

## Noble Co. Obedience Classes

### **Beginner Novice A**

Youth may show one project dog in Beginner Novice A. Beginner Novice A is for the first-year member and first-year dog. This is like any other “A” class and cannot be repeated by youth or dog. Youth may show the same dog or different dog in any other classes provided they meet those classes’ eligibility requirements.

### **Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice**

Youth may show one project dog in Beginner Novice B OR Pre-Novice, decided upon according to skill level and preference. **A youth cannot show in both Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice in the same year.** A dog cannot show in both Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice in the same year. Youth may show the same dog or different dog in any other classes provided they meet those classes’ eligibility requirements.

### **Novice**

Youth may show one project dog at the Novice level, provided the youth and dog meet class eligibility requirements. Youth may show the same dog or different dog in any other classes provided they meet those classes’ eligibility requirements.

### **Advanced Obedience**

Youth may show two project dogs in each of the following Obedience classes: Graduate Novice, Open, and Graduate Open, provided youth and dogs meet eligibility requirements. Youth showing two dogs in “A” classes must meet the requirements of neither the youth and/or dog having any previous experience at that respective obedience level. Youth and/or dogs cannot repeat the “A” class, and must move to the “B” class in that respective level at the very minimum. If a youth and/or dog wins the first place trophy, s/he must move to a higher level with the same dog; however, can continue to show at the same “B” level with the other dog, providing meeting eligibility requirements. Youth may show the same dog or different dog in any other classes provided they meet those classes’ eligibility.

### **Levels and Classes**

**Level** refers to an obedience category, such as Novice. **Class** refers to the two classes within an obedience category. The letters “A” and “B” refer to the experience of the youth and dog. “A” classes are for first-year youth and first-year dogs with NO experience. “A” classes can never be repeated by the same youth, regardless of what dog is shown. “A” classes can never be repeated by the same dog, regardless of what youth shows that dog. “B” classes can be repeated by the same youth regardless of what dog is shown, and by the same dog, regardless of who shows that dog, provided the youth and/or dog are not the class winners. At the Ohio State Fair, if/when a youth and/or dog wins first place in a “B” class, the youth and dog must move to the next level. A dog must move to a higher level, once that dog begins performing at that higher level.

## **Summary of Progression of Obedience Classes**

**Beginner Novice A** - 1 year, then move to Beginner Novice B or Pre-Novice (Beginner Novice A class can never be repeated by handler OR dog)

**Beginner Novice B** - can repeat class with same dog or different dog unless class winner @ Ohio State Fair OR can show in Pre-Novice unless class winner @ Ohio State Fair. Once class winner in both Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice, then move to Novice A

**Pre-Novice** - can repeat class with same or different dog unless class winner @ Ohio State Fair OR can show in Beginner Novice B unless class winner @ Ohio State Fair. Once class winner in both Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice @ Ohio State Fair then move to Novice A

**Novice A** - 1 year, then move to Novice B (Novice A class can never be repeated by handler OR dog)

**Novice B** - can repeat class with same dog or different dog unless class winner @ Ohio State Fair then move to Grad Novice A

**Graduate Novice A** - 1 year, then move to Grad Novice B (Grad Novice A class can never be repeated by handler OR dog)

**Graduate Novice B** - can repeat class with same dog or different dog unless class winner at Ohio State Fair then move to Open A

## **Beginner Novice Level and Class Information**

**Beginner Novice A** Youth may show one project dog in Beginner Novice A. This class is for the beginning exhibitor and beginning dog. Neither exhibitor nor dog has had any prior obedience experience before April 1, 2012, or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first, for Ohio State Fair exhibition. *This means that the exhibitor and/or dog cannot have any kind of formalized training. If they have had any formal training, they must enter the Beginner Novice B class OR the Pre-Novice level. Exhibitors and dogs showing in counties that have "pre-beginner-novice" or similar classes must enter either the Beginner Novice B classes OR Pre-Novice at the state fair.* Once an exhibitor shows in this class, he/she must move to Beginner Novice B OR Pre-Novice at the very minimum. Once a dog has been shown in this class, the dog must be shown in the Beginner Novice B class OR Pre-Novice at the very minimum.

**Exercises:** *Heel on Leash, Figure 8 on Leash, Sit for Exam on Leash, Sit Stay on Leash and Recall on Leash.*

### **Beginner Novice B**

Youth may show one project dog in Beginner Novice B OR Pre-Novice, decided upon according to skill level and preference. A youth cannot show in both Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice in the same year. A dog cannot show in both Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice in the same year.

This class is for the exhibitor or dog who has shown in Beginner Novice A or has had experience at the Beginner Novice level *before* April 1, 2012, or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first, for Ohio State Fair exhibition. They have not yet progressed to Novice level or higher. The first place winner must move to Pre-Novice, or Novice A or higher with that same dog. The dog of a first place winner in the Beginner Novice B class must either be shown in Pre-Novice or be shown in the Novice A class at the very minimum. If an exhibitor and/or dog places in Beginner Novice B at the Ohio State Fair, he/she can repeat this class at the state fair provided the county requirements have been met, and the dog is not performing at the Novice level or higher, OR he/she can show in Pre-Novice provided the dog is not performing at the Novice level or higher. Exhibitors have the option of moving back and forth between Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice until winning both of these classes or they have experience at the Novice level, with the same dog. Dogs shown in this class cannot show in the Beginner Novice A class.

- a. Youth may move back and forth between Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice, from year to year, until winning first place in one of those classes.
- b. Once a youth/dog wins Beginner Novice B or Pre-Novice, they may go to the other option or move up to Novice.
- c. Once/if a youth wins both Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice (not in the same year), they must move to Novice, unless they are showing a different dog that is eligible to show in these classes.
- d. Once a youth/dog has experience or is showing at the Novice level, s/he must move to the Novice level. Once at the Novice level, the handler/dog cannot go back to Beginner Novice B or Pre-Novice.
- e. Youth who showed in Sub-Novice A classes in 2011 would have the option of showing in either Beginner Novice B or Pre-Novice in 2012.

f. Youth who showed (and did not win first place) in 2011 would have the option of showing in either Beginner Novice B or Pre-Novice in 2012.

**Exercises: Heel on Leash, Figure Eight on Leash, Sit for Exam on Leash, Sit Stay (leash attached, on ground) and Recall – off leash.**

### **Pre-Novice Level Information**

Note: Pre-Novice is the same as the former Sub-Novice; however, there are no “A” and “B” classes. Youth may show one project dog in Beginner Novice B OR Pre-Novice, decided upon according to skill level and preference. **A youth cannot show in both Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice in the same year.** A dog cannot show in both Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice in the same year.

This class is for the exhibitor or dog who has shown in Beginner Novice A or has had experience at the Beginner Novice level *before* April 1, of current year, or their county’s 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first, for Ohio State Fair exhibition. They have not yet progressed to Novice level or higher. The first place winner must move to Beginner Novice B, or Novice A or higher with that same dog. The dog of a first place winner in the Pre-Novice class must either be shown in Beginner Novice B or be shown in the Novice A class at the very minimum. If an exhibitor and/or dog places in Pre-Novice at the Ohio State Fair, he/she can repeat this class at the state fair provided the county requirements have been met, and the dog is not performing at the Novice level or higher, OR he/she can show in Beginner Novice B provided the dog is not performing at the Novice level or higher. Exhibitors have the option of moving back and forth between Pre-Novice and Beginner Novice B until winning both of these classes or they have experience at the Novice level, with the same dog. Dogs shown in this class cannot show in the Beginner Novice A class.

a. Youth may move back and forth between Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice, from year to year, until winning first place in one of those classes.

b. Once a youth/dog wins Beginner Novice B or Pre-Novice, they may go to the other option or move up to Novice.

c. Once/if a youth wins both Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice (not in the same year), they must move to Novice, unless they are showing a different dog that is eligible to show in these classes.

d. Once a youth/dog has experience or is showing at the Novice level, s/he must move to the Novice level. Once at the Novice level, the handler/dog cannot go back to Beginner Novice B or Pre-Novice.

e. Youth who showed in Sub-Novice A classes in 2011 would have the option of showing in either Beginner Novice B or Pre-Novice in beginning in 2012.

f. Youth who showed (and did not win first place) in Sub-Novice B classes in 2011 would have the option of showing in either Beginner Novice B or Pre-Novice in 2012.

**Exercises: Heel on Leash, Figure 8 on Leash, Stand for Exam on Leash, Recall on Leash. Long Sit on Leash (1 minute) and Long Down on Leash (3 minutes).**

### **Novice Level and Class Information**

Youth may show one project dog at the Novice level, provided the youth and dog meet class eligibility requirements.

#### **Novice A**

In this class neither the exhibitor nor dog has had any prior experience at the Novice level before April 1 of the current year, or their county’s 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first, for Ohio State Fair exhibition. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, he/she must move to Novice B at the very minimum. Once a dog has been shown in this class, the dog must be shown at the Novice B class at the very minimum.

#### **Novice B**

This class is for the exhibitor or dog who has shown in Novice A or has had experience at the Novice level before April 1 of current year, or their county’s 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first, for

Ohio State Fair exhibition. They have not yet progressed to Graduate Novice A or higher. The first place winner must move to Graduate Novice A or higher with that same dog. The dog of a first place winner in the Novice B class must then be shown in the Graduate Novice A class at the very minimum. If an exhibitor and/or dog places in Novice B at the Ohio State Fair, he/she can repeat this class at state provided the county requirements have been met, and the dog is not performing at the Graduate Novice level or higher. Dogs shown in this class cannot show in any lower levels of dog obedience.

***Exercises: Heel on Leash, Figure 8 on Leash, Stand for Exam – Off Leash, Recall – Off Leash, Heel Free, Long Sit – Off Leash (1 minute) and Long Down – Off Leash (3 minutes).***

## **Advanced Obedience**

Youth may show two project dogs in each of the following Obedience classes: Graduate Novice, Open, and Graduate Open, provided youth and dogs meet eligibility requirements. Youth showing two dogs in “A” classes must meet the requirements of neither the youth and/or dog having any previous experience at that respective obedience level. Youth and/or dogs cannot repeat the “A” class, and must move to the “B” class in that respective level at the very minimum. If a youth and/or dog wins the first place trophy, s/he must move to a higher level with the same dog; however, can continue to show at the same “B” level with the other dog, providing meeting eligibility requirements.

## **Graduate Novice Level and Class Information**

### **Graduate Novice A**

In this class neither the exhibitor nor dog has had any prior experience at the Graduate Novice level before April 1 of current year, or their county’s 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first, for Ohio State Fair exhibition. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, he/she must move to Graduate Novice B at the very minimum. Once a dog has been shown in this class, the dog must be shown in the Graduate Novice B class at the very minimum.

### **Graduate Novice B**

This class is for the exhibitor or dog who has shown in Graduate Novice A or has had experience at the Graduate Novice level before April 1 of current year, or their county’s 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first, for Ohio State Fair exhibition. They have not yet progressed to Open A class or higher. The first place winner must move to Open A or higher with that same dog. The dog of a first place winner in the Graduate Novice B class must then be shown in the Open A class at the very minimum. The dog of a first place winner in the Graduate Novice B class must then be shown in Open A at the very minimum. If an exhibitor and/or dog places in Graduate Novice B at the Ohio State Fair, he/she can repeat this class at state provided the county requirements have been met, and the dog is not performing at the Open level or higher. Dogs shown in this class cannot show in any lower levels of dog obedience.

***Exercises: Heel on Leash, Figure 8 - Off Leash, Stand for Exam – Off Leash, Drop on Recall – Off Leash, Dumbbell Recall, Recall over High Jump, Recall over Broad Jump, and Long Down - Off Leash (3 minutes).***