

II. 4-H Junior Showmanship

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. **Standard for Judging** – Junior Showmanship shall be judged solely on the ability and skill of the Juniors in handling their dogs as in the show ring. The show qualities of the dogs shall not be considered.
2. **Exchange** – Junior Exhibitors shall not be required to exchange dogs.
3. **Excuses from the Ring** – A dog that has been rejected, dismissed or excused under the 4-H Dog Show Rules for the protection of the other dogs at the show or for the protection of the 4-Her's, exhibitors, or others may not be handled in Junior Showmanship.
4. **Eligibility of the Dog** – All Dogs eligible to compete in obedience may compete in 4-H sanctioned District or State Shows in showmanship classes.

SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES AND DIVISIONS

1. **Novice Junior** – This class shall be for youth who are at least 9 years old on the day of the show and under 14 years old on the day of the show and who, at the time entries close, have not won a gold award in a Novice Class at a sanctioned District, State Show, or a first place at a licensed or a member show of AKC.
2. **Novice Senior** – This class shall be for youth who are at least 14 years old and under 19 years old, who at the time entries close, have not won

a gold award on a Novice Class at a sanctioned District, State Show, or a first place at a licensed or a member show of AKC. Youth who reach or pass their 19th birthday while completing their senior year may remain in 4-H for the remainder of that school year and may exhibit at 2009 State Fairs.

3. **Open Junior** – This class shall be for youth who are at least 9 years old and under 14 years old on the day of the show and who, at the time entries close, have won a gold award in a Novice Class at a sanctioned District, State Show, or a first place at a licensed or a member show of AKC.
4. **Open Senior** – This class shall be for youth who are at least 14 years old and under 18 years old on the day of the show and who, at the time entries close, have won a gold award in a Novice Class at a sanctioned District, State Show, or a first place at a licensed or a member show of AKC. Youth who reach or pass their 19th birthday while completing their senior year may remain in 4-H for the remainder of that school year and may exhibit at 2009 State Fairs.
5. **Changing Classes** – Junior Exhibitors who won a gold medal in Novice Class after the closing of entries for a show may transfer their entry from the Novice Class to the Open Class provided that this transfer is made by the Superintendent prior to the start of judging at the show.

Showmanship medals are awarded on the same point scale as Obedience medals. The youth's only competition is themselves.