

Teleconference Meeting of the ASCA Board of Directors

Monday, March 11, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Ford at 8:01 PM CDT. Those present included: President Russ Ford, 1st Vice-President Rick Gann, 2nd Vice-President Ronnie Bates, Secretary Ann DeChant, Treasurer Greg McClintock, Director Linda Gray, Director David Clayton, Director Rick Hardin, and Director Jean Miller.

Ratification of February Votes

I move to approve all February email votes.

Motion: Ford

Approve: Unanimous

Motion Passes 9-0

13.19 Corporate Sponsorship Committee

I move that the ASCA Board form an executive committee with a 5 year Charter made up of the following ASCA Members with the purpose of securing sponsorships to support ASCA's Finals programs.

Charter: The Corporate Sponsorship Executive Committee will define how ASCA will seek and accept Corporate Sponsorships to assist in funding ASCA's annual Finals events that show case the Australian Shepherd's versatility. The Committee will develop an approach strategy, which defines what The Corporate Partner receives from ASCA in return for the donation. The Committee will present this information to the ASCA Board for approval prior to making contact to any potential corporate sponsor.

Effective Date: Immediately after Board approval.

Committee will choose a chair and name a liaison within 2 weeks after formation.

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Proposed Mission Statement: The ASCA Sponsorship Committee will be established to secure corporate sponsorship for ASCA club/affiliate activities, with the primary function of securing Corporate Partners for ASCA's National Specialty programs. The funding of ASCA's National Stockdog Finals, and other Finals events, and funding of other events, including, but not limited to ASCA's annual National Specialty, with the goal of defining corporate packages to the benefit of ASCA and our Corporate Partners.

Motion: Ford

Second: Gann

President Ford agreed to serve on the Committee, as well.

Approve: Unanimous

Motion Passes 9-0

98:15 Motion 2012-3 Merit Program

I move to approve the following from the Obedience Committee.

For: 7

Against: 1

Abstain/NonVoting: 0

MOTION 2013-3

Laura Uran moves and Hilary Hines seconds to add the following merits section listed below to the rulebook.

PURPOSE: Merits currently aren't listed in the obedience rulebook. The merits needed clarified and the new open class, ODX, added. If approved by the Board, merits on line at the ASCA website, will need to match this Rulebook section.

EFFECTIVE: June 1, 2013

CHAPTER 11 OBEDIENCE MERIT PROGRAM

SECTION 1: Miscellaneous

The merit program showcases dogs with the top ten obedience standings in Novice, Open - Companion Dog Excellent and Open Dog Excellent, Utility, Super Dog CDX and Super Dog ODX. The program runs from June 1st to May 31st of the following year. Eligible dogs are ASCA or LEP registered Australian Shepherds owned or co-owned by a full ASCA member in good standing during the qualifying period of the current Merit program year.

Dogs in the top ten rankings in each level will be listed in the Aussie Times and/or on the ASCA website in order of placement using averaged scores. Scores used for calculating the average will be listed after the dog's name followed by the averaged score. If a tie exists, dogs will be listed alphabetically. A dog may be ranked in more than one Merit list during the same year. At the end of program year certificates will be issued for dogs in 1st through 10th place standings, including dogs which are tied.

SECTION 2: Novice

The dog's top three qualifying scores from Novice A and/or Novice B will be averaged. Eligible dogs must complete their Companion Dog (CD) title within the current program year. Up to two scores from the previous program year may be used.

SECTION 3: Open

A. Companion Dog Excellent

The dog's top three qualifying scores from open CDX A and/or from open CDX B will be averaged. Dogs which complete their Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) title within the current program year may use up to two scores from the previous program year. When a dog has completed its CDX title in a past merit program year, only scores from the current merit program year can be used. Dogs can compete in open CDX B indefinitely and thus are eligible for Top Ten Open CDX Merit standings indefinitely.

B. Open Dog Excellent

The dog's top three qualifying scores from open ODX A and/or from open ODX B will be averaged. Dogs which complete their Open Dog Excellent (CDX) title within the current program year may use up to two scores from the previous program year. When a dog has completed its open ODX title in a past merit program year, only scores from the current merit program year can be used. Dogs can compete in ODX B indefinitely and thus are eligible for Top Ten ODX Merit standings indefinitely.

SECTION 4: Utility

The dog's top three qualifying scores from Utility A and/or Utility B will be averaged. Dogs who complete their Utility Dog (UD) title within the current program year may use up to two scores from the previous program year. When a dog has completed its UD in a past merit program year, only scores from the current merit program year can be used. Dogs can compete in Utility B indefinitely and thus are eligible for Top Ten Utility Merit standings indefinitely.

SECTION 5: Super Dog CDX

The dog's top three qualifying scores from CDX B and its top three qualifying scores from Utility B will be averaged. Only scores from the current merit program year can be used. Dogs are eligible for Top Ten Super Dog CDX Merit standings indefinitely.

SECTION 6: Super Dog ODX

The dog's top three qualifying scores from ODX B and its top three qualifying scores from Utility B will be averaged. Only scores from the current merit program year can be used. Dogs are eligible for Top Ten Super Dog ODX Merit standings indefinitely.

Motion: Bates

These rules have been in use, but are being put back in the rulebook after they were accidentally removed.

Approve: Unanimous

Motion Passes 9-0

13.07 Revised Committee Procedures

Discussion took place regarding the revised procedures. Voting has been postponed until the Spring Meeting.

94:01 Provisional Stockdog Judge – Hartnagle

I move to approve Jim Hartnagle as an ASCA Stockdog Provisional Judge.

Motion: Ford

Approve: Unanimous

Motion Passes 9-0

87:16 New Junior Showmanship Judge - Adrienne Tullier

I move to approve Adrienne Tullier as an ASCA Junior Showmanship Judge.

Motion: Ford

Approve: Ford, Bates, DeChant, McClintock, Gray, Clayton, Hardin, Miller

Abstain: Gann

Motion Passes 8-0

87:16 New Junior Showmanship Judge - Sophie Neugebauer

I move to approve Sophie Neugebauer as an ASCA Junior Showmanship Judge.

Motion: Ford

Approve: Unanimous

Motion Passes 9-0

06:05 Rally Committee Motion 12-12 Bitches in Season

I move to approve the following from the Rally Committee.

For – 8

Against – 0

Abstaining – 0

No Vote – 1

Motion by: Karen Black; Second by: Sandy Walroth

I move to more clearly define the guidelines for bitches in season competing due to discoveries during the 2012 National event.

Change CHAPTER 1: General Regulations, Section 14: Disturbances, 1.14.1; CHAPTER 13: Rally Finals, Section 2: Eligibility, 13.2.5 ; CHAPTER 14: Nationals Rally

From:

CHAPTER 1: General Regulations, SECTION 14: Disturbances

1.14.1 Bitches in season are not permitted to compete and the Judge must excuse them from competition, except in the National Rally Trial and National Finals. Bitches in season must be crated (not placed in an exercise pen), outside the building or in a separate area at least 50 feet away from the Rally rings prior to and during the competition, except while competing. The Judge may excuse a bitch that appears to be so attractive to males as to be a disturbing element. (See Chapter 13: Rally Finals and Chapter 14: Nationals Rally.)

To:

CHAPTER 1 : General Regulations, SECTION 14: Disturbances

1.14.1 Bitches in season are not permitted to compete and the Judge must excuse them from competition, except in Rally Finals or in the Nationals Rally Trial if they are entered in MVA or MVJ. See Chapter 13: Rally Finals and Chapter 14: Nationals Rally for details.

Bitches in season must be crated (not placed in an exercise pen), outside the building or in a separate area at least 50 feet away from the Rally rings prior to and during the competition, except while competing.

At any trial, the Judge may excuse a bitch that appears to be so attractive to males as to be a disturbing element.

And from:

CHAPTER 13: Rally Finals, Section 2: Eligibility, 13.2.5

13.2.5 BITCHES IN SEASON that have qualified will be allowed to compete in Finals. They must be crated (not placed in an Xpen) in a separate area (may be designated by Host Club) at least 50 feet away from the Rally rings prior to and during the trial, until they are called to compete. They will compete last after all other judging is complete with the exception of runoffs, which shall be run last. They must remain on leash (preferably with panties) anytime not in a crate or ring. All attempts should be made to potty bitches in season in an isolated area or areas designated by the Host Club. Failure to comply will result in elimination from Finals.

To:

CHAPTER 13: Rally Finals, Section 2: Eligibility, 13.2.5

13.2.5 BITCHES IN SEASON that have qualified will be allowed to compete in Finals. They must be crated (not placed in an exercise pen) in a separate area (may be designated by Host Club) at least 50 feet away from the Rally rings prior to and during the trial, until they are called to compete. Bitches in season must compete wearing panties. They will compete last in each of the four classes and if involved in a run-off, will compete last in the run-off.

They must remain on leash when not in the ring. All attempts should be made to potty bitches in season in an isolated area or areas designated by the Host Club. Bitches in season shall not be brought back into the ring for ribbons and awards.

Failure to comply with any restrictions in this chapter will result in elimination from Finals.

And from:

CHAPTER 14: Nationals Rally

14.4 Bitches in season are not allowed to compete in the Nationals Rally trial unless they are entered in MVA and/or MVJ for the current Nationals. Those entered in MVA and/or MVJ are not eligible for placements and will be competing for scores only. They must be pottied in a designated area. They must remain on leash, preferably with panties on.

To:

CHAPTER 14: Nationals Rally Trial

14.4 Bitches in season are not allowed to compete in the Nationals Rally Trial unless they are entered in MVA and/or MVJ for the current Nationals. Those entered in MVA and/or MVJ are competing for scores for MVA and/or MJV and are also eligible for placements in rally. Bitches in season must be crated (not placed in an exercise pen) in a separate area (may be designated by Host Club) at least 50 feet away from the Rally rings prior to and during the trial, until they are called to compete. Bitches in season must compete wearing panties. All attempts should be made to potty bitches in season in an isolated area or areas designated by the Host Club. They must remain on leash when not in the ring. Bitches in season shall not be brought back into the ring for ribbons and awards.

Failure to comply with any restrictions in this chapter will result in elimination from the Nationals Rally Trial. Comments: These areas need to be clarified or defined as a result of misunderstandings and/or discoveries during the 2012 national event and need to go into effect June 1, 2013 so they are in place for the 2013 and subsequent Nationals.

Parties Impacted: Exhibitors, judges, affiliate clubs involved with ASCA Rally.

Effective date: June 1, 2013

Motion: Bates

The motion will be sent back to the Rally Committee to be reworked and shall be ready for use for the 2014 National Specialty and Finals.

Disapprove: Unanimous

Motion Fails 0-9

06:05 Rally Committee Motion 12-11 Team Relay Rally

I move to approve the following from the Rally Committee.

For – 7

Against – 1

Abstaining – 0

No Vote – 1

Motion by: Karen Black; Second by: Donna Armstrong

I make a motion to more clearly define the guidelines for Team Relay Rally Classes at the ASCA Nationals Trials and other sanctioned ASCA Rally events.

Body of motion:

SECTION 2: Team Relay Rally Class

11.2.1 The Team Relay Rally Class shall be for four dogs and their handlers that are eligible under these Rules and Regulations. Five dogs may be entered, one to be considered an alternate for which no entry fee shall

be required. However, the same four dogs must perform all exercises of the course. Dogs need not be owner-handled, need not be entered in another class at the same Trial, and need not have Rally titles. A separate Official Entry Form must be completed in full for each dog entered.

11.2.2 The dogs on a team will perform the course individually and will be judged as specified by the Rally class level being offered. The class will be run like a relay with the time starting as soon as the first dog on the team passes the Start sign. Each member will start after the previous dog and handler team passes the Finish sign, without any additional commands from the Judge to do so. The four dogs of the Relay team will be timed from the start of the first dog until the fourth dog and handler team passes Finish sign.

11.2.3 Entry and exit gates for team relay rally classes will be at least 15 feet apart to minimize congestion in the gate area and help ensure the safety of contestants.

11.2.4 Team Relay Rally Class, Scoring

A. Scoring of the Team class shall be based on the performance of the dogs and handlers individually plus team total time. Each dog and handler will be scored against the customary maximum for the Rally Class level performed, for a team total of 800 maximum available points. Individual dog's score need not be recorded.

B. Exercises will be based on and scored as those offered in the Rally class level offered for the team class. At the ASCA National Rally Trial, the Team Relay Rally Class will be based on Advanced level exercises and scoring.

C. At other ASCA sanctioned events, affiliates are allowed to determine the rules for the non-regular rally classes being offered at their trials and can choose what level(s) exercises and scoring to use. Details of the non-regular class(es) being offered must be clearly outlined in the premium.

Maximum Total Score 800 points

Comments: Clearly defining levels and scoring options for sanctioned events will allow exhibitors, affiliates and judges to know what will be expected for Team Relay Rally Events. This is particularly important for the ASCA National Rally Trial. The Advanced level allows for participation by a greater number of teams from a skill perspective. This level worked well at the 2012 ASCA National and allowed a couple of teams to enter who would not have been able to enter at higher levels. Advanced is an off lead level so it demonstrated teams' abilities and skills more than the Novice level would but doesn't make the event so exclusionary that only a select few can participate successfully. At other sanctioned events, this motion allows affiliates to set their own criteria to meet their local desires and needs. Specifying distance between entrance and exit gates is important to the safety of the event for participants and their dogs.

Party(s) Impacted (affiliate, member, Aussie, etc.): Affiliate clubs, judges, and exhibitors.

Effective date: June 1, 2013.

Motion: Bates

Approve: Unanimous

Motion Passes 9-0

06:05 Rally Committee Motion 13-1 Time Malfunction Tie-Breaker

I move to approve the following from the Rally Committee.

For – 7

Against – 2
Abstaining – 0
No Vote – 0

Motion by: Karen Black; Second by: Sandy Walroth

I move to accept the timer malfunction tie-breaker guidelines described below.

Body of motion:

SECTION 24: Timing

2.24.1 All Teams will be timed. Times will be used only in the event of ties for placement, as mentioned in Section 9: Ties. Timing will begin when the Judge gives the order “Forward” and will end when the dog and handler pass the Finish station. Times will be entered to the 1/100 of a second on all runs.

2.24.2 In the event of timer malfunction, no time will be recorded for the Team. When determining placements, if a tie involves a Team without a time, the handler will be given the option to run the course again for score and time or accept the loss of the run-off. ~~If they decide to rerun the course and their score is better, they will be considered the winner of the run-off with the original score recorded as their score. If they score less than their original score the team will be considered to have lost the run-off, and will be placed below the other team they tied with in placements, with their original score recorded as their score. If there are ties with the same score and time, the original scores shall be kept and the Teams shall rerun the full course, excluding the Honors station if used, and the new tiebreaker scores and times shall be used solely to determine the winner of the run-off.~~ If they decide to rerun the course, it will be scored and timed for tie breaking purposes only. The original scores shall be kept as their official score in the Judge’s Book.

- * If the re-run score is higher than the original, they will be considered the winner of the run-off.
- * If the re-run score is lower than their original score the team will be considered to have lost the run-off.
- * If the re-run score is the same with a faster time, they will be considered the winner of the run-off.
- * If the re-run score is the same with a slower time, they will be considered the loser of the run-off.
- * If the re-run score is the same with the same time, all involved Teams shall rerun the full course, excluding the Stay station if used, and the new tiebreaker scores and times shall be used solely to determine the winner of the run-off using the criteria defined in Chapter 2 Section 9.

2.24.3 In the event that a team with a timer malfunction has a score of 200 (which cannot be bettered as in the example in 2.24.2) and they are tied with a team or teams with scores of 200, all teams with scores of 200 in the class will re-run the course, excluding the Stay exercise if used, for score and time. The team with the highest score during the run-off will be the winner of the class. If teams end up with the same score, the team with the faster time will be the winner of the run-off. The original scores shall be kept as their official score in the Judge’s Book.

Comments: The revised section 2.24.2 closes a loophole that was discovered while working on the situation of a perfect score of 200 with a timer malfunction. 2.24.3 deals with the a situation that has happened once in competition already and does not currently have a clear resolution. In the event of a perfect score, the team cannot better their score. 2.24.3 gives the exhibitors and judges a method of determining the class winner in a fair and consistent manner. This was brought to our attention by a judge at the Judge’s Seminar in Bakersfield who was the judge involved in the situation.

Party(s) Impacted (affiliate, member, Aussie, etc.): Affiliate clubs, timing stewards, judges, and exhibitors.

Effective date: June 1, 2013.

Motion: Bates

Discussion was held regarding the need for this rule. The Rally Committee looked into using agility timers, but it was determined not to be feasible. Requiring a back-up timer in case of this rare event would increase the minimum amount of stewards needed at a trial.

Approve: Unanimous
Motion Passes 9-0

Stockdog Committee/Hall of Fame Committee

Discussion was held regarding the addition of Farm Trial titles to Hall of Fame qualifications. The consensus of the Board was to have the Hall of Fame Committee narrow their request to the Stockdog Committee.

- Ronnie left the conference.

13.20 HoF Committee/Stockdog Committee Correspondence

I move that the Hall of Fame Committee be directed to refine their needs regarding the addition of Farm Trial titles in a letter to the Stockdog Committee.

Motion: DeChant
Second: McClintock

Approved: Ford, Gann, DeChant, McClintock, Gray, Clayton, Hardin, Miller
Non-Voting: Bates
Motion Passes 8-0

Board Relations with Committees

Discussion was held regarding the relationship between the Board of Directors and the program committees, as well as the membership.

Adjournment (Ford)

I move to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: McClintock
Second: Hardin

Approve: Ford, Gann, DeChant, McClintock, Gray, Clayton, Hardin, Miller
Non-Voting: Bates
Motion Passes 8-0

The next teleconference call will be replaced by the Spring Meeting, set for April 4-6, 2013.

Submitted by Kalla Jaco, Executive Secretary

March 2013 Secretary's Report

This report details the day-to-day activities of the ASCA Board of Directors. It includes issues brought before the Board of Directors through mail, fax, e-mail, and/or telephone communications

87:19 Conformation - Motion #14 Clarification of Other Registry Judges

Board voting:
Approve: Unanimous
Non-Voting: Gann
Motion Passes

87:19 Conformation - Motion #14 Clarification of Other Registry Judges

I moved that the following Conformation Committee Motion be approved.

Explanation: It was brought to the attention of the Committee that the Other Person Judge program did not state that Other Registry Judge applicant had to have been a Conformation Judge for three years, the word Conformation is being added by this motion to clarify that one section that refers to other registry Judges. Mary's comment came with her vote as she was absent during the discussion period due to surgery and rehabilitation with no internet access.

Thanks,
Ann

The votes are in. This motion passes! 7 favor 1 opposed.

Comment from Mary - I think putting in a minimum number of judging assignments during the past 3 years should be required to show expertise in judging.

We have a motion by Liz with a second by Gail.

I, Liz Gibson move to approve the following motion.

To Read as follows; (change is underlined)

SECTION TWO: Other Registry ASCA Judges Requirements.

ASCA's policy of accepting other registry judges: A minimum of three years of active judging experience be required of outside registry judges before being accepted into ASCA's Conformation program. Currently recognized judges in ASCA's system would not be affected. Judges not already on the approved ASCA list would have to provide written documentation verifying their experience before being approved as ASCA judges.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Outside Registry Judges:

Judging at an ASCA Sanctioned Conformation show is an honor and a privilege, not a right. Judge applicants must satisfy ASCA's stated minimum eligibility requirements for judges, but satisfying the minimum requirements does not entitle an applicant to become or remain an ASCA judge. In addition to satisfying other stated qualifications to serve, an applicant must consistently display the highest level of ethical conduct, impartial demeanor, professional comportment and dedication to upholding ASCA's codes, rules, decisions and the Statement of Purpose in ASCA's Bylaws. Any documented failure to perform on this level may result in denial or revocation of judging privileges by the ASCA Board of Directors without regard to any other qualification or prior service.

ASCA recognizes judges' license from the following organizations:
American Kennel Club (AKC)

United Kennel Club (UKC)
Canadian Kennel Club

Judges from these registries must have been recognized Conformation judges within one of these organizations for a minimum of three (3) years. AKC, UKC, or CKC Judges who have judged ASCA Conformation events prior to June 01, 2001 are exempt from this requirement. Verification of new judges by contacting their primary registry is the responsibility of the affiliate club that hires the judge.

AS Reads Now;

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COMMENTS: This motion will clear up who from other registries may judge ASCA conformation events. The CC felt that other registry judges must have judged conformation to be eligible.

Effective Date: 30 days after publication in the AT.

99:02 Hall of Fame - Conditions for Addition of ODX to HOF

Board voting: Approve: Clayton, DeChant, Ford, Gray, Hardin, McClintock, Miller
Disapprove: Bates
Non-Voting: Gann
Motion Passes

Letter of Dissent from Bates: "The HOF Committee has nothing in writing to base the denial of allowing ODX to count toward HOF prior than 2 years. If the HOF plans to use a "two year" mark, I would hope they would write procedures to include in their rule book."

99:02 Hall of Fame - Conditions for Addition of ODX to HOF

Motion: Clayton

I move to accept the following motion from the Hall of Fame Committee.

Motion by Cheri Preciado

Second: Sharon Elkins

Votes: 5 yes, 1 abstain

I move to approve the following motion from the HOF Committee concerning the addition of the ODX as an approved title for Hall of Fame : The HOF Committee will apply a two year evaluation protocol for new programs/titles in regard to the ODX title approved by the Obedience Committee. As such, the ODX title will be reviewed by the HOF Committee after June 1, 2015 for inclusion in HOF, HOFX, PCH, SPCH, VCH, and SVCH according to its' acceptance by the ASCA membership. All ODX titles earned during the two year period will be grandfathered and applied where applicable if approved by the HOF after the above date.

Rationale: Since April of 2002, the HOF has utilized a two year waiting period for all new classes and programs wishing to be included into the HOF. This was to insure the integrity of the HOF program and to give the committee and membership a good chance to evaluate of how each program/title would affect ASCA's HOF program.

04:05 Agility - Motion 2-2013 Obstacle Performance

Board voting: Approve: Bates, Clayton, DeChant, Ford, Gray, Hardin, Miller

Disapprove: McClintock

Non-Voting: Gann

Motion Passes

Letter of Dissent from McClintock: "As amended, the revised rules would create a conflict in Section 8.2.2 between a 20 point fault for failure to complete an obstacle, and a 10 point fault for a missed contact zone. I believe that if these rules are to be amended as proposed, the section regarding missed contact zone should also be removed. Not only is it redundant to treat the same situation twice in the same section of rule, but if amended as proposed, it would apparently be judge's discretion whether to attribute 10 faults for a missed contact or 20 faults for failure to complete to the exact same circumstance. Since a missed contact apparently can be remedied, but a failure to complete specifically can not, the opportunity to judge two dogs differently for the same behavior is inherently unfair to competitors, and the proposed changes can not be approved. If the conflict is removed from the language, I would approve these changes."

04:05 Agility - Motion 2-2013 Obstacle Performance

Motion: Miller

This motion passed with 11 yes votes. 2 no votes, 1 NV, 1 AB .

Motion by Gary to clarify how obstacles should be performed/faulted. 2nd by Sue. Discussion period will end on 2/4/13 and will be followed by a voting period that will end on 02/14/13. Changes would go into the June 1st rulebook with an effective date of August 1st.

Note: Usually we post the an entire existing section of the rulebook, then post the amended changes, but since this is a large section and really needs to be looked at 'side by side', for discussion purposes, I have moved each of the amended sections to the corresponding existing section and the PROPOSED versions are highlighted in yellow and underlined in case the highlighting doesn't come through.

Section 8.2 currently reads:

Section 8.2 - Obstacle Faults

Dogs shall be **assessed faults** for the following occurrences in the Regular and Jumpers Classes. In Gamblers, no 'points' will be awarded for obstacles not performed correctly.

Change to:

Section 8.2 - Obstacle Performance and Faults

Insert new section 8.2.1 to read as follows:

8.2.1 Obstacle Performance

All obstacles shall be performed correctly or faults will be assessed as described in Section 8.2.2; in the Regular and Jumpers Classes. In Gamblers, no 'points' will be awarded for obstacles not performed correctly.

. **Contacts** Once a dog has committed to the correct contact obstacle as designated by the course, by having all 4 paws on the obstacle, the dog will then be considered to have left the contact obstacle when all 4 paws have left the obstacle AND touched the ground.

o **A-frame** Dogs must ascend one side and descend the other side in the direction designated by the course. The dog must touch the contact zone on the descent side with any part of at least one paw prior to the dog leaving the obstacle.

o **Dog Walk** Dogs must ascend one ramp, cross the center section, and descend the other ramp in the direction designated by the course. The dog must touch the contact zone on the descent ramp with any part of at least one paw prior to the dog leaving the obstacle.

o **Teeter-totter** Dogs must ascend the plank in the direction designated by the course and cause the plank to pivot. The dog must touch the contact zone on the descent side of the plank with any part of at least one paw prior to leaving the obstacle, and the dog must have at least one paw in contact with the descent side of the plank when the plank touches the ground.

. **Weave Poles** The dog must enter the weave poles in the direction designated by the course by passing between poles number 1 and number 2 from right to left and then pass

between poles number 2 and number 3 from left to right, and continue to weave through all poles until they pass between the last two poles. If the dog misses a weave pole, they must begin again by re-entering the weave poles correctly at the beginning, weaving to the end of the set of poles. If the dog takes a step backwards at any time during the weaving sequence, the dog must start over again at pole number 1 or be assessed 20 faults for a Failure to Complete. If the dog stops weaving at any time during the sequence and then starts again and continues to the last pole without taking any steps backward they shall not be faulted.

Tunnels

o **Open Tunnel** The dog must enter the correct end of the tunnel designated by the course and exit the other end of the tunnel.

o **Closed Tunnel** The dog must enter the open end and exit through the fabric chute.

Jumps

o **Winged and Non-Winged Jumps** The dog must jump over the top bar without displacing it, in the direction designated by the course. If the dog displaces the bottom bar without displacing the top bar they shall not be faulted.

o **Double Jump** The dog must jump over the top bars without displacing either of them, in the direction designated by the course. If the dog displaces any bottom bars without displacing either of the top bars they shall not be faulted.

o **Tire Jump** The dog must jump through the tire opening in the direction designated by the course without knocking the tire or frame over. Where a breakaway tire is used the dog must jump through the tire opening in the direction designated by the course without causing the tire to break apart.

Rename/re-work existing Section 8.2 to:

Section 8.2.2 - Obstacle Faults

Dogs shall be assessed faults for the following occurrences in the Regular and Jumpers Classes. In Gamblers, no 'points' will be awarded for obstacles not performed correctly.

Leave existing section:

Running the Wrong Course - 10 faults (Regular Agility and Jumpers Classes)

The dog is faulted for running the wrong course when it commits itself to an obstacle that is out of sequence or is in the wrong direction as defined by the course design. A dog is committed to an obstacle when all four (4) paws have touched, crossed over, under or through an obstacle that is out of sequence. The dog is faulted for running a wrong course if it commits to an obstacle in the incorrect direction as determined by the course design. (For example: If a dog entered the correct end of an open tunnel, backed out, then re-entered and completed it correctly, no faults would be assessed. If the dog entered the tunnel from the incorrect end with all four (4) paws then ten (10) faults would be assessed for running a wrong course.)

The exception to the off-course fault would be the weave poles. If the weave poles are the correct obstacle as defined by course design and the dog crosses through the weave poles in the incorrect direction or at the incorrect pole, dog shall not be faulted for an 'off course'. Dog would be faulted for crossing through the weave poles in any direction with all four (4) paws if the weave poles are not the correct obstacle as defined by course design.

Amend existing section:

- Handler - Obstacle - 10 Faults

10 faults will be assigned to any handler crossing over, under, or through the ramp or plank of a contact, in to or over a tunnel, or over the fabric portion of the chute.

Change to read:

- Handler - Obstacle - 10 Faults

10 faults will be assessed to a handler if their body crosses over, under, or through the ramp or plank of a contact, into or over a tunnel, over or through the weave poles, over the fabric portion of the chute, or over any jump. No faults will be assessed if a handler's hand or arm crosses over, under, or through the obstacle while directing the dog around the course, only if the handler's entire body crosses over, under, or through the obstacle.

Amend existing section:

- Failure to Complete - 20 faults

A dog is faulted for a Failure to Complete if the dog skips or bypasses any obstacle without reaching the completion point for that obstacle. The completion point for the contact obstacles is having all four (4) paws are on the descent side of the obstacle. If a dog commits to a contact obstacle by having all four (4) paws on the obstacle, then, for any reason, gets off the obstacle before completing the obstacle, it will be assessed a Failure to Complete. For non-contact obstacles a dog is assessed a Failure to Complete if it runs around the obstacle (or backs out of a tunnel and runs around the tunnel) and continues on course without attempting to complete the obstacle. Any dog assessed a Failure to Complete must go on to the next obstacle in the course sequence. Any attempt to retry a contact obstacle is cause for elimination. The judge shall say "Go on" to the exhibitor if the judge assessed a Failure to Complete.

Any dog that passes under a jump pole/bar or tire jump and continues on the course without successfully performing the jump obstacle correctly will be assigned twenty (20) faults for Failure to Complete.

Change to read:

- Failure to Complete - 20 faults

A dog is faulted for a Failure to Complete (20 faults) if the dog skips or bypasses any obstacle without reaching the completion point for that obstacle, or if the dog does not perform the obstacle correctly as described in Section 8.2.1. The completion point for the contact obstacles is having all four (4) paws on the descent side of the obstacle. If a dog

commits to a contact obstacle by having all four (4) paws on the obstacle, then, for any reason, gets off the obstacle before reaching the completion point of the obstacle, it will be assessed a Failure to Complete. Any dog assessed a Failure to Complete must go on to the next obstacle in the course sequence. Any attempt to retry a contact obstacle after receiving a Failure to Complete is cause for elimination.

For non-contact obstacles a dog is assessed a Failure to Complete if it runs around the obstacle (or backs out of a tunnel and runs around the tunnel) and continues on course without attempting to complete the obstacle.

Any dog that passes under a jump pole/bar or tire jump and continues on the course without successfully performing the jump obstacle correctly will be assessed a Failure to Complete.

The section (Unsafe Performance) will be removed:

- Unsafe Performance of an Obstacle - 20 faults

Any dog which executes an obstacle in any manner which the judge assesses as endangering itself, the handler, or anyone else, shall be faulted for Unsafe Performance. This fault can be assessed even if the dog has executed the obstacle correctly under the rest of the guidelines. **All obstacles must be executed in a safe manner.** Examples of an unsafe performance are: (a) a dog leaves the teeter-totter ramp before the ramp touches the ground (fly off of the teeter-totter), (b) crashes through a jump, (c) a sideways approach or exit off the A-Frame. The judge's decision about an Unsafe Performance of an Obstacle is final.

Leave existing missed contact zone:

- Missed Contact Zone - 10 Faults

A dog is faulted for a 'Missed Contact Zone' if the dog does not have any paw or any part of a paw in the contact zone prior to leaving the contact obstacle. A dog is considered to have left the contact when all 4 paws have touched the ground without previously touching any part of the contact zone.

The following 'contact zones' shall be judged for penalties:

The **descent** side of the A-Frame;

The **descent** ramp of the Dog Walk;

The **descent** side of the Teeter-Totter.

Amend existing section of weave pole performance:

- **Weave Poles Failure to Complete in Continuous Motion - 20 Faults**

The goal of the weave pole obstacle is for the dog to weave in one continuous motion in the direction indicated by the judge's course design. If the dog misses a weave pole, they must begin again by re-entering the weave poles correctly at the beginning, weaving in a continuous motion to the end of the set of the poles. The dog is awarded a Failure to

Complete (20 faults) if, after a correct entry, the dog makes a backward motion to enter the next correct opening between two poles and the handler does not restart the dog at the beginning.

The weave poles must be performed as one continuous unit from beginning to end or a Failure to Complete (20 faults) will be assessed.

Change to read:

· **Weave Poles - Failure to Complete in a Continuous Unit - 20 Faults**

The dog will be faulted for a Failure to Complete (20 faults) if, after a correct entry, the dog makes a backward motion to enter the next correct opening between two poles and the handler does not restart the dog at the beginning. If the dog takes a step backwards at any time during the weaving sequence, the dog must start over again at pole number 1 or be assessed a Failure to Complete. If the dog stops weaving at any time during the sequence and then starts again and continues to the last pole without taking any steps backward they shall not be faulted.

The weave poles must be performed as one continuous unit from beginning to end without any backwards steps or a Failure to Complete (20 faults) will be assessed.

Existing Displaced Jump section currently reads:

· **Displaced Jump Pole, Bar or Tire - 5 Faults**

A dog is faulted a five (5) fault penalty if it displaces the top jump pole/bar or tire on a jump obstacle. If a dog makes no attempt to jump and displaces the jump poles/bars or tire while passing under or through the jump in an unsafe manner, then the dog will be assessed an 'Un-safe Performance' of an Obstacle.

Amend to read:

· **Displaced Jump Pole, Bar or Tire - 5 Faults**

A dog is faulted a five (5) fault penalty if it displaces the top jump pole/bar or tire on a jump obstacle. If a dog makes no attempt to jump and displaces the jump poles/bars or tire, knocks over the jump stanchion, or displaces the jump wings while passing under or through the jump in an unsafe manner, then the dog will be faulted for a Failure to Complete (20 faults).

Existing 're-attempting' section currently reads:

· **Re-Attempting an Obstacle – Elimination**

If the handler elects to re-attempt an obstacle after earning a Failure to Complete penalty (on that obstacle) and/or does not continue on after instructed by the judge, the judge shall eliminate the team (on the basis of training) and they will have standard course time (SCT) to finish the run.

Amend to read:

Re-Attempting an Obstacle – Elimination

If the handler elects to re-attempt an obstacle after earning a Failure to Complete penalty (on that obstacle), the judge shall eliminate the team (on the basis of training) and they will have standard course time (SCT) to finish the run.

Rationale for these changes: The Unsafe Performance of an Obstacle fault is very subjective and is open to a variety of interpretations between judges. What one judge may deem unsafe another judge may deem perfectly fine. Having a clear definition of how each obstacle should be performed is much more objective and will allow all judges to judge obstacle performance in a similar manner. If an obstacle is not performed in the manner described in Section 8.2.1 Obstacle Performance, the judge shall fault the dog 20 faults for Failure to Perform.

04:05 Agility - Motion 3-2013 Gamblers Chapter Sections 6.2 & 6.3

Board voting: Approve: Bates, DeChant, Ford, Gray, Hardin, McClintock, Miller

Disapprove: Clayton

Non-Voting: Gann

Motion Passes

04:05 Agility - Motion 3-2013 Gamblers Chapter Sections 6.2 & 6.3

Motion: Miller

I move to approve this motion from the Agility Committee

Jean, please present this motion to the BoD. The voting was 11 yes votes, 3 no 1 non vote
Motion by Sue, 2nd from Pamela.

Motion to improve the Gamblers Chapter, sections 6.2 & 6.3. Discussion period will end on 2/19, voting will end on 2/29 and will be inserted into the June 2013 rulebook for courses designed for trials scheduled after August 1st, 2013.

Chapter 6, incorporate existing section 6.1.1 (shaded in gray and underlined below) into new section 6.2.1

Section 6.2.1 Faults and Obstacle Points

In the opening sequence, the judge will call out the point values for each obstacle performed correctly by calling out those point values and the judge shall indicate an incorrectly performed obstacle by calling out 'zero' instead of a point value. Judges shall brief the Scribe for the class to write the point values the judge indicates, including zeros, in the order they were called. This is known as the Dog's Path.

Example 1, 3, 3, 0, 5, 0, 5, 1, 1... The Judge will also raise their hands or fingers to denote the points awarded to ensure that the scribe can see and hear the points being assigned. Obstacles may be performed correctly twice for points. Continued performance of an obstacle that has been already awarded the maximum number of points may be considered as training and the judge may assign an 'Elim' and eliminate the dog for Training in the Ring.

LOITERING: Defined as when a handler/team is no longer attempting to accumulate points. For example, a handler asking the dog to perform obstacles multiple times after the maximum point value has been awarded OR making the dog stay in an area of the course, while waiting for the end of the

accumulation point period to occur. The handler/dog will be allowed SCT but the run will be scored as ELIM .

If the signal (horn/buzzer or whistle) indicating the gamble time has ended SOUNDS before the dog completes the last required (4th) gamble obstacle, the gamble is not successfully completed. The Judge shall award points up to and for the last COMPLETED obstacle. For example, if the signal sounds as a dog is over the #8 point jump (4th obstacle in the gamble closing sequence) then the judge shall award 2-4-6 points. The signal must not sound for the dog to be awarded the obstacle.

Amend Section 6.3.2 to add the Teeter-totter and short set of Weave Poles as obstacles to be used in a novice gamble and add a notation for distance and placement restrictions (verbiage underlined below).

(*Editorial note (not part of motion, but FYI) - in order to simply all the changes to the Gamblers Chapter, the sections are bring presented and voted on separately; details regarding the distance and placement restrictions will be described in a subsequent motion.)

6.3.2 Course Obstacles allowed in the 'Gamble' Sequence

The following list indicates the gamble obstacles which are acceptable for the different levels:

Novice - Jumps, Tunnels, A-Frame, Teeter-Totter, short set of Weave Poles (5-6)

See distance and placement restrictions for use of Teeter-Totter and Weave Poles in Novice

Open - Jumps, Tunnels, A-Frame, Teeter-Totter, short set of Weave Poles (5-6)

Elite - Jumps, Tunnels, A-Frame, Teeter-Totter, short or long set of weave poles (5-12)

At all levels the last Gamble obstacle, including any bonus obstacles, if used, will be a jump or open tunnel.

87:19 Conformation - New Conformation Committee Member - D Martin

Approve: Bates, DeChant, Gray, McClintock, Miller

Disapprove: Ford, Hardin

Abstain: Clayton

Non-Voting: Gann

Motion Passes

87:19 Conformation - New Conformation Committee Member - D Martin

Motion: DeChant

I move to approve Debbie Martin to fill an open spot on the Conformation Committee. She is from Region 1 which has an opening. See her resume below. Ann

Here is our Committee now:

Conformation Committee --- Liaison: Ann DeChant anndechant.asca@gmail.com

Committee Chair: Liz Gibson (OR) coastalrange@embarqmail.com

REGION 1: Nina Scott (WA)

REGION 2: Clarrisa Shank (AZ) (resigned on 3/26), Susan Harris (CA)

REGION 3:

REGION 4: Sunday Miles (MI), Susan Rossy (MO)

REGION 5: Dorothy Montano (NM), Gail Karamalegos (TX), Donna Doubler (TX) Janet Kelly

REGION 6: Linda Braun (NY)

REGION 7: Mary Hellmeister

I understand that there is an opening in my region on the Conformation Committee. Please consider my application.

My qualifications to serve on the CC are as follows:

1. I have actively served 2 years on the Conformation Committee in the past. I have authored and seconded motions and contributed to the motions of other people.
2. My input has been very valuable in bringing clarity of intent to the wording of motions and rules.
3. I understand the projects that are before the CC and bring much to the table in experience. I am not a breeder judge so I bring a different perspective to discussions that helps maintain balance.
4. I work well with others and am not easily offended! LOL! A plus when working with such an opinionated group.
5. I currently serve as an active member of the Junior Committee.
6. I have been an active member of the Education Committee and the Nationals Committee in the past.

Further qualifications: I hold several certifications, including the prestigious Graduate Jeweler Gemologist degree earned in residence at the renowned Gemological Institute of America. I am an award winning published author. I have taught highly specialized college level courses at a very prestigious private school, and currently homeschool my 14 year old. I earned the nickname "The Grammar Queen" on the various committees I have served on as I strive to keep us on track and sounding professional.

Additionally, we have owned Aussies since the 1980's. We have been actively involved in ASCA since 2003 when our son Andrew (multiple 500 Club Jr) began showing. Since then, it has become a real family affair. Since 2003, we have finished several dogs, bred two litters and finished our first BBX Champion at the age of 14 months with all majors! (Yep, we are proud of that one! <VBG>) This same girl Premiered at the Nationals in Waco, shown by our son Noah (12 years old at the time... yep, we are proud of that one, too!) We also design and manufacture Australian Shepherd jewelry in our family business, Gold N Aussie. www.goldnaussie.com

I believe I have much to contribute to ASCA through my service on the Conformation Committee.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Debbie

87:16 Junior - New Junior Committee Member - N Martin

Board voting: Approve: Unanimous

Non-Voting: Gann

Motion Passes

87:16 Junior - New Junior Committee Member - N Martin

Motion: Gann

I move to add Noah Martin to the junior Committee. Below is Noah's resume.

My name is Noah Martin. I am 15 years old and I have been showing Aussies for 10 years. I have shown in Junior Showmanship from PeeWee to Open Senior. I also show in the regular classes. I handled our girl, Shady, to Premier Champion at the Waco Nationals, and our Veteran, Foxy to several class wins at Waco.

I am in 9th grade, I am a competition dancer, and I am raising a new puppy. I feel that I have a lot of good ideas to share with the committee, and a lot of experience.
My brother, Andrew, served as the Junior chair several years ago.
Thank you for your consideration,
Noah Martin

87:16 Junior - New Junior Committee Member - Shock

Board voting: Approve: Unanimous
Non-Voting: Gann
Motion Passes

87:16 Junior - New Junior Committee Member - Shock

Motion: Gann

I move to add Donalyn Shock to the Junior Committee. Resume is below.

Donalyn Shock
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Objective

To join the Jr. committee. I feel that I can be an asset, as I have had five Jr.'s compete in the Jr. program. I love kids. I love our ASCA Jr. program and know that the Jr.'s are the future of this great breed. We need to make sure we take care of our Jr.'s. I love the Jr.'s, the Australian Shepherd, and want to help preserve the program and breed. I am an active member of our Utah club.

Experience

Owned by Aussies, 1969- Present

I have always owned an Australian Shepherd from the time I was born. My grandfather owned a large dairy farm in Northern California, he always had aussies and border collies. Therefore there was always an aussie for us.

Mother of five children, 1990-Present

All five of my children have participated in the Jr. program, some longer than others. My daughter Lynsey just became the fourth Jr. to make the 500 club in Utah history. They were able to compete at Nationals in Vegas and placed in their classes. Ashley and Lynsey have qualified the last few years for Nationals, and Finals.

Breeder of Winners Dog at Nationals, Nov. 2010

I was one of the breeders of the Winners Dog at Nationals. I have tried to make good choices when I have ever bred a litter. We put a lot of time into doing a litter and as a result have produced some nice dogs that represent the breed well, most important in temperament.

References

Sherrie Scott
Cherrie Cannon
Connie Blowers
Terri Morgan
Sue Holtz

Skills

I have grown up with animals my whole life, and have enjoyed working with animals. My greatest joy has come from watching my kids take on that same joy of animals. I have thoroughly enjoyed watching my kids build a bond, and relationship with their Jr. dogs. I work with Special needs kids. I get along well with others.

04:05 Agility - Agility Judge - De Luisa

Board voting: Approve: Unanimous

Non-Voting: Gann

Motion Passes

04:05 Agility - Agility Judge - De Luisa

Motion: Ford

I move to approve Lisa De Luisa as an ASCA Agility Judge.

Approved with 12 votes from the Agility Committee.

87:19 Conformation - Provisional Conformation Judge - C Atkinson

Board voting: Approve: Bates, Clayton, DeChant, Ford, Gray, McClintock, Miller

Abstain: Hardin

Non-Voting: Gann

Motion Passes

87:19 Conformation - Provisional Conformation Judge - C Atkinson

Motion: Ford

I move to approve Carmon Atkinson as an ASCA Conformation Provisional Judge.

87:19 Conformation - Breeder Conformation Judge - L Atkinson

Board voting: Approve: Bates, Clayton, DeChant, Ford, Gray, McClintock, Miller

Abstain: Hardin

Non-Voting: Gann

Motion Passes

87:19 Conformation - Breeder Conformation Judge - L Atkinson

Motion: Ford

I move to approve Laurie Atkinson as an ASCA Approved Breeder Judge.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann B. DeChant
ASCA Board Secretary