



2018 DOG DIVISION RULES & REGULATIONS

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Entry Fee: Dogs \$25.00 1st and \$10.00 2nd

DOG GENERAL REGULATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

1. The SRF General Rules and Regulations apply to this Division and Shows.
2. Exhibitors are **REQUIRED** to attend at least 1 SRF dog workshop with each dog that they are showing prior to entry deadline in December to determine their competition level and guarantee the safety of this event. Several workshops will be offered throughout the year, please contact the show superintendent for further details.
3. All class descriptions of what will be expected of youth and their dogs will be included in the dog show handbook. More information about each division show will be housed on the SRF Dog Project Facebook page and mysrf.org website.
4. Health Requirements:
 - a. A signed veterinarian slip with the dog's rabies vaccination covering expiration date must be attached to the entry form.
 - b. All purebred and mixed breed dogs, at least 6 months of age.
 - c. A female dog in season will not be permitted to show or be present during the show even if they have been registered for the event.
 - d. Dogs must be well groomed, washed and brushed with all mats removed from the coat, ears clean and nails trimmed.
5. Only animals being shown at the Suwannee River Fair will be allowed on show grounds.
6. Dogs are not permitted anywhere on the Fairgrounds except with their handler in the Arena & grooming areas. Anyone found violating this rule will be disqualified from the show.

7. Keep safety and common sense in mind at all times. Dogs must be leashed or crated at all times outside of class requirements. All crates must be placed in the designated area. Only exhibitors and 1 of their parents/guardians will be allowed in the crate area.
8. All dogs must be owned or co-owned by the exhibitor or their immediate family; however, dogs may be leased/loaned to the exhibitor with a lease agreement.
9. Two members of the same family may show the same dog. The Dog will be allowed in each class one time.
10. Each owner/handler is responsible for their dog's behavior. Any dog exhibiting acts of aggression will be excluded from participation. Uncontrollable or aggressive dogs must be immediately be removed from grounds.
11. Dogs must have been trained by their youth handler. No dog shall be individually hands-on trained by a professional dog trainer.
12. While on the fairgrounds, only the exhibitor may handle, train, work, prepare or groom his/her dog. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification. Adults are strictly prohibited from providing direct assistance in preparation or showing of animals unless exception is permitted by the fair board, requests must be made in advance, in writing in order to be considered.

Show and Classes

13. Full SRF official dress is required. Skirts are permitted for showmanship, but it is recommended that all exhibitors wear pants for rally, agility, and obedience.
14. Bring proper leash and collar for each class entered. As well as treats, water, crate, and lots of patience!
15. Dogs must be on a leash at all times, except during advanced, off-leash exercises. A 6 foot leash with a choke-chain or nylon training collar. No pinch collars, tags, attachments, lead collars, chain leash, or harness will be accepted.
16. Coaching from the rail will not be permitted. In addition, on show day, only handler/dog pairs, fair board members, judges, and appointed ring volunteers will be permitted in the show ring.
17. All classes may be divided into age divisions if the number of entries received warrant it at the Show Committee's discretion.
18. Dogs must be entered in a class comparable to their level of training. If required, the Show Committee shall determine proper/improper class entry for the handler/dog. In this case, they will be allowed to participate but will not receive scores or placement for the incorrect class.
19. Basic and 8-11 year old handlers may enter 1 dog. Experienced handlers or handlers 11+ years of age as of September 1st of the current 4-H year may choose to exhibit up to 2 dogs. Dogs may not exhibit in the same class.
20. Each exhibitor will be responsible for cleaning up after their dog. Any dogs relieving themselves in the show ring will be disqualified from class.
21. Any dog that has competed in or holds a Title in AKC or UKC Obedience or Rally may not compete in Basic or Sub-Novice Classes.
22. Outside Venue: Any show other the SRF Dog Show including AKC, UKC, NADAC, etc.
23. **AWARDS:** For each class all exhibitors will be scored using the modified Danish judging system and 1-6 place rosettes will be given. For each age group, despite their experience level, there will be an overall award for showmanship, rally, obedience, and agility. The judge's decision/placing will be final.
24. Jump Heights: See Division Rules

DESCRIPTION OF DOG SHOW DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

Youth Dog Show Definitions:

Basic Handler/Exhibitor: Exhibitors who have NEVER competed in ANY state level dog show, or in any outside venue.

Basic Dog: Any dog that has NEVER competed in ANY state level dog show or any other outside venue AND is being shown by a basic handler. A dog may compete in Basic classes with a Basic handler (first 4-H/FFA year).

Experienced Handler: Exhibitor who has previously shown at a state level dog show, or has competed in any outside venue.

Experienced Dog: Any dog that has previously shown at a state level dog show, or has competed in any outside venue, OR any titled dog whether handler was the person who titled the dog or not.

Outside Venue: AKC, UKC, NADAC, etc.

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Handlers are judged on teamwork and presentation of their dog. Class entered should be determined by the experience and show record of the handler first, then the dog.

Classes:

Basic: Inexperienced handler with a basic dog, this includes any dogs who have not yet been to a state show or dogs who have competed at the county level for 2 years or less.

Novice: Experienced handler with basic dog or basic handler with an experienced dog, or handlers who have shown for 2 or more years at the county level or participated in a state level show. Any exhibitor who has won the novice showmanship class twice must move up to the

Advanced Classes

Advanced: Experienced Handlers and experienced dogs with Novice titles, but have not yet earned open or masters title in outside venues, must show in this class. Exhibitor and/or dog that has won Novice showmanship class twice.

Excellent: Handlers with any titles or certifications from outside venue must show in Excellent. Handlers who have placed first in Junior Showmanship at the association level 3 or more times in any outside venue dog shows.

OBEDIENCE DIVISION

Obedience will be judged according to AKC rules as modified by the Dog Show Committee.

A 6' lead (cloth or leather) and the following collars are permitted: Metal or nylon training, martingale or flat buckle/snap collars. All classes will be scored out of 200 points.

In Obedience, scoring ties will be broken first by the best sits and downs score, second by the best heeling score, and third by the best stand for examination score.

Any dog that has competed in or holds a Title in AKC or UKC Obedience or Rally may not compete in Basic or Sub-Novice Classes.

Classes:

Basic: For beginning handler and beginning dog in their first year of showing.

Individual On Lead: Heeling, figure 8; Stand for Examination, Recall.

Group on Lead: 1 minute Sit, 1 minute Down.

Sub-Novice: Experienced handler with beginning dog or beginning handler with experienced dog, except second year handler with a second year dog.

Individual On Lead: Heeling, figure 8; Stand for Examination, Recall.

Group On Lead: 3 minute Sit, 1 Minute Down.

Beginner Novice: For handlers and dogs who are training for novice off-lead classes.

Individual: Heel on Lead, Figure 8 on Lead, Sit for Exam, Recall Off Lead, Sit/Stay Off Lead with walk around the ring.

Group on Lead: 3 minute Down.

Novice: For handlers and their dogs ready to compete in Off Lead novice exercises.

Individual: Heeling On Lead, Figure 8 On Lead, Heeling Off Lead, Stand for Examination Off Lead, Recall Off Lead.

Group Off Lead: 1 minute Sit, 3 minute Down.

AGILITY DIVISION

Only open to dogs 15 months of age or older as of the date of show. Dogs **Without** formal agility training or dogs unfamiliar with obstacles **Should Not** be entered. All exhibitors will receive a copy of the pattern before they compete at the show.

Equipment provided at show will be based on AKC standards as modified by the Dog Show Committee. This event is subject to change depending on what type of equipment and supplies we are able to secure before the fair.

All Dogs Must Have A Height Card And Bring It To Check In, Or They Must Be Measured By A Representative Of The Committee To Participate In Agility.

For handlers and dogs with agility training, the only acceptable collar is a flat buckle collar. Off-lead dogs may run with no collar. No contact familiarization before each class. Dogs capable of off-lead work should not enter in on lead classes. 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.

A Dog Will Be Allowed 3 Refusals. Points will be taken for each refusal, after 3 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 ground to 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 22" and over

ALL dogs jumping one jump height level LOWER than an AKC standard.

Classes:

Basic On Lead: Beginner handler and beginning dog 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 6 Hurdles. Course time will be used only to break ties.

Sub-Novice On Lead: For experienced handler with beginning dog or beginning handler with experienced dog. Also for experienced handler (two or more years of showing) who has won first place but has not achieved a score of 200 at a previous State Dog Show. If the dog has any qualifying agility legs, it must be shown in Novice or higher. 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 6 Hurdles. Course time will be used only to break ties.

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 in outside venues must show in Advanced Class. Course design may be more complex, 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, 6 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.

RALLY DIVISION

Rally is a form of obedience in which the dog and handler complete a course which has been designed by the judge. Dog Show rally rules are based on AKC Rally Rules, as amended December 1, 2015. These rules, as well as the complete list of signs and performance requirements can be found at <http://www.akc.org>. Please read these rules paying special attention to the principal parts of each exercise. **General Rally Scoring Times** will be recorded but not posted. Times will be used only to break ties for placements. Any dog that has competed in or holds a Title in AKC or UKC Obedience or Rally may not compete in Basic Classes.

Advanced & Excellent Jump Heights: The dog's jump height shall be given on the entry form. Entries will be arranged according to the jump height of the dogs. The judge may allow handlers to run out of order to allow for conflicts at their discretion.

Height of dog at withers

11 inches and under
12 inches to 15 inches
15 inches to 18 inches
18 inches to 22 inches
over 22 inches

Height to be jumped

4 inches
8 inches
12 inches
16 inches
20 inches

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

Classes:

Basic is first year handlers with beginner dogs. Basic Rally will compete on the same course and with the same requirements as Novice, except that Basic Handlers may move 1 foot to finish their dog without receiving a penalty.

Novice is second year or greater handlers or dogs with qualifying scores in Rally or Obedience. For dogs and or handlers that have earned a Novice Title in Rally or Obedience from any outside venue or who have placed in the top 4 with a qualifying score above 170 in the Novice A class at a state event or previous fair.

Basic and Novice 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. Must have 10 to 15 stations (Start and Finish not included) with 3-5 stationary exercises. Signs 1-36 from the AKC Rally Regulations may be used.

Advanced is for handlers ready to perform off lead.

Exercises are judged off leash. Dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. Must have 12 to 17 stations (Start and Finish not included) with 3-7 stationary exercises. Courses shall have a minimum of 3 Advanced level stations plus 1 required jump per class. Allowed jumps are the high jump, bar jump and broad jump. Signs 1-118 from the AKC Rally Regulations may be used.

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.

Exercises are judged off leash. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. Must have 15 to 20 stations (Start and Finish not included) with 3-7 stationary exercises. Courses shall have a minimum of 3 Advanced level stations and a minimum of 2 Excellent level stations, plus the 2 required jumps and the Honor exercise per class. 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.