

Texas 4-H Dog Show Event Progression Rules - Quick Reference

OBEDIENCE

Pre-Novice A	A maximum of one (1) year (with or without a qualifying score). A handler may show in Pre-Novice A if the handler and dog are inexperienced and have never shown at a State 4-H Dog Show (in Pre-Novice), or AKC Beginner Obedience or other recognized show.
Pre-Novice B	Exhibitor/dog team has never received a score of 170 out of 200 points in Pre-Novice B. Exhibitor may choose to move to Novice A at any point prior to entry.
Novice A	A maximum of one (1) year (with or without a qualifying score). A handler may show in Novice A, if the handler and dog are inexperienced and have never shown at a State 4-H Dog Show (in Novice), or at an AKC or other recognized show.
Novice B	Exhibitor/dog team has never received a score of 170 out of 200 points in Novice B. Exhibitor may choose to move to 4-H Graduate Novice or AKC Graduate Novice at any point prior to entry.
4-H Grad Novice	A handler may show in 4-H Graduate Novice, AKC Graduate Novice, Open and Utility an unlimited number of times.
AKC Grad Novice	
Open	
Utility	

RALLY

Novice A	A maximum of one (1) year (with or without a qualifying score). A handler may show in Rally Novice A if the handler and dog are inexperienced and have never shown at a state 4-H Dog Show (in Rally Novice) or at an AKC or other recognized show.
Novice B	Exhibitor/dog team has never received a score of 70 out of 100 points in Novice B. Exhibitor may choose to move to Rally Intermediate at any point prior to entry.
Rally I	Exhibitor/dog team has never received a score of 70 out of 100 points in Rally I. Exhibitor may choose to move to Rally Transition at any point prior to entry.
Transition	Exhibitor/dog team has never received a score of 70 out of 100 points in Transition. Exhibitor may choose to move to Rally Advanced at any point prior to entry.
Advanced	Exhibitor/dog team has never placed 1st with three (3) or more competitors in Rally Advanced. Exhibitor may choose to move to excellent at any point prior to entry.
Excellent A	If handler and dog win 1st place in Rally Advanced with three (3) or more competitors or have earned the RA titles in AKC or equivalent, they must move up to rally Excellent A the following year.
Excellent B	If handler and dog have competed in Rally Excellent A, they must move up to Excellent B. Dog and exhibitor may continue to compete in this class indefinitely.

SHOWMANSHIP

Pre-Novice	The exhibitor's first year at the State 4-H Dog show and has never shown at AKC Conformation or Showmanship event.
Novice	Shown at State 4-H Dog Show, but never placed in top three (3) with at least five (5) competitors. Shown at AKC, but not placed 1st with at least three (3) competitors.
Open	Placed in top three (3) in Novice at State 4-H Dog Show with at least five (5) competitors. Placed in top two (2) in AKC with at least three (3) competitors. Never won Best Junior Handler at State 4-H Dog Show or AKC event.
Advanced	Placed in the top two (2) in Open at State with at least five (5) competitors. Placed in top two (2) with at least three (3) competitors in an AKC Open Class. Have won Best Junior Handler at State 4-H Dog Show or AKC event.
Master	Placed 1st in five (5) AKC Open Classes with at least three (3) competitors or won Best Junior Handler as an Advanced exhibitor at the Texas 4-H Dog Show.

SCENT WORK

Novice	The handler may show in Novice if the dog and handler are inexperienced and have never shown at State 4-H Dog Show in Novice or at an AKC or other recognized show or if they failed to have a qualifying run the previous year.
Advanced	The handler may show in Advanced if the dog and handler are inexperienced and have never shown at State 4-H Dog Show in Advanced or at an AKC or other recognized show or if they failed to have a qualifying run the previous year.
Excellent	The handler may show in Excellent if the dog and handler are inexperienced and have never shown at State 4-H Dog Show in Excellent or at an AKC or other recognized show or if they failed to have a qualifying run the previous year.
Master	Open to dogs who had a qualifying run in Excellent the previous year.