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.