

## Junior Fair Dog Agility Rules-2019

Show: **Thursday, August 1**, 7:30 pm, Show Arena

**Important Note: Enter dogs only through Gate #4 off of Smith Road**

### Rules:

1. Due to the safety and training issues, handlers must participate in at least 50% of the training sessions.
  - Special circumstances must be approved by the Dog Agility Committee.
2. **\*\*Dogs participating in Dog Agility must be owned by the Jr. Fair exhibitor.**
  - They must be housed on exhibitor's premises and in their continual care beginning no later than April 1, thru the duration of the project.
  - Exception: Experienced exhibitor may show a leased dog as a second dog. Leased dogs cannot be shown at State Fair.
    - Lease must be approved by the dog owner, handler and Dog Agility Committee by June 1 of project year.
3. First-year exhibitors may train and compete with only 1 dog. Second-year exhibitors and up may compete with 2 dogs, with permission from the Dog Agility Committee.
4. The dog must be 1 year old by May 15 of the current project year to participate in agility training.
  - To qualify for State Fair Dog Agility Show, the dog must be at least 18 months by July 30.
5. **All new exhibitors and dogs, as well as returning members with a new dog, must be assessed** by the Dog Agility Committee to demonstrate that the handler has basic control of the dog [the dog knows basic obedience commands such as sit, down, stay and come] and that the dog shows no aggression. This must be completed at the agility assessment, **April 9, 7:00 pm, MCCC Doggie Day Care Room (1101 W. Liberty St., Medina).**
6. Dog Agility exhibitors must be enrolled in 4-H project 201P by 11:59 pm, **April 15.**
7. Each Dog Agility exhibitor along with a parent/legal guardian, must read and sign the ***Permission to Participate in Ohio 4-H Dog Dog Activities-Disclosure and Release of Claims***. **The form must be on file with the Extension office by April 15** in order to participate in the Medina County 4-H Dog Program.
8. All new 4-H Dog Agility Exhibitors and dogs, as well as returning exhibitors with new dogs, are required to have previously completed 1 year 4-H Dog Obedience or Showmanship. The same project dog used in Obedience/Showmanship will be used for Dog Agility. The Dog Agility Committee strongly recommends continuance of Obedience/Showmanship training along with Dog Agility.
9. Dogs suffering any deformity; injury; or illness, which may affect the dog's physical or mental performance, or dogs exhibiting signs of aggression will not be allowed to participate. Any exceptions to this rule will need to be reviewed and approved by the Dog Agility Committee.
10. **\*\*All dogs enrolled in the Dog Agility Project must have a current county dog license.**
11. **\*\*All dogs enrolled in the Dog Agility Project must have a completed Certificate of Vaccination signed by a licensed veterinarian on file with Extension Office by, June 1.**
  - A copy of this form will be given to the Dog Agility Committee.
  - For the first training class, **proof of vaccination is required** or the exhibitor will not be allowed to participate.
12. A parent/legal guardian must be present at each training session and the Medina County Fair's Dog Agility Show.
  - The parent/legal guardian must sign an attendance sheet for each training session.
13. **All dogs shall be kept on a leash**, except when completing a run thru.
14. Dog collars shall be flat collars, lupine collars, or quick release collars.
  - No choke collars permitted.
15. Females in season may not attend training sessions or competitions.
16. Any dog or child creating unnecessary disturbances or engaging in unsafe or disruptive behavior may at the discretion of the Dog Agility Committee be asked to leave the Dog Agility Practice and/or Show.
17. **\*\*All Dog Agility Exhibitors must complete the county Dog Skillathon and be familiar with the information in the Dog Project Record Book (201) and the Dog Resource Book.**
18. **\*\*All Dog Agility Project Record Books (201) are required to be completed and turned in at the county Skillathon or at the Agility Practice that same week.**
  - See the Dates and Deadline Sheet for exact date of the Dog Skillathon.
19. Any dog exhibiting any type of aggressive behavior toward humans will be unable to participate in any dog project activities, including practices, fun matches, clinics, or the dog show.
  - Exhibitor is encouraged to complete project using alternative evaluation methods if dog has been excused from the program.

**\*\*Required to show at Fair.**

**State Fair Dog Agility Rules and Project Resources:** <http://www.ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/dog>