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Executive Secretary's Report

February 2019

Announcements

New Judges

Provisional Stockdog Judge **Carol Gerken** (Idaho)

Provisional Stockdog Judge **Brian Abingdon** (Oregon)

Senior Breeder Judge **Terri Burkart-McIntosh** (California)

New Affiliate Clubs

3 Sheeps to the Wind

Location: Ringwood, Illinois

President: Kathi Schwengel

Affiliate Rep: Janna Heuer

From the ASCA Foundation

Western Australian Shepherd Rescue was awarded a \$3000 grant for their rescue work with Aussies.

Board of Directors Email Motions

BD.19.20 Change to National Specialty Rules 1.4 Pre-Show/Trials

Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gray, King, Silveira, Vest; Oppose: Roberts; Abstain: None; Non-Voting: None; Motion **carries**.

Motion by Silveira

Second by Busquets

I move to add the following language and edit the current language to the National Specialty Rules.

Current Wording:

1.4 Pre-Show/Trials

The host affiliate(s) may choose to offer pre-trials and pre-shows as part of the National Specialty week. If pre-trials and pre-shows are offered, they will be considered part of the National Specialty for the purpose of age calculation, and they will be subject to the same age calculation date as the rest of the National Specialty events.

Proposed Wording:

1.4 Pre/Post-Shows/Trials

- a. Pre/post-shows/trials held in conjunction with the ASCA National Specialty may either be Sanctioned as Member Shows or Specialties. In either case, entries for pre/post-shows/trials shall be limited to ASCA Registered Australian Shepherds.
- b. The host affiliate(s) may choose to offer pre/post-trials and pre/post-shows as part of the National Specialty week. If pre/post-trials and pre/post-shows are offered, they will be considered part of the National Specialty for the purpose of age calculation, and they will be subject to the same age calculation date as the rest of the National Specialty events.

Comments/Rationale: It has been traditional for the ASCA National Specialty week to be limited in entries to ASCA Registered Australian Shepherds. There has now been a request for a clear rule.

Post show/trials language was added to allow for the possibility of allowing a sanctioned event after the National Specialty if desired.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

BD.19.23 Proposed Bylaw Change on 2019 General Election Ballot

Approve: Unanimous; Motion carries.

Motion by Silveira

Second by Gann

I move the following be included for the 2019 General Election Ballot.

RESOLVED, That Article VII, Section 7.4 of the Bylaws be, and it hereby is, amended to read as follows:

A candidate for election as a Director of the Club must have been a Full Member of the Club, as defined in ARTICLE IV, SECTION 1 of these BYLAWS, for a period of eight (8) continuous (without a lapse in Membership) years prior to March 1 of the year of standing for election as Director, and must remain in good standing as a Full Member during such eight (8) year period, Director's candidacy, and entire tenure as a Director. The Board of Directors may establish rules governing the procedures, deadline dates and disclosures relating to such election and the candidates for election.

Comments/Rationale: This By Law change is submitted to the General Membership in compliance with section 21 of the ASCA By Laws; Article XXI Amendments. The Board of Directors requests the Membership approve this change for the following reasons:

- Questions have regularly been raised as to the meaning of "consecutive" length of membership requirements where it is found in any of ASCA's Governing Documents.

- ASCA has always intended any Membership requirement listed in the By Laws, Rules or Policies be an unbroken string of time in good standing as each position requires.
- The descriptive word of "consecutive" has been used but often questioned.
- Changing the language to "continuous", (without a lapse in Membership), will hopefully better explain what is meant when a length of membership is required.
- This amended language has been changed in all of ASCA's Governing Documents except for the By Laws, which is dependent on a vote of the Membership.
- Clearly defines the eight qualifying years must be completed in good standing.

Effective Date: When approved by the Board.

BD.19.24 National Specialty Financial Arrangement

Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Roberts, Silveira, Vest; Oppose: King; Abstain: Gray; Non-Voting: None; Motion **carries**.

Comment from Creelman: While I approve this motion I feel that there is a need for further arrangements of the timing of releasing of funds. The chairperson may need funds prior to the time set for release of funds, to pay bills incurred for the circuit.

Comment from King: While I agree ASCA needs to find an arrangement to guarantee National expenses will be paid. I do not feel creating paid positions in a volunteer organization is the way we need to go.

Motion by Busquets

Second by Vest

Current Wording:

1.8 Financial Arrangement

Upon approval of the premium list, an advance of \$5000 will be sent to the Consortium. The Nationals Chairman shall have control of the Nationals bank account. After paying for the facility and the entry clerk and after subtracting out the \$5000 advance, the Board will forward all money collected from Nationals entries to the Consortium. The consortium will have the right to collect sponsorship money and to sell Nationals merchandise. The entry fees for all ASCA Program Finals will be forwarded to the Club after entries close and all entrants are confirmed.

Proposed Wording:

1.8 Financial Arrangement

Upon approval of the premium list, an advance of \$5000 will be sent to the Consortium. The Nationals Chairman shall have control of the Nationals bank account. After paying for the facility **and the Nationals Entry Clerk**, and after subtracting out the \$5000 advance, the Board will forward all money collected from Nationals entries to the Consortium. The Consortium will have the right to collect

sponsorship money and to sell Nationals merchandise. The entry fees for all ASCA Program Finals will be forwarded to the Consortium after entries close and all entrants are confirmed.

1.8.1. ASCA shall open a separate bank account for the purpose of depositing the Nationals entry fees and reservation fees. The bank needs to be a nationally-available bank so that the entry clerk is able to deposit the money collected easily.

1.8.2. The amount that ASCA keeps for payment of the facility will be the facility amount stated in the contract plus estimated fees for RV spaces for the entirety of the event plus the estimated fees for stalls or grooming spaces, if applicable, plus an estimated amount for other fees per the facility contract (chair fees, table fees, grounds preparation fees, vendor fees, etc.). If the amount owed the facility at the close of the event exceeds what has been kept back by ASCA, the Consortium will have to pay the difference. If the amount kept by ASCA is in excess of what is owed at the close of the event, ASCA will pay the excess amount to the Consortium. Only after subtracting the estimated amount owed to the facility and paying the Nationals Entry Clerk will ASCA forward the remaining amount collected from entry fees and reservations to the consortium.

1.8.3. Refunds to be paid per the premium will be paid by the Consortium.

Comments/Rationale: This rule needs to be further clarified to add the Nationals Entry Clerk and to specify the items that will be included in the estimated amount that ASCA retains from entry fees to pay for the site expenses.

Affected: Clubs bidding for Nationals, ASCA Treasurer, ASCA Nationals Entry Clerk, ASCA Business office.

Effective Date: June 1, 2019.

Committee Recommendations

Agility Committee

AG.19.01 Transferring Points between the Championship and ACE Programs

Approve: Unanimous; Motion carries.

Motion by Roberts

I move to approve the below motion from the Agility Committee.

Committee Recommendation:

Motion 1-2019 CH to ACE laterally

Motion by Jan Niblock

Seconded by Andrea Hoffmann

I move to approve moving points from CH to ACE laterally.

I move that dogs are permitted to move any CH points that were not used for a title to ACE straight across without having to start over again in Novice. Therefore, if a dog has finished a title, it can start in the next level or stay in the one it is in, depending on what the handler wishes to do.

If the person chooses to start at the lower level in the ACE Program, they would have to work up. If they start at the higher level, they have to stay there if they have earned a qualifying score. Once a dog has a qualifying score at any level, they shall not return to a lower level.

The Novice level is the first entry level for every class. The Novice level is for any dog which has not yet earned an ASCA title in that class. Therefore, qualifying rounds executed at a level higher than that needed for a lower level ASCA requirement shall be credited for points needed at the lower level title.

Current Wording:

10.13 Transferring Points between the Championship and ACE Programs

Points from the ACE program may not be transferred to the Championship program.

Elite points from any division in the Championship program may be transferred to the Standard division in the ACE program, provided they have not already been used to obtain an RS-E, RV-E, RJ-E, JS-E, JV-E, JJ-E, GS-E, GV-E, GJ-E or an ATCH title. For example:

- If 50 points have been earned in Elite Jumpers Standard division, 20 of those points were used for the JS-E title. The remaining 30 points can be transferred to the Elite Jumpers Standard division in the ACE program, towards the ACE certificate.
- If 150 points have been earned in Elite Regular Standard division, 30 of those points were used for the RSE title. The remaining 120 points can be transferred to the Elite Regular Standard division in the ACE program, towards the ACE certificate.
- If 300 points have been earned in Elite Regular Standard division, 150 points have been earned in the Elite Jumpers Standard Division and 150 points have been earned in the Elite Gamblers Standard Division, then 30 of the Regular points were used for the RS-E title, 20 of the Jumpers points were used for the JS-E title and 20 of the Gamblers points were used for the GS-E title. In addition, 200 Regular points, 100 Jumpers points and 100 Gamblers points were used for the ATCH title. So, the remaining 70 Regular points, 30 Jumpers points and 30 Gamblers points can be transferred to the ACE program.
- Once Elite points for a class are transferred from the Championship program to the ACE program, the dog may not enter at the Novice or Open level for that class in the ACE program. If a dog wishes to earn the Novice and Open ACE titles, they must wait to transfer any Elite Championship points until the dog is competing at the Elite ACE level.

Proposed Wording:

10.13 Transferring Points between the Championship and ACE Programs

Points from the ACE program may not be transferred to the Championship program.

Points from any division in the Championship program may be transferred to the Standard division in the ACE program, provided they have not already been used to obtain an RS-E, RV-E, RJ-E, JS-E, JV-E, JJ-E, GS-E, GV-E, GJ-E or an ATCH title.

The Handler must notify the ASCA Office in writing asking for the Open and/or Novice points that need to be moved in order for the Office to move them.

For example:

- Dog has earned their Novice title in a given class (Regular, Gamblers or Jumpers), it can start in Open or stay in Novice for that class in the ACE Program. If the Novice title has not been earned, qualifying scores can be moved from the Championship Program to the ACE Program to finish the Novice title for that class.
- Dog has earned their Open title in a given class (Regular, Gamblers or Jumpers), it can start in Elite or stay in Open for that class in the ACE Program. If the Open title has not been earned, qualifying scores can be moved from the Championship Program to the ACE Program to finish the Open title for that class.
- Dog has earned their Elite title in a given class (Regular, Gamblers or Jumpers), it can continue in Elite or start back at Novice for that class in the ACE Program. If the Elite title has not been earned, qualifying scores can be moved from the Championship Program to the ACE Program to finish the Elite title for that class.

Comments/Rationale: This will allow for dogs who have earned qualifying scores in a level to not have to return to Novice unless that is what they want. This is beneficial to ASCA as it doesn't discourage people from competing if they choose to move their dog to ACE. Currently they would have to start again in Novice and earn all of the Novice and Open titles before going into Elite. This can cause people to choose to no longer compete in ASCA and go to other venues that offer this. Since moving the Elite points from Championship to ACE are already being done by hand, moving the Novice and Open points can be done in the same way. We will require the handler to notify the Office in writing in order to have this done.

Affected: Handlers and the ASCA Agility Office.

This motion will not affect the computer software but will be transferred by hand by the ASCA Office. After checking with the Office, it will make things easier for them in moving legs/points.

Effective Date: The effective date of this motion will be the date of the next Rule Book (June 2019) following the approval of the BOD and subsequent publication in the Aussies Times.

Since this isn't a computer situation and it doesn't affect how dogs qualify and very long overdue based on the desires and comments of the ASCA agility community.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 9; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 0; Non-Voting: 2

AG.19.02 Time Allowed for Training in the Ring

Approve: Creelman, Gann, Roberts; Oppose: Boone, Busquets, Gray, King, Silveira, Vest; Abstain: None; Non-Voting: None; Motion **fails**.

Comment from Busquets: There are other, more simple ways to deal with this issue.

Comment from Silveira: Training is appropriate for matches not sanctioned events that award legs for titles.

Motion by Roberts

I move to approve the below motion from the Agility Committee.

Committee Recommendation:

Motion 2-2019 Change in the allowed time for training in the ring

Motion by: Sherry Butler

Second by: Chet Katwyk

I move to approve a change to the time allowed for "Training in the Ring" from Standard Course Time (SCT) to 60 seconds for the Regular classes and 40 seconds for the Jumpers classes.

Current Wording:

5.5 Standard Course Time (Regular Class)

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Course time for exhibitors eliminated for 'Training in the Ring' will be Standard Course Time (SCT). Once an exhibitor has been faulted for Training in the Ring, they have up until the Standard Course Time (SCT) before they are required to leave the ring.

6.5 Standard Course Time (Jumpers Class)

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Course time for exhibitors eliminated for 'Training in the Ring' will be Standard Course Time (SCT). Once an exhibitor has been faulted for Training in the Ring, they have up until the Standard Course Time (SCT) before they are required to leave the ring.

9.1 Handling Faults

Dogs shall be eliminated for the following occurrences:

...

- (seventh bullet) Training in the ring, during their run. However, the dog and handler will not be excused for training in the ring, provided that no harsh words or measures are employed by the handler. Gentle training in the ring is encouraged, in the interest of safety and motivation, if done within the Standard Course Time (SCT) for that class. Exhibitor will be asked to leave the ring once Standard Course Time has been reached.

- (eighth bullet) Running with a collar. Judges shall eliminate a dog for running with a collar. The judge should instruct the handler to exit the ring immediately or that they may remove the collar and continue the run up to the time limits indicated for training in the ring (Standard Course Time).

9.2.2 Obstacle Faults

Re-Attempting an Obstacle

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.

9.3.3 Start Line Training

Once the handler has left the dog to prepare to start the run and has crossed the plane of the first obstacle, the handler may not cross back over the plane of the first obstacle to return to the dog. Crossing back over the plane of the first obstacle and back to the dog will be considered 'Training the Start Line' and the judge will award an 'Elimination' fault. Note: After being eliminated, the dog/handler may re-start the run and continue their run up to SCT (Standard Course Time), but their run will be scored as 'Elimination'.

Proposed Wording:

5.5 Standard Course Time (Regular Class)

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Course time for exhibitors eliminated for 'Training in the Ring' will be 60 seconds for the Regular classes. Once an exhibitor has been faulted for Training in the Ring, they have up until that time before they are required to leave the ring.

6.5 Standard Course Time (Jumpers Class)

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Course time for exhibitors eliminated for 'Training in the Ring' will be 40 seconds for the Jumpers classes. Once an exhibitor has been faulted for Training in the Ring, they have up until that time before they are required to leave the ring.

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Dogs shall be eliminated for the following occurrences:

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- (eighth bullet) Running with a collar. Judges shall eliminate a dog for running with a collar. The judge should instruct the handler to exit the ring immediately or that they may remove the collar and continue the run up to the time limits indicated for training in the ring which is 60 seconds for the Regular classes and 40 seconds for the Jumpers classes.

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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). Exhibitor will be asked to leave the ring after 60 seconds for the Regular classes and 40 seconds for the Jumpers classes.

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Once the handler has left the dog to prepare to start the run and has crossed the plane of the first obstacle, the handler may not cross back over the plane of the first obstacle to return to the dog. Crossing back over the plane of the first obstacle and back to the dog will be considered 'Training the Start Line' and the judge will award an 'Elimination' fault. The course time will start when the judge signals Elimination. Note: After being eliminated, the dog/handler may re-start the run and continue their run. Exhibitor will be asked to leave the ring after 60 seconds for the Regular classes and 40 seconds for the Jumpers classes.

Comments/Rationale:

Currently, the Training in the Ring (TIR) time is the Standard Course Time. This could potentially require the judge to calculate up to nine different times for TIR per class. The timer would have to sound the horn when the time for training has been reached (based on the height of the jumps and divisions of the class). It can be confusing and time consuming for the scribe and timer to know what the SCT is for the dog running the course.

Affected: Exhibitors, judges, timers, and scribes at an ASCA agility trial.

Motion would not affect webmaster, business office or program software.

Effective Date: This motion will go into effect at the next printing of the Agility Rule Book - June 2019.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 8; Oppose: 1; Abstain: 0; Non-Voting: 2

Comment from Jan Niblock: I voted no for a number of reasons. It does not solve the problem it is trying to fix because the timer will still have to remember to sound the horn at the right time. You cannot set the timer to go off at 60 or 40 seconds because those times are only for training. Also, we allow training in the ring at the dog's standard course time (SCT). This will short the small dog's time in Regular because their SCT is over 60 seconds. But this will also give the large and medium dogs

an extra 12-15 seconds in the ring to train. This is not fair to give some dogs more time and other dogs not even their allotted SCT.

AG.19.03 All Breed Agility Championship Program

Approve: Boone, Gann, Roberts; Oppose: Busquets, Creelman, King, Silveira, Vest; Abstain: Gray; Non-Voting: None; Motion **fails**.

Comment from Busquets: I understand the need to keep and attract owners of other breeds to all ASCA programs. However, there are some aspects about this proposal that concern me.

1. The responsibility/right to choose clubs for national events has often fallen on the Board. This proposal transfers this task to the Agility committee.
2. There is little direction in the proposal as to how the choice will be made and the parameters needed for a club(s) to “qualify” to host such an event.
3. This proposal shifts ASCA’s focus away from the Australian Shepherd and towards all breeds, which some members may interpret as ASCA becoming less and less about the Aussie. In a case like this, where the focus shifts from the Aussie to all breeds at a national level, I believe that is necessary to have proven, strong membership support. I have seen no evidence that such support exists.
4. Section 14.3 and 4 establish that contestants must send request to and seek approval by the Business Office. My interpretation is that the BO must ensure that the contestant has accumulated the desired points to qualify and enter. This could amount to quite a high number of requests, adding to the BO’s work load. The question is not whether it is possible for the BO to do this in that two-month period (Jan-Mar), but how the addition of more work to the BO will affect its customer service capabilities. At some point, a threshold will be reached, if it has not already, and ASCA may have to hire additional personnel.

Comment from Creelman: I have considered this motion many times and always come back to ASCA as a single breed registry. While we invite, enjoy and encourage the other breeds to take part in our performance programs, I do not think that a championship program is what ASCA promotes.

Motion by Roberts

I move to approve the below motion from the Agility Committee.

Committee Recommendation:

Motion 5-2019 All Breed Agility Championship Program

Motion by: Chet Katwyk

Motion second by: Sherry Butler

I move to approve the All Breed Agility Championship.

Current Wording:

None.

Proposed Wording:

14 ASCA All Breed Agility Championship

14.1 Eligibility

14.1.1 Program

The All Breed Agility Championship is only for the Championship and ACE Program at the Elite level. The All Breed Agility Championship can be held in conjunction with or without an agility trial at the Host Club's discretion. One Host Club from all of the regions will be granted the right to hold the All Breed Agility Championship by the Agility Committee. (Note that preference will be given to locations that are centrally located to all regions). Only ASCA Affiliate Clubs or Licensees in good standing will be permitted to hold the ASCA All Breed Agility Championship. All ASCA Affiliates and Licensees must apply to hold the All Breed Agility Championship by July 1 of the previous qualifying year. If more than one ASCA Affiliate/Licensee applies to hold the All Breed Agility Championship with all things being even between them, a lottery will determine who will be granted the right to hold the All Breed Agility Championship. No ASCA Affiliate /Licensee can hold the All Breed Agility Championship two years in a row if another ASCA Affiliate /Licensee applies to hold the All Breed Agility Championship the following year.

The All Breed Agility Championship will be held between June 1 and August 31.

14.1.2 Eligible Dogs

Eligible dogs will be ASCA or LEP registered Australian Shepherds and all dogs with an ASCA QT tracking number whose owners are 'Full' or 'Service' ASCA members in good standing during the qualifying period as well as during the All Breed Agility Championship. The list of All Breed Agility Championship Qualifiers as defined below will be published in the list of All Breed Agility Championship Qualifiers on the ASCA website. Those Qualifiers will be Eligible to compete at the All Breed Agility Championship.

14.1.3 Divisions

The All Breed Agility Championship will consist of five divisions: Championship Standard, Championship Veteran Dog, Championship Junior Handler, ACE Standard and ACE Senior Dog. The qualifying rules will be the same for each division, however, qualifying points will not transfer between the divisions. The jump heights will be divided as specified in the ASCA Jump Height Table in Section 2.5.4. The dog must run in the division that they qualified in.

14.1.4 Groups

Each division will be grouped by jump height (Small (4"-12"), Medium (16"), Large (20"-24")) based on the Championship Standard Division jump height.

14.2 Qualifying for Championship Invitations

The All Breed Agility Championship qualifying period will be the twelve month period from January 1 to December 31 for the All Breed Agility Championship held the following year.

For all divisions, a dog will need at least fifteen (15) points total to be eligible to compete at the All Breed Championship. A minimum of two (2) points must be earned in the Elite Jumpers class and a minimum of two (2) points must be earned in the Elite Gamblers class and a minimum of three (3)

points must be earned in the Elite Regular class during the qualifying period. The remaining points can be in any class. Each 10 point Q will be 1 point and each 5 point Q (in Regular) will be ½ point. The All Breed Agility Championship will be limited to 450 dogs. See Section 14.4.

14.3 Notification

Anyone that wants to attend the All Breed Agility Championship and has the minimum number of points as defined in Section 14.2 must send a request to the ASCA Business Office by January 31 of the All Breed Championship year.

The ASCA Business Office will send an approval letter by USPS First Class mail to all eligible competitors who have sent in a request to attend the All Breed Championship. The letter will be postmarked no later than March 1 of the All Breed Agility Championship year. If a competitor believes he/she is eligible for the All Breed Agility Championship and has not received an approval letter by March 8 of the All Breed Agility Championship year, he/she shall notify the ASCA Business Office concerning this potential problem. The ASCA Business Office will take necessary steps to notify foreign qualifiers.

14.4 Verification

All eligible contestants must verify that they will be competing at the All Breed Agility Championship by sending the approval letter from the ASCA Business Office and an official entry form to the Host Club of the All Breed Agility Championship. The verification must be postmarked between March 10 opening date and April 1 closing date of the year of the All Breed Agility Championship. All entries postmarked before March 10 or after April 1 will not be accepted. If more than 450 entries are received, the first 450 entries by postmark date will be entered in the All Breed agility Championship. The divisions will be filled by the postmark date. It is the responsibility of all eligible contestants to be able to provide proof of mailing in the event an entry form and fees are not received by Host Club of the ASCA All Breed Agility Championship.

14.5 Rounds

A minimum one day of 4 rounds (2 Regular, 1 Jumpers, 1 Gamblers), or up to a maximum of two days of 12 rounds total (4 Regular, 4 Jumpers, 4 Gamblers) for each division are allowed for the All Breed Agility Championship. The Host Club will determine the number of rounds at their discretion. Judges may not judge more than 350 agility runs per day. However, the Host Club may schedule up to 450 agility runs per day after consulting with and obtaining concurrence from the Judge.

14.6 Awards

14.6.1 General Information

The Host Club is responsible for procuring rosettes and awards for the All Breed Agility Championship.

Presentation of the overall awards for each division and the overall awards for each division and height shall be done in a manner to showcase the event. The individual round placements may be

awarded at a time and location deemed appropriate by the Host Club (for instance, following each round.)

14.6.2 Individual Rounds

Each round of Regular, Jumpers and Gamblers will be placed first (1st) through fifth (5th) for each division and height group. Rosettes will be awarded for each placement in each division and height group. All rosettes will have the date and location of the All Breed Agility Championship, placement, name of the class (i.e., Jumpers) and ASCA All Breed Agility Championship printed on them. First place will be blue, second place red, third place yellow, fourth place white, fifth place pink.

14.6.3 Overall Height Placements

The first placing overall dog in each division (Championship Standard, Championship Veteran Dog, Championship Junior Handler, ACE Standard and ACE Senior Dog) and height group (Small 4"-12", Medium 16", and Large 20"-24"), shall receive a rosette with blue in it that states the date, location, placement and ASCA <division and height group> All Breed Agility Championship Champion, (e.g. 2020 ASCA Medium Junior Handler All Breed Agility Championship Champion). A special award will be given to the first placing overall dog in each division and height. The second through fifth overall dogs in each division and height group shall receive rosettes. Second through fifth place rosettes shall have the date, location, placement, 'Overall', and ASCA <division and height> All Breed Agility Championship. i.e. 2020 ASCA Medium Junior Handler All Breed Agility Championship Overall Second Place. Second place will be red, third place yellow, fourth place white, fifth place pink.

14.6.4 Overall Division Placements

The first placing overall dog in each division (Championship Standard, Championship Veteran Dog, Championship Junior Handler, ACE Standard and ACE Senior Dog) shall receive a special award which will be engraved with the date, location, ASCA, <division > and All Breed Agility Championship Champion, (e.g. 2020 ASCA Junior Handler All Breed Agility Championship Champion, Seattle WA.) and will also include a spot for a photo of dog and handler (see 14.13 photographs of All Breed Agility Championship Champions) be given to the first placing dog in each division .

14.7 Judging and Scoring

14.7.1 Judge

More than one judge can be used to judge the All Breed Agility Championship if the number of runs exceeds 450 run per day. One judge must be used to judge each entire round (i.e. Regular round 1). The courses must be completely new courses.

14.7.2 Divisions

Each division (Championship Standard, Championship Veteran Dog, Championship Junior Handler, ACE Standard and ACE Senior Dog) will be scored separately. All dogs within each division will be grouped by height (Small 4"-12", Medium 16", Large 20"-24") based on their Championship Standard

Division height for placements. There will be a minimum of four rounds (1 Jumpers, 1 Gamblers and 2 Regular) and a maximum of 12 rounds total (4 Jumpers, 4 Gamblers, and 4 Regular) used to determine each division height champion and overall division champion.

14.7.3. Jump Height

Dogs entered in the Championship Veteran Dog and ACE Standard Divisions will jump at their appropriate jump height in Regular, Jumpers and Gamblers, which will be one height lower than their Championship Standard Division jump height. Dogs entered in the ACE Senior Dog Division will jump at their appropriate jump height in Regular, Jumpers and Gamblers, which will be two heights lower than their Championship Standard Division jump height. Dogs entered in the Championship Junior Handler division will have the option of running at the dog's Championship Standard Division jump height or taking the 4" (10.2 cm) height deduction. All dogs entered in the Championship Standard Division will jump their Championship Standard Division jump height.

14.7.4. Standard Course Time (Regular and Jumpers)

There will be a Standard Course Time (SCT) set by the judge for each division and height group for the Regular classes using the table in Section 5.5 and the Jumpers classes using the table in Section 6.5. For the Regular and Jumper classes the Championship Veteran Dog, Championship Junior Handler, and ACE Standard Division's SCT will be 10% greater than the Championship Standard Division SCT. For the Regular and Jumper classes, the ACE Senior Dog Division's SCT will be 20% greater than the Championship Standard Division SCT.

14.7.5. Gamblers Class: Opening and Gamble Time

For the Gamblers class, all dogs, regardless of jump height or division, will have 30 seconds for their opening sequence time. The closing sequence "gamble" time will be determined by the judge. Judges will use the table in Section 7.5.

14.7.6. Faults

Faults will be assessed in accordance with the current ASCA program rules for agility.

14.7.7. Determination of Agility Height Champions

Each faultless qualifying run in Regular, Gamblers and Jumpers will be given seven (7) "Q" points. Each faulted (.01 to 5 faults) qualifying run in Regular will be given one-half the value of the "Q" points, or 3.5 "Q" points.

Dogs in each division and height will be ranked by the most "Q" points, then if necessary, by the following ranking procedures:

1. First, sort by the number of "Q" points (a faulted Regular "Q" counts one-half).
2. Then, sort by each dog's total of the number of dogs beaten. (Placement points) (For example, if twenty dogs are entered in a class such as Jumpers, the first place dog would receive 19 placement points (in other words, beat 19 dogs), the second place dog would receive 18 placement points, the third place

dog would receive 17 placement points, etc.). Dogs that are eliminated or are scratched receive zero placement points, but still count as dogs defeated.

3. Then, sort by Gamblers. First rank the dogs by considering whether the dog qualified and then by the most points in Gamblers.
4. Then, sort by Jumpers. First rank the dogs by considering whether the dog qualified and then by the dog's run time.

14.7.8. Determination of Agility Division Champions

Of the Agility Height Champions each faultless qualifying run in Regular, Gamblers and Jumpers will be given seven (7) "Q" points. Each faulted (.01 to 5 faults) qualifying run in Regular will be given one-half the value of the "Q" points, or 3.5 "Q" points.

Dogs in each division will be ranked by the most "Q" points, then if necessary, by the following ranking procedures:

1. First, sort by the number of "Q" points (a faulted Regular "Q" counts one-half).
2. Then, sort by Gamblers. First rank the dogs by considering whether the dog qualified and then by the most points in Gamblers.
3. Then, sort by Jumpers. First rank the dogs by considering whether the dog qualified and then by the dog's run time.

14.7.9. Run Order

The run order is to be determined by the Host Club.

14.7.10. Scores

Scores will be posted when they are available. It is required that two different people NOT entered in the All Breed Agility Championship check the computation of the scores before they are posted.

14.8 Selection of All Breed Agility Championship Judge(s)

Once the Host Club, location & dates for the All Breed Agility Championship have been determined, the Host Club will Contact Judge(s) from the ASCA Agility Judges list to determine who is available to judge. The Host Club will hire the judge(s).

No judge may judge the All Breed Agility Championship two consecutive years.

14.9 All Breed Agility Championship Course Design

Courses for the All Breed Agility Championship (Jumpers, Gamblers, and Regular) are to be original courses that have never been used at any previous trial. The Regular courses, rounds 1 and 2, may be different courses, (i.e.: not required to be "direct reversals"). A Course Reviewer will be assigned by the ASCA Business Office and the course review must be conducted the same as Section 11.6.

14.10 All Breed Agility Championship Workers

14.10.1. Required Workers

The normal amount of people to run a one ring trial will be needed for the All Breed Agility Championship. At a minimum the Host Club will need to fill the following positions:

- 2 Timers
- 1 Scribe
- 1 Gate Steward
- 1 Score Runner
- 3 Jump Setters
- 1 Scorekeeper (score table)
- Ribbon preparers (can be the same people as above)
- 4 Course Builders (can be the same people as above)

14.10.2. Worker Restriction

The timer, scribe and scorekeeper cannot be a family member or a member of the household of any of the All Breed Agility Championship competitors. Nor can they be an owner of any dog competing in the All Breed Agility Championship.

14.10.3. Timers

Both timers will time each round. One timer will be designated as the primary timer and the other the backup. The primary timer's time will be used for all dogs unless the timing device malfunctions. In the event of a malfunction, the backup timer's time will be used. In the event that both timing devices malfunction, then the dog will be required to rerun and their previous run will not count. Timers must time the entire round (i.e. the entire Jumpers class).

14.11 Photographs of All Breed Agility Championship Champions

The Host Club is responsible for photographing the five All Breed Agility Championship champions (Championship Standard, Championship Veteran Dog, Championship Junior Handler, ACE Standard and ACE Senior Dog) and the fifteen All Breed Agility Championship Height champions (Championship Standard, Championship Veteran Dog, Championship Junior Handler, ACE Standard and ACE Senior Dog, in each height Small (4"-12"), Medium (16"), Large (20"-24")). The photographs will be clearly marked with the dog's registered name, and owner's name. The photographs MUST be submitted to the Webmaster of the ASCA website before the deadline for the ASCA E-News issue one month after the All Breed Agility Championship.

14.12 Sample Ribbon Order for All Breed Agility Championship

The following table lists what types of ribbons are required. However, the actual amounts will vary depending on how many dogs are entered in each division. For example, if the Championship Junior Handler division only has three dogs in it, then 10 placements will not be required. In addition, remember that all dogs will be grouped together for placements within a division regardless of jump height, so 1st – 10th in each division will encompass all dogs in that division.

Ribbon Type	Quantity	# of Divisions	Total Quantity
Gamblers Individual Round Placements (1st – 10th)	10	5	50
Regular Round 1 Individual Placements (1st – 10th)	10	5	50
Regular Round 2 Individual Placements (1st – 10th)	10	5	50
Jumpers Individual Round Placements (1st – 10th)	10	5	50
Overall Division Champion	1	5	5
Overall Division 2nd – 10th Placement	9	5	45
Finalist (given to those not in the top 10 overall in each division)	Based on number of entries	5	Based on number of entries

Comments/Rationale: The agility community has been asking for a All Breed Agility Championship to highlight all the dogs that support ASCA agility.

Affected: Office, competitors, ASCA Webmaster.

Effective Date: This motion will go into effect at the next printing of the ASCA agility rule book.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 10; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 0; Non-Voting: 1

Dock Jumping Committee

DJ.19.01 Recording and Issuing Dock Jumping Titles

Approve: Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Silveira, Vest; Oppose: Boone, King, Roberts; Abstain: Gray; Non-Voting: 0; Motion **carries**.

Comment from Boone: The Dock Jumping program was approved pending computer verification of results. Until there can be computer confirmation of points/titles, I feel it is premature to issue titles.

Comment from Busquets: Waiting much longer before starting the recording and issuing of these titles may place the Business Office in a backlog that will be more difficult to handle later.

Comment from King: At the beginning of the discussion period I had asked how many titles this involved and the BOD was not given an answer. I do not feel comfortable with the information being withheld and the need to do this again after the programming for it is completed.

Comment from Roberts: The ASCA Business Office should not be manually sanctioning these events, manually processing results, and manually making title certificates. No other ASCA program has been allowed to take up the time of office staff in this manner. In fact, Agility has a change, that would result in new titles, on hold awaiting the new system. When the new system is online, the staff

will have to go back and enter results and titles once again. The cost/benefit analysis on this would not favor ASCA's staffing costs.

Motion by Vest

I motion to approve this Dock Jumping Committee motion.

Committee Recommendation:

DJ Committee Motion Feb 2019 - Recording and Issuing Titles

Motion By: Pam Smith

Second By: Heidi Mobley

I move the business office hand record past and future dock jumping titles from both ASCA and UAD. Furthermore, once recorded, title certificates should be printed and mailed to dog owners.

Statement from the office: "Yes, this is fine. The BO can do this task and work closely with the committee moving forward.

Ray Fryar

ASCA Manager"

Comments/Rationale: Business office is aware of this situation and has the ability to staff this project. Committee Chair will assist as needed.

Effective Date: Immediately upon approval by the Board of Directors

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: Unanimous

Most Versatile Aussie Committee

MV.19.01 Increasing the Open and Utility Score in Obedience

Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gray, Roberts, Silveira, Vest; Oppose: King; Abstain: None; Non-Voting: None; Motion **carries**.

Motion by Silveira

I move to add this recommended motion to this month's cycle.

Committee Recommendation:

Title of Motion: MVA 1.1.19 Increasing the Open and Utility Score in Obedience

Motion by: Jan Wesen

Second by: Janet Colby

Motion Statement: This motion is being presented to reward with higher points, the upper levels of Obedience for the MVA competition. The Committee hopes this encourages more people to move on into the upper levels of Obedience rather than remain in Novice for MVA.

Current Wording:

1.1.8 OBEDIENCE

- A. The highest qualifying score from a regular class will be used to compute MVA points. Highest score is defined as the score that will result in the highest number of MVA points.
- B. Points will be computed as follows:
 - 1. Utility = Score plus 10 points
 - 2. Open (CDX or ODX) = Score
 - 3. Novice = Score minus 10 points
- C. Bitches in season entered in Versatility must be accommodated in the Obedience Trials. They will either run last, or in a special ring. Qualifying scores received will count for Versatility only.

Proposed Wording:

1.1.8 OBEDIENCE

- A. The highest qualifying score from a regular class will be used to compute MVA points. Highest score is defined as the score that will result in the highest number of MVA points.
- B. Points will be computed as follows:
 - 1. Utility = Score plus 15 points
 - 2. Open (CDX or ODX) = Score plus 5 points
 - 3. Novice = Score minus 10 points
- C. Bitches in season entered in the MVA competition must be accommodated in the Obedience Trials. They will either run last, or in a special ring. Qualifying scores received will count for the MVA competition only, unless stated otherwise in the premium.

Comments/Rationale: The difficulty of Obedience and Utility weighting them higher.

Affected: MVA program and competitors.

Effective Date: June 1, 2019 Rulebook.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 6; Oppose: 2; Abstain: 0; Non-Voting: 0

Comment from Andrea Hoffman: I don't think it will make a difference in obedience numbers. However it gives an obedience dog even more of an advantage than it currently has.

Obedience Committee

OB.19.01 Interim Novice Stay Motion

Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gray, King, Roberts, Silveira; Oppose: Vest; Abstain: None; Non-Voting: None; Motion carries.

Motion by Roberts

I move to approve the below motion from the Obedience Committee.

Committee Recommendation:

Interim Novice Stay Motion

Maker of motion: Laurie Rubin

Secunder of motion: Betsy Coleman

I move we make changes to Novice Group Stays to a)require a 6' leash be left attached to the collar, b)separate dogs by at least 6', and c)decrease the down stay to 2 minutes.

Current Wording:

3.12 Group Exercises

The principal feature of the group exercises is that the dogs remain in the position required. Orders are: "Sit your dogs" or "Down your dogs," "Leave your dogs," and "Back to your dogs."

Groups in the ring for Group Exercises must include no more than ten (10) dogs spaced a minimum of 4' apart and positioned 4' off any adjacent ring gates. If there are more than 10 dogs competing, the judge will divide the class into approximately equal sections. At the discretion of the judge, groups for Novice A and B and for Open A and B can be combined or separated. However, when Open B orders III and V are used, Open B groups cannot be combined with other classes. The dogs will be lined up in catalog order along one side of the ring. Each handler will remove the leash and place the leash and their armband, weighted as necessary, behind their dog. The judge should stand so that he can see all the dogs and all the handlers without having to turn around.

A dog may earn a qualifying score even if it is the only dog participating in the Group Exercises.

The person who handles the dog in the individual exercises must also handle that dog in the Long Sit and Long Down unless the person handled more than one dog in the class and the class will only have one group of stays. If this occurs, the owner must have additional handlers standing by to handle the additional dog(s) during the Group Exercises.

When the last Group Exercise has been completed and the judge has said, "Exercise Finished," handlers should leash their dogs and keep them under control while exiting the ring.

LONG SIT: Novice dogs are required to sit for one minute. The dogs must be in heel position either standing or sitting beside their handler. The judge will ask if everyone is ready. Upon command from the judge to "Sit Your Dogs," the handlers will command and/or signal their dogs to sit. On the command, "Leave your dogs," handlers will command and/or signal their dogs to stay, walk directly across the ring, and then turn and face their dogs. On the command, "Back to your dogs," handlers will walk back to and around their own dogs counterclockwise to heel position. The judge shall not give the order "Exercise Finished" until the handlers have returned to the heel position. Dogs will remain in position until the judge commands, "Exercise Finished." Time begins when the judge commands, "Leave your dogs." After one minute, timing ends, at which time the judge will command, "Back to your dogs."

Dogs moving from the place where they were left in the first group exercise shall be excused from the remaining group exercise.

LONG DOWN: This exercise is performed exactly like the long sit with these exceptions. Novice dogs are required to down for three minutes. The judge will order, "Down your dogs," instead of "Sit your dogs." The dogs must lie down instead of sit. Dogs must be facing directly across the ring.

4.7 Group Exercises (Long Sit and Long Down) – FOR ONLY CDX

The Group Exercises, Long Sit (30 Points), and Long Down (30 Points) shall be done only by those entered in the Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) class.

The Open Long Sit and Long Down are performed and scored exactly like the Novice Group Exercises (Sections 3.12 and 3.13) with these exceptions. Open dogs are required to sit for three minutes and to down for five minutes. When the judge commands, "Leave your dogs," the handlers must cross to the opposite side of the ring, then leave in a single file, and go completely out of the dogs' sight. After the judge has commanded or signaled to the steward for the handlers to return, the handlers will follow the steward back into the ring in reverse order, and line up to face their dogs at the opposite side of the ring, before the judge commands, "Back to your dogs." The judge shall stand in such a position that he can see all the handlers leaving and returning to the ring, as well as all of the dogs, without having to turn around.

Proposed Wording:

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Comments/Rationale: The purpose of this motion is to respond to competitor concerns about group stays, while continuing to consider the best way forward for the ASCA Novice Obedience class. Some competitors want two tracks in ASCA Novice, like in Open, where one track has no group exercises. Some wish for handlers to hold the leash during group stays. Some want no changes to the traditional class. This motion is aimed at finding a sweet spot that offends no one and keeps dogs safe, while the Committee watches how the changes in AKC group stays affect ASCA competitors. We keep in mind that our organization is not just a US based one, and we must consider Europe, Canada, and Australia's interests as well.

In 2018, AKC made major changes to their obedience program. Among other things they eliminated Open Group Stays and reduced Novice Group Stays to a 1-minute sit and a 1-minute down, with

dogs spaced 6' apart and handlers holding the dogs' leashes. With this change many ASCA competitors lost their ability to train for and practice group stays in training facilities across the U.S. Some are concerned that this might make ASCA trials more dangerous, because dogs will have had less practice staying in a line of unfamiliar dogs. Some are concerned that ASCA will lose competitors with other breeds. Some clubs depend on the entries from other breeds to keep from losing money on their obedience trials.

Affected: ASCA Obedience Judges and competitors.

Effective Date: The Effective Date of the motion will be the date that the next Rule Book is printed following approval by the Board of Directors and subsequent publication in the Aussie Times.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 9; Oppose: 1; Abstain: 0; Non-Voting: 2

Comment from Jan Wesen: I believe that it should of included Open CDX. My area has really asked for an alternative to stays in Novice and not sure this was the best quick fix.

OB.19.02 Obedience Finals Ribbons Clarification

Approve: Unanimous; Motion **carries**.

Motion by Roberts

I move to approve the below motion from the Obedience Committee.

Committee Recommendation:

Emergency Motion title: Finals Ribbons Clarification

Maker of motion: Beth MacLehose

Secunder of motion: Marilyn Cherry

Motion statement: I move to change Section 13.11 to make it clear which dogs get participant ribbons for Finals.

Current Wording:

13.11

All Finals Qualifiers will receive a rosette labeled "Finalist," with the qualifying dog's ASCA registered name and ASCA titles entered on a side streamer. Non-ASCA titles will not be included. The name streamer will be placed on the Finals participation rosette, not on the placement rosette. All rosettes will have the date and location of the Finals. Any qualifying team that is unable to participate in the Finals is responsible for the cost of shipping their Finals rosette or requesting that the rosette be entrusted to someone else for delivery. The host club is not responsible for the cost of shipping rosettes.

Proposed Wording:

13.11

All Finals Exhibitors who have sent in their entry forms AND paid their entry fee will receive a rosette labeled "Finalist," with the qualifying dog's ASCA registered name and ASCA titles entered on a side streamer. Non-ASCA titles will not be included. The name streamer will be placed on the Finals participation rosette, not on the placement rosette. All rosettes will have the date and location of the Finals. Any finals exhibitor that is unable to pick up their participant ribbon at nationals is responsible for the cost of shipping their Finals rosette or requesting that the rosette be entrusted to someone else for delivery. The host club is not responsible for the cost of shipping rosettes.

Comments/Rationale: The purpose of this motion is to clarify which dogs are to receive participant ribbons for Obedience Finals.

Reason for emergency vote: Due to confusion by competitors regarding the meaning of Finals Qualifier, the committee would like to clarify who gets a Finals ribbon for the 2019 rulebook.

Affected: This motion will affect Finals obedience participants and those ordering Finals participant ribbons.

Effective Date: June 2019.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 9; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 0; Non-Voting: 3

Comment from Laurie Rubin: I support the objective of this motion, however I do not think it is an emergency.

Stockdog Committee

SD.19.01 Change to Stockdog Rules 8.2.4 Contestant's Responsibility on Attempts

Approve: Unanimous; Motion **carries**.

Motion by Creelman

As liaison I move to send these motions to the BOD and recommend to follow the committee's approval.

Committee Recommendation:

Title of Motion: Clarifying contestants responsibility on attempts

Motion by: Marti Parrish

Second by: Andrea Hoffman

Motion Statement: To clarify the contestants responsibility of calling an attempt.

Current Wording:

8.2.4

A maximum of two attempts are allowed at each obstacle in any of ASCA's approved Stockdog Courses. A handler may move on to the next obstacle after one attempt. It is up to each Judge to determine if part of the work a dog does near an obstacle is to be counted as an attempt at that obstacle. When the Judge has determined that two attempts have been made, the handler must move on to the next obstacle. In the following situations, the Judge must inform the handler of his decision or judgment call:

- a. A handler considers his first effort toward an obstacle an attempt and moves on. If the Judge does not feel that an attempt has been made, he must advise the handler immediately.
- b. The handler has not moved on after two attempts. The Judge must inform the handler that two attempts have been made and the handler should move on to the next obstacle. The two attempts would be either:
 1. The dog had twice moved the stock near the obstacle.
 2. Two or more head of stock crossed a "runaway line" two different times.
- c. After a reasonable length of time with no progress being made toward an obstacle, the Judge must advise the handler to move to the next obstacle.

Proposed Wording:

8.2.4

A maximum of two attempts are allowed at each obstacle in any of ASCA's approved Stockdog Courses. A handler may choose to move on to the next obstacle after only one attempt, in which case, the handler must inform the judge of their decision to move on.

It is up to each Judge to determine if part of the work a dog does near an obstacle is to be counted as an attempt at that obstacle. When the Judge has determined that two attempts have been made, the handler must move on to the next obstacle.

In the following situations, the Judge must inform the handler of his decision or judgment call:

- a. A handler considers his first effort toward an obstacle an attempt and moves on. If the Judge does not feel that an attempt has been made, he must advise the handler immediately.
- b. The handler has not moved on after two attempts. The Judge must inform the handler that two attempts have been made and the handler should move on to the next obstacle. The two attempts would be either:
 1. The dog had twice moved the stock near the obstacle.
 2. Two or more head of stock crossed a "runaway line" two different times.
- c. After a reasonable length of time with no progress being made toward an obstacle, the Judge must advise the handler to move to the next obstacle.

Comments/Rationale: Clarification to the current rule.

Affected: Competitors and judges.

Effective Date: June 1, 2019 Rulebook.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 11; Oppose: 1; Abstain: 0; Non-Voting: 0

Comment from Art Landry: The wording has errors and needs improvement.

SD.19.02 Change to Stockdog Rules 8.2.2 Further Defining and Scoring the Take Pen

Approve: Unanimous; Motion **carries**.

Motion by Creelman

As liaison I move to send these motions to the BOD and recommend to follow the committee's approval.

Committee Recommendation:

Title of Motion: Further Defining and Scoring the Take Pen

Motion by: Marti Parrish

Second by: Jan Wesen

Motion Statement: To clarify the judging of the take pen and the contestants choices in working the take pen.

Current Wording:

8.2.2

On a course with a take pen, the handler has the option of starting his run by sending the dog into the take-pen or stationing the dog out in the arena to take control of the stock as they run out of the pen.

Proposed Wording:

8.2.2

The take pen is designed to test the dog's ability to lift the stock out of a confined area.

- a. In any division the handler may enter the take pen with the dog off lead to remove the stock. Control points will be deducted.
- b. In any division the handler may station the dog in the arena and go into the take pen to remove the stock without the dog. Control points will be deducted.
- c. In any division the handler may allow the stock to come out of the pen on their own stationing the dog in the arena to take control of the stock as they exit the pen. Control points may be deducted.

Comments/Rationale: Clarification to the current rule.

Affected: Competitors and judges.

Effective Date: June 1, 2019 Rulebook.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 10; Oppose: 1; Abstain: 0; Non-Voting: 1

Comment from Heather Oslie: While this may bring clarity in some situations, it also a bit too rigid and takes away a judge's ability to assess stock difficulty.

SD.19.03 Add to Stockdog Rules 8.2.6 Earned Points

Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gray, Roberts, Silveira, Vest; Oppose: King; Abstain: Gann; Non-Voting: None; Motion **carries**.

Motion by Creelman

As liaison I move to send these motions to the BOD and recommend to follow the committee's approval.

Committee Recommendation:

Title of Motion: 2019 - 8.2.6 -TO BE ADDED TO THE RULES TO DEFINE THE DIFFERENT POINTS TO BE EARNED AND HOW THEY SHOULD BE AWARDED

Motion by: Jan Wesen

Second by: Jim Mckay

Current Wording:

None.

Proposed Wording:

8.2.6 Earned Points

- a. **Course Points:** Course Points may only be earned for each head of livestock that successfully completes an element or passes successfully through the entrance then consecutively out the exit of an obstacle.
- b. **Control Points:** Control Points are points awarded for the dog's ability and instinct in controlling the livestock on each section of the course.
- c. **Both Course Points and Control Points may be earned for each element, the gather, the take pen, the re-pen and for each obstacle of the course. Points may only be earned if the prior element or the prior obstacle has either been attempted or completed. Each obstacle must be attempted in order as stated in rule 8.2.3.**

Judging begins as the gate opens on the take pen or the dog begins the gather. The judging of each obstacle of the course will begin immediately upon the completion of the previous element or obstacle. Completion of an obstacle is when the livestock have successfully cleared the exit of an obstacle or when two attempts have been completed or when the handler has decided to move on after one attempt. The take pen and re-pen are complete when the gate closes.

Comments/Rationale: Clarify the beginning and ending of each obstacle.

Effective Date: June 2019 Rulebook.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 5; Oppose: 2; Abstain: 0; Non-Voting: 5

Comment from Art Landry: I think it could have been written better and I'm not convinced it is needed.

Comment from Diane Prather: Some stock will not go to certain places on a course, sometimes there might be a giant puddle or rather a pond in a corner. Try as you might, with a good dog it turns into an ugly battle and you don't get close enough for 2 attempts. This rule as worded would not give you credit for the good work done and if you could not get the stock to an obstacle for 2 attempts you could not move on and would not q.

SD.19.04 Add to Stockdog Rules 8.2.7 Re-Pen

Approve: Unanimous; Motion **carries**.

Motion by Creelman

As liaison I move to send these motions to the BOD and recommend to follow the committee's approval.

Committee Recommendation:

Title of Motion: 2019: 8.2.7 Re-Pen

Motion by: Jan Wesen

Second by: Jim McKay

Current Wording:

None.

Proposed Wording:

8.2.7 Re-Pen

Once the handler begins to open the re-pen gate judging will stop on any previous obstacles. If not completed, Course points will only be awarded for those livestock that had successfully completed the previous obstacle prior to the handler opening the re-pen gate. Control points will be awarded for the work done at the previous obstacle prior to the handler opening the re-pen gate. No further points may be earned on any other part of the course other than the re-pen.

Comments/Rationale: Clarify for judges and competitors on the completion of the panel.

Affected: Competitors and judges.

Effective Date: June 1, 2019 Rulebook.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 5; Oppose: 1; Abstain: 0; Non-Voting: 6

Comment from Art Landry: I agree with the intent of this motion but I think the wording could be clearer.

SD.19.05 Changes to Stockdog Rules Completion of the Panel

Approve: Unanimous; Motion **carries**.

Motion by Creelman

As liaison I move to send these motions to the BOD and recommend to follow the committee's approval.

Committee Recommendation:

Title of Motion: 2019: 10.1.1.f.1 Completion of the panel

Motion by: Jan Wesen

Second by: Jim Mckay

Current Wording:

None.

Proposed Wording:

Course B:

10.1.1.f

1. If the gate to the center pen is opened prior to the livestock clearing Obstacle 2 judging of Panel 2 will stop. Only those head that have already cleared the Obstacle will earn course points. If no head have cleared Obstacle 2 the course points earned for Obstacle 2 will be zero. Control points will be awarded for the work accomplished.

Course D:

12.1.1.i

1. If the gate to the free-standing pen is opened prior to the livestock clearing Obstacle 4, only those head that have cleared Obstacle 4 will earn course points. If no head have cleared Obstacle 4 and the handler opens the gate to the free-standing pen, the earned course points for Obstacle 4 will be 0. If the handler indicates, either verbally or by opening the free-standing pen gate, that he is moving to the free-standing pen, the handler is free to cross the Advanced Handler Line but may not cross the Open Handler Line. Advanced handlers must, while attempting the free-standing pen, stay behind the Open Handler's Line, otherwise the 50% Advanced Handler's penalty will be applied.

Course F:

14.1.1.i

1. If the gate to the free-standing pen is opened prior to the livestock clearing Obstacle 4, only those head that have cleared Obstacle 4 will earn course points. If no head have cleared Obstacle 4 and the handler opens the gate to the free-standing pen, the earned course points for Obstacle 4 will be 0. If the handler indicates, either verbally or by opening the free-standing pen gate, that he is moving to

the free-standing pen, the handler is free to cross the Advanced Handler Line but may not cross the Open Handler Line. Advanced handlers must, while attempting the free-standing pen, stay behind the Open Handler's Line, otherwise the 50% Advanced Handler's penalty will be applied.

Course G:

15.1.1.h

1. If the gate to the free-standing pen is opened prior to the livestock clearing Obstacle 3, only those head that have cleared Obstacle 3 will earn course points. If no head have cleared Obstacle 3 and the handler opens the gate to the free-standing pen, the earned course points for Obstacle 3 will be 0. If the handler indicates, either verbally or by opening the free-standing pen gate, that he is moving to the free-standing pen, the handler is free to cross the Advanced Handler Line but may not cross the Open Handler Line. Advanced handlers must, while attempting the free-standing pen, stay behind the Open Handler's Line, otherwise the 50% Advanced Handler's penalty will be applied.

Post Advanced Course B:

17.1.1.l

1. If the gate to the center pen is opened prior to the livestock clearing Obstacle 2, only those head that have cleared the Obstacle will earn course points. If no head have cleared Obstacle 2 and the handler opens the gate to the center pen, the earned course points for Obstacle 2 will be 0. Handler can verbal move on at any time.

Comments/Rationale: Competitors have asked for this rule to be clarified in the rules.

Affected: Judges and competitors.

Effective Date: June 1, 2019 Rulebook.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 7; Oppose: 1; Abstain: 0; Non-Voting: 4

Comment from Art Landry: I understand the intent but the wording is confusing and is excessive in my opinion.

SD.19.06 Change to Stockdog Rules 8.2.3 Sequence & 8.2.4 Started Dogs

Approve: Boone, Creelman, Gray, Roberts, Silveira, Vest; Oppose: Busquets, King; Abstain: Gann; Non-Voting: None; Motion carries.

Comment from Busquets: The language in this motion looks a bit convoluted and needs to be revised and clarified.

Motion by Creelman

As liaison I move to send these motions to the BOD and recommend to follow the committee's approval.

Committee Recommendation:

Title of Motion: 2019 8.2.3 Sequence and 8.2.4 Started dog

Motion by: Jan Wesen

Seconded by: Jim Mckay

Statement: Clarification of the current rule.

Current Wording:

8.2.3

For Course A, Course B, and Course C obstacles 1 and 2 must be attempted before attempting the freestanding pen, or center chute. For Course D, Course E, and Course F obstacle 1, obstacle 2, obstacle 3, and obstacle 4 must be attempted before attempting obstacle 5. For Course G and Course H, obstacle 1, obstacle 2 and obstacle 3 must be attempted before attempting obstacle 4. For ALL ASCA courses, obstacles must be attempted in numerical order.

- a. No points can be earned for the center pen, center chute, free-standing pen or obstacle 5 for started dogs.
- b. All obstacles required for Open and Advanced Divisions must be in place in the arena as described in each course description, regardless of the division being judged.
- c. Points for the re-pen may be earned at any time during the run.
- d. No additional points will be awarded for repeating any obstacle that has already been accomplished with one or more head of stock.

Proposed Wording:

8.2.3 Sequence

For all ASCA courses, obstacles must be attempted in numerical order.

For Course A, Course B, and Course C obstacles 1 and 2 must be attempted in order before attempting the freestanding pen, or center chute. For Course D, Course E, and Course F obstacle 1, obstacle 2, obstacle 3, and obstacle 4 must be attempted in order before attempting obstacle 5. For Course G and Course H, obstacle 1, obstacle 2 and obstacle 3 must be attempted in order before attempting obstacle 4.

- a. A handler and dog must move, or attempt to move, the livestock through all obstacles in the correct numerical order for the Judge to consider an attempt has been made on any obstacle.
- b. No control or course points may be earned for any obstacle other than the take-pen or gather and re-pen without attempting or completing the previous obstacle in the correct numerical order. Each out of order obstacle will receive a zero (0) for both control and course points.
- c. No additional points will be earned for repeating any obstacle that has already been accomplished with one or more head of stock.
- d. Re-pen points may be earned at any time during the run.

8.2.4 Started Dogs

- a. No points will be earned by started dogs for Course A on the center chute, Course B on the center pen, Course C on the chute, Courses D, E, and F on obstacle 5, Courses G and H on obstacle 4.

- b. All obstacles required for Open and Advanced Divisions must be in place in the arena as described in each course description, regardless of the division being judged.

Comments/Rationale: Clarify the order the course should be run and moved Started to appropriate section.

Affected: Competitors and judges

Effective Date: June 1, 2019 Rulebook.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 4; Oppose: 2; Abstain: 0; Non-Voting: 6

Comment from Art Landry: There are errors in the verbiage and I don't think it clarifies as intended.

Comment from Diane Prather: I think a guideline would suffice. I've had more than 1 run in which cattle would not go near a particular panel. At a certain trial it was always like this, the cattle still had the sale sticker on their flank. They were jumping the arena fence etc. They wouldn't work for any dog at the trial. You did your best, sometimes got a rerun. The judge took the stock into consideration. Under this rule, as written it wouldn't matter how good the work was if you didn't get close to a panel for an attempt. Missing the first panel would be disastrous, you'd get no score other than the take and repen.

SD.19.07 Add to Stockdog Rules 8.2.8 Daylighting

Approve: Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gray, King, Roberts, Silveira, Vest; Oppose: Boone; Abstain: None; Non-Voting: None; Motion **carries**.

Comment from Boone: I cannot agree with (8.2.a.1) the Y chute being treated differently then other obstacles. This will cause confusion to competitors.

Motion by Creelman

As liaison I move to send these motions to the BOD and recommend to follow the committee's approval.

Committee Recommendation:

Title of Motion: 2019; 8.2.8 Daylighting

Motion by: Jan Wesen

Second by: Jim Mckay

Current Wording:

None.

Proposed Wording:

8.2.8 Daylighting

Each Obstacle making up each different course has an entrance and an exit through which the livestock is to move. The entrance and exit of each obstacle is an imaginary line either connecting two panels or from the corner of a panel to the fence or edge of the course as described in each course description. To receive course points, at least one head of livestock must pass through the entrance before exiting the obstacle. If the livestock enters the obstacle through the exit, they must either be moved through the obstacle and clear of the entrance before being turned around and moved through the obstacle in the correct direction or moved away from the Obstacle and then progress through the entrance and out the exit in the correct direction. Failure to move through both the entrance and the exit of an obstacle in the correct direction will result in no course points awarded.

- a. Course A: Obstacle 1 and Obstacle 2 have an entrance different than the exit. An imaginary line is drawn from the end of the inside panel closest to the center line of the arena to the back fence and, depending on the direction the course is to be run, will be either the exit or entrance of the obstacle. Only those head of livestock that clear the entrance before being turned around will be counted as completing the obstacle.
 1. Obstacle 3 (Center Chute): If the livestock enters the chute in the wrong direction, at least one head of stock must be moved through the chute and out the entrance before being turned around and moved through the center chute in the correct direction. The entrance of the center chute is an imaginary line across the wings of the chute furthest from the re-pen end of the arena.
- b. Course B: Obstacle 1 and Obstacle 2 have an entrance different than the exit. An imaginary line is drawn from the end of the inside panel closest to the center line of the arena to the back fence and, depending on the direction the course is to be run, will be either the exit or entrance of the obstacle. Only those head of livestock that clear the entrance before being turned around will be counted as completing the obstacle.
- c. Course C: Obstacle 1 and Obstacle 2 have the same exit and entrance. The plane of the two panels is the exit and entrance. If the livestock enter in the wrong direction, they must clear the panel, turned around, and move through the obstacle in the correct direction to be counted.
- d. Course D: Obstacle 1, 2, 3, and 4 have the same exit and entrance. The plane of the two panels is the exit and entrance. If the livestock enter in the wrong direction, they must clear the panel, turned around, and move through the obstacle in the correct direction to be counted.
- e. Course E: Obstacle 1, 2, 3, and 4 have the same exit and entrance. The plane of the two panels is the exit and entrance. If the livestock enter in the wrong direction, they must clear the panel, turned around, and move through the obstacle in the correct direction to be counted.
 1. Obstacle 5: Obstacle 5 has an entrance different than the exit. The entrance is the opening between the panel closest to the center line of the arena and the end of the panel used for Obstacle 1 and Obstacle 4. The exit is an imaginary line across the end of the two parallel panels closest to the re-pen side of the arena. The livestock move in an "L" through Obstacle 5. If the livestock enters the obstacle anywhere other than the entrance, the livestock must be moved back through the entrance before being turned around and moved through the obstacle in the correct "L" pattern to be counted.

- f. Course F: Course F: Obstacle 1, 2, 3, and 4 have the same exit and entrance. The plane of the panels is the exit and entrance. If the livestock enter in the wrong direction, they must clear the panel, turned around, and move through the obstacle in the correct direction to be counted.
- g. Course G: Course G: Obstacle 1, 3, and 4 have the same exit and entrance. The plane of the panels is the exit and entrance. If the livestock enter in the wrong direction, they must clear the panel, turned around, and move through the obstacle in the correct direction to be counted.
 - 1. Obstacle 2: Obstacle 2 has an entrance different than the exit. An imaginary line is drawn from the end of the panel closest to the center line of the arena to the back fence and is the entrance for obstacle. Only those head of livestock that clear the entrance line before being turned around will be counted as completing the obstacle.
- h. Course H: Obstacle 1 and Obstacle 2 have an entrance different than the exit. An imaginary line is drawn from the end of the inside panel closest to the center line of the arena to the back fence and, depending on the direction the course is to be run, will be either the exit or entrance of the obstacle. Only those head of livestock that clear the entrance before being turned around will be counted as completing the obstacle.
 - 1. Obstacle 1 (Center Chute): The entrance when working Obstacle 1 is an imaginary line across the wings of the chute closest to the re-pen end of the arena. The exit is at the opposite end of the entrance. If the livestock enters the chute in the wrong direction, at least one head of stock must be moved through the chute and out the entrance before being turned around and moved through the center chute in the correct direction in order to earn course points.
 - 2. Obstacle 4 (Center Chute): The entrance when working Obstacle 4 is an imaginary line across the wings of the chute furthest from the re-pen end of the arena. The exit is at the opposite end of the entrance. If the livestock enters the chute in the wrong direction, at least one head of stock must be moved through the chute and out the entrance before being turned around and moved through the center chute in the correct direction in order to earn course points.
- i. Post Advanced A and B: Obstacle 1 and Obstacle 2 have an entrance different than the exit. An imaginary line is drawn from the end of the inside panel closest to the center line of the course and away from the re-pen area of the course. If the livestock enters the obstacle in the wrong direction, the livestock must break the plane of the panels and then turned around and moved through the obstacle in the correct direction. The livestock must exit toward the center line of the course. Only those head of livestock that clear the entrance and break the plane of the exit created by the imaginary line will be counted as completing the obstacle.

Comments/Rationale: This section was never added in the revision of the book. Daylighting is mentioned in guidelines and not the rules. Adding this section to the rules.

Affected: Competitors and judges.

Effective Date: June 1, 2019 Rulebook.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 8; Oppose: 2; Abstain: 0; Non-Voting: 1

Comment from Art Landry: Daylighting is already addressed within the description of each course. This motion confuses the issue by placing additional rules concerning daylighting in another section of the rulebook.

Comment from Jan Wesen: Daylighting needed a section so judges have a quick reference. Some of the courses (PATD) daylighting is only referred to in the guidelines and those are not rules.

Comment from Marti Parrish: The last line of the first paragraph can lead to confusion.

SD.19.08 Change Date for Stockdog Judges Test

Approve: Unanimous; Motion **carries**.

Motion by Creelman

I move that the BOD accept this recommendation made from the committee.

Committee Recommendation:

Title of Motion: 2019 25.1.5 Testing -Change the date for Stockdog Judges Test

Motion by: Terri Jones

Second by: Jim Mckay

Motion Statement: Terri Jones make a motion to change the dates the Judges' test will be administered by the Business Office and the date for which it must be returned with all questions answered correctly.

Current Wording:

25.1.5

All ASCA Stockdog Judges will be required to take an open book test administered by the Stockdog Committee every two years. All questions must be answered correctly. The test may be retaken until all questions are answered correctly. If the test is not passed, and returned, by April 30th of that year, judging privileges and responsibilities will be suspended with the judges' name removed from the Judges' list until the test is returned and passed. Judges test will be sent out January 1st (every two years) along with an updated rule book and must be received back by April 30th of that year.

Proposed Wording:

25.1.5 Testing

All ASCA Stockdog Judges will be required to take an open book test, written and prepared by the Stockdog Committee, every two years. In order to retain judging privileges, the test may be taken as many times as necessary until all questions are answered correctly. The Judges' test will be issued July 15th of each even numbered year, along with an updated rule book, and must be returned to the Business Office no later than September 15th of the same year. If the test is not returned and passed by September 15th of that year, all judging privileges and responsibilities will be suspended. When the test is returned with all questions answered correctly, all judging privileges and responsibilities will be reinstated.

Comments/Rationale: The current rule states the test must be returned completed, with all questions answered correctly by April 30th of the designated year. On June 1 of the same year, a new rule book is printed with new rules and changes to existing rules in this rule book, potentially making the test taken by the Judges obsolete and unable to cover any changes that may have occurred. By changing the date to 30 days after the new rule book is issued, Judges will have an opportunity to study and be aware of any rule changes as they continue to judge throughout the year. The test is an opportunity for the Stock Dog Committee to expose the Judges to new rules or changes to existing rules, which will help to continue to provide ASCA with exemplary, respected, and knowledgeable Judges.

Affected: The Business Office will have to send the test at a different time of the year and will have to check all answers and respond to Judges at a different time than was done previously. See the attached comments from Ray Fryar, Business Office Manager, expressing his approval of this motion.

From: Ray Fryar | ASCA <manager@asca.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2019 8:25 AM
To: Terri Jones; Jan Wesen
Subject: RE: Sample motion for judges test

This looks good.

Ray Fryar
ASCA Manager

Effective Date: June 2019 Rulebook.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 10; Oppose: 1; Abstain: 1; Non-Voting: 0

Comment from Marti Parish: I think we may be creating a problem for the judges and for the BO to have this process completed in only two months and in a busier time of year, when currently there are four months allowed. Yes it is a privilege to judge for ASCA but the judges are not employees they are volunteers.

Comment from Art Landry: I see several points of view, both positive and negative.

Tracking Committee

TR.19.02 Urban Tracking Dog Excellent

Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gray, King, Silveira, Vest; Oppose: Roberts; Abstain: None; Non-Voting: None; Motion **carries**.

Comment from Roberts: While I support this new class, the committee needed to check with the Business Office prior to passing the motion, in order to see if this class can be offered at the proposed start date.

Motion by Gann

I move to approve the attached tracking motion for the February voting cycle.

Committee Recommendation:

Motion 1 to add a New title of Urban Excellent Track Dog

Motion by: Maia Halversen

Seconded by: Jan Wesen

Current Wording:

None.

Proposed Wording:

6 The Urban Tracking Dog Excellent Test

The fundamental feature of an Urban Tracking Dog Excellent (UTDX) Test is to show unquestionably that the dog has the ability to discriminate scent and possesses the stamina, perseverance, and courage to do so under widely varying surfaces in an urban setting.

An Urban Tracking Dog Excellent (UTDX) presents different surface challenges. It can be laid anywhere a person can walk in an urban environment.

Judges are to plot tracks as challenging and realistic as the terrain will permit, while maintaining proper concern for the safety of the dogs and handlers.

6.1 Eligibility for the UTDX Test

The Urban Tracking Dog Excellent (UTDX) Test shall be for dogs that have earned the TDU Title or TDX.

A dog may continue to participate in this Tracking Dog Excellent (UTDX) Test after it has earned the UTDX title. However, dogs not holding a UTDX title shall be given priority for entry in the Urban Tracking Dog Excellent (UTDX) Test by the Tracking Test Secretary. A statement to this effect shall appear in the Premium. (Draw for Test Entries applies: See Section 1.20)

6.2 The UTDX Title

ASCA will issue an Urban Tracking Dog Excellent (UTDX) Title to:

- a. ASCA Registered Australian Shepherd dogs;
- b. Australian Shepherd dogs with an ASCA LEP number;

- c. Any other dogs with an ASCA Office QTracking Number (QT), and will permit use of the letter "UTDX" after the name of each dog that has passed an Affiliate Club Urban Tracking Dog Excellent (UTDX) Test.

Any dog already holding an ASCA UTDX title may re-enter the same test without limits. However, draw for test entry rules apply. Dogs passing this test after earning the initial UTDX Title will earn recognition for additional passes by receiving a title change as follows: UTDX2, UTDX3, etc.

6.3 Requirements for the UTDX Track

The following are the restrictions and minimum requirements for an Urban Tracking Dog Excellent (UTDX) Track:

- a. The track shall be at least 600 yards and not more than 750 yards in length.
- b. The length of each of the legs of the track shall be at least 30 yards.
- c. The scent on the track shall not be less than two (2) hours or more than four (4) hours old.
- d. A minimum of four (4) and maximum of six (6) turns shall be used. Both left and right turns shall be used. The first turn shall be in an open area and have multiple options for the direction the track may start. Acute angles should never be used except in unusual circumstances when terrain dictates. A turn whose angle is severely acute shall not be used. When structures funnel the dog thru an area that turns, but no choice is available to the dog, it will not be considered a turn. Turns can be made on any surface.
- e. At least two (2) turns shall be right angle (90) turns. At least one of the right angle (90 degree) turns shall be to the right and at least one shall be to the left. At least one right angle turn shall be on a non-vegetated surface and at least one right angle turn shall be on vegetated surface.
- f. No part of the track may be within 50 yards of any other part of the same track if there is no physical feature separating them. If the parts of the track are separated by a physical feature, they may be 30 yards apart. Physical features may include (but not limited to) buildings, hills, mounds, thick woods, tall solid fences or walls. No parallel legs may be closer than 50 yards even when separated by a building.
- g. No part of the track will cross under/over another part of the track (such as an elevated walk way). A tracklayer may enter or exit the track crossing under/over another part of the track (such as using an elevated walk way to exit the tracking area).
- h. Surfaces - see section 6.5 of this Chapter.
- i. Articles - see Section 6.7 of this Chapter.

If because of the terrain, the Judges are unable to plot a track that meets all requirements for an Urban Tracking Dog Excellent (UTDX) Test track, explanation of the circumstances must be reported in the Judge's Books.

6.4 Tracklayers

The tracklayer will begin about 20 yards from the starting flag, lining up with the starting flag and the first turn. The tracklayer will pause momentarily at the first flag, place the first article in a plastic bag, and continue laying the track. The tracklayer will not leave the first article at the start. Instead the

tracklayer will keep possession of the bag until they finish laying the track and give it to the judge. The tracklayer will continue walking the track as specified in Chapter 2, Section 10.

6.5 Surfaces

The track must contain surfaces from these 3 categories:

1. Vegetation - grass, moss, weeds low growing ground cover, etc.
2. Non-Vegetation soft surface - dirt, bark, mulch, wood chips, gravel, etc.
3. Hard Surface - cobblestone/brick, cement, concrete, asphalt, rubberized play surface, etc.

Surface criteria:

1. Track must contain at least 30 yards of each category but no more than 60% -80% non-veg, preferably with a combination of hard and soft non-veg.
2. Track must contain at least 3 surface transitions; some transitions can be between surfaces in the same category (examples brick to asphalt is a transition).
3. The start and first 20 yards will be on vegetation.
4. No snow will be allowed on an Urban Excellent track. In the case of snow, the test must be cancelled or rescheduled.

6.6 Obstacles

1. The track will not have obstacles/barriers on the track that could require handlers to lift or carry their dog. Stairs are not considered an obstacle.
2. Streets and sidewalks can be used; however, areas with heavy or high-speed traffic are to be avoided.
3. Tracks must be plotted close to (<20 yards) building(s) or solid structure(s) of such size that its proximity to the track creates a scent challenge for the dog in at least one leg, or portion of a leg, and may include a turn. This location will be noted in chart/map.

6.7 Articles for the UTDX Track

The criteria for articles as contained in Chapter 2, Section 6 shall apply.

The Tracking Dog Excellent (UTDX) Test articles shall consist of four (4) personal, dissimilar articles, about the same size as a glove or wallet, that are to be dropped on the track by the Tracklayer at the points indicated on the Judges' Charts/maps.

- Start article - cloth item such as : handkerchief, hat, sock, mitten, slipper.
- Intermediate article - wood, cloth, plastic and metal item such as water bottle (metal or plastic), shoe/sandal/flip flop, smashed cell phone (metal or plastic), cell phone case (metal or plastic), candy or mint container (metal or plastic), key fob with key(s), lanyard with id badge, purse, check book cover, etc. The mate to start article (e.g. sock, mitten, or slipper) may be one of the intermediate articles.
- End article must be composed primarily of leather and be a glove, wallet or similar size item as cell phone case or purse.

The Start Article:

1. Shall be primarily cloth item such as: handkerchief, hat, sock, mitten, slipper (non-slip sole slipper is acceptable).
2. At the time the track is laid the tracklayer will place the scented start article in a sealed plastic bag labeled with the track layer's name and track number. The bag will stay in the possession of the track layer. The track layer will give the bag containing the start article to the judges when requested.

The Intermediate and End Articles:

3. The next two (2) articles shall be dropped at wide intervals directly on the track as directed by the judges on plotting day. The intermediate articles will be of different (dissimilar) material composition from each other.

The end article shall be dropped at the end of the track. Track layer will continue walking 20 yards in the straight line before exiting the track.

4. If an article is missing and the dog is actively working the track scent in the area of the plotted article location, judges will give dog and handler credit for the article as if it were found.

If an article is moved, such as, but not limited to, a passerby places it on top of a trash can, and the dog misses it, it will not constitute a failure.

The articles shall be designated by the Judge(s) and marked on their Official Chart/map.

Articles shall be dropped more than 20 yards from a turn. There will be no article on the first leg. Articles will only be dropped on legs longer than 50 yards. At least one article will be dropped on Non-vegetated surface. The end article may be dropped on non-vegetated surface.

6.8 Start of the UTDX Track

The start shall have one flag in an area that permits the direction of the track to begin in a radius of 180 degrees, where possible, but must at least allow several directions of travel.

The Judges, at a distance of about 30 yards from the starting flag, will instruct the handler as to the location of the starting flag, but will not indicate the direction of the track. The judges will give the handler the bag containing the tracklayers scented start article.

The angle between the handler's approach and the Tracklayer's direction of approach shall be less than 90 degrees.

The handler may use any method as long as no force, guidance or roughness is used to start the dog at the first flag of the test. Since there is no second flag in this test, the handler must wait for the dog to commit itself before leaving the starting flag. At the start of the track, the dog is to be given ample time to take the scent and to begin tracking. The handler may start the dog however they choose,

such as, but not limited to, scenting from the bag, placing the article on the ground at the flag, casting the dog within a line length of the flag.

Once the handler has left the starting flag the test has begun, and no restart is permitted.

The handler may re-scent to the dog at any time while on the track.

The handler may follow as close as 10 feet behind the dog at any time. The dog may choose to work closer to the handler in which case the handler will hold position until dog is working at least 10 feet distance before following. The handler may approach or recall dog to detangle line, re-scent or water dog at any time but once again waiting until dog is the minimum 10 feet distance before following.

6.9 Aiding of the Dog on the UTDX Track

There should be no obstacles or barriers on Urban tracks there would necessitate helping the dog. If one occurs after the track is laid, then it must be noted on the judge's map.

If the track is near or crosses a street with traffic and the dog wishes to cross the street, the handler may stop the dog and lead it across to check the other side in a manner which is safe for the dog and handler. This will not be considered guiding.

6.10 Judges Books for the UTDX

The Judge's Official Charts/maps should be marked, one by each Judge (as in a TD or TDU) and include the following additional information:

- a. The location and description of the articles used
- b. The building that is a significant scent obstacle
- c. The location and description of the surfaces used

*Renumber Master Tracker Section

Comments/Rationale: The goal is to give handler and dogs the opportunity to have an Urban and variable surface tracking.

Affected: Need to contact Business Office if this title may be added at this time.

Effective Date: June 2019.

The Effective Date of the motion will be approval by the Board of Directors, subsequent publication in the Aussie Times, and the date of the next printing of the Tracking Rule Book.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: Unanimous

TR.19.03 Tracking Certification

Approve: Unanimous; Motion **carries**.

Motion by Gann

I move to accept the attached tracking motion.

Committee Recommendation:

Tracking Certification

Maker of motion: Beth MacLehose

Secunder of motion: Sandy Hawkins

I move to change length of time a certification is good for and who may certify a dog.

Current Wording:

3.2 Certification for the TD Test

A written, signed, and dated, Certification may accompany each entry for a Tracking Test for any dog that has not previously passed an ASCA Tracking Dog Test for a Tracking Dog (TD) Title. This Certification must be dated within one year of the date the Tracking Test is to be held and must certify the dog has satisfactorily performed a Certification Track. Certification can be done by any ASCA Tracking Judge, ASCA Provisional Tracking Judge, or any Tracking Judge from an organization recognized by ASCA. (See Appendix B)

4.2 Certification for the TDU Test

A written, signed, and dated, Certification may accompany each Entry for an ASCA Tracking Dog Urban Test for any dog that has not previously passed an ASCA Tracking Dog Urban (TDU) Test for a Tracking Dog (TDU) Title. This Certification must be dated within one year of the date the Tracking Dog Urban (TDU) Test is to be held and must certify the dog has satisfactorily performed a Certification Track. Certification can be done by any ASCA Tracking Judge, ASCA Provisional Tracking Judge or any Tracking Judge from an organization recognized by ASCA (see Appendix B).

Proposed Wording:

3.2 Certification for the TD Test

A written, signed, and dated, Certification may accompany each entry for a Tracking Test for any dog that has not previously passed an ASCA Tracking Dog Test for a Tracking Dog (TD) Title. This Certification must be dated within **two years** of the date the Tracking Test is to be held and must certify the dog has satisfactorily performed a Certification Track. Certification can be done by any ASCA Tracking Judge, ASCA Provisional Tracking Judge, **anyone with an ASCA TDX or other advanced ASCA tracking title beyond TD/TDU, anyone with a CKC TDX or UTDX, anyone who can do certifications for AKC** or any Tracking Judge from an organization recognized by ASCA.

4.2 Certification for the TDU

Test A written, signed, and dated, Certification may accompany each Entry for an ASCA Tracking Dog Urban Test for any dog that has not previously passed an ASCA Tracking Dog Urban (TDU) Test for a Tracking Dog (TDU) Title. This Certification must be dated within **two years** of the date the Tracking Dog Urban (TDU) Test is to be held and must certify the dog has satisfactorily performed a Certification Track. . Certification can be done by any ASCA Tracking Judge, ASCA Provisional Tracking Judge, **anyone with an ASCA TDX or other advanced ASCA tracking title beyond TD/TDU,** **anyone with a CKC TDX or UTDX,** **anyone who can do certifications for AKC** or any Tracking Judge from an organization recognized by ASCA or any Tracking Judge from an organization recognized by ASCA.

Comments/Rationale: The purpose of this motion is to make certification more realistic in parts of the country with fewer tracking judges and adjust the length of time for certification for two reasons. 1) in some areas there are few tracking tests and they are hard to get into. In 1 year a competitor may not be able to get into a test at all. 2) Our judges also have to have their dogs certified for the best chance to enter a test. Yet they are also accepting judging assignments so may need more time in which to get into a test with their dog.

Affected: Competitors will have an easier time getting and keeping their certifications.

Effective Date: June 2019.

Results of Committee Vote:

Approve: 9; Oppose: 0; Abstain: 0; Non-Voting: 1

Comment from Jan Wesen: I think 2 year certification is a good for tracking.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Board of Directors (the Board) of the Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA) was held on Thursday, February 14, 2019, via online meeting service GoToMeeting.

Directors Present: President Liz Busquets, 1st Vice President Rick Gann, 2nd Vice President Cindy King, Treasurer Jean Roberts, Secretary Judy Boone, Director Linda Gray, Director Denise Creelman, Director Ken Silveira, and Director Rachel Vest.

Also Present: Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco.

Call to Order

President Busquets called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm CST and Executive Secretary Jaco recorded the minutes. A quorum of Directors was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

Executive Session

The Board was in Executive Session from 6:02 pm - 6:32 pm to discuss the below topics.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for period ending January 31, 2019, was approved by the Board, as presented by Treasurer Roberts. Ending balance is \$147,507.65.

Search for Legal Counsel

The Board continued discussion of hiring new legal counsel and formed a subcommittee (1st Vice President Rick Gann, Secretary Judy Boone, and Director Ken Silveira) to narrow down the candidates and begin interviewing.

Remaining Judges for 2020 Finals

The Board approved the 2020 National Specialty Host Consortium's slate of Finals Judges.

Agility Finals: Chuck Klein

Conformation Finals: Kimberly Golden, Sharon Sparks, Claire Thomas

Junior Finals: Bryn Elliott

Obedience Finals: Janet Kelly Yalden, Jayne Lips

Rally Finals: Karen Black, Rachel Brostrom

Stockdog Finals: Becky Beckmann, Joan Carrillo (Senior Judge), Bob Myrick, Cheryl Padgett, Brad Warren, Jan Wesen

Registry Complaint

The Board voted to dismiss a registry complaint.

Open Session

The Board was in Open Session from 6:32 pm - 6:59 pm to discuss the below items. A recording of this part of the meeting may be listened to on ASCA's:

Website: <https://www.asca.org/home/news/bod-meetings-audio>

YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC490D1qEJtV7oiDp6KOHEvA>

Past Month's Email Business

Due to the requirements of Washington State Law, all legal business of ASCA must be conducted via face-to-face meetings or telephone conference call meetings. To meet this requirement and continue to conduct business via e-mail, each face-to-face meeting or conference call meeting should open with a motion to ratify all business conducted via e-mail since the last face-to-face meeting or conference call meeting.

BD.19.30 January Email Business

Approve: Unanimous; Motion **carries**.

Motion by Silveira

Second by Vest

I move to approve last month's email business.

System Liaison's Report

Board System Liaison Vest reported on the ongoing status of the computer system upgrade. In January, the Office's server needed to be reset due to a power outage, which caused the website portal to go down. System Liaison Allison Bryant was able to reboot the portal and get it working again. Once the website maintenance vendor, Inventive, has full access to the portal, they will be able to handle issues like this. The Office Manager could also be trained to handle in case of emergencies.

LEP Committee

Per Policy Book 9.3: Members of the LEP Committee are to be reappointed every two years. This has not been done for at least 6 years. The Board discussed plans for moving forward.

BD.19.21 LEP Committee

Approve: Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Silveira, Vest; Oppose: Boone, Gray, King, Roberts; Abstain: 0;
Motion **carries**.

Motion by Silveira

Second by Gann

I move the ASCA Board of Directors do the following:

- Plan to reappoint the LEP Committee for another two-year term at the Spring Board Meeting;
- Ask the serving Members of the LEP Committee if they would like to continue working on the Committee;
- Solicit resumes from the Membership for consideration to serve on the LEP Committee.

Effective Date: Immediately upon approval by the Board of Directors

2018 ASCA Finals Financial Report

Liaison Vest presented the Finals financial report from the 2018 ASCA Finals.

BD.19.22 2018 Consortium Finals Financial Report

Approve: Unanimous; Motion **carries**.

Motion by Vest

Second by Gann

I motion to approve the 2018 Consortium Finals Financial Report as per the attached report which was provided by 2018 Consortium Chair, Laura Gibson. The report details that the 2018 Consortium will be returning \$3987.00 to ASCA as a result of the replacement sheep price being lower than the original budgeted sheep price. Upon a BOD vote to approve this motion, the Consortium will send a check to reimburse ASCA.

Affected: ASCA Finals account.

Effective Date: Upon BOD approval.

Attachment: 2018 ASCA Finals Financial Report.pdf

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kalla Jaco, Executive Secretary