

# ~ Livestock Guidelines ~

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## **Ethics Guidelines**

All Livestock projects must be cared for and maintained by the individual 4-H member as part of the learning process intended for all 4-H projects. With their entry, members are certifying that the project animal(s) has/have been cared for and maintained by the member and his/her immediate family during the required tenure of ownership and said animal(s) has/have not been cared for by a professional fitter or maintained at a professional fitter's facilities. Members who need assistance fitting or grooming their animals for the show may seek help from their parents or other Ford-Iroquois 4-H members. **The 4-H member must be present during any advisement as an active participant in the process.** All complaints and evidence concerning fitting practices must be signed and submitted in writing to Extension staff by the end of the show. Failure to comply with this rule will lead to disqualification.

## **Animal Rights**

If violations are observed, the animals will be excused from exhibition and possibly ordered to be removed from the grounds with all awards being forfeited as determined by superintendents, Youth Committee members, fair board, and/or Extension staff. Any practice or deviation from normal humane husbandry practices, including but not limited to artificial manipulations, physical abuse, medical treatments or mechanical applications of any substance, other than on the prescriptions of a licensed veterinarian, will constitute a violation of show rules and are subject to the above provisions.

## **Showmanship**

In certain situations a 4-H member may be allowed to borrow an animal from another 4-H member for showmanship. However, they must have prior approval from the Superintendent and Ford-Iroquois Extension Staff before the show.

## **Quality Assurance & Ethics Clinic Requirements**

All Illinois 4-H/ FFA members who exhibit livestock at the Illinois State Fair must complete the Quality Assurance & Ethics Clinic (QAEC) **only once** in their lifetime. Once a member's name appears on the statewide listing, they have completed the requirement for their 4-H or FFA career. New exhibitors can complete this requirement for certification at the following web site: <http://qaec.extension.uiuc.edu/>. The website should be available February 1-July 1. Watch your 4-H newsletter for specific dates. Exhibitors will receive training on six different topics plus additional information related to their specie. Following each section, participants must correctly answer a short quiz. Upon completion of the training you will be able to print out a certificate of completion. **This certificate must be printed out and kept with the member's files for later reference.**

## **Pork Quality Assurance Certification**

Youth enrolled in swine who wish to exhibit at the Illinois State Fair must complete the Youth Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) Certification each year either through attending the class or testing out. Certification numbers will be required on the State Fair Entry form.

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### **Livestock Shown in the Absence of the 4-H Member**

If a 4-H member is absent for the entire fair and another 4-H member shows his/her animals/projects for them they will only be eligible to receive an "A", "B", or "C" rating. He/she will not be eligible to receive any additional ribbons/trophies/awards. Decisions on if the youth can sell his/her animal at the Livestock Sale are up to the Livestock Sale Committee (Ford) and the Fair Board (Iroquois) and requests will have to be made directly to them.

If the 4-H member chooses to arrive on the fairgrounds in time to show his/her own animal at the fair, he/she will still be eligible to compete for any additional awards/trophies/ribbons. However, the animals must be brought to the fairgrounds at the proper time, weighed in and cared for by another 4-H member or their family until the 4-H member arrives.

In both cases the Superintendent and Extension staff must be notified prior to the fair and made aware of who will be caring for the animals and/or showing them during the fair.

### **Iroquois County Pen Rule**

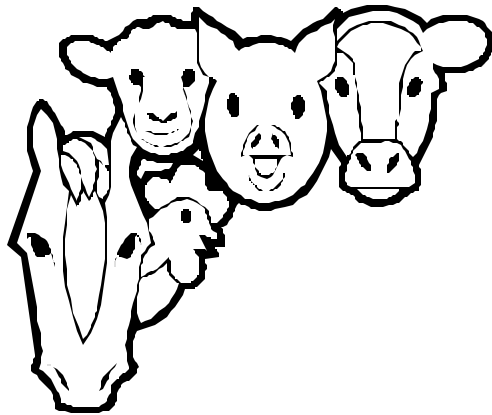
Any reserved pen/stall without an animal in it will either be forfeited or charged the tack stall fee assessed by the Iroquois County Fair Board.

### **Notification of Scratched Entries**

If you elect not to bring an animal(s) or scratch an entry that you entered on the 4-H fair entry form please notify the Extension office by July 1.

### **Show Ethics**

The Ford-Iroquois Extension abides by the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics. Please see the front of your fair book for a complete listing of the rules.



## ~ Beef ~

### Project Requirements:

- *Beginner:* Feed and care for a breeding heifer, market steer or heifer.
  - *Advanced:* Feed and care for a yearling or bred heifer, cow, or feeder animals.
  - *All:* Complete at least 7 activities from the project manual per year.
1. Member must be enrolled in the Beef project by the first week in January of the current year.
  2. All beef steers shall be owned and cared for by the exhibitor by February 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. All breed steers (Angus, Charloais, Hereford, Shorthorn, Simmental and Maine-Anjou) must also be registered in the exhibitor's name. Registration papers must be available for inspection at the fair. State Fair steers should have breed registration papers dated prior to February 1<sup>st</sup> for proof of ownership.
  3. Female animals (purebred and crossbred) shall be owned and cared for by the exhibitor by June 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. Purebred breeding animals must be registered in the exhibitor's name by June 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. Registration papers must be available for inspection at the fair.
  4. Each 4-H member that exhibits at the **Ford County Fair** may show no more than two (2) steers in each breed. Each 4-H member that exhibits at the **Iroquois County Fair** shall be permitted to make three (3) entries of single steers and up to six (6) breeding stock with no more than two (2) entries per class. A total of 12 entries per youth including market heifers is the maximum allowed in Iroquois County.
  5. Any animals displaying repeated unruly behavior will be dismissed from the class at the discretion of Extension staff and the superintendent.
  6. Steers must be calved between January 1 and December 31 of the previous year.
  7. The beef steer must have all of its baby teeth in place at the time of inspection at the County Show. A competent veterinarian will examine the steers.
  8. All steers and market heifers must be tattooed with the state approved block letter. If the state approved block tattoo number in the ear **does not match** the state approved block tattoo number on the Nomination Form, the animal **will not** be able to show at the County Fair. Weight groups for steers will be determined based upon entries.
  9. All 4-H steers and / or market heifers exhibiting at the county fairs must be weighed and tattooed in their counties on the designated February date. All Iroquois County beef projects must be weighed and processed at Decker's Livestock.
  10. Breed steers must show the proper breed characteristics as stated in the State Fair Junior Department Premium Book. Eligibility requirements for Simmental steers are ½ or higher as verified by an American Simmental Association registration certificate. Steers not meeting characteristics will be shown as a Crossbred. If any problems arise, the 4-H Beef Committee will determine the class.
  11. Once an animal is unloaded from the trailer and stalled, they may not be put back on the trailer until the end of the fair or they will be disqualified and forfeit all premiums.
  12. Animals may be given a white towel test as they enter the show ring. Dying and artificially changing the color of an animal is prohibited. Coloring agents may be used **only up to the hock**. Cattle are to be shown in their natural conformation. The use of false tail heads is prohibited. The addition of hair, hemp, or any similar substance to any part of an animal is prohibited. No tail ties will be allowed for breeding stock or steers.
  13. In certain situations a 4-H member enrolled in a beef project may be allowed to borrow an animal from another 4H member for showmanship. However, they must have prior approval from the Superintendent and Ford-Iroquois Extension staff before the show.

14. Iroquois County Only – Members enrolled in 4-H classes only will be contacted during the fair by the beef superintendents to collect the fee for the bedding. For those entering in open and junior shows it will be figured into their stall fee.
15. 4-H members ages 13 and under (4-H age) are eligible to compete for Junior Showmanship. 4-H members 14 and older (4-H age) are eligible to compete for Senior Showmanship. The junior showmanship winner becomes eligible for senior showmanship the next year. The senior showmanship winner does not have to sit out the following year. The Master Showmanship contest will be held after the Senior Showmanship contest. This contest is open to all 4-H members who have won Senior showmanship honors this year or in the past. Participants must be enrolled in a beef project in their county this year. The winner or alternate (or the top two in Ford County) will represent the beef department in the 4-H Master Showmanship Contest at the county level.
16. Refer to information in the county fair book for more specifics on exhibition requirements.
17. Members must follow the Livestock Guidelines listed on page 19 & 20.

### **Market Heifer Class**

1. Yearly continuation of this class will be justified by entry numbers.
2. Market heifer must be born after January 1 of the previous year and owned and cared for by the exhibitor by February 1 of the current year.
3. Market heifers must be weighed and tattooed in February at the same time beef steers are tattooed. Each 4-H member may nominate a total of three heifers at weigh-in.
4. A 4-H member in Ford and Iroquois counties may exhibit a total of 3 market heifers in addition to the number listed under rule 4 on page 21.
5. A market heifer may not double exhibit in a breeding class. However, a 4-H member has the option to exhibit a tattooed market heifer in a breeding class and forego the intended market heifer class. Breeding class deadlines and rules must be followed for this election.
6. Market heifers will be judged as finished market animals.
7. There will be no breed designation in the market heifer show. All animals will be divided into classes by weight.
8. The top blue ribbon market heifer in each weight group will compete for champion and reserve champion market heifer.
9. Market heifers must meet the same minimum weight as steers to sell in the livestock sale.

### **Born & Raised Beef Class**

**Project Requirements:** 4-Her must be enrolled in the Beef project. Must show an animal from 4-Her's own herd or purchase an animal from a breeder or herd within the county of the member's 4-H club.

1. **Purpose:** To promote the 4-H member who uses an animal from his or her personal and/or family herd and the County beef producer who raises beef for commercial and/or show purposes.
2. **Intent:** To revitalize and stimulate the beef industry in the Ford-Iroquois Unit, to develop a class or classes that allow a greater participation of county 4-H'ers, and to provide spirited competition for county producers.
3. **Requirements:** Steers or heifers in this class must be calves of heifers or cows that reside on a participating farm in the same county as the club of the 4-H member, and are owned by that participating farm.
4. **Classes:** The classes will be determined upon entries and will be completed before show day. Every effort will be made to make the classes as uniform as possible.

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5. **Entries:** All steers and market heifers for the Born & Raised classes must be at the weigh-in and must be State Fair tattooed. Verification that the steer was born and raised by the 4-H'er and/or his family or was purchased from a participating county beef producer must be made by that time.
6. **Certification:** Any 4-H'er who is using a steer or market heifer from his own herd or any County Beef Producer who wishes to sell a steer or market heifer for this class must inform and submit a nomination form to the Born & Raised Committee member for their respective county prior to February 1. (Iroquois County Only) Nomination for show heifer calves must be made by June 20. Ford County beef members will receive information on the Ford County born and raised classes later spring.
7. **Awards:** Donated monies for this class will be divided in such a manner that each participant will receive a portion related to his or her standing in a class. A portion not to exceed one fifth (1/5) of the total monies will be designated for champion and reserve champion.
8. **Donations:** Monies from donations made by individuals and/or farms, businesses, etc. will be held and used specifically for prize monies in and advertising for the Born and Raised classes.
9. **Procedure:** Participation of an animal in this class does not exempt it from showing in any other class for which it qualifies.
10. **Protests:** The beef superintendent, Born and Raised committee members, and the Extension Youth Committee members have the final ruling on protests and other questions of rules.
11. **Fair entries:** Born & Raised beef fair entries must be made with the Born & Raised Committee, **not** the Extension Office.

**BEEF PREMIERE** - See Premiere Section of Handbook.



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DEFINITION	BREED					
	Angus	Hereford	Shorthorn	Simmental	Crossbred & all other breeds	Maine-Anjou <i>Iroquois Only</i>
Beef Steer	A0110	A0120	A0130	A0140	A0150	A0160
Junior Heifer Calf <i>Born in current year</i>	A0111	A0121	A0131	A0141	A0151	A0161
Senior Heifer Calf <i>Sept. 1 - Dec. 31 (prior year)</i>	A0112	A0122	A0132	A0142	A0152	A0162
Late Summer Yearling Heifer <i>July 1 - Aug. 31 (prior year)</i>	A0113	A0123	A0133	A0143	A0153	A0163
Early Summer Yearling Heifer <i>May 1 - June 30 (prior year)</i>	A0114	A0124	A0134	A0144	A0154	A0164
Late Junior Yearling Heifer <i>March 1 - April 30 (prior year)</i>	A0115	A0125	A0135	A0145	A0155	A0165
Early Junior Yearling Heifer <i>Jan. 1 - Feb. 28 (prior year)</i>	A0116	A0126	A0136	A0146	A0156	A0166
Senior Yearling Heifer <i>Sept. 1 - Dec. 31 (two years prior)</i>	A0117	A0127	A0137	A0147	A0157	A0167
Cow and Calf <i>(calf born current year) (cow no age limit)</i>	A0118	A0128	A0138	A0148	A0158	A0168
Cow <i>(cow no age limit)</i>	A0119	A0129	A0139	A0149	A0159	A0169
A0170 Market Heifer - All Breeds *****						
Remember these are <b>fair entry numbers</b> . Enrollment information can be found in the <i>Illinois Clover</i> magazine.						

**Ford County ONLY – Charloais (Same definitions as above)**

Beef Steer – A0180

Senior Heifer Calf – A0182

Early Summer Yearling Heifer – A0184

Early Junior Yearling Heifer – A0186

Cow & Calf – A0188

Junior Heifer Calf – A0181

Late Summer Yearling Heifer – A0183

Late Junior Yearling Heifer – A0185

Senior Yearling Heifer – A0187

Cow – A0189

## ~ Cat ~

**Fair Entry Numbers:**  
**A0210 – Cat I**  
**A0220 – Cat II –**  
**A0230 – Cat III –**

**Project Requirements:** Complete at least four activities in the project manual each year.

**Exhibit Requirements:**

- All exhibitors must present proof of immunization from a vet for rabies and distemper before exhibiting. **FAILURE TO DO THIS WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION AND ASKING THAT YOUR ANIMAL BE REMOVED FROM THE PREMISES.**
- **Bring your cat to the fair for judging** – Cats must be 6 months of age or older to be exhibited.
- Members enrolled in Cats II (*Climbing Up!*) or Cats III (*Leaping Forward*) must also prepare a poster/display on an activity completed from the project. **Ford County Exhibitors should bring their poster/display for display on Wednesday to check in. Iroquois County Exhibitors should bring their poster/display with them to judging on Wednesday.** Posters/displays will be on display for the week of the fair and will be judged at the same time as cat judging. Posters should be at least 14" x 22" and no larger than 22" x 28".
- Cats must be owned by the exhibitor at least 6 months prior to exhibition.
- One cat per exhibitor. Family members cannot exhibit the same cat.
- **Bring the completed manual to the fair to show project requirements have been met for the current year.**

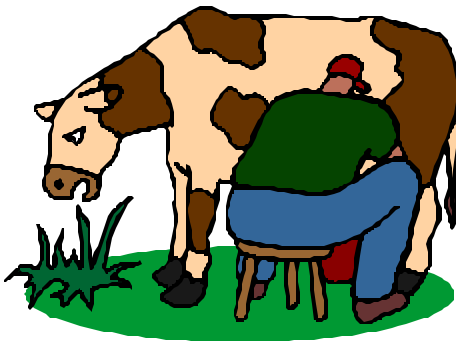


1. Cats must be brought to the fair in open air cages. Exhibitors must be present one half hour prior to judging for registration and final instructions.
2. Exhibitors are required to bring a collar & leash, other necessary grooming items & water for their cat.
3. Nails should be clipped, teeth clean, eyes clear, ears clean and free of ear mites.
4. The exhibitor should be prepared to answer questions regarding the care and management of their cat. In addition, the animal will be judged on general appearance, health, vigor, and freedom from dirt and parasites. (4-H members in Cats II and Cats III should also be knowledgeable about the information on their poster and be prepared to discuss this with the judge.)
5. Cats will be taken home following judging.
6. Dress appropriately for judging. See page 14 for specifics.
7. Animal Rights - If violations are observed, the animals will be excused from exhibition and possibly ordered to be removed from the grounds with all awards being forfeited as determined by superintendents, Youth Committee members, fair board, and/or Extension staff. Any practice or deviation from normal humane husbandry practices, including but not limited to artificial manipulations, physical abuse, medical treatments or mechanical applications of any substance, other than on the prescriptions of a licensed veterinarian, will constitute a violation of show rules and are subject to the above provisions.
8. Those not cleaning up after their cats will be assessed a \$10.00 fee.
9. For special circumstances contact the Extension Office prior to the fair.

# ~ Dairy ~

**Project Requirements:** *All:* Complete at least seven activities in the project manual each year.  
*Advanced:* Feed and manage one or more cows in production.

1. All cattle exhibited must be accompanied by a certificate of health.
2. Member may exhibit more than one breed of dairy cattle.
3. Two entries may be made in each class.
4. All purebred dairy cattle must have been registered in the member's name. Applications for registration papers should have been made on or before the latest starting date of the project. Registration papers must be available for inspection. No registration papers are required for grade Holsteins.
5. Any dairy animal that is in production shall show in the production class regardless of age.
6. **Record Starting Dates** Heifer Calf, record starting June 1 of the current year; Dairy Heifer, record starting on or before June 1 of the current year; Dairy Production, record starting on or before January 1, current year - cow may be born any time before September, two years previous. Production record is required. It must meet local leader's approval prior to time of show.
7. For age classification of cattle in this department, see the beginning pages of the fair book.
8. Showmanship: Jr.=13 & under, Sr.=14 & older (4-H age). The Master Showmanship contest will be held after the Senior Showmanship contest. This contest is open to all 4-H members who have won Sr. showmanship honors this year or in the past. Participants must be enrolled in a dairy project this year. The winner or alternate will represent the Dairy department in the 4-H Master Showmanship Contest at the county level (Iroquois County only).
9. In certain situations a 4-H member enrolled in a dairy project may be allowed to borrow an animal from another 4-H member for showmanship. However, they must have prior approval from the Superintendent and Ford-Iroquois Extension staff before the show.
10. Members must follow the Livestock Guidelines listed on page 19 & 20.



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<b>Class Description</b>	<b>Jersey &amp; Guernsey &amp; Ayrshire</b>	<b>Milking Shorthorn</b>	<b>Grade Dairy and all other breeds not listed</b>	<b>Brown Swiss</b>
<b>Spring Heifer Calf</b> <i>March 1 &amp; after in current year</i>	A0301	A0315	A0330	A0360
<b>Winter Heifer Calf</b> <i>Dec. 1 (prior yr.) -Feb. 28 (current yr.)</i>	A0302	A0316	A0331	A0361
<b>Fall Heifer Calf</b> <i>Sept. 1 - Nov. 30 (prior year)</i>	A0303	A0317	A0332	A0362
<b>Summer Yearling</b> <i>June 1 - August 31 (prior year)</i>	A0304	A0318	A0333	A0363
<b>Spring Yearling</b> <i>March 1 - May 31 (prior year)</i>	A0305	A0319	A0334	A0364
<b>Winter Yearling</b> <i>Dec. 1 (2 yrs. prior)-Feb. 28 (prior yr.)</i>	A0306	A0320	A0335	A0365
<b>Fall Yearling</b> <i>Sept. 1 - Nov. 30 (2 years prior)</i>	A0307	A0321	A0336	A0366
<b>Unfreshened 2 Year Old</b> <i>Sept. 1 - August 31</i>	A0308	A0322	A0337	A0367
<b>2 Year Old Cow</b> <i>Sept. 1 - August 31</i>	A0309	A0323	A0338	A0368
<b>3 &amp; 4 Year Old Cow</b> <i>Sept. 1 - August 31</i>	A0310	A0324	A0339	A0369
<b>Aged Cow</b> <i>Born before Sept 1</i>	A0311	A0325	A0340	A0370
<b>Dry Cow</b> <i>4 years and under</i>	A0312	A0326	A0341	A0371
<b>Dry Cow</b> <i>5 years and over</i>	A0313	A0327	A0342	A0372

# ~ Dogs ~

**Project Requirements:** Complete at least seven activities in the project manual each year.

*Dog Obedience* = Participate with one or more dogs in 4-H Dog Obedience classes.

*Dog Agility* = Participant and their dog must have completed one year of dog obedience.

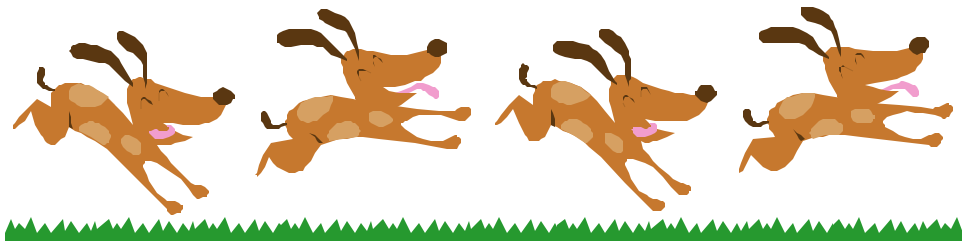
*Dog Showmanship/Conformation* = Participant must be enrolled in a 4-H Dog Obedience class.

1. Exhibitors must be enrolled in a 4-H dog project this year. Youth must also be an active member of a Ford or Iroquois County club in order to participate in the unit's dog obedience program.
2. All dogs must have from your veterinarian proof of immunization for distemper, rabies, and parvovirus inoculations on file in the Extension office prior to the first obedience class in order to participate.
3. A dog being shown must be trained by the exhibitor and belong to the exhibitor or his immediate family, or may be leased for the length of the project.
4. Dogs do not have to be AKC registered to show or train. AKC obedience rules will be used for training and judging.
5. If violations are observed, the animals will be excused from exhibition and possibly ordered to be removed from the grounds with all awards being forfeited as determined by superintendents, Youth Committee members, fair board, and/or Extension staff. Any practice or deviation from normal humane husbandry practices, including but not limited to artificial manipulations, physical abuse, medical treatments or mechanical applications of any substance, other than on the prescriptions of a licensed veterinarian, will constitute a violation of show rules and are subject to the above provisions.
6. All dogs must be brought to the show on a six-foot leather or canvas leash. No chain leashes.
7. **A)** The personal safety of all dogs, participants (exhibitors, judges, superintendents and staff) and spectators is of the utmost importance in the 4-H Youth Development Program. **Dogs must be under the exhibitors control and supervision at all times including the classes and during the shows.**  
  
**B)** The judge in consultation with the Superintendent, Extension staff and a representative group of Youth Committee members will have the right to excuse any dog from the show for the following reasons: aggression towards other dogs, exhibitors, superintendents, judges, spectators, and/or any other person or animal; and a dog's uncontrollable behavior before or during the show.
8. No spike collars, electronic collars, or tags hanging from the collars will be allowed.
9. A dog that is not under the control of the exhibitor or shows viciousness towards its handler, trainers or other dogs will be dropped immediately from classes and not allowed to exhibit.
10. Dogs urinating on equipment will be excused from training class.
11. **A)** Attendance in at least two-thirds of the trainings offered through the Extension office is required or exhibitors must contact the superintendent about other arrangements prior to entering the county 4-H dog shows. **(Students are expected to actively participate in all classes, with the exception of youth with dogs in heat).**  
**B)** If an exhibitor attends another dog obedience/agility/showmanship/conformation class instead of the classes offered by Ford-Iroquois Extension office he/she must notify the Extension office and the superintendent prior to the deadline for fair entries. If the exhibitor attended obedience classes elsewhere a document stating such **(signed by the instructor)** should be turned into the Ford-Iroquois Extension office upon completion of the classes and prior to the county fairs. If the 4-Her has a certificate of completion from another obedience class, the superintendent, Extension staff along with 2-3 members of the youth committee may ask the youth to demonstrate the dog's obedience ability before it is allowed to compete. Any dogs that exhibit aggression or demonstrate a lack of training will not be allowed to participate in the county 4-H dog shows.

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12. Female dogs in season cannot participate in the weekly dog obedience training sessions, but may still be allowed to participate at the county fair at the discretion of the superintendent and Extension staff. Prior notification is required. Any youth with dogs who will come in to heat during the classes need to work with the superintendent prior to those classes and make arrangements to meet the class participation rule.
13. Exhibitors are limited to one obedience entry with each dog they train and one entry in each of the other classes. *(The number of dogs a youth is allowed to enter is up to the discretion of the superintendent.)*
14. A runoff will be held in case of a tie for total score.
15. Special problems not covered by these rules will be acted upon by the superintendents and/or the judge in consultation with Extension staff.
16. To be eligible a dog must have a score of 50% or more of the available points for each exercise on the score sheet, have a final score of at least 150 points for non-regular classes of beginner I, beginner II, and graduate beginner and have a final score of at least 170 points for regular classes of novice, advanced novice, open, and utility.
17. A 4-H member must be 10 years of age as of September 1 of the current 4-H year, with a qualifying score to compete at the Illinois State Fair.
18. If eligible to go to State Fair please see the Superintendent or Extension office for necessary paperwork immediately following the dog show. Complete and return the paperwork to Extension staff by the 1<sup>st</sup> working day after the close of the county fair. Completed paperwork not turned into the Extension office prior to this deadline will not be eligible to show at the State Fair.
19. When a dog reaches a qualifying score, they must move up to the next class, but the 4-Her may not remain in any class more than two years except for showmanship & conformation (at the discretion of the superintendent)
20. Classes will be scored as follows:
  - a. Qualifying score of 150 in Beginner I, Beginner II, and Graduate Beginner classes will receive a blue rating.
  - b. A qualifying score of 170 in Novice, Graduate Novice, Open, and Utility will receive a blue rating.
  - c. All other scores will be decided on a sliding scale.
21. Dogs receiving a non-qualifying score **will not** receive trophies at the discretion of the superintendent.

\*The **Dog Care** class has been changed to a poster class. Please refer to page 78 and enter under Dog I, II, or III – Livestock Poster/Display. This class is open to those enrolled in a dog project. Ownership of a dog is not required.



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**Dog Obedience**

**NO TREATS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE SHOWRING DURING DOG OBEDIENCE JUDGING.**

**A0402 Dog Obedience Beginner I ☺**

- First Year Dog Obedience.
- This class is for new handlers and inexperienced dogs only.
- All exercises are performed on leash.

**A0403 Dog Obedience Beginner II ☺**

- This class is for experienced handlers with inexperienced dogs or dogs with no more than one year of training.
- All exercises must be performed on leash.

**A0404 Dog Obedience Graduate Beginner ☺**

- All heeling exercises are performed on leash.

**A0405 Dog Obedience Novice ☺**

- Off lead exercises are performed.

**A0406 Dog Obedience Advanced Novice ☺**

- Off lead exercises are performed.

**A0407 Dog Obedience - Open ☺**

**A0408 Dog Obedience - Utility ☺**

**A0409 Conformation- Purebred (includes registered and unregistered)**

- Refer to [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org) for specific standards for each breed.
- Must be enrolled in a dog obedience class to participate.

**A0410 Conformation – Mixed Breed**

- Must be enrolled in a dog obedience class to participate.



## **Agility**

**NO TREATS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE SHOWRING DURING AGILITY JUDGING.**

**Attendance at all agility classes is extremely important due to the limited number of classes.**

**Please note** that agility classes will be open to all 4-Hers in the Ford-Iroquois Unit who are enrolled in a dog obedience class; however, judging will take place at the Iroquois County Fair.

### **A0411 Agility I Class - 14" & Under**

- Hurdle heights are set at 8", and shall include dogs with shoulder height of 14" & under.

### **A0412 Agility I Class – 15"-20"**

- Hurdle heights are set at 14", and shall include dogs with shoulder heights of over 14" to and including 20".

### **A0413 Agility I Class – 21" & Over**

- Hurdle heights are set at 20", and shall include dogs with shoulder heights of over 20".

All dogs will wear regular flat collars and no leads except for class work. All entries both dogs and youth must have completed one year of Beginner Dog Obedience and PASSED the appropriate sections to be eligible to enroll in any Agility classes. This is determined by Extension Staff and Dog superintendents. All dogs must be able to do the sit stay, down stay, the stand, and heel off leash. This will be strictly enforced for the safety of both the dogs and youth involved.

### **A0414 Agility II Class – 14" & Under**

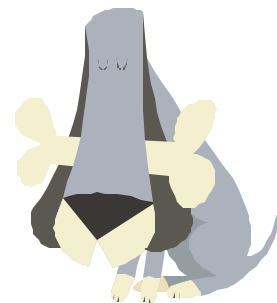
- Hurdle heights are set at 8", and shall include dogs with shoulder height of 14" & under.

### **A0415 Agility II Class – 15"-20"**

- Hurdle heights are set at 14", and shall include dogs with shoulder heights of over 14" to and including 20".

### **A0416 Agility II Class – 21" & Over**

- Hurdle heights are set at 20", and shall include dogs with shoulder heights of over 20".



**Eligibility in the classes below will be determined by Extension staff and Dog Superintendents.**

### **A0417 Agility III Class – 14" & Under**

- Hurdle heights are set at 8", and shall include dogs with shoulder height of 14" & under.

### **A0418 Agility III Class – 15"-20"**

- Hurdle heights are set at 14", and shall include dogs with shoulder heights of over 14" to and including 20".

### **A0419 Agility III Class – 21" & Over**

- Hurdle heights are set at 20", and shall include dogs with shoulder heights of over 20".

Although precautions are made before the trial to ensure that all obstacles are safe, an occasion may arise where on the day of the trial, the judge determines that one of the above obstacles may be unsafe. In such situations, an attempt should be made first to repair the obstacle. If this cannot be done in a reasonable time, the course should be redesigned in such a way as to use another of the non-hurdle obstacles twice.

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Also if necessary for the same reasons, substitution of Hurdle or Pause Obstacles may be made or the course redesigned. Such alterations in the course design should be made rather than canceling or allowing the trial to become a non-qualifying trial. A report of such situations must be described by the judge on the cover of the judge's book. Final decision as to whether or not the trial was "qualifying" rests with the NCDAA. To keep current with NCDAA regulations, rules are subject to change.

## Showmanship

In order to participate in Showmanship at the county fair, exhibitors must indicate one of the following classes on their Fair Entry form due in June.

**A0420 Pre- State Showmanship (ages 8 – 9)**

**A0425 Jr. Showmanship (ages 10 – 13) ☺**

**A0430 Sr. Showmanship (ages 14 and older) ☺**

- When a youth wins and qualifies for State Fair that youth must sit out one year, before competing in Sr. Showmanship again.

**A0435 Jr. Showmanship Master (ages 10-13)**

- Previous winners of Jr. Showmanship If a youth wins Jr. Showmanship Masters and competes at State Fair then the youth must sit out a year and then would be back in the Master class until the youth is old enough to compete in Sr. Showmanship.

1. The dog entered in a Showmanship class must be currently entered in a Dog Obedience fair class.
2. A dog that is not under the control of the exhibitor, or shows viciousness toward its handler, judge, or other dogs will be excused from further competition. Refer to rule #7 in the general dog guidelines.
3. Exhibitors will be judged on handling skill, knowledge of breed standards of their dog, dog show terminology, and elementary dog anatomy. The judge has the right to question exhibitors in one or all of the areas.
4. Dogs will be judged on cleanliness, general health and grooming.
5. Purebred and non-purebred dogs are eligible for this class. The breed of dog has no bearing on judging or placement.
6. No premiums are awarded in the showmanship classes.
7. The State Fair Junior Showmanship winner will be selected from Jr. Showmanship and Jr. Showmanship Masters. The member age is 10-13 years old. The winner will be Champion and compete at the Illinois State Fair. There are no substitutions in this class for State Fair.
8. The State Fair Senior Showmanship winner will be selected from Sr. Showmanship and Sr. Showmanship Masters. The member age is 14-18 years old. The winner will be Champion and compete at the Illinois State Fair. There are no substitutions in this class for State Fair.

