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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

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Announcements

New ASCA Committee Members

Conformation Committee - **Brandy Greenhagen** (Region 3)

Stockdog Committee - **Deb Conroy** (At-Large Judge) and **Matteo Campedelli** (Region 7)

Miscellaneous

ASCA's recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award for 2020 is Gail Karamalegos. Ms. Karamalegos has been a member of ASCA since 1990 and has served on several committees, including the ASCA Breed Standard Committee. She is an ASCA Senior Breeder Judge and has conducted breeder education seminars at the ASCA Nationals. Ms. Karamalegos is also a long-time, active supporter of her local affiliate club.

An application to join the Agility Committee was denied.

Motions from the ASCA Board of Directors

Committee Recommendations

Agility Committee

AG.20.02 Change to Agility Rules - 1.3.5 Participation in Trials

Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Evans, Gann, Larson, Roberts, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: None

Abstain: None

Non-Voting: None

Motion is **adopted** (9-0).

Motion by Liaison Wesen

I move to approve the following recommendation from the Agility Committee.

Committee Recommendation:

Clarifying Section 1.3.5 Participation in Trials in the rule book

Motion by Jan Niblock

Second by Lee Prager

I move to approve this motion to bring Section 1.3.5 in line with the other ASCA programs. This change will clearly describe who are the members of the immediate family that are not permitted to show to a judge.

This will be included as part of the addendums to the 2020 Agility Rule Book as it doesn't affect any programming that is being done.

Current Wording:

1.3.5 Participation in Trials

Participation is a privilege afforded by the Host club(s) and may be extended or withdrawn by the Host club's trial committee based on suitable cause only. Refusal of entries shall be reported to the ASCA office. No dog that is owned or co-owned by the judge or a member of the judge's immediate family (Husband, Wife, Father, Mother, Son, Daughter, Brother, or Sister, Father in law, Mother in law, Son in law, Daughter in law, Brother in law, or Sister in law) may show in a class in which that judge is judging, however, For Exhibition Only (FEO) entries may be accepted from anyone in the judge's immediate family and/or household and they may show any dog in a class in which that judge is judging.

No entry shall be accepted from a dog or handler disqualified from the ASCA agility program; a dog or handler disqualified from all ASCA programs; or a person not in good standing with ASCA.

Proposed Wording:

1.3.5 Participation in Trials

Participation is a privilege afforded by the Host club(s) and may be extended or withdrawn by the Host club's trial committee based on suitable cause only. Refusal of entries shall be reported to the ASCA office. No dog that is owned or co-owned by the judge or a member of the judge's immediate family (~~Husband, Wife, Father, Mother, Son, Daughter, Brother, or Sister, Father in law, Mother in law, Son in law, Daughter in law, Brother in law, Sister in law~~) may show in a class in which that judge is judging. However, For Exhibition Only (FEO) entries may be accepted from anyone in the judge's immediate family and/or household and they may show any dog in a class in which that judge is judging.

As used in this rulebook, "Immediate Family" means spouse, parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, siblings, or any combination of the preceding by marriage, i.e. stepchildren or parents-in-law, or person residing in the same household.

No entry shall be accepted from a dog or handler disqualified from the ASCA agility program; a dog or handler disqualified from all ASCA programs; or a person not in good standing with ASCA.

Comments/Rationale: This motion is necessary to bring the agility rules about immediate family in line with the other programs' rule books.

Affected: Agility Judges and their immediate family.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 8; Disapprove: None; Abstain: 1; Non-Voting: 1

Most Versatile Aussie Committee

MV.20.02 National Most Versatile Aussie Evaluation Judge Selection Procedure

Approve: Busquets, Creelman, Evans, Gann, Larson, Roberts, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: Boone

Abstain: None

Non-Voting: None

Motion is **adopted** (8-1).

Dissent from Boone: This motion did not check with the office to see if they are able to perform the actions called for in the motion. The office has to send the letters, compile the answers and send to the National committee.

Motion by Liaison Wesen

I move to approve the following recommendation from the Most Versatile Aussie Committee.

Committee Recommendation:

Motion by Renee Watson

Second by Janet Colby

The MVA Committee would like to suggest the following procedure for the selection of our Nationals MVA Evaluator.

Current Wording:

None.

Proposed Wording:

National MVA Evaluation Judge Selection Procedure

1. The Judge for the MVA Evaluations must be Senior Breeder Judge.
2. MVA Judges should not have judged MVA Evaluations within the past five years.
3. The MVA Judge shall not accept any other assignments or exhibit any dogs on the day(s) they are judging MVA evaluations.
4. The Senior Breeder Judge Questionnaire circulated by the ASCA Business Office for the following year's Nationals shall include the following questions relating to the MVA Evaluation assignment:
 - a. Would you be willing to judge the MVA Evaluations? Yes_____ No_____
 - b. Have you judged the MVA Evaluations within the past 5 years? Yes_____ No_____
5. Once the completed Questionnaires are received, the ASCA Business Office shall forward the responses to the Nationals Committee, to utilize as the basis for their list of potential MVA Evaluation Judges. Judges responding "yes" to both of the questions set forth in section 4 above (i.e. they are willing to judge the MVA Evaluations, but have judged MVA Evaluations within the past 5 years), may be considered by the Committee should the Committee not be able to secure a willing Senior Breeder Judge who has not judged MVA Evaluations within the past 5 years.
6. If the Nationals Committee cannot secure a judge from the group that responded to the Questionnaire, then the Nationals Committee may solicit their choice of judge from the Senior Breeder Judge list, first considering the judges who have not judged MVA in the past 5 years.

Comments/Rationale: We do believe the MVA Evaluator at Nationals should be a Senior Breeder Judge. We also believe that judges should not be tasked with this assignment more frequently than 5 years apart.

Affected: Judges and Nationals Committees.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 4; Disapprove: None; Abstain: None; Non-Voting: 2

Rally Committee

RA.20.04 Change to Rally Rules - 2.23 Scoring and Minimum Penalties

Approve: Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Larson, Roberts, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: Boone, Evans

Abstain: None

Non-Voting: None

Motion is **adopted** (7-2).

Dissent from Boone: This motion does not clarify Handler errors for consistency among judges, as each judge may assign from 1 to 5 points based on their own ideas. As a handler, I still don't know what that handler error will cost me because the judge can assign it a value they decide. One judge may decide it's only a point, another judge may decide it's 5 points. Still no consistency.

Motion by Liaison Gann

I move to approve the following recommendation from the Rally Committee.

Committee Recommendation:

RC Motion 20.06 – Update/Clarification to Rule Book Section 2.23 and the Glossary as it pertains to Handler Errors

Motion by Karen Black

Second by Corinne Shanks

I move to adopt the changes noted below, as they apply to section 2.23 and the Glossary of the Rally Rules & Regulations, with regards to Handler Errors.

Current Wording:

2.23 Scoring and Minimum Penalties

Handler errors can be assessed 1 to 5 points at each station or up to an IP.

- Once a handler has stopped at any halt station, the handler cannot move his feet to assist a dog
- Use of leash or hand to correct the dog
- Exceeding the number of steps specified in the sign description between elements of an exercise (i.e. Sign #'s: 106, 107, 227, 304)

Proposed Wording:

2.23 Scoring and Minimum Penalties

Handler errors can be assessed 1 to 5 points ~~at each station~~ for each handler error or up to an IP ~~if the handler error is such that it prevents the exercise from being performed correctly.~~ This is not an exhaustive list of possible handler errors but serves as examples of performances frequently observed at trials.

- Once a handler has stopped at any halt station, the handler cannot move his feet to assist a dog
- Use of leash or hand to correct the dog
- Handler touching the dog after the judge says, "Forward" and before the dog crosses the Finish line and is leashed. The exception to this is in Novice for sign #101, Halt, Stand; the handler may gently assist the dog to stand without receiving a deduction.
- Exceeding the number of steps specified in the sign description between elements of an exercise (i.e. Sign #'s: 106, 107, 227, 304)
- Performing an exercise in a location different than described in the current ASCA Rally Rulebook (i.e. finishing an exercise beyond the sign for exercises with more than two elements, traveling to the right of the sign for any exercise involving a side step to the right, starting a change of pace before or after the sign, performing a change of direction sign in a location other than directly in front of the sign, etc.)
- Mis-performing an instruction in a sign description that is not bold and underlined, could be a handler error (i.e. On the 360 circles, making a large circle instead of a small circle.)

Glossary

Handler Error - an error or mistake made by the handler that results in an individual exercise, or areas between exercises (including all areas from the entrance gate to the exit gate) to lack the precision, flow, briskness or smoothness required for a perfect performance.

Comments/Rationale: The Rule book currently describes where exercises are supposed to be performed in the main area of the rule book and in the Appendix of the rule book. They are also mentioned in Section 2.23 but it isn't clear that the bullet points are just examples of a few types of handler errors and not an exhaustive list. It is also important for us to define Handler Error in the Glossary.

Affected: Clarifying handler errors will bring more consistency in judging and will provide important information to exhibitors so they can improve their performances.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 9; Disapprove: None; Abstain: None; Non-Voting: 3

RA.20.05 Change to Rally Rules - 15 Judges

Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Evans, Gann, Larson, Roberts, Vest, Wesen

Disapprove: None

Abstain: None

Non-Voting: None

Motion is **adopted** (9-0).

Motion by Liaison Gann

I move to approve the following recommendation from the Rally Committee.

Committee Recommendation:

RC Motion 20.07 - Changes to Rule Book Section 15 Judges

Motion by Corinne Shanks

Second by Karen Black

I move to adopt the changes noted in the attached document, as they apply to Section 15 of the rule book, with regard to the Judge Application process and apprenticing.

Current Wording:

15 Judges

15.1 Licensed Rally and Obedience Judge Qualification Requirements

15.1.1 Approved Rally Judges from Other Registries

Any Judge who has been approved for a minimum of one year for all levels of AKC, CKC, UKC, and/or WCRL (World Cynosport) Rally judging may apply to become an ASCA Rally Judge.

15.1.2 Approved Obedience Judge with Rally Titles

ASCA, AKC, CKC, and/or UKC Obedience Judges who are approved to Judge through Open and have earned one Rally Masters (RM) title (from ASCA) or two Rally Excellent titles (RE) (one from ASCA and the other from ASCA, AKC, or CKC, or the UKC URO3 or WCRL RL3) may apply to become an ASCA Rally Judge.

15.1.3 Application Process

- a. Applicants must be at least 21 years old.
- b. Submit an application to the ASCA Business office.

- c. Upon verification of qualifications, the applicant will complete the Judges Education Seminar, available free online. To get the link for the online seminar please contact the ASCA Business Office or the ASCA Rally Committee Chair.
- d. Upon completion of the Judges Education Seminar, the applicant will be sent an Open Book test and a request for a complete set of Rally courses (one for each level), with completed Rally Course Checklist.
- e. Pass with 100% the ASCA Rally Open Book Test. The test may be retaken until all questions have been answered correctly.
- f. Submit a complete set of courses (one for each level) and have them approved. A completed ASCA Rally Course Checklist (available on the ASCA Website) must be submitted with the courses.
- g. Once all steps above are completed within the timeframe outlined in 15.1.4, the ASCA Business Office will forward the applicant's information to the Board of Directors for approval.

15.1.4 Timeframe for Completing the Application Process

Rally judge applicants will have six months to complete steps b. through e. outlined above in the application process. The time clock will start when the application is received in the Business Office. It is recommended the set of course maps be submitted for review within the first two months of the application process. There is no minimum length of time to complete the process, only that all steps must be completed within six months of the date the Business Office receives the application. Applicants must wait one year to reapply if sections b. through e. are not completed in the six-months timeframe.

15.2 Other Person Rally Judge Qualification Requirements

15.2.2 Application Process

- a. All applicants must be at least 21 years old.
- b. Submit an application to the ASCA Business office. Upon verification of the qualifications, the applicant will be sent an Open Book test and a request for a complete set of Rally courses (one for each level, and nested to the extent possible, following the same path).
- c. Include with your application proof of completion of four ASCA Rally stewarding assignments, at least two of which are serving as Table Steward for all classes at a Trial, signed and dated by the Judge(s) for whom you stewarded. The other two stewarding assignments must include time split between acting as a timing steward, and gate steward.
- d. Complete the Judges Education Seminar, available free online. To get the link for the online seminar please contact the ASCA Business Office or the ASCA Rally Committee Chair.
- e. Pass with 100% the ASCA Rally Open Book Test. The test may be retaken until all questions have been answered correctly.
- f. Submit a complete set of courses (one for each level) and have them approved. A completed ASCA Rally Course Checklist (available on the ASCA Website) must be submitted with the courses.
- g. Once items b. through f. above are completed and approved, the applicant must complete the Apprentice Judge requirements, below. The timeframes for completing steps b. through f. and the Apprentice Judging are found below in Section 15.2.4.
- h. Upon completion of all steps above, the ASCA Business Office will forward the applicant's information to the Board of Directors for approval.

15.2.4 Timeframe for Completing the Application Process

Rally judge applicants who enter the program as an Other Person, will have six months to complete steps b. through f. outlined above in the application process. The time clock will start when the application is received in

the Business Office. It is recommended the set of course maps be submitted for review within the first two months of the application process. Applicants will be allowed an additional twelve months, if needed, from the time they complete steps b. through f., to finish their Apprentice Judge requirements. There is no minimum length of time to complete the process, only that steps b. through f. be completed within six months of the date the Business Office receives the application and the apprentice judging be completed within twelve months following the timely completion of steps b. through f. Applicants must wait one year to reapply if sections b. through f. are not completed in the six-months timeframe and if the Apprentice judging is not completed within twelve months of the timely completion of steps b. through f.

15.7.2 ASCA Rally Judges Seminar

All ASCA Rally Judges will be required to participate in the ASCA Rally Judges Education Seminar online or in person (Effective June 1, 2019) at least every two years. A notice will be sent by the Business Office to all ASCA Rally Judges during the first week of January in odd-numbered years (i.e. 2017, 2019, etc.). All sections in the Supplemental Packet must be answered correctly to receive credit for participating in the seminar. The completed Supplemental Packet must be returned to the Business Office within 60 days of the distribution date of the notice from the Business Office. The seminar may be watched repeatedly, and Supplemental Packet resubmitted repeatedly until all questions are answered correctly. In mid-February of odd numbered years, the Business Office will contact any judge who has not returned his/her Supplemental Packet to assure that the exam was received. Judges not returning the completed Supplemental Packet by the deadline will be removed from the approved ASCA Judges Directory and will need to reapply if they choose to judge ASCA Rally again in the future.

Judges who participate in the Judges Seminar at ASCA Nationals in the fall of an even-numbered year (i.e. 2016, 2018, etc.), will receive credit for completing their 2-year continuing education provided they submit a completed Supplemental Packet with all questions answered correctly to the Business Office within 60 days of the live seminar. (Effective June 1, 2019)

New ASCA Rally judges who completed their application process in the last quarter of an even-numbered year (i.e. 2016, 2018, etc.) will receive credit for completing their 2-year continuing education during their application process.

Proposed Wording:

15 Judges

15.1 Licensed Rally and Obedience Judge Qualification Requirements

15.1.1 Approved Rally Judges from Other Registries

Any Judge who has been approved for a minimum of one year for all levels of AKC, CKC, UKC, and/or WCRL (World Cynosport) Rally judging may apply to become an ASCA Rally Judge.

- a. Other Registry Approved Judges are required to have judged at least two (2) rally trials in their registry for a minimum of fifty (50) runs. Copies of Judges Books may be requested for verification.
- b. Other Registry Approved Judges who have not yet judged two (2) rally trials with a minimum of fifty (50) runs in that registry must complete the Apprenticing Requirements and Procedures as detailed in 15.2.3.

15.1.2 Approved Obedience Judge with Rally Titles

ASCA, AKC, CKC, and/or UKC Obedience Judges who are approved to Judge through Open and have earned one Rally Masters (RM) title (from ASCA) or two Rally Excellent titles (RE) (one from ASCA and the other from ASCA, AKC, or CKC, or the UKC URO3 or WCRL RL3) may apply to become an ASCA Rally Judge.

- a. An approved Obedience Judge with Rally Titles must complete the Apprenticing Requirements and Procedures as detailed in 15.2.3.

15.1.3 Application Process

- a. Applicants must be at least 21 years old.
- b. Submit an application to the ASCA Business office.
- c. Upon verification of qualifications, the applicant will be sent a current ASCA Rally Rulebook and will complete the Judges Education Seminar, available free online. To get the link for the online seminar Judges Education, please contact the ASCA Business Office or the ASCA Rally Committee Chair.
- d. Upon completion of the Judges Education Seminar, the applicant will be sent an Open Book test and a request for a complete set of Rally courses (one for each level), with completed Rally Course Checklist. A score of 100% is required to pass. An applicant may attempt the test twice without penalty. If the applicant fails to score 100% after the second attempt, the applicant must wait six months from the date of application to reapply.
- e. Pass with 100% the ASCA Rally Open Book Test. The test may be retaken until all questions have been answered correctly. After passing the Open Book test, the applicant will submit a complete set of courses (one for each level) for approval, beginning with the Masters level course. The Masters level course must be submitted and approved before submitting the remaining 3 levels of courses for approval. The set of application courses must be nested and a completed ASCA Rally Course Checklist (available on the ASCA Website) must be submitted with the courses.
- f. ~~Submit a complete set of courses (one for each level) and have them approved. A completed ASCA Rally Course Checklist (available on the ASCA Website) must be submitted with the courses.~~ All applicants who have not previously judged two (2) rally trials with a minimum of 50 runs in AKC, CKC, UKC and/or WCRL are required to complete the Apprenticing Requirements and Procedures outlined in 15.2.3.
- g. If at any point in the above process it is felt by the Rally Committee that the applicant needs additional experience, education or mentorship, additional requirements may be made of the applicant (i.e. additional courses, review scoring requirements, etc.). A timeframe for completing any additional requirements will be provided with the assignment.
- h. Once all steps above are completed within the timeframe outlined in 15.1.4, ~~the ASCA Business Office will forward the applicant's information to the Board of Directors for approval.~~ the Rally Committee will vote to approve the applicant. On approval, the Rally Chair will forward the applicant's information to the Board of Directors for approval.
- i. Applicants are cautioned that completing all steps of the application process does not guarantee approval to be an ASCA Rally Judge. Judging is a privilege, not a right.

15.1.4 Timeframe for Completing the Application Process

~~Rally judge applicants will have six months to complete steps b. through e. outlined above in the application process.~~ Rally judge applicants will have six months to complete steps b. through e. outlined above in the application process. The time clock will start when the application is received in the Business Office. ~~It is recommended the set of course maps be submitted for review within the first two months of the application process.~~ It is recommended that course maps not be started until the Judges Education has been completed. The Masters map must be submitted and approved before the other class maps are started. ~~There is no minimum length of time to complete the process, only that all steps must be completed within six months of the date the Business Office receives the application. Applicants must wait one year to reapply if sections b. through e. are not completed in the six-months timeframe.~~

Applicants from Other Registries who have not judged a minimum of 50 runs in their registry (reference 15.1.1.b) and Approved Obedience Judges with Rally Titles (reference 15.1.2) will be allowed twelve months, if needed, from the time they complete steps b. through e., to finish their Apprentice Judge requirements as outlined in 15.2.3.

There is no minimum length of time to complete the application process, only that steps b. through e. be completed within six months of the date the Business Office receives the application and the apprentice judging, if applicable, be completed within twelve months following the timely completion of steps b. through e. Applicants must wait one year to reapply if sections b. through e. are not completed in the six-months timeframe and if the Apprentice judging, if applicable, is not completed within twelve months of the timely completion of steps b. through e.

15.2 Other Person Rally Judge Qualification Requirements

15.2.2 Application Process

- a. All applicants must be at least 21 years old.
- b. Submit an application to the ASCA Business office. ~~Upon verification of the qualifications, the applicant will be sent an Open Book test and a request for a complete set of Rally courses (one for each level, and nested to the extent possible, following the same path).~~ Include with your application proof of completion of four ASCA Rally stewarding assignments, at least two of which are serving as Table Steward for all classes at a Trial, signed and dated by the Judge(s) for whom you stewarded. The other two stewarding assignments must include time split between acting as a timing steward, and gate steward.
- c. ~~Include with your application proof of completion of four ASCA Rally stewarding assignments, at least two of which are serving as Table Steward for all classes at a Trial, signed and dated by the Judge(s) for whom you stewarded. The other two stewarding assignments must include time split between acting as a timing steward, and gate steward.~~ Upon verification of qualifications and stewarding, the applicant will be sent a current ASCA Rally Rulebook. The applicant will complete the Judges Education, available free online. To get the link for the online Judges Education, please contact the ASCA Business Office or the ASCA Rally Committee Chair.
- d. ~~Complete the Judges Education Seminar, available free online. To get the link for the online seminar please contact the ASCA Business Office or the ASCA Rally Committee Chair.~~ Upon completion of the Judges Education, the applicant will be sent an Open Book test. A score of 100% is required to pass. An applicant may attempt the test twice without penalty. If the applicant fails to score 100% after the second attempt, the applicant must wait six months from the date of application to reapply.
- e. Pass with 100% the ASCA Rally Open Book Test. The test may be retaken until all questions have been answered correctly. After passing the Open Book test, the applicant will submit a complete set of courses (one for each level) for approval, beginning with the Masters level course. The Masters level course must be submitted and approved before submitting the remaining 3 levels of courses for approval. The set of application courses must be nested and a completed ASCA Rally Course Checklist (available on the ASCA Website) must be submitted with the courses.
- f. ~~Submit a complete set of courses (one for each level) and have them approved. A completed ASCA Rally Course Checklist (available on the ASCA Website) must be submitted with the courses.~~ Once items b. through f. e. above are completed and approved, the applicant must complete the Apprentice Judge requirements, below Section 15.2.3. The timeframes for completing steps b. through f. e. and the Apprentice Judging are found below in Section 15.2.4.

- g. If at any point in the above process it is felt by the Rally Committee that the applicant needs additional experience, education or mentorship, additional requirements may be made of the applicant (i.e. additional courses, review scoring requirements, etc.). A timeframe for completing any additional requirements will be provided with the assignment.
- h. Upon completion of all steps above, the ASCA Business Office will forward the applicant's information to the Board of Directors for approval. Once all steps above are completed within the timeframe outlined in Section 15.2.4, the Rally Committee will vote to approve the applicant. On approval, the Rally Chair will forward the applicant's information to the Board of Directors for approval.
- i. Applicants are cautioned that completing all steps of the application process does not guarantee approval to be an ASCA Rally Judge. Judging is a privilege, not a right.

15.2.4 Timeframe for Completing the Application Process

Rally judge applicants who enter the program as an Other Person, will have six months to complete steps b. through f. outlined above in the application process. Rally judge applicants will have six months to complete steps b. through e. outlined above in the application process. The time clock will start when the application is received in the Business Office. It is recommended the set of course maps be submitted for review within the first two months of the application process. It is recommended that course maps not be started until the Judges Education has been completed. The Masters map must be submitted and approved before the other class maps are started.

Applicants will be allowed an additional twelve months, if needed, from the time they complete steps b. through f., through e., to finish their Apprentice Judge requirements.

There is no minimum length of time to complete the process, only that steps b. through f. through e. be completed within six months of the date the Business Office receives the application and the apprentice judging be completed within twelve months following the timely completion of steps b. through f. through e. Applicants must wait one year to reapply if sections b. through f. through e. are not completed in the six-months timeframe and if the Apprentice judging is not completed within twelve months of the timely completion of steps b. through f. through e.

15.7.2 ASCA Rally Judges Seminar Education

All ASCA Rally Judges will be required to participate in the ASCA Rally Judges Education Seminar online or in person (Effective June 1, 2019) at least every two years. A notice will be sent by the Business Office to all ASCA Rally Judges during the first week of January in odd-numbered years (i.e. 2017, 2019, etc.). All sections in the Supplemental Packet must be answered correctly to receive credit for participating in the seminar. The completed Supplemental Packet must be returned to the Business Office within 60 days of the distribution date of the notice from the Business Office. The seminar may be watched repeatedly, and Supplemental Packet resubmitted repeatedly until all questions are answered correctly. In mid-February of odd-numbered years, the Business Office will contact any judge who has not returned his/her Supplemental Packet to assure that the exam was received. Judges not returning the completed Supplemental Packet by the deadline will be removed from the approved ASCA Judges Directory and will need to reapply if they choose to judge ASCA Rally again in the future.

All ASCA Rally Judges will be required to complete the ASCA Rally Judges Education, available free online, at least every two years. A notice will be sent by the Business Office to all ASCA Rally Judges during the first week of January in odd-numbered years (i.e. 2021, 2023, etc.). All sections must be completed and sections with questions requiring a response must be answered correctly to receive credit. The Judges Education must be

completed by March 31st of the test year. In mid-February of odd numbered years, the Business Office will contact any judge who has not yet completed the Judges Education to assure the January notice was received. Judges not completing the Judges Education by March 31st will be removed from the approved ASCA Judges Directory and will need to reapply if they choose to judge ASCA Rally again in the future.

~~Judges who participate in the Judges Seminar at ASCA Nationals in the fall of an even-numbered year (i.e. 2016, 2018, etc.), will receive credit for completing their 2-year continuing education provided they submit a completed Supplemental Packet with all questions answered correctly to the Business Office within 60 days of the live seminar. (Effective June 1, 2019)~~

New ASCA Rally judges who completed their application process in the last quarter of an even-numbered year (i.e. 2016, 2018, etc.) (i.e. 2020, 2022, etc.) will receive credit for completing their 2-year continuing education during their application process.

Comments/Rationale: Current rules were found to no longer match processes found to work best for the applicant; to provide the optimum information before taking the open book test; and continuing through the application process. The revised rules are matched as closely as possible to those currently in the Conformation Rules & Regulations.

Affected: All future applicants will be required to follow the new guidelines to become an ASCA Rally Judge. Applicants currently in the application approval process will be impacted only by not being allowed to apprentice under a provisional judge. The current applicants have access to Senior judges in their area, so no difficulties/delays will be encountered by these applicants.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 10; Disapprove: 1; Abstain: None; Non-Voting: 1

Dissent from Committee Member Leah Swatko: There are too many variables in scoring and points off to have a clear pass/fail. The rally program has more variations from trial to trial and course to course. This is a good incentive that allows creativity in course design. No two alike. However, scoring is also not as clearly defined. The test requiring 100% on the second attempt with so many variables in scoring is not fair to the applicant. We already see variations in scoring and sign interpretation. The scoring is reflected in obedience test scoring, the questions refer to minor or major deductions. This is not so in rally, which is why I disagree with the 100% requirement on second attempt. Yes, this is addressed under section however it is open to possible unequal application. So, the requirement of 100% on the second attempt may be applied to some but not all.

RA.20.06 Change to Rally Rules - 16.1.7 Designing Courses That Meet ASCA Requirements

Approve: Evans, Roberts, Wesen

Disapprove: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Larson, Vest

Abstain: Gann

Non-Voting: None

Motion is **lost** (3-5-1).

Comment from Boone: This does not solve the real problem of courses that do not meet ASCA standards being used. Reviewing after the trial is too late - competitors have already run the 'illegal' course. If this is a problem, the Rally committee needs to have all courses reviewed prior to use, like other ASCA programs.

Comment from Busquets: Having courses reviewed before a trial should be considered again.

Comment from Creelman: All courses should be reviewed and approved PRIOR to a trial. Programs that require course reviews need to be consistent with other ASCA programs.

Comment from Vest: This motion does not address the issue until after it has occurred... and it's too late at that point to ensure that a handler actually ran a legal course and that signs were correct. Rally courses should be approved prior to a handler spending their time and money to run the course.

Motion by Liaison Gann

I move to approve the following recommendation from the Rally Committee.

Committee Recommendation:

RC Motion 20.09 - Change to Pre-Trial Review Rules

Motion by Karen Black

Second by Corinne Shanks

I move to adopt the changes noted below, as they apply to section 16.1.7 Designing Courses that meet ASCA Requirements.

Current Wording:

16.1.7 Designing Courses That Meet ASCA Requirements

- a. It is the Judge's responsibility to provide courses that meet the ASCA Rally Rules and Regulations at all ASCA sanctioned Trials. If it is found that a Judge's course(s) did not meet these requirements, a Judge's status may be moved back to Provisional.
- b. If during a post-trial course review, it is determined the set of courses used did not follow ASCA's Rules and Regulations, the judge will be notified and provided details of the determination. If a second set of courses during the same calendar year is determined to also not comply with ASCA's Rules and Regulations, the judge and the Business Office will be notified by the ASCA Rally Committee Chair that the judge must submit course sets at least 30 days prior to future judging assignments. Judges will be notified in the sanctioning letter for future assignments of the need to submit courses for pre-trial course review.
- c. To determine if a course meets ASCA Rules and Regulations, a Course Design Checklist will be utilized. The same checklist is available on the website for judges to use.
- d. To avoid using courses that do not meet ASCA standards, all judges are encouraged and invited to submit their courses at least 30 days prior to using them at trials they have been hired to judge and to use the Course Design Checklist available on the website. Feedback will be provided for the voluntary submissions no later than 15 days prior to the first day of the trial they are judging.
- e. All judges in provisional status effective 11/1/19 will be required to submit a completed course review checklist with each set of courses. (Effective December 20, 2019)

Proposed Wording:

16.1.7 Designing Courses That Meet ASCA Requirements

- a. It is the Judge's responsibility to provide courses that meet the ASCA Rally Rules and Regulations at all ASCA sanctioned Trials. If it is found that a Judge's course(s) did not meet these requirements, a Judge's status may be moved back to Provisional.
- b. If during a post-trial course review, it is determined the set of courses used did not follow ASCA's Rules and Regulations, the judge will be notified and provided details of the determination. If a second set of courses ~~during the same calendar year~~ is determined to also not comply with ASCA's Rules and Regulations, the judge and the Business Office will be notified by the ASCA Rally Committee Chair that the judge must submit course sets at least 30 days prior to future judging assignments. Judges will be

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- e. All judges in provisional status effective 11/1/19 will be required to submit a completed course review checklist with each set of courses.

Comments/Rationale: The current rule states that a judge will be placed on pre-trial review for the 2nd course within the calendar year. What we have found is that some judges only judge once a year for their local club. These judges often submit courses that do not meet minimum standards, however, they cannot be placed on pre-trial review because of timing. The rule change will place all judges on pre-trial review should they use a second course that does not meet minimum standards. Judges will continue to be notified of the initial course that does not meet standards, and pre-trial review on a voluntary basis will be recommended. Additional assistance with course building may also be provided as requested by the judge.

Affected: Judges who submit courses found on post-trial review to not meet minimum standards as stated in the Rules & Regulations.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 9; Disapprove: 1; Abstain: None; Non-Voting: 2

Dissent from Committee Member Anne Shope: 1) Time period is too long (one could make an error in 2010 and one in 2020, and then mandatory pretrial review is a must-do under the proposed rule the way it is worded. 2) This motion leaves the Chair no discretion to work with someone and forces her to put someone on mandatory review (before illegal course errors were within a one-year period of time). 3) I feel it puts the Chair in the hot seat and opens the Chair up to liability if the Chair chooses who she places on course review and who she does not should she choose to forego following the proposed rule. 4) It doesn't state that the course found incorrect must be corrected and re-submitted.

Minutes of the ASCA Board's Monthly Teleconference Meeting

A meeting of the Board of Directors (the Board) of the Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA) was held on THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2020, via online meeting service GoToMeeting.

Directors Present: President Liz Busquets, 1st Vice President Rick Gann, 2nd Vice President Rachel Vest, Secretary Jan Wesen, Judy Boone, Denise Creelman, Warren Evans, Gina Larson, and Jean Roberts.

Also Present: Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco.

Directors Absent: None.

CALL TO ORDER

President Busquets called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm CDT 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.

OPEN SESSION

The Board was in Open Session from 6:03 pm - 7:31 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>

Last 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 includes a motion to ratify all business conducted via e-mail since the last face-to-face meeting or conference call meeting.

The Board voted unanimously to ratify all business conducted over email in April 2020.

System Upgrade

Director Vest, as Liaison to the System Liaison, reported on the ongoing progress of the computer system upgrade and gave an update on overall technology plans. The system upgrade continues to be on hold as income remains affected by COVID-19 related shutdowns and Office functions return to normal.

Director Boone questioned why the upgrades were halted without input from the whole Board. Director Vest stated upgrade work was difficult to coordinate while the Office was not fully operational. However, bug fixes and website maintenance are being handled as usual. Director Boone thinks the upgrades are important enough to continue, but some other directors were not comfortable moving forward during this current downturn in income.

The Board will hear from Treasurer Evans regarding ASCA's financials before any decisions regarding the system upgrade are made.

Office Operating Procedures

In response to a directive, the Office Manager provided updated standard operating procedures for all Office Staff positions. They are impressively detailed and user-friendly. Moving forward, these procedures must be updated whenever a process changes.

Guidelines for ASCA-Sanctioned Events

The Board continued discussion of developing COVID-19 related guidelines for ASCA-sanctioned events.

President Busquets shared a draft of guidelines with the Board for review and Counsel is working on a waiver to be included on ASCA entry forms. Program related guidelines/rule change suggestions are currently being discussed by program committees. These are to be specifically related to the program, such as leash, score sheet, and ribbon handling, etc.

ASCA can only suggest that Affiliates follow the practices or procedures which are enforced in their area at the time the event is happening.

2020 Program Finals Budgets

The Board discussed the budgets for hosting the 2020 ASCA Finals as presented by the National Specialty Host Consortium. Liaison Busquets reported that the Nationals program chairs are working on the questions/edits so far received from directors and committees. The Board will revisit in June.

Counsel Committee

Directors Wesen and Boone were unanimously appointed to serve on the Counsel Committee. President Busquets will be Chair. Director Larson will serve as an alternate member. These are 1-year terms.

2021 Conformation Finals Judges

The following judges were unanimously approved to judge the 2021 Conformation Finals:

Kym Burch-Ryan, David Clayton, and Ken Silveira

2020 Spring Meeting

Due to COVID-19, the Board voted unanimously to conduct the Board's Spring Meeting business through teleconference meetings instead of face-to-face at the Business Office. These meetings will be held in June.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board was in Executive Session from 7:31 pm - 8:51 pm to discuss the below topics.

Treasurer's Report

The financial reports for period ending April 30, 2020, were presented to the Board by Treasurer Evans. Ending balance is \$131,940.31. Treasurer Evans also prepared a memo summarizing his thoughts on ASCA's current financial situation which was shared with the Board over email.

The Board spent time discussing plans for moving forward with the system upgrade. The primary function of the upgrade is to complete the original SOW which was abandoned by FrogSlayer.

Since Liaison Vest is leaving the Board in fall, a new liaison will need to be chosen well in advance so the transition can be as smooth as possible. Director Evans will consider and discuss with Vest.

Liaison Vest will provide the Board with a list of updates that are pending and related costs.

Judging Assignment

The Board voted unanimously to allow entries judged by a judge applicant as a substitute judge to count toward their application to move to Provisional Breeder Judge.

Committee Member Appointments

The Board considered appointment of several committee applicants. Director Roberts will research requirements for bringing committee applicants forward for Board consideration. The Board should clarify whether committees are contacted for their input before applicants are appointed by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kalla Jaco, Executive Secretary