

DEPARTMENT - 19

Youth Rally and Freestyle Show

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Rules and Definitions

General Information

1. All youth, 5-19 years old, may show (age is determined by how old exhibitor is on January 1 of current year). They do not have to be in 4-H or in Ionia County. This show will follow 4-H rules, however. **Cloverbud** = Youth Ages 7-8 years old. They are permitted to do all of the activities, and receive a score, however, there is no ranking or placings given. **Clover Climbers** = Youth Ages 5-6 years old. They can present their dogs to the judges and do as much or as little as the child is comfortable. An adult or older member is allowed to stay with the child during their time in the ring.
2. All exhibitors must submit current vaccinations for rabies and DHLPP to the Ionia MSU Extension Office when registering for the show. The member must provide a veterinary certificate/receipt or product receipt as proof. Vaccinations against Bordetella and Corona virus are also strongly encouraged.
3. If it is you **AND** your dogs' first time showing in a class, 4-H or non 4-H, you may show in the "A" class. You are eligible to show in the "A" for the entire current year.
4. If you **OR** your dog have shown or participated in dog shows, 4-H or non 4-H, prior to the start of the current year in 4-H, you must show in the "B" class. If you **OR** your dog has received training, 4-H or non 4-H, prior to the current year, you must show in the "B" class.
5. Members are expected to clean up after their dogs. Members are expected to bring in the necessary equipment for clean up.
6. Females in season will be allowed to show, but at the discretion of the Judge. Please inform the Ring Steward or the Superintendent for instructions. They should be kept away from the ring until called.
7. Once a dog has been excused from a class by the judge for lameness or aggressive behavior, it may not be shown in any other class at this show. If a dog has chronic lameness, the member may show the dog, if they provide a written statement to the superintendent, who will make the judge(s) aware of the problem. Judge retains the authority to excuse the dog if the judge feels it is necessary. Members are not to approach the judge at any time before the show. Any questions addressed to the judge(s) are to be asked after the show.
8. This is an unsanctioned show in a covered sand area.
9. Registration begins at 2pm on Saturday, July 23. Show will start promptly at 3pm. All registration must be completed prior to June 25, through the Ionia Free Fair.

Entry Forms are available to download on the website.

Ionia Free Fair is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged articles prior to, during or after the Fair.

Rally

1. Show will use rally AKC signs. Go to: www.akc.org for signs.
2. Only one entry in Rally per dog.
3. Walk throughs will take place 10 minutes prior to start of each class. Classes are listed in the order they will take place.

Clover Climber

Exhibitor ages 5-6 will not receive scores or placings. May have parent/guardian/mentor in ring with them. Dog must be on leash.

Cloverbud

Exhibitor ages 7-8 will receive scores but no placings. Dog must be on leash.

Beginner Novice

Exhibitor ages 9-19 will receive scores and placings. Neither the dog or youth have ever showed in Rally previously. Dogs must remain on leash.

Novice A

Exhibitor ages 9-19 will receive scores and placings. Either the dog or youth have showed in Rally but not in Novice classes previously. The dog must remain on leash.

Novice B

Exhibitor ages 9-19 will receive scores and placings. Either the dog or youth have shown in Novice Rally classes previously. The dog must remain on leash.

Advanced A

Exhibitor ages 9-19 will receive scores and placings. Either the dog or youth have shown in Rally previously. The dog must remain **off** leash after entering the ring.

Advanced B

Exhibitor ages 9-19 will receive scores and placings. Either the dog or youth have shown in Advanced Rally classes previously. The dog must remain **off** leash after entering the ring.

6000 – Clover Climber

6001 – Cloverbud

6002 – Beginner Novice

6003 – Novice A

6004 – Novice B

6005 – Advanced A

6006 Advanced B

Excellent classes will not be offered this year. Look for them next year.

Musical Freestyle

1. Any move is allowed, as long as it does not endanger the dog or handler.

2. Distance work, weaves, jumps, send-outs, and/or innovative new moves are encouraged.
3. Moves may be performed from any position.
4. All clothing and music choices and dance moves must be appropriate.
5. All routines must be between 1:30-2:15 minutes.
6. Please see World Canine Freestyle Organization Junior Rules for all rules regarding props, deductions, costumes, etc.

Freestyle Clover Climber

Exhibitor ages 5-6 will not receive scores or placings. May have parent/guardian/mentor in ring with them. Dog must be on leash.

Freestyle Cloverbud

Exhibitor ages 7-8 will receive scores but no placings. Dog must be on leash.

Freestyle Beginner

Exhibitor ages 9-19 will receive scores and placings. Neither the dog or youth have showed in Freestyle previously. The exhibitor should move to the beat of the music and may be on or off leash. **They will be judged on:** how many moves the dog and handler successfully complete; the variety of moves; how the dog and handler are interacting; and control of the dog by the handler. The routine should cover 50% of the ring space.

Freestyle Intermediate

Exhibitor ages 9-19 will receive scores and placings. The exhibitor should be dancing to the music with dance steps. The routine may be on or off leash. Moves should match the music selected. **Judges will be looking for:** how many moves the dog and the handler successfully complete; the variety of moves; how the dog and handler are interacting; and, control of the dog by the handler. The routine should cover 50% of the ring space. The dog and handler should be interacting positively and should appear to be dancing/moving as a team.

Handi-Dandi Freestyle

Same rules apply, exhibitor and or their dog have a handicap or condition that otherwise makes them ineligible to compete in the regular classes.

Pairs Freestyle

Both exhibitors must be between the ages of 9-19. Each will have a dog.

Team Freestyle

Three or more exhibitors between the ages of 9-19, each handling one dog.

6007 – Freestyle Clover Climber

6011 – Freestyle Advanced

6008 – Freestyle Cloverbud

6012 – Handi-Dandi Freestyle

6009 – Freestyle Beginner

6013 – Pairs Freestyle

6010 – Freestyle Intermediate

6014 – Team Freestyle