

## Junior Fair Dog Agility Rules-2024

**Skill-A-Thon: July 11 6:30 pm, MFG Building 12**

**Show: TBD**

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

### **Rules:**

1. **\*\*\*Due to safety and training issues, handlers must participate in at least 50% of the training sessions held by the 4-H Dog Agility Committee.**
  - 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 the exhibitor's premises and in their continual care beginning no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.
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<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup>.
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, on **April 9<sup>th</sup>, 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<sup>th</sup>.**
7. Each Dog Agility exhibitor along with a parent/legal guardian, must read and sign the ***Permission to in Ohio 4-H Dog Activities-Disclosure and Release of Claims***. **The form must be on file.**
8. First-year dog projects may take the Beginners Level Agility Project (201P) and be eligible to participate on Leash in the Beginners Level Agility course at the county fair (not State Fair eligible) **Must Register with the Extension Office by April 15<sup>th</sup>** to participate in the Medina County 4-H Dog Program.
9. Dogs suffering any deformity; injury; or illness, which may affect the dog's physical or mental performance, or dogs exhibiting 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 in fair entry by June 1<sup>st</sup>**
12. A parent/legal guardian must be present at each training session and Medina County Fair's Dog Agility Show
13. **All dogs shall be kept be on a leash**, except when completing a run thru.
14. Dog collars shall be flat collars, lupine collars, 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. Exhibitors will need to 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.**

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.
20. 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>*