

2025-2026 SOUTHEASTERN YOUTH FAIR DOG SHOW RULES

- **COORDINATORS:** Felicia Sakuta 910-467-3147, Tiffany Howard 352-553-8151
- **COMMITTEE:** Tricia Swinehart, Jason Swinehart, Cynthia Fugate, Stephanie Owens
- **IMPORTANT DATES:** **See Calendar of Events for all important dates**

Signed Veterinarian Slip required with Entry Form showing: Distemper (DHPP), Parvo, Bordetella, Rabies

If your dog's vaccines expired **before the day of show** you are responsible for submitting the updated Veterinarian Records. Any dog with expired records **will not** be allowed to show. Always keep records of your dog's vaccines with you during practices and the day of the Dog Show.

- 1 The SEYF General Rules & Regulations apply to this show.
- 2 See general rules for dress code requirements. (closed toed athletic shoes are permitted for the SEYF Dog Show)
- 3 All dogs must be owned by the exhibitor or a family member (parents, siblings, grandparents). No dogs may be leased or loaned to the exhibitor.
- 4 Any originally registered dog cannot be replaced by another dog for any reason.
- 5 Dogs **must be** 6 months of age by September 1st to participate in Obedience and Rally and 15 months of age by September 1st or 1 year old with a signed Vet note to participate in Agility.
- 6 No female dogs in season permitted on the day of the Dog Show.
- 7 Any exhibitor with an uncontrollable and/or aggressive dog will be asked to immediately remove that dog from the grounds and be disqualified.
- 8 No dog shall be individually hands-on trained by a professional dog trainer or by the parent(s), only by the exhibitor.
- 9 All exhibitors **must** train with one of the Approved Trainers. A list of Approved Trainers can be found on the SEYF Dog Show website under Resources: "Approved Dog Trainers".
- 10 **Approved trainers:** If you do not see your trainer listed, they are not an approved trainer. If you wish to practice with an additional trainer(s) you may do so but need to let us know who you are training with so we can speak with them.
- 11 **All exhibitors are required to show their dog in either Rally or Obedience in order to qualify to show that same dog in the Agility class.**
- 12 **ONLY ONE RECORD BOOK** per exhibitor may be submitted regardless of how many dog(s) being shown. (i.e. Obedience, Agility, Rally) It will be designated **DOG RECORD BOOK**.
- 13 **NO** dogs will be allowed on the fair property prior to the day of the show. You will be disqualified from the show if this rule is not obeyed.
- 14 Prior to the show, exhibitors must have their dog well groomed, washed, ears clean, brushed and nails trimmed.
- 15 Only 2 dogs allowed per exhibitor and **only 1 exhibitor per dog**. Exhibitors **may not** show 2 dogs in the same class **with the exception of advance**; nor the same dog in 2 classes.
- 16 Basic class(s) is for **first year handlers only**. Even if you don't place you must move up the following year.
- 17 Sub-Novice class is for exhibitors that have previously shown a dog in SEYF Basic Class. **If you have shown before and are showing a new dog you must show the dog in Sub-Novice.**
- 18 Novice class is for exhibitors who placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd (**with a score of 90% or higher**) in Sub-Novice class; or if dog or handler has shown in an outside dog venue of any type (i.e. AKC, CPE, UKC, etc.)
- 19 Advanced class is for exhibitors who placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd (**with a score of 90% or higher**) in Novice class; or if dog or handler has any leg from an outside dog venue (i.e. AKC, CPE, UKC, etc.)
- 20 **A DOG WITH ANY TITLE IS INELIGIBLE.**
- 21 Dogs must be on a leash at all times. Unless in the show ring competing in Novice or Advance class. A six (6) foot leash with a choke-chain, flat buckle collar, or martingale are required. No pinch collars, lead collars, prong collars, harness or corrective collars of any kind are permitted. No flex leashes will be accepted. (no tags or attachments are allowed).

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- 22 **ONE THANK YOU SPONSOR CARD/LETTER IS REQUIRED** on show day per exhibitor regardless of how many shows you are entered in (i.e. Obedience, Agility, Rally). Sponsor name and address can be found on the SEYF / Dog Show under Resource (this list will be posted by the end of January).
- 23 Dog Show rules are guided by AKC and Florida State Fair rules but modified by Dog Committee to ensure success of participants. This is not an AKC, CPE, UKC, etc. event.
- 24 The Dog Show Coordinator and/or Committee shall reserve the right to refuse entry or show participation to any aggressive people or animals.
- 25 Failure to follow any of the rules will result in disqualification from the show.

SHOW DAY

- 26 Exhibitors must register at the check in table on the date and time listed on the calendar of events on the SEYF website. Exhibitors must have proper equipment for their dog, follow dress code requirements, and turn on mandatory Sponsor thank you card. Failure to do so will cause disqualification from the show.
- 27 All dogs must be off fairgrounds within one hour (1 hour) after completion of Show Awards.
- 28 Dogs must be properly crated when not in a show ring or under your direct supervision. No stalls may be used for dogs and dogs are not to be left in cars. No dogs are allowed in any barn area or co-mingled with other animals. Failure to comply may result in disqualification from the show.
- 29 Dogs must be on a leash at all times until they enter the Show ring. Dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash.
- 30 **No** food, treats, toys, **trainers, or parents** will be allowed inside the dog show arena. **No** day of show coaching from outside of ring.
- 31 No contact familiarization before each class.
- 32 Each exhibitor will be responsible for cleaning up after their dog.
- 33 Only dogs that are in the dog show will be allowed on the premises. Failure to comply may result in disqualification from the show.
- 34 Any dog that soils or defecates in the ring will be disqualified and not considered for placing in that class. The exhibitor must clean up after their dog.
- 35 The Show Coordinator and Committee reserve the right to make changes as necessary for the success and the safety of the dogs and exhibitors.
- 36 All dogs must be physically able to perform all obstacles in class entered. No dogs injured, lame, sick, or unhealthy are allowed to participate in events.
- 37 **All Judge's decisions are final. Judge's decisions will not be changed or overruled.** (tie breakers will be at the judge's discretion)

CLASSES

Any dog who has placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd **with a score of 90% or higher** MUST move up to the next level. Exception: Basic class you must move up after your first year.
For Rally and Agility: Times will be recorded but not posted; times will only be used for tie breakers.

BASIC: (on leash) – This class will be divided into age groups. If you compete in any outside venue, (i.e. AKC, CPE, UKC, etc.) you CANNOT enter this class. Basic is for the first-year handlers **ONLY**.
Obedience - heel, figure eight, sit for exam, recall, sit-stay for one (1) minute.
Rally - will be between 8-12 stations (Start and Finish not included.)
Agility - A-frame, dog walk, tunnel, table - sit or down (at judge's discretion) for 5 cumulative seconds and approximately 6 - 10 jumps.

SUB-NOVICE: (on leash) – This class will be divided into age groups. If you compete in any outside venue, (i.e. AKC, CPE, UKC, etc.) you CANNOT enter this class.

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Obedience - heel, figure eight, sit for exam, recall, sit-stay for (1) minute and stay down for one (1) minute.

Rally - will be between 10-14 stations (Start and Finish not included.)

Agility - A-frame, dog walk, tunnel, table - sit or down (at judge's discretion) for 5 cumulative seconds, approximately 6 - 10 jumps.

NOVICE: (on/off leash) - This class will not be divided into age groups. **Novice Exhibitors can opt to show on leash in Rally and Agility for a 5-point deduction.**

If you have shown in any outside venue (i.e. AKC, CPE, UKC, etc.) you would start in this class.

Obedience - Exercises on leash; heel and figure eight. Off leash: stand for exam, recall, sit-stay one (1) minute, down stay two (2) minutes.

Rally - will be between 12-16 stations (Start and Finish not included).

Agility - A-frame, dog walk, tunnel, table - sit or down (at judge's discretion) for 5 cumulative seconds, approximately 6-10 jumps, tire jump, and set of 6 weave poles.

ADVANCED: (on/off leash) - This class will not be divided into age groups. **Advanced Exhibitors can opt to show on leash in Rally and Agility for a 5-point deduction.**

If your dog has any leg from an outside dog venue (i.e. AKC, CPE, UKC, etc.) you would sign up in this class.

Obedience - Some exercises will be on leash; heel and figure eight. Off leash: heel free, stand for exam, recall, sit-stay (walking around ring), down stay three (3) minutes.

Rally (off leash) - will be between 13-17 stations (Start and Finish not included).

Agility (off leash) - A-frame, dog walk, tunnel, table - sit or down (at judge's discretion) for 5 cumulative seconds, approximately 6-10 jumps, tire jump, and set of 12 weave poles and teeter.

JUMP HEIGHTS FOR ALL AGILITY CLASSES

The dog's jump height shall be given on the entry form. Entries will be arranged according to the jump height of the dogs. All dogs jump heights will be checked at check in.

Height of the dog at withers

Dogs measuring 10" and under
Dogs measuring 11" - 14"
Dogs measuring 15" - 18"
Dogs measuring 19" - 22"
Dogs measuring 23" and over

Height to be jumped

4"
8"
12"
16"
20"

EDUCATIONAL POSTER is required for high point.

1. Exhibitors can earn additional points toward High Point Award; as well as 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place individual awards for each age division (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior)
2. The purpose of the posters is to educate the public about the animal industry.
3. Posters must be turned in during designated check-in.
4. Posters must be removed during the scheduled release times at the completion of the show.
5. Acceptable poster size: 22" x 28" (any color / no foam boards). Only one (1) poster per exhibitor. No Club/Chapter entry allowed.
6. No attachments to the poster to extend the acceptable size of poster.
7. Poster attachments must be within the poster size does not exceed 1" in depth.
8. Posters are not to be reused for another animal division in the current year or future years. Once poster is judged/displayed it is disqualified for additional competition within the current year or future years.
9. Other requirements:
 - a. Poster must have a title.
 - b. Poster must have your name on the bottom back right.

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- c. Poster must have resource listed on the bottom front right; such as journals and websites.
10. Poster Topics determined by age divisions.
 - a. **Junior Poster Topic:** Dog Breeds
 - b. **Intermediate Poster Topic:** Nutrition
 - c. **Senior Poster Topic:** Diseases

AWARDS

The Show Coordinator and Committee reserves the right to withhold awards if there is not sufficient competition.

Basic - Junior, Intermediate, & Senior Divisions: 1st through 3rd Place

Sub-Novice – Junior, Intermediate, & Senior Divisions: 1st through 3rd Place

Novice - 1st through 3rd places

Advanced – 1st through 3rd places

Record Book Junior, Intermediate, Senior Divisions: 1st through 3rd Place

Skill-A-Thon – Junior, Intermediate, Senior Divisions: 1st through 3rd Place

Educational Poster Contest – Junior, Intermediate, Senior Divisions: 1st through 3rd Place

High Point Dog Award – Belt Buckle

The High Point Dog Award will be given to participant with highest combined scores in: Obedience; Agility; Rally; Skill-a-thon; Record Book; and Poster contest. Exhibitors must participate in each one of these events/contests AND are required to SHOW THE SAME DOG with the SAME HANDLER to qualify.