, NADAC, etc.), or has been part of a dog and handler team that has completed their first full year of 4H or FFA with a dog project, **OR** any titled dog whether handler was the person who titled the dog or not. Any titled dog must be entered into the class equivalent to their title or higher **and** entered into the "B" class.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **Please Note: Due to health and safety issues, no cooking will be allowed in the arenas; food and drink should not be consumed in animal areas; and exhibitors should wash their hands after handling animals.**

2. The Florida State Fair believes that every animal participating in activities at the Florida State Fair shall at all times be provided proper care and management in the best interest of the animal's welfare.

3. **While on the show grounds, no one other than the Youth exhibitor may handle, train, work, or groom his/her dog. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification.**

4. Dogs must be on a leash, except during performances requiring unrestricted movement. Dogs scheduled in acts,

shows, or contests are not permitted anywhere on the Fairgrounds except the Covered Arena on Sunday. Violators are liable for any damage incurred by the owner or animals.

5. Each owner/ handler is responsible for his/ her dog's behavior, and this year we will be joining the **Yellow Dog**

Project. The Yellow Dog Project is an international campaign to create awareness around the world that '**Some dogs need Space**'. FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR JUDGES, VOLUNTEERS, AND EXHIBITORS, owners/ handlers **must** notify the event committee if your dog needs additional space from other dogs/ people AND/OR should not be examined by the judge AND/OR has any potentially aggressive behaviors AND/OR if your dog is reactive to other dogs. Yellow-tagged dogs are not considered dangerous, but it is a form of notification that extra space should be given to the dog/ handler team when possible. It is still up to the owner/handler of the Yellow Tagged Dog to keep the animal under control at all times. Yellow-tagged dogs should not be out of the crate or in public areas unless headed to or from the ring or potty area. Yellow-tagged dogs must have an adult accompany the dog/handler team to and from the crate.

You need to indicate on the entry form that you want a Yellow Tag. Then Yellow Tags will be provided on the day of the show to those that indicate their dog needs extra space.

6. ANY dog that, in the opinion of the show committee, attacks a person or a dog, or results in any injury and is believed to be a hazard to persons or other dogs shall be disqualified whether in the ring or on the show grounds. Any dogs showing aggression must immediately be reported to the show committee to be addressed.

7. Failure to maintain animals and exhibit acceptable standards and/or failure to cooperate with Fair Officials may result in premium forfeiture and immediate dismissal from the Fairgrounds.

8. If a dog is dismissed for showing aggression, it will have to be crated until the end of the show or removed from the show immediately.

9. **ONLY ONE COLLAR AT A TIME ON A DOG.**

10. **Absolutely no flexi leads/retractable leashes are allowed on the show grounds.**

11. **ATTIRE:** All exhibitors will be required to be clean and neat. No caps or hats. Closed-toed/closed-heel shoes or boots are required. See page 5 for additional requirements.

12. **Each owner/handler is responsible for picking up after his/her dog.** There will be a designated exercise area available for use.

13. Dogs should be bathed, combed, and nails clipped.

14. No dogs are to be left unattended in cars.

15. All dogs are required to have up-to-date inoculations.

16. No Female dogs in season will be allowed to compete.

17. Purebred and mixed-breed dogs are welcomed as entries.

18. All dogs must be at least 6 months of age. Dogs entered in Agility must be at least 15 months of age as of the day of the show.

19. Class entries are **FINAL. Class changes will not be allowed on Show Day.**

20. Dogs without height cards will be measured at check-in. All dogs are subject to measurements and will be placed in height divisions according to AKC rules as modified by the Florida State Fair Youth Dog Committee.

21. Showmanship, Obedience, Rally & Agility exercises are to be performed according to AKC rules and regulations as modified by the Florida State Fair Youth Dog Committee. A six-foot leash is required for all Obedience, Rally, and



Agility classes below Novice Level.

22. Participants will be called by number and/or name a maximum of two times before the class proceeds without them. Participants may be called via microphone or by the table steward/judge at ringside.

23. It is the participant's responsibility to ensure that they arrive at the correct ring at the correct time for the correct class. At any time, the participant may ask the table steward what class is currently being judged.

24. Participants must notify the table stewards if they have a ring conflict.

25. For showmanship, a participant may enter late without penalty if the judge has not finished judging the last person in the class.

26. For obedience, rally, and agility a "last call" will be made via microphone and/or ringside before the conclusion of that class.

27. Once the class is determined to be concluded, and all sheets are turned into the chair, a participant may no longer compete.

28. Any Classes may be combined or divided into Junior, Intermediate & Senior if the number of entries warrants at the committee's discretion.

29. The decision of the Judge is Final.

30. If required, the Show Committee shall determine the proper/improper class placement of the handler and the dog. They will be allowed to perform, but will not receive scores, placement, or ribbons.

31. Two members of the same family may show the same dog. **The Dog will be allowed in each division one time.** (i.e., Obedience, Showmanship, Agility, and Rally).

32. **Chairs are allowed on Sunday in the crating area.**

33. **Dogs will show on Sunday (Showmanship, Agility, Obedience & Rally) in the Covered Arena.**

34. **All exhibitors are encouraged to put their name and contact phone number on their dog's crate (in case of emergency).**

35. The Florida State Fair reserves the right to limit entries based on space availability. Entries will be accepted in chronological order based on the postmark.

36. Smoking is not permitted in the Covered Arena/Pavilion.

37. The use of alcohol is prohibited in the Covered Arena/Pavilion.

38. Only animals being shown at the Florida State Fair are permitted on the Fairgrounds.

39. **Failure to maintain animals and exhibit to acceptable standards and/or failure to cooperate with Fair Officials may result in premium forfeiture and immediate dismissal from the Fairgrounds.**

40. Any person who violates any of the general rules or special rules as published in this Premium List will forfeit all privileges and premiums won.

41. Animals are restricted to designated areas of the Fairgrounds and must not be taken from the designated area. Violators are liable for any damage incurred by their owners or animals.

42. The physical condition of an entrant, which the appropriate committee considers to be a problem for that entrant to participate in the show, may result in the committee not accepting entry or not allowing that entrant to participate in the show.

ARRIVAL FOR CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS YOUTH PARTICIPANTS

1. **Saturday, February 8th – Record Book Skills Test and Skillathon** – Arrival/Check-in for Champion Youth

Participants ONLY will be from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the Pavilion. The Record Book Skills Test and Skillathon will begin at 10 a.m.

2. **Sunday, February 9th** – Arrival for the Youth Dog Show will begin at 8 am in the Covered Arena. The Youth Dog Show will begin at 9 a.m.

3. Participants for the above events will enter the Orient Road Entrance – Gate 4 and park in the designated area.

PLEASE NOTE: Directions and a map will be mailed to each exhibitor.

4. Please Note: Exhibitors must show in at least one additional class besides showmanship (i.e. rally, obedience, or agility) to be eligible to compete in the Champion of Champions program. No Premiums will be paid for showmanship.

ARRIVAL FOR YOUTH NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS PROGRAM

1. **Sunday, February 9th** – Arrival for the Youth Dog Show will begin at 8 am in the Covered Arena. The Youth Dog Show will begin at 9 a.m.

3. Participants for the above events will enter the Orient Road Entrance – Gate 4 and park in the designated area.

PLEASE NOTE: Directions and a map will be mailed to each exhibitor.

TICKETS

1. Each exhibitor will receive three (3) E-Tickets to their email. Exceptions will be made when more than one (1) exhibitor is from the same family. Additional exhibitors from the same family will be issued one (1) E-Ticket. **Make sure to check the junk or spam folder for tickets. NO ADDITIONAL TICKETS WILL BE ISSUED.**

2. For those exhibitors who use their tickets on Saturday to compete in Champion Youth, they will receive physical ticket as a replacement for the show on Sunday.

3. Single-day admissions tickets can be bought in advance at discount prices. See the Advance Ticket Form on the website for details.

LIABILITY FOR LOSS OR THEFT

1. The owner or custodian of property of any kind brought to the Fairgrounds; either for exhibit or for other purposes, assumes as a condition of its admission to the grounds, all risk and/or responsibility for its loss, damage, or theft.

2. The Fair, its officers, and its employees cannot and will not accept responsibility and liability for any damage or injury resulting from theft, fire, the elements, accidents, or other conditions or causes; whether to exhibits, property of exhibitor, vehicles on the grounds and articles left therein or any other property of any nature whatsoever.

JUDGING

1. Judging will be per the Youth Dog Show Schedule.

2. All classes will be judged based on a modified Danish System. All exhibitors will receive a Blue, Red, or White Award. Rosettes will be awarded for the 1st – 4th place in each division. Awards will be based on the following:

- Blue..... 185 – 200 points
- Red..... 170– 184 points
- White.....below 170 points

3. Judges will not award premiums to any article, product, or animal that is not deserving. It must be judged individually worthy.

4. The decision of the judge shall be FINAL, and no appeal will be considered except in cases of written protest (See

General Disputes Policy). All classes: Showmanship, Obedience, Agility & Rally will be judged according to AKC guidelines as modified by the Florida State Fair Youth Dog Committee. Sending in an entry constitutes your agreement to abide by the rules of the show. **Entering a dog and handler into a lower class than required by the rules will result in a forfeit of all points, placements, and premiums.**

5. Any exhibitor who interferes with the judging will be promptly excluded from the competition; if after judging, the premiums awarded will be withheld.

6. All animals must enter the show ring and be evaluated by the judge in order to receive premiums.

GENERAL DISPUTES POLICY

With respect to any disputes which may occur with respect to an exhibitor at the show, such disputes shall be handled by the appropriate Livestock Committee (the “Committee”) in accordance with the following:

1. An exhibitor may file a protest with respect to another exhibitor for violation of the rules and regulations of the Committee and/or the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) National Code of Show Ring Ethics by submitting a written protest (a “Protest”) on a form (the “Protest Form”) which will be available at the Agribusiness Department. The Protest must include the exact basis, cause, and description of the dispute, the name of the protesting exhibitor, the name of the exhibitor being protested, and any materials in support of the Protest as well as any other matters which may be required in the Protest Form, and shall be accompanied by payment of \$50 which shall be refunded only if the Protest is sustained by the Committee. The Protest Form must be signed by the exhibitor (as the protesting exhibitor), and if the exhibitor is a minor, the Protest Form must also be signed by the exhibitor’s guardian or parent, unless the parent or guardian is not available under circumstances that warrant, as determined by the Agribusiness Department in its sole discretion. Failure to properly sign the Protest Form shall deem the Protest Form incomplete and nullity, and in such event, the Protest will not be considered. Any Protest must be submitted (and received by the Agribusiness Department) at least two (2) hours prior to the time that the show is scheduled to occur in order to be considered prior to the show. If a Protest is submitted less than two (2) hours prior to the time that the show is scheduled to occur (“a “Late Submittal”), then the Committee will handle the Protest after the show in accordance with its rules and regulations and the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics, but the Late Submittal shall not affect the award of ribbons for the show. In order to minimize disruption to the show, an exhibitor who intends to file a Protest should do so at the earliest feasible time. In any event, a Protest must be filed with the Agribusiness Department prior to the scheduled release hour for the protested exhibitor’s animal in order to be considered.

2. The Agribusiness Department will forward any Protest Form which is duly signed (by an exhibitor as the protesting exhibitor, and if the exhibitor is a minor, the Protest Form must also be signed by the exhibitor’s guardian or parent) and any accompanying materials submitted by the protesting exhibitor in support of the Protest to the Committee for its consideration. The Agribusiness Department will also notify the exhibitor being protested of the Protest as soon as reasonably practicable after the Protest has been duly submitted, and make available a copy of the written Protest



to the exhibitor being protested. The exhibitor being protested may, but shall not be required to, provide a written response to the Protest (a "Response") by submitting a Response to the Agribusiness Department, including any materials in support of the response to the Protest, and the Agribusiness Department shall provide the Response to Committee. A Response shall be on a form obtained from the Agribusiness Department and must be signed by the protested exhibitor, and if the protested exhibitor is a minor, the Response must also be signed by the protested exhibitor's guardian or parent, unless the parent or guardian is not available due to circumstances that warrant, as determined by the Agribusiness Department in its sole discretion. The Agribusiness Department shall make available a copy of the Response to the protesting exhibitor upon request by the protesting exhibitor, but it shall be the protesting exhibitor's responsibility to monitor the Protest and to obtain a copy of the Response. The Agribusiness Department will attempt to notify the protesting exhibitor and the exhibitor being protested of the time of the Committee's review and consideration of the Protest by calling their respective cell phone numbers if provided on the Protest Form and/or the Response Form, but it shall be the protesting exhibitor and protested exhibitor's responsibility to monitor the Protest and obtain the time of the Committee's review and consideration of the Protest and to be available at the time scheduled for the Committee's consideration of the Protest. For any Late Submission, the Committee will handle the process for review of the Protest after the show.

3. The Committee members present will review the Protest and the Response, if any, in the context of its rules and regulations and the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and will make a decision to resolve the Protest by a majority of the Committee members present. In the event of a tie vote, the Protest shall be deemed denied by the Committee. The decision of the Committee will be final.

4. The Committee also may apply and enforce its rules and regulations and the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics, with respect to exhibitors at the show.

5. By entering the show, all exhibitors, and their respective parents and/or guardians, shall be deemed to have acknowledged and accepted this General Disputes Policy.

SHOWMANSHIP

Handlers are judged on teamwork and presentation of their dog - grooming - posing - gaiking. Appropriate showmanship attire and show lead are required. The use of products is discouraged.

Please Note: Exhibitors must show in at least one additional class besides showmanship (i.e. rally, obedience, or agility) to be eligible to compete in the Champion of Champions program. No Premiums will be paid for showmanship.

SHOWMANSHIP LEADS

Selecting the proper lead for your breed of dog often requires research. If you are able to attend an AKC Conformation Show, watch your dog's breed being shown in the ring. Note the style of collar generally used on your breed. Talking to a handler about your breed's collar and lead may be helpful. Often you can purchase a collar and lead appropriate for your dog from a vendor at the show site.

HANDLER APPEARANCE

Exhibitors should be clean, neat, and well-groomed. They

should wear clothing that is comfortable to handle in and appropriate for dog shows. Clothing should not distract, limit, or hinder the judge's view of the dog. Official 4-H or FFA dress is acceptable. No heels or open-toed shoes are allowed due to safety issues.

Exhibitors should appear confident, prepared, businesslike, and attentive. They should be courteous to both the judge and other exhibitors. Exhibitors are expected to handle their dogs without distracting the dogs of the other exhibitors. Exhibitors should not crowd, and they should not distract others by continued use of toys and bait. Exhibitors should be alert to the needs of their dogs. They should use firm but thoughtful hands in controlling and handling their dogs. Exhibitors should not be impatient or heavy-handed.

JUDGING & CLASS PROCEDURE

Showmanship classes are judged on the ability of the exhibitor to handle his or her dog. The quality of the dog is not judged. Exhibitors will be asked to demonstrate:

- Moving the dog with the rest of the class.
- Presenting the dog in the standing position proper to its breed (including the use of an examining table for those breeds normally judged on a table).
- Moving the dog individually in a regular pattern.

Exhibitors are expected to know basic ring routines. They should be able to follow directions, use space wisely, and be familiar with gaiking patterns. Exhibitors should appear "ring wise," alert to what is going on in the ring, and should be prepared for changes in the routine of judging.

EXHIBITORS MUST BE ABLE TO CONTROL THEIR DOGS AT ALL TIMES. Any exhibitor who cannot control his or her dog will be excused by the judge.

CONFLICTS

Exhibitors may have a conflict between the judging of their showmanship class and the judging of another event. Once Showmanship Judging has begun, the exhibitor will have to make a decision as to where they will compete. An exhibitor may enter the showmanship class up until the time every exhibitor in the class has been examined and gaiked. If an exhibitor starts to compete in the class and requests to be excused to exhibit in another event, he or she is permanently excused.

CLASSES

Basic - For the first-time handler and first-time dog in their first year of showing. **All participants, whether they place or do not place must move to Novice class during their second year of showing.**

Novice - Experienced handler with a basic dog or basic handler with an experienced dog, or handlers who have shown for one or more years with NO conformation titles. **Any exhibitor who has won this class three (3) times with competition at a State Level Dog Show must move up to the Open (formerly Advanced) Showmanship class. No handler that has won level or earned titles in outside venues may show in this class.**

Open (formerly Advanced) - Experienced Handlers showing in Novice classes in AKC, UKC, etc., (but who have not yet progressed to the open or masters classes) may

show in the open. Any exhibitor who wins the Open class three (3) times with competition at the state-level youth dog show must move to Excellent. Any Champion titled dog must show in the Open.

Excellent – Experienced Handlers showing in open or master's Classes in AKC, UKC, etc., OR who have won Best Junior three (3) or more times at any state-level youth dog shows or any outside venue must show in Excellent.

RALLY BASIC, NOVICE, ADVANCED & EXCELLENT:

Florida State Fair Youth Dog Show rally rules are based on AKC Rally Rules, as amended in November 2017. These rules, as well as the complete list of signs and performance requirements, can be found at https://images.akc.org/pdf/AKC1193_ROR001_12_17_WEB.pdf

Please read these rules paying special attention to the principal parts of each exercise. The following modifications will be used when judging rally at this event.

RALLY ATTIRE

1. For Rally, all exhibitors will be required to be clean and neat and dressed in white, green, blue, or black jeans/slacks, or tan Khaki slacks with a solid white shirt with a white collar. FFA or 4-H accessories are strongly recommended.
2. No caps or hats.
3. Closed-toed shoes or boots are required.

At the show committee's discretion Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, and Excellent may be divided into A and B divisions. There are no A and B divisions for Basic. If A and B are offered, the A division is for dogs that have not earned any qualifying scores in Rally or Obedience from any outside venue (AKC, UKC, etc.). The B division is for handlers and/or dogs who have earned qualifying scores in Obedience from any outside venue or have earned qualifying Rally scores in the class they are entering. B is for handlers that have titled dogs in the class or titled dogs in any non-4-H venue (AKC, UKC, etc.) or if the team has won the A division in a previous year at the Florida State Youth Dog Show.

Dogs who have earned Rally titles in other venues shall enter the same class level they compete in those venues. For example, a dog who has earned qualifying scores in either the Rally Novice class (RN/ AKC) or Rally Novice in UKC (URO1/UKC) class must compete at that level regardless of the handler's experience. Once the handler earns an RN or URO1 title with any dog or the dog has earned an RN or URO1, they must move up to the next higher class or enter the B class.

Exhibitors who do not compete in other venues are encouraged to compete at the highest level they are safely able to.

BASIC

Basic is for first-year handlers with beginner dogs. If the dog has earned any qualifying scores in Rally or Obedience from any venue, they are not eligible to compete in Basic, regardless of the handler's level of experience. Basic Rally will compete on the same course and with the same requirements as Novice, *except that Basic Handlers may*

move one foot to finish their dog without receiving a penalty.

NOVICE A

Novice A is for 2nd year or greater handlers, or dogs with qualifying scores in Rally or Obedience from any recognized accredited outside venue (i.e., AKC, UKC, etc.). All exercises are judged on leash, and all dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash.

The leash must be made of fabric or leather and must be long enough to provide adequate slack. Rally Novice must have between 10 to 15 stations (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of five stationary exercises per class. Signs 1 – 42 from the AKC Rally Regulations may be used.

NOVICE B

Novice B is for dogs and or handlers that have earned a Novice Title in Rally or Obedience in any accredited outside venue, or who have placed in the top four with a qualifying score above 170 in the Novice A class at a state event or previous fair.

INTERMEDIATE A

To be eligible for entry in this class dogs must have won the Rally Novice title but may not have earned a qualifying score in Rally Advanced. All dogs are judged on leash. Rally Intermediate must have 12 to 17 signs (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of seven stationary signs. Intermediate courses will have a minimum of three Advanced level signs. There are no jumps in this class.

INTERMEDIATE B

This class is for dogs and handlers that have earned an Intermediate title but are not ready to perform off-leash.

ADVANCED

Advanced is for handlers ready to perform off-lead.

All exercises are judged off leash and all dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. Rally Advanced must have between 12 to 17 stations (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of seven stationary exercises. Courses shall have a minimum of three Advanced level stations plus one required jump per class. Allowed jumps are the high jump, bar jump, and broad jump. Signs 1 – 123 from the AKC Rally Regulations may be used.

JUMP HEIGHTS FOR ADVANCED AND EXCELLENT

The dog's jump height shall be given on the entry form. Entries will be arranged according to the jump height of the dogs, from either high to low or low to high. The judge may allow handlers to run out of order to allow for conflicts at their discretion.

<u>Height of dog at withers</u>	<u>Height to be jumped.</u>
11 inches and under	4 inches
12 inches to 15 inches	8 inches
15 inches to 18 inches	12 inches
18 inches to 22 inches	16 inches
over 22 inches	20 inches

Broad jump is to be set at twice the height the dog jumps.

EXCELLENT

Excellent is for dog and handler teams ready to perform off-lead at a more advanced level. Dogs who have earned a qualifying score at the Excellent, or similar level, from any organization must enter this class.

All exercises are judged off-leash. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on a leash. Rally Excellent must have between 15 to 20 stations (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of seven stationary exercises. Courses shall have a minimum of three Advanced level stations and a minimum of two Excellent level stations, plus the two required jumps and the Honor 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.

GENERAL SCORING

Times will be recorded but not posted. Times will be used only to break ties for placements. The maximum number of points that can be deducted for any station is 10. The following deductions shall apply:

1-point deduction for each of the following:

- Tight leash
- Dog interfering with handler
- Poor sits
- Slow, delay, or resistance to respond
- Touching or ticking a jump, pylon, post, or person
- Out of position

3-point deduction for each of the following:

- Repeat of a station—only one (1) retry of each station will be allowed for all class levels
- Pylon/post knocked over on Figure Eight, Spiral and Serpentine
- Lack of control
- Loud command or intimidating signal
- Excessive barking
- Hitting the jump
- *Touching the dog to aid in performance (Basic/Novice)*

10-point deduction for each of the following:

- Incorrectly performed station*
- *Touching the dog to aid in performance (Advanced/Excellent)*

1 to 10-point deduction:

- Lack of teamwork
- Lack of briskness
- Handler error**

A 50-point deduction shall be given for:

- Dog unmanageable
- Dog that eliminates while in the ring for judging

***Incorrectly Performed (IP) stations** occur when a team attempts a station and fails to perform the principal parts of the station on the first attempt. The handler may choose to retry the station once, for a correct performance, accepting

the mandatory 3-point deduction for the retry of the station. The station is considered an IP if the handler chooses not to retry or fails to perform the station correctly on the second attempt.

Luring – Luring/Pleading with the dog is a 3-point deduction per incident.

“Luring” is the appearance of having a reward in hand, or pretending to hold a treat between the thumb and first two fingers, etc. No treat needs to be present for a “luring” deduction. “Pleading” is repeated urgent commands and/or signals to elicit the proper behavior from the dog while the dog remains unresponsive to the handler's commands and/or signals.

****Handler errors** can be assessed from 1 to 10 points. Handler errors can be assessed at any station or during movement between stations on a course. Once a handler has stopped on any halt exercise, the handler cannot move their feet to assist a dog without incurring a handler error.

OBEDIENCE

Dogs who have earned Obedience titles in other venues shall enter the same class level they compete in those venues.

Obedience will be judged according to AKC rules as modified by the Florida State Fair Youth Dog Committee. Acceptable collars include choke & nylon training, buckle collar, and martingale style. Any style of pinch collar is not allowed on the Florida State Fair Youth Dog Showgrounds. NO TAGS OR ATTACHMENTS ARE ALLOWED. Any scoring ties will be broken *first* by the best sits & down score, *secondly* (if needed) by the best heeling score.

OBEDIENCE ATTIRE

1. For Obedience, all exhibitors will be required to be clean and neat and dressed in white, green, blue, or black jeans/slacks, or tan Khaki slacks with a solid white shirt with a white collar. FFA or 4-H accessories are strongly recommended.
2. No caps or hats.
3. Closed-toed shoes or boots are required.

Basic - For beginning handlers and beginning dogs in their first year of showing.

Sub-Novice - **NO DOG THAT HAS AN AKC OR UKC TITLE MAY COMPETE IN SUB NOVICE CLASSES.**

Experienced handler with beginning dog or beginning handler with experienced dog, except dogs with Rally or Obedience titles. Or a second-year handler with a second-year dog.

Basic and Sub-Novice Exercises - Individual:
Heeling On Lead, Figure 8 On Lead, Stand for Examination On Lead, Recall On Lead

Basic and Sub-Novice Exercises - Group:
One Minute Sit On Lead, One Minute Down On Lead

Beginner Novice – For handlers and dogs who are training for novice off-lead classes, this is an AKC class for getting ready for off-lead work. (See AKC class description for

major details.) Beginner Novice exercises are as follows:
Individual: Heel on Lead, Figure 8 on Lead, Sit for Exam, Recall Off-Lead, and Sit/Stay Off-Lead (with a walk around the ring).

→ Dogs with their AKC Beginner Novice A titles may still compete in Beginner Novice B

Novice A - For handlers and dogs ready to compete in novice exercises except dogs with novice obedience titles or handlers and dogs who have won First Place in Novice A at a previous State Level Dog Show. A novice title in obedience requires that the dog and handler compete in Novice B class.

Novice B - Handlers showing dog with Obedience titles. Handlers and dogs who have shown in Obedience competitions at AKC Obedience trials or have won First Place in Novice A at a previous State Level Dog Show.

Novice Exercises - Individual:
Heeling on Lead, Figure 8 On Lead, Stand for Examination Off Lead, Heeling Off Lead, Recall Off Lead, Sit Stay Get Leash
Novice Exercises - Group: On Lead
One minute Sit Stay and One Minute Down Stay

→ **Open:** For dogs and handlers ready to compete at this level. Dogs without titles show in A; dogs with titles show in B.

For more details on the open (formerly advanced) obedience classes, you can visit the AKC website at <http://www.akc.org/rules/>

NON-REGULAR CLASSES
THE FOLLOWING CLASSES WILL COMPETE FOR RIBBONS ONLY.

Utility: Classes will consist of the following exercises:

1. Signal Exercise (40 points)
2. Scent Discrimination (30 points)
3. Go Out (30 points)
4. Directed Jumping (40 points)
5. Moving Stand & Examination (30 points)
6. Directed Retrieve (30 points)

Maximum Total Score = 200 points

→ **Brace:** Dogs do not have to be the same breed but should be similar in size. Dogs must be coupled using the same leash.

Four-Member Team: The team consists of four handlers with four dogs who work simultaneously. The class will be judged using Novice exercises as listed on the scoresheet at the Florida State Fair Agribusiness website – www.floridastatefairag.com (On-Lead: Heeling and Figure 8, Off-Lead: Stand, Recall). Handlers may respond to Judge's or Team Captain's commands. Figure-8 is done simultaneously using 5 posts. For the recall, handlers leave dogs in unison, call dogs one at a time, and finish in unison.

AGILITY
ALL DOGS MUST HAVE A HEIGHT CARD AND BRING IT TO CHECK-IN, OR THEY MUST BE MEASURED BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FLORIDA STATE FAIR YOUTH DOG COMMITTEE TO PARTICIPATE IN AGILITY.



Equipment provided at the show will be based on AKC standards as modified by the Florida State Fair Youth Dog Committee.

- 12' – A-Frame
- 12' – Dog Walk
- 8' - Teeter

For handlers and dogs with agility training, the only acceptable collar is a flat buckle collar. **NO TAGS OR ATTACHMENTS ARE ALLOWED.** Off-lead dogs may also run with no collar. No contact familiarization before each class. Dogs capable of off-lead work *should not* enter in on-lead classes. Dogs **WITHOUT FORMAL AGILITY TRAINING** or dogs unfamiliar with obstacles **SHOULD NOT BE ENTERED.** Dogs entered in Agility must be **at least 15 months of age** as of the day of the show. In the on-lead agility classes, a loose leash must be maintained at all times. Judges will deduct points each time the leash is tightened, and a major deduction will be taken for a constant tight leash.

→ **AGILITY ATTIRE**

1. For Agility, all exhibitors will be required to be clean and neat and dressed in white, green, blue, or black jeans/slacks, or tan Khaki slacks with a solid white shirt with a white collar. FFA or 4-H accessories are strongly recommended.
2. No caps or hats.
3. Closed-toed shoes or boots are required.

PLEASE NOTE: IN AGILITY, A DOG WILL BE ALLOWED THREE REFUSALS. Points will be taken for each refusal, after three refusals the maximum points off will be taken and the exhibitor will be instructed to “move on” to the next obstacle.

→ **Jump Heights** (measured from the ground to the dog's withers.)

4"	Dogs measuring 11" and under
8"	Dogs measuring 14" and under
12"	Dogs measuring 18" and under
16"	Dogs measuring 22" and under
20"	Dogs measuring over 22"

NOTE: ABOVE CHART IS ALREADY ADJUSTED DOWN ONE LEVEL FROM AKC RULES! Our goal with the youth program is to promote the safety and well-being of all animals, and therefore, the standard AKC jump heights have been reduced. However, if you wish to participate at a lower jump height you may do so as a fun run with no points, placement, prize, etc.

CLASSES

Basic - On Lead: For beginner handlers and beginning dogs in their first year of showing. Simple course may include any of the following: A-Frame (apex at 4'11"), Dog Walk, Pipe Tunnel, 8" Table for 8", 12", 16" for 16" and above (**Sit OR Down** position at judge's discretion for 5 cumulative seconds), approximately Six Hurdles. Course time will be used only to break ties.


Sub-Novice A –

On Lead: For experienced handlers with beginning dogs or beginning handlers with experienced dogs. (If a team has scored 200 points in State Dog Show or if they have two or more years of showing, they must move to Sub-Novice B.) Simple course may include any of the following:

A-Frame (apex at 4'11"), Dog Walk, Pipe Tunnel, 8" Table for 8", 12", 16" for 16" and above (Sit or Down position at judge's discretion for 5 cumulative seconds), approximately Six Hurdles. Course time will be used only to break ties.

Sub-Novice B – On Lead: For experienced handler (two or more years of showing) who has won first place in the Sub-Novice A Agility class in the previous year OR who has achieved a score of 200 at a previous State Dog Show. Simple course may include any of the following: A-Frame (apex at 4'11"), Dog Walk, Pipe Tunnel, 8" Table for 8", 12" and 16" Table for 16" and above (Sit or Down at judge's discretion for 5 cumulative seconds), approximately six hurdles. Course time will be used only to break ties. **If the dog has any qualifying agility legs, it must be shown in Novice or higher.**

Novice-Off Lead: Simple course may include any of the following: A-Frame (apex at 4'11"), Dog Walk, Pipe Tunnel, 8" Table for 8", 12", 16" for 16" and above (**Sit OR Down** position at judge's discretion for 5 cumulative seconds), approximately Six Hurdles. Course time will be used only to break ties.

 **Advanced-Off Lead: Dogs that show off lead agility in outside venues (i.e., AKC, UKC, NADAC, etc.) must show in Advanced Class.**

Course design may be more complex, and **may include** any of the following: A-Frame (apex at 4'11"), Dog walk (3'0"), **See-Saw**, Pipe Tunnel, **Short set of weave poles** (5 or 6), Table (8" for dogs jumping 8" and 12", 16" for dogs jumping 16" and above (to be performed at a **Sit OR Down** position at judge's discretion for 5 cumulative seconds), **Tire Jump**, broad jump, approximately six Hurdles (at judge's discretion). Course time will be used only to break ties. Advanced agility allows three refusals on weave poles, but points will be deducted for each attempt.

DIVISION AGE GROUPINGS

Junior

8 – 10 years of age as of September 1, 2024

Intermediate

11 – 13 years of age as of September 1, 2024

Senior

14 – 18 years of age as of September 1, 2024

PREMIUMS AND AWARDS

1. Rosettes and premiums will be awarded for the 1st—4th place in each class in obedience, agility, and rally. Non-Regular classes will receive ribbons only. (Graduate—novice, Brace, and Four-Member Team).

1 st Place	\$20.00
2 nd Place	\$16.00
3 rd Place	\$12.00
4 th Place	\$8.00

2. Premiums will be paid based on the judging reports, which must be signed by the judge and by the department superintendent or clerk.

3. Premiums will be paid as soon as possible after judging and mailed to the exhibitor at the address given on the entry form. **Errors in premium statements will not be corrected after April 1, 2025.**

Checks will be void six months from the date on the

check. After six months, all uncashed checks will be voided, and replacement checks will not be issued.

4. If a Social Security Number or Federal ID number is not provided, the Fair will not issue a premium check.

5. PLEASE NOTE: Prizes for Agility will be awarded by **class name & age group only – not by jump height.**

6. The management of the Florida State Fair reserves the right to revise the dollar amount of the Premiums.

HIGH POINT JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE, AND SENIOR

1. Winners will receive \$50.00 and a Rosette.
2. High point scores will be based on the combined points from Showmanship, Obedience, Rally & Agility. Each child and dog may only enter one division.
3. In the case of ties for high point, the following priority order will be used:
 1. Most points earned in any one obedience class.
 2. Total number of dogs beaten in any one class.
 3. The dog with the highest placing.

HILLIKER CHALLENGE TROPHY

1. Alden Hilliker was instrumental in creating the Florida 4-H Dog Project. From his position at the State 4-H office in Gainesville, he was able to lay the framework for the program we all participate in today. Alden and his wife Jo Ann were active in breeding and showing Basset Hounds in AKC shows. They understood the dog show world and the opportunities it offered for children to excel in it. The Florida 4-H Dog Project that Alden created gave recognition to the children who work as hard training their dogs as those who raise production animals. The Florida State Fair Youth Dog Show High Point Count Awards are presented each year in honor of Alden Hilliker.

2. It will be awarded to a **Small County** (number of exhibitors is 9 & under) and a **Large County** (number of exhibitors is 10 & over) which accumulates the highest average of points at the Florida State Fair Youth Dog Show. Each 4-H county represented at this show will be eligible to win the trophy.

- 3.** 4-H members will earn points for their county as follows:
- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| 1 st Place | 5 points |
| 2 nd Place | 3 points |
| 3 rd Place | 2 points |
| 4 th Place | 1 point |

PHYLLIS WHITE BEST JUNIOR AWARD

1. Phyllis White started the 4-H Dog Project in Hillsborough County. As an AKC exhibitor and Obedience trainer, she recognized the opportunity for children to learn life skills while training and showing their dogs. More than 30 years ago as Chairman of the Purebred Dog Tent at the Florida State Fair, Phyllis created the Florida State Fair Youth Dog Show. The show began inside the Purebred Dog Tent, but over the years it grew by leaps and bounds. The Youth Dog Show is now held inside the Bob Thomas Equestrian Center Covered Arena. The Florida State Fair honors Phyllis White each year by presenting the Phyllis White Award to the Best Junior Exhibitor of the Showmanship division.

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS PROGRAM!!

The Florida State Fair believes in the value and importance of exhibitor participation in all educational opportunities offered through their animal project. The Champion of

**CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS
ACHIEVEMENT PREMIUMS -
POINT CATEGORIES**

Champions program is the means by which exhibitors can take advantage of these opportunities. By taking part in the various activities listed below exhibitors may earn additional monies which we call Achievement Premiums. Achievement Premiums will be paid in addition to current animal premiums and will reward exhibitors based on their participation in the educational events listed below. Participation in the Champion of Champions Program is optional. Points will be accumulated by each exhibitor throughout the program for each event they participate in, and Achievement Premium monies will be rewarded proportionately for their involvement.

Please Note: Youth Dog Show Exhibitors must show in at least one of the following classes (i.e., rally, obedience, or agility) to be eligible to compete in the Champion of Champions program.

The point system will be as follows:

- Entry properly filled out..... 0 - 10 points
 - Educational Seminar or November Clinic 0 - 30 points*
 - Record Book - Mandatory 1 - 100 points
 - Skillathon - Mandatory 0 - 100 points
 - Record Book Skills Test - Mandatory 0 - 100 points
 - Showmanship 0 - 100 points
 - Blue..... 80 points
 - Red..... 70 points
 - White..... 60 points
 - 1st Place..... 20 points
 - 2nd Place..... 15 points
 - 3rd Place 10 points
 - 4th Place..... 5 points
 - Educational Poster..... 0 - 30 points
 - Dog Skills Video..... 0 - 30 points
- 500 TOTAL POINTS possible**

*Please Note: Exhibitors can only do one of these two events.

- All points will be totaled, and exhibitors will be ranked in order of point totals for Champion Youth Awards.

- Available Achievement premium dollars will be allocated based on total points earned. (All points will be totaled and divided by total Achievement Premium dollars - thus determining a dollar value per point).

ACHIEVEMENT PREMIUM PAYMENT

Exhibitors will be mailed, after the Fair, a recap of the total Achievement points earned during the 2025 Florida State Fair. Along with the recap, they will be provided with the names and addresses of two (2) Achievement Premium Sponsors. To receive payment for these points, exhibitors will be required to:

1. Write and mail a Thank You letter to each sponsor.
2. Send a copy of each Thank You letter to the Fair.

Checks for Achievement premiums will be issued when a copy of the thank-you letters to the sponsors is received. As of July 1, 2025, Achievement Premium checks will be voided if copies of the Thank-You letters have not been received.

Checks will be void six months from the date on the check. After six months, all uncashed checks will be voided, and replacement checks will not be issued.



EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR:

1. PLEASE NOTE: There will be one (1) seminar session offered this year.

2. The Educational Seminar will be held as follows:

September 21st - Florida State Fairgrounds

Group One Seminar

Dog, Dairy Goat, Boer Goat, Rabbit, Dairy

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

First Year Orientation

11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Group Two Seminar

Swine, Llama, Sheep, Poultry, Beef & Steer

12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

3. Exhibitors can receive up to 30 points toward Achievement Premiums for attending the Seminar.

4. Please Note: Registration will begin 30 minutes prior to seminars.

5. For pre-registration visit our website:

WWW.FLORIDASTATEFAIRAG.COM.

NOVEMBER CLINIC - Optional, combined with PRACTICE DOG SHOW

1. Exhibitors could earn Achievement Premium Seminar points IF YOU MISSED THE SEPTEMBER SEMINAR by attending the November Seminar Review Clinic on November 23, 2024, at the Florida State Fairgrounds. Registration – 8:30 a.m. Participants must attend a 45-minute Dog Show Info Talk onsite (8:45-9:30 a.m.). Exhibitors **must** sign in before the Dog Info Talk & sign out at 12:00 pm after participating in the show.

2. The clinic will teach participants how to enter the state fair and discuss the show rules and skills they will need to exhibit their dog in Showmanship, Obedience, Rally, and Agility.

3. It is highly recommended that exhibitors participate in the Dog Show as a practice event before the State Fair. Exhibitors must bring their own dog and (same as State Fair Rules), the dog must be six months old to participate. (Or 15 months old to participate in agility). The dog should have started in dog training and be under the control of the handler. Dogs must NOT be aggressive towards other dogs or people.

4. Proof of vaccinations will not be required to participate in the November Clinic. *However, please note- you must include proof of vaccinations with your Florida State Fair dog show entry.

5. First-time exhibitors are strongly encouraged to attend the November Seminar and Dog Show. We give exhibitors the information needed to enter the fair and begin building the dog training skills they need to compete. For more information contact the Show Secretary: Patty Martin at [c_pmartin@verizon.net](mailto:pmartin@verizon.net) or floridayouthdogproject@gmail.com *PLEASE NOTE: Exhibitors can participate in both the September Seminar and the November Seminar make-up, but will receive points for only one of these two events.

RECORD BOOK – MANDATORY

1. PLEASE NOTE: The Fair will be collecting/judging all the Record Books prior to the Fair. Record Books must be postmarked or hand-delivered on or before **January 10, 2025**. Please note: You must turn in a completed record book to be eligible to compete in the

Champion of Champions Competition. **NO RECORD BOOKS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT CHECK-IN.** The completed record book must be approved and signed by the 4-H or YLPA Club Leader or Agriculture Teacher.

2. A Dog/Llama Record Book (hard copy) is available on the website, at the seminar, or upon request.

3. **Mail completed record books to: Youth Dog Show, Florida State Fair, P.O. Box 11766, Tampa, Florida 33680.**

4. **An Online Dog/Llama Record Book is available at <https://fsf.zsuite.org>. Exhibitors can complete the record book online; however, they must still print it off for needed signatures and have it postmarked or hand-delivered on or before January 10, 2025.**

A tutorial is available on our website on how to create an account and navigate the online record book.

5. Florida State Fair Record Books must be used.

6. All Record Books will be scored from 0 to 100, and points will be added to Achievement Premium points.

7. **A Record Book is mandatory in order to qualify for Champion of Champions Achievement Premiums. Exhibitors who do not turn in a record book will forfeit all Champion of Champions Achievement Premiums.**

8. The Record Book will be returned by mail after the Fair.

RECORD BOOK SKILLS TEST – MANDATORY

1. Exhibitors will be given a Record Book Skills Test on Saturday, February 8th. The test will cover all aspects of record keeping on their animal project.

2. Juniors answer Junior designated questions. Intermediates answer Junior and Intermediate designated questions. Seniors answer Junior, intermediate and senior designated questions.

3. **The Record Book Skills Test is mandatory in order to qualify for Champion of Champions Achievement Premiums. Exhibitors who do not take the test will forfeit all Champion of Champions Achievement Premiums.**

4. It is advised that exhibitors bring a small calculator to use.

SKILLATHON - MANDATORY

1. **A Skillathon will be held on Saturday, February 8th.**

2. The Skillathon is a series of "hands-on" stations where students will be asked to perform specific tasks.

3. A study guide with information to be covered in the Skillathon is located on the website.

4. Junior exhibitors only need to do Junior-level skills, Intermediate exhibitors will only participate in the Junior & Intermediate level skills. Senior exhibitors must do ALL level skills.

5. **The Skillathon is mandatory in order to qualify for Champion of Champions Achievement Premiums. Exhibitors who do not participate in the Skillathon will forfeit all Champion of Champions Achievement Premiums.**

EDUCATIONAL POSTER - Optional

1. Exhibitors can earn additional points toward Achievement Premiums by entering an Educational Poster.

2. The purpose of the posters is to educate the public about the animal industry.

3. Posters must be turned in during designated check-in.

4. Posters must be removed during the scheduled release times.

5. **Acceptable poster size:**

a. 22" x 28"

b. 20" x 30"

6. **Acceptable material for poster:**

a. Posterboard

b. Foam Board

7. No attachments to the poster to extend the acceptable size of the poster.

8. Poster attachments must be within the poster size not exceeding 1' in depth.

9. Posters must relate to the 2025 Skillathon topic of Products and Marketing. Posters are not to be on showmanship.

10. Posters are not to be reused for another animal division in the current year or future years. Once the poster is judged/displayed, it is disqualified for additional competition within the current year or future years. Posters are either photographed or marked submitted. The decision of the judge is final.

11. Other requirements:

a. Poster must have a title.

b. **Poster must have your name on the back and exhibitor's age as of Sept. 1, 2024.**

c. If the poster is a game/activity it must have instructions and an answer key **ON FRONT.**

d. If other resources (such as journals, and websites) are used, they must be cited on the back of the poster.

12. See page 11 at the end of the Rules and Regulations for the **NEW** Poster Scoring Rubric.

13. Posters will be disqualified for:

a. Incorrect Poster Size

b. Not on current year Skillathon topic

c. Plagiarism (use of complete article from web or sourcebook).

d. Previously judged poster in other category current year or past years.

DOG SKILLS VIDEO – Optional

1. Exhibitors can earn Achievement Premium points by creating a Dog Skills Video.

2. Your video needs to demonstrate one skill from the **RALLY** category.

3. Your video needs to be 1-2 minutes long.

4. Since all videos will be judged prior to the Fair, **all video registration forms with video link must be submitted on or before January 10, 2025.** Each exhibitor must complete the Online Registration Form that is located on the Florida State Fair Agribusiness website –

www.floridastatefairag.com. **All videos will need to be uploaded to YouTube on or before January 10, 2025.**

Please Note: Videos on DVD or CD will not be accepted!!! Please keep the video open on YouTube until the end of the Florida State Fair.

5. Videos become the property of the Florida State Fair with rights to publish for promotions or training.

6. Failure to adhere to the rules may result in disqualification.

7. Please refer to pages 15 and 16 of the rules for the instructions and rubric.

SHOWMANSHIP - Optional

1. A Youth Dog Showmanship Contest will be held on **Sunday, Feb. 10th @ 9:00 a.m. in the Bob Thomas Equestrian Covered Arena. Please Note: Showmanship placement will go toward "Achievement Points Only", No Premiums will be paid.**

2. Exhibitors will demonstrate showmanship skills on an individual basis to a judge.
3. Exhibitors must show one of the animals they have entered.
4. Judging will be on a modified Danish System. All exhibitors will receive a Blue, Red, or White Award. Rosettes will be awarded for 1st – 4th place in each division.
5. Age Divisions as of Sept. 1, 2024:
 - Junior Division (ages of 8 and 10)
 - Intermediate Division (ages 11 and 13)
 - Senior Division (14 and over)
6. Showmanship guidelines can be found in the Skillathon manual.
7. Exhibitors must adhere to the Attire Statement as outlined in the Youth Dog Rules (page 5).

CHAMPION YOUTH

A Champion Youth Exhibitor will be selected in each age division for each Youth Livestock Show at the Florida State Fair. These exhibitors will be selected based on the highest number of points accumulated. The Champion Youth Exhibitors in each Youth Show will be eligible to receive:

****SENIOR AGE CATEGORY****

Champion Youth -	\$500 Cash Award
2 nd Place -	\$375 Cash Award
3 rd Place -	\$250 Cash Award
4 th Place -	\$125 Cash Award

INTERMEDIATE AND JUNIOR AGE CATEGORY

Champion Youth - \$50 Cash Award & an Award

Tie breakers will be in this order: 1) Skillathon, 2) Record Book Test, and 3) Record Book.

Only Senior exhibitors will be eligible to qualify for the top 4 Champion Youth Awards. Intermediate and Junior exhibitors will only complete the segments of the Skillathon and record book tests that are designated for their age level.

PLEASE NOTE: Champion Youth – a Senior exhibitor can only place in the top four - 2 times within a show.

YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW ETHICS AND ANIMAL CARE WORKSHOP

The Florida State Fair believes that every youth exhibitor should receive proper training and information for raising and showing a youth animal project. It is important that the exhibitor understand:

- The purpose of youth livestock projects
- The importance of ethics in youth livestock projects
- Proper animal handling and management
- The difference between animal welfare and animal rights
- Be prepared to be an ambassador for animal agriculture.

The Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care Workshop is designed to certify students to meet the

mandatory certification requirements that will be in effect for the 2025 Florida State Fair. Certification is valid for a three (3) year Fair Season, not 3 calendar years.

For the 2024/2025 Fair Season, Certification Numbers starting with 23, 24, or 25 are current and valid.

The requirements are as follows:

ALL STUDENTS THAT ARE ENTERED IN THE FLORIDA STATE FAIR MUST HAVE COMPLETED THE ETHICS TRAINING TO SHOW AN ANIMAL AT THE 2025 FLORIDA STATE FAIR.

- **THE LAST WORKSHOP OFFERED FOR EXHIBITORS SHOWING AT THE 2025 FLORIDA STATE FAIR WILL BE ON JANUARY 20, 2025.**

This program has been endorsed by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences (IFAS).

****Please note:** Even though you have attended an Ethics Workshop in the past, your certification number may have expired. Be sure to check your certification number to be sure it is still valid.

You may check your current certification number by going to our website – www.floridastatefairag.com and clicking on the Ethics / Verification tab.

We will continue to offer both On-Site Workshops and Zoom Meeting Workshops for new exhibitors and anyone who needs to be renewed.

Check our Florida State Fair Agribusiness website for information, times, and dates on Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care Workshops that will be held around the state. Please check the website periodically for newly scheduled workshops.

ALL YOUTH EXHIBITORS ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THE MOSAIC SCHOLARSHIP AND THE FLORIDA STATE FAIR FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

See Rules & Application on the website

CAMPGROUND

1. PLEASE NOTE: ALL CAMPERS/RVS MUST HAVE A CAMPING PERMIT IN ORDER TO BE ALLOWED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE USED FOR CAMPING.
2. ALL GOLF CARTS MUST HAVE A PERMIT TO BE DRIVEN ON FAIRGROUNDS.

3. Campground Rules and Reservation Form is available on our website.

SHOWERS:

1. Shower facilities are available on the grounds and will be unlocked for use by exhibitors only!
2. Shower permits will be issued upon request to Livestock Exhibitors from the Agribusiness Office.

MOTEL ACCOMMODATION

1. For motel accommodation information, see our website for the Preferred Hotel List.

IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS)

NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open-class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations that they impose on the local, county, state, provincial, and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of drugs. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations, and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with

federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations, and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other samples were taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample or urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the approved laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved, and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise at any hearing in regard to the matter conducted by the fair or livestock show.

At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or irritant substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.

6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.

7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.

9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.

10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have any disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International

Association of Fairs and Expositions, including *Fairs and Expositions* and any special notices to members.

11. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

**Florida State Fair Authority –
Livestock Addendum**

OWNER represents to Florida State Fair Authority ("AUTHORITY") that no animals that are exhibited or otherwise transported onto FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS will in any way be suffering from any contagious or infectious disease. In addition, OWNER shall defend, indemnify, and hold the AUTHORITY, the applicable Show Committee and each of their respective officials, officers, directors, employees and agents harmless of and from all losses, damages, claims, expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees at the trial and appellate levels, actions and causes of action arising out of, or in any way connected with, or by reason of this Agreement, the presence of OWNER's livestock at FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS, and/or use of FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS including, but not limited to any claim for

the death of, or injury to any person or livestock, or damage to, theft of, or destruction of any property arising out of any act or omission of OWNER, OWNER's officers, agents, employees, trainers, drivers, riders, handlers, contractors and livestock, violation of any Federal, State and Local environmental laws, rules, ordinances and/or regulations, actions for negligence, wrongful death, torts, defects in the real and personal property at FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS and from any alleged liability, cause, litigation or proceeding whatsoever, even if such injury, death, loss or property damage results, in whole or in part, from the negligence of AUTHORITY, or the applicable Show Committee and their respective officials, officers, directors, employees and agents or otherwise. Neither AUTHORITY nor such applicable Show Committee shall be liable to OWNER, or any officer, agents, employees, trainers, drivers, riders, handlers, or other contractors, invitees, or guests of OWNER for any injury or damage to livestock, person, or property. AUTHORITY, its officers, or agents, assume no liability for any loss or damage to property (including but not limited to livestock) on account of fire, theft, or any other cause including infectious or contagious diseases. In addition, OWNER acknowledges receiving and agrees to abide by the applicable rules and regulations of the AUTHORITY titled FLORIDA STATE FAIR STATE YOUTH DOG SHOW RULES & PRIZE LIST, and the same is incorporated by reference herein. pmurr\fair\livestock.add 7\95 10155.1009



FSF 2025 EDUCATIONAL POSTER RUBRIC

This rubric lists the criteria for the judging of your poster and is used as the scoring tool for the judging. It was developed to inform you as to how your poster was evaluated.

CRITERIA	5 Points	4 Points	3 Points	2 – 1 Points	SCORE
Required Elements	1. SIZE *Thickness (1" or less) *22" x 28" OR 20" x 30" 2. ON FRONT *Title *Current Skillathon topic *Game or Activity – Needs instruction and answer key 3. ON BACK *Name and age (as of 9/1/2024) *Cite Resources	Missing one key element	Missing two key elements	Missing three or more key elements	5 4 3 2 1 <u>Disqualified</u> Incorrect size Incorrect current topic Previously judged Plagiarism
Labels	All items/pictures are labeled and easily read from at least 3 ft. NO BRAND NAMES	Pics/Labels are present but somewhat small	Too small to read	Brand names present and/or no pics/labels	5 4 3 2 1
Accuracy	Accurate facts/details/definitions are displayed without plagiarism	Mostly accurate information	Pictures only with no text. Text only with no pictures.	Verbatim from source	5 4 3 2 1
Attractiveness	Exceptional use of space, attractive and neat.	Good use of space, attractive and neat.	Acceptable but black/white only.	Lacks neatness and effort. Pencil only.	5 4 3 2 1
Grammar & Spelling	Grammar and spelling are accurate.	1 grammar and/or spelling error.	2 grammar and/or spelling errors.	3 or more grammar and/or spelling errors.	5 4 3 2 1
Effort	Exceptional effort, planning and pride is displayed.	Good effort, planning and pride is displayed.	Basic effort, planning and pride is displayed.	Minimal effort, planning or pride is displayed.	5 4 3 2 1
TOTAL					/30

DQ: See above for required poster size/thickness. Any other size/thickness will be disqualified.

DQ: Not Current Skill-a-ton Topic

DQ: Previously judged poster in other category current year or past years.

DQ: Plagiarism (use of complete article from web or sourcebook).

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Florida State Fair Youth Exhibitor

Dog Skills Video Instructions

Step 1: Define Your Audience

You should plan your video to demonstrate to other students and exhibitors who are in your age group. This year, your video needs to demonstrate one skill from the **RALLY** category. Your video needs to be 1-2 minutes long.

Step 2: Define a Clear Message

Write up a short script and plan possible props and backgrounds to use to demonstrate one skill and to show the teamwork between you and your dog. You can explain and demonstrate any **RALLY** skill you want to exhibit with your dog. (Remember to use appropriate collars.)

Step 3: Set Up

Team up with your friends and set up your background, props, and lighting for your video. Take practice clips to work out the shot - don't be so far away we cannot see you. Remember that background noises and wind will distract from your video presentation.

Step 4: Practice

Shoot a couple of long practice clips and share them with your friends or fellow dog project exhibitors to critique. (Again, you may help each other with the camera side of the project and take turns.)

Step 5: Be the Star of Your Own Show

Now, create your final video to show your appropriate skills with your dog. Make sure to read the rubric to understand how your video will be graded. Make sure your video is the appropriate length of 1-2 minutes.

Step 6: Submitting Your Video and Registration Form (Deadline January 10, 2025)

A. Video Submission: YouTube.com

*Upload as **Unlisted** so that only you and the Florida State Fair have access.

*File Format must be .MP4 or WMV

*Maximum length of any video is 1-2 minutes long

*Instructions are available at https://youtu.be/jaftEW9WI3U?si=8j2bOhrQkUOhY_2p

B. Entry Form with Video Submission

*Registration Forms are located under the tab **Rules & Entry Forms** on this website

<http://www.floridastatefairag.com>

*Open the Show Information page (**Youth Dog Rules**)

*Click on the Online Video Registration Form. Fill out the form electronically and submit the form. Make sure all required information is included – especially the **unlisted link** to your YouTube video.

Dog Skills Video Rubric

Name: _____

County: _____

Points Earned	Possible Points	Criteria	Remarks
	5	Greeting/Introduction -Formal greeting -Introduction includes name, county, project -Courteous and Friendly	
	5	First Impression -Professional Appearance -Well Groomed -Eye Contact with Camera	
	5	Poise/Body Language -Not Slouching, keep consistent eye contact -Appropriate gestures that are not distracting -No fidgeting -Confident and Positive Attitude	
	5	Communication Skills -Speaks clearly and confidently -Speaks at an appropriate speed -Avoids “Um” and “Like”, etc	
	10	Follows the Directions -Video of appropriate subject -Video of appropriate length -Video conveys the key concept -Correct grammar and sentence structure -Clear closing, not sudden stop at the end -Avoid distracting background or wind noise	
	30	Total Score For Video	