

Noble Co. Obedience Classes

****** Once a dog is registered in a certain Obedience Level, they must remain in that level for the current project year. It is your responsibility to make sure that you sign-up for the correct classes.**

PLEASE REFER TO ATTACHED APPENDIX THAT DESCRIBES THE EXERCISES FOR EACH CLASS TO DETERMINE WHAT OBEDIENCE CLASS TO SIGN UP FOR.

Must be enrolled in Obedience, Project No. 2010

****** Obedience – Judged @ Fair – Monday Evening beginning at 4:00 PM.**

Beginner Novice A

Youth may show one project dog in Beginner Novice A. This class is for the beginning exhibitor and beginning dog. This means that the exhibitor and/or dog cannot have any training or showing experience in Obedience prior to the county's current project year. If they have had any training or showing experience, 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. Beginner Novice A youth are NOT permitted to show the same or different dog in any other obedience class. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, they 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.

Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice

Youth may show ONE project dog in Beginner Novice B OR Pre-Novice, provided the youth and dog meet eligibility requirements. A dog cannot be shown in both Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice in the same year. Youth may show the same dog in other non-obedience classes and/or a different dog in other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements. Youth may NOT show the same dog in another obedience class the same year.

Preferred Novice Level **New Category – Check out requirements.

Youth may show ONE project dog at the Preferred Novice level, provided the youth and dog meet class eligibility requirements. This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog who has shown in Beginner Novice B or Pre-Novice or has had training or showing experience at the Preferred Novice level prior to the county's current project year. They have not yet progressed to Novice level or higher. **Once a dog shows in Preferred Novice, that dog cannot go back to either Beginner Novice B or Pre-Novice.** If an exhibitor and/or dog places in Preferred Novice at the Ohio State Fair, they 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.

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 Preferred Novice. Can move to Preferred Novice when ready for those exercises.

Preferred Novice - can repeat class with same dog or different dog unless class winner @ 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

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