

NYS 4-H Beginner Class Tips

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Beginner ~~Novice~~ A is all ON LEAD for new dogs & new handlers.

Beginner ~~Novice~~ B is all ON LEAD for experienced dogs or handlers.

Beginner ~~Novice~~ C is for experienced handlers with a new dog ON LEAD.

The 4-H Beginner Novice class was newly implemented in 2012 and is now just called Beginner for clarity.

Please share with class evaluators prior to events.

1. Heel on Leash pattern for Beginner ~~Novice~~ A, B & C ends with a “SIT” sign.
2. The only commands that a judge gives are: “forward” at the beginning and “exercise finished” at the end.
3. On the Sit Stay, in Beginner ~~Novice~~ A&B, the dog remains on leash.
4. On the Sit Stay, in Beginner ~~Novice~~ C, the leash remains connected to the collar and is placed on the ground between the dog & handler.
5. For the Recall in Beginner ~~Novice~~ C, (done off leash), handler holds leash folded in hand (not on the ground).
6. A word of encouragement is allowed when dog is coming to handler ie: “good dog”, “yes”, “ok” with no deductions.