Rules and Regulations governing 4-H dog show at Bangor Fair:

1. Entries are open to all youth in the State of Maine who are enrolled in an approved 4-H Dog Project. Participants must have reached their 9th birthdays, but not have passed their 19th birthdays, as of midnight, December 31, 2016.

2. **Show entries must be received by the 4-H Representative by July 11, 2017. Day of the show entry will not be allowed.**

3. All dogs must be owned or leased by the 4-H member as of June 30, 2017.

4. All participants must present the standard embossed 4-H Approval form for Animal Shows, copy of 4-H Project Record, properly executed rabies certificate, and lease form (if applicable), and 2017 Dog 4-H Proof of Shots Record to the 4-H representative on the day of the show.

5. Participants must pick up after their own animals.

6. Participants must dress appropriately in 4-H attire, with green or khaki bottoms and white on top. Sandals and flip-flops are not permitted in the show ring during any of the competitive classes. Both girls and boys should be dressed neatly—no wrinkled shirts and shirts must be tucked into pants.

7. Participants must enter one Showmanship and one Obedience class. Participants may also enter an additional dog in one Showmanship and/or one Obedience class as non-competitive if time permits. **No premium or ribbon will be awarded for the additional dog’s classes.** The dog used for the additional class cannot be the same dog as in the competitive classes, and all necessary paperwork must accompany the second dog. Participants may also enter an agility fun class and/or a costume class (costumes for both dog and handler).

8. **Dogs must check in no later than 10:30 A.M. on Sat, July 29, 2017.** Judging for Showmanship and Obedience classes will begin at 11:00 AM. Dogs can show in flat buckle collars, martingale collars or choke chains, but NOT prong collars, head halters (gentle leaders) or harnesses in Obedience classes. Show leads only in Showmanship classes. Awards are presented upon completion of all classes.

9. All animals must meet the health requirements of the State of Maine Department of Agriculture, as listed in the rules and regulations of the Livestock Department. All exhibitors of animals must follow the Penobscot County 4-H Policy and Guidelines Manual.

10. The Maine 4-H Dog Guide will be used as a guide for scoring. All scoring for awards will be on Danish point system of 200 points for Obedience and 100 points for Showmanship. Ribbons will be given to each participant. A Heel on Leash exercise or Command Class (3 sec) will be chosen by the judge in the event of a high score tie.

11. A trophy will be awarded to the dog and handler with the highest combined score from the handler’s Showmanship class and Obedience class.

12. All dogs must be kept on-leash at all times when not in show ring and handler must keep dog under control at all times. Dogs who do not like other dogs or people, please tie a **red or orange ribbon or bandana** on your dog while on the fair grounds. Any dogs displaying aggressive or disruptive behavior will be asked to leave the show grounds immediately.

13. Female dogs in heat will **not** be permitted on show grounds for any reason.

14. No dogs are allowed on the fairgrounds outside of the show ring area.

15. Failure to comply with any rule will be considered just cause for disqualification for the show and/or forfeiture of all premiums.

16. The 4-H Representative is available to answer any questions at the e-mail or phone number listed above.
AGE DIVISIONS

   Junior: 9-13
   Senior: 14-18

(At the discretion of the show coordinator, classes may be broken down further or combined together depending on the number of registrations.)

SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES
   Novice – First Year showing in Fitting & Showmanship, Ages 9-13
   Junior – ages 9-11
   Intermediate – ages 12-13
   Senior – ages 14-18

Premiums for each class based on Danish System scoring as follows:

Showmanship Premiums:

   100-90  89-80    79 and below
   Blue: $25.00 Red: $23.00 White: $21.00

OBEDIENCE CLASSES
   Sub-Novice: for beginning handlers and beginning dogs
   Pre-Novice: for dogs which have not yet achieved a *CD
   Novice: for handlers who have finished a dog at the Novice level
   Pre-Graduate: for dogs and handlers who have achieved a CD, but not yet working a full open routine
   Graduate: for dogs and handlers who have achieved a CD and are working a full open routine

"*CD mean Companion Dog level"

Premiums for each class based on Danish System scoring as follows:

Obedience:

   200-170  169-130  129 and below
   Blue: $25.00 Red: $23.00 White: $21.00

ADDITIONAL PREMIUM CLASSES:

Costumes Class (costumes for handler and dog): At the judge’s discretion, entrants may be divided into Junior and Senior.

Premiums for each class based on Danish System scoring as follows:

   15-12  11-8  7-5
   Blue: $25.00 Red: $23.00 White: $21.00

Judging Criteria

* 5 Points (max 5 points) Originality and creativity of the costume idea.
* 5 Points (max 5 Points) At least half of the costume must be created from materials other than a commercially available Halloween costume. Store bought accessories, makeup, masks, hats, components, etc. however are acceptable.
* 5 (max of 5 points) Both the participant and dog must wear costumes.

Agility Class

Premiums for each class based on Danish System scoring as follows:

   15-12  11-8  7-5
   Blue: $25.00 Red: $23.00 White: $21.00

Judging Criteria – Handler and Dogs are allowed one practice run prior to event beginning.

* 5 Points (max 5 points) Timed event – Fastest time.
* 5 Points (max 5 Points) Dog must complete all obstacles in the course.
* 5 Points (max of 5 points) Handler’s patience with dog during course.
Dog BOWL

4-Hers enrolled in an approved 4-H Dog Project may participate in a Quiz Bowl. The Quiz Bowl will be held on Saturday, July 29, 2017 following the show. The Dog Bowl Contest is a competition to test the contestant’s knowledge of the Dog. Questions come from a wide variety of sources on several topics. Questions cover the Dog’s anatomy, breeds, uses, training, illnesses, and many other dog topics. This competition will test the knowledge learned while working on their dog project. We hope that this competition will provide an educational experience for both participants and the spectators. The Contest is set up where contestants buzz in when they know the answer. For further information about the format of the Quiz Bowl, contact the Show Secretary. There will be two divisions: Junior and Senior.

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Poster Contest

4-Hers enrolled in an approved 4-H Dog Project may participate in the Poster Contest. Posters are due on Saturday, July 29, 2017 at 10:30 A.M. Posters will be displayed during the Dog Show.

Posters should demonstrate knowledge gained through the member’s project. This year’s theme is the “Non-Sporting Breed Dogs”. Posters must be made on 22" x 28" poster board, displayed horizontally. Posters must be clearly labeled on the back, with the exhibitor’s name, and age as of January 1, 2017. Posters will be judged on Educational Content, Neatness/Appearance, and Originality. There will be two divisions: Junior and Senior.

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Please use the registration form included with this information. Don’t forget, pre-registration must be received by the 4-H Representative Cindy Smith no later than July 11, 2017.