

**Texas Working Agility Novice Group  
(TWANG)**



**ASCA SANCTIONED All Breed Agility Trial**  
**Sanctioned by the Australian Shepherd Club of Texas**  
**March 20 & 21, 2021**

**Myers Park and Event Center**

**7117 County Rd 166, McKinney, TX 75071**

Covered Arena with Packed Dirt Surface

**Classes offered in the ACE and the Championship Programs**

**2 Regular, 2 Jumpers, 1 Gamblers each day**

**Saturday Judge: Mike Black, Burleson, Texas**

**Sunday Judge: Jeff Hayes, East Bernard, Texas**

**Opening date February 24, 2021**

**Pre-Entries close March 15, 2021 (Or 350 Titling Runs per Day)**

Electronic Timing will be used

**\*\* We will be offering runs with toys\*\***

**Trial Secretary –Helen Wilson**

[reddogag@yahoo.com](mailto:reddogag@yahoo.com) (940) 391-4924

**Trial Chairperson – Chuck Shults**

[chuckshults@hotmail.com](mailto:chuckshults@hotmail.com) (972) 372-6832

**\*\*\*HOTASC will be offering ASCA conformation and all-breed obedience and rally trials with us! For more information contact Heidi Mobley at (940) 367-6052 or whaussies@gmail.com\*\*\***

**This trial will be held under the current rules and regulations of the Australian Shepherd Club of America. For a complete listing of the rules, visit [www.asca.org](http://www.asca.org).**

Through submission of entry, the competitor acknowledges that they are knowledgeable of ASCA rules and regulations, and TWANG/ASCOT trial policies, including, but not limited to the following:

- All healthy, trained dogs, purebred or otherwise, at least eighteen (18) months of age are eligible to compete in ASCA Agility Trials.
- Bitches in heat, lame, or blind dogs are ineligible for entry.
- Requests for refunds after closing are at the discretion of the club.
- Any dog which demonstrates aggression towards any person or any dog, whether inside the ring or outside the ring, will be excused from the Agility trial. Any dog which the judge feels is not in control will be excused from the Agility trial.
- Any owner, handler, or spectator exhibiting poor sportsmanship or abuse towards a dog or person will be required to leave the show site for the duration of the trial, a report will be sent to ASCA and may be banned from further TWANG/ASCOT events.
- No entry will be accepted for a dog or handler disqualified from all of the ASCA programs nor anyone not in good standing with ASCA.
- **Dogs entering the jump height classes 20” or less (with height less than or equal to 20”) that do not have a permanent ASCA, AKC or NADAC height card must be measured. Dogs entering 20+” or 24” jump heights are exempt. Please include a copy of your card with your entry.**
- **No leads, collars, food, etc will be allowed on the course.**
- All dogs must be on lead or securely crated when not in the ring.
- Entries must be made on the enclosed entry form. Copies may be made. Entries must be signed, complete, and paid in full to be accepted. Make all checks and money orders payable to TWANG (Texas Working Agility Novice Group). Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry and there, will be a \$25.00 service fee on all returned checks. Entry into future trials and participation in this trial will not be allowed until all fees are paid in cash or money order. Illegible or incomplete entry forms do not constitute a valid entry.
- Dog sales or puppies under eight weeks are not permitted on the trial grounds.
- TWANG/ASCOT, its board of directors, ASCA, management, and the property owner assume no responsibility for any loss, damage, or injury sustained by the exhibitors, owners or to any of their dogs, personal property, or children.

**PER THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED BY THE GAZEBO OR IN THE LAKE AREA TO THE NORTH OF THE TRIAL BUILDING. EXHIBITORS AND DOGS ARE RESTRICTED TO THE SHOW BARN, PARKING LOT AND ADJACENT GRASSY AREAS. Thank you for your cooperation.**

### Food

There will be a **food truck on site** all weekend for breakfast and lunch, Street Bites. Please support them!

### Lodging & RV

Myers Park is now allowing overnight parking for Motor Homes and/or Travel Trailers. **Hookups are available. – Call 972-548-4792 for fees and to let them know you're coming. The main gate will not be locked at night.** Please pay Myers Park personnel at the show site. The trial committee cannot accept payment.

Days Inn of McKinney, 2104 N. Central Expy (exit 41) McKinney, 972-548-8888  
Motel 6 of McKinney, US 75 @White Ave (exit 40) McKinney, 972-542-8600  
Quality Inn of McKinney, 1300 N. Central Expy, McKinney, 972-547-9471  
Motel 6 of Plano, 2550 N. Central Expy (exit 29), Plano, 972-578-1626  
Best Western Park Suite of Plano, 640 Park Blvd, (exit 29), Plano, 972-578-2243  
LaQuinta of Plano, 1820 N Central Expy (exit 29), Plano, 972-423-1300  
Lighthouse RV Resort, 1020 N US 75, Melissa, TX, 972-838-4600  
Hidden Acres RV Park, 10364 CR 740 West, Princeton, 972-736-1264

### Directions

The town of McKinney is about 33 miles northeast of downtown Dallas on U.S. 75/North Central Expressway. From the north or south: On U.S. 75, take the U.S. 380 exit and go west about 2.5 miles to FM 1461. Turn right (north) on FM1461 and travel approximately 3.8 miles to County Road 166. Turn right (north) on County Road 166 and go about 0.8 miles to the site which is on the left. The county has posted directional signs to the Event Center.

### Entries

**Make checks payable to TWANG and mail to:**

TWANG, c/o Helen Wilson  
P O Box 1278, Pilot Point, TX 76258  
Email: [reddogag@yahoo.com](mailto:reddogag@yahoo.com)  
Phone: 940-391-4924

**We will accept TWANG and DenTex Bucks only for this trial.**

### Pre-Entry Fees

\$15 per dog per run  
\$140.00 Weekend Package (all 10 runs same dog)  
Weekend Package 2<sup>nd</sup> dog Same Handler/Household deduct \$5.00  
\$7 per run for Junior Handlers

### Day of Show Entry Fees (Only accepted if the trial has not filled)

\$18 per dog per run  
Junior Handler Classes \$10.00 per dog per run

### Check-In

**Saturday** check-in will be from 8:00 - 8:30, start time **9:00 AM**.

**Sunday** check-in from 7:00 - 7:30, start time **8:00 AM**.

### TENTATIVE Running Order

We will begin with 4" on Saturday and 24" on Sunday. Please note that we will be running alternating rings. One ring will be built and available for walk-through while the other ring is running. Please note that Jumpers and Regular will run each level back-to-back.

-----Saturday-----  
Ring 1: Jumpers 1 & 2 NN/OO/EE  
Ring 2: Gamblers 1 N/O/E  
Regular 1 & 2 NN/OO/EE  
-----Sunday-----  
Ring 1: Jumpers 1 & 2 EE/OO/NN  
Ring 2: Gamblers 1 E/O/N  
Regular 1 & 2 EE/OO/NN

### Volunteers

We need volunteers for all classes. You will receive a worker buck for each class you work. Sign up form is located on the Waiver form. We appreciate all volunteers!!!

### Toys In The Ring

We will be permitting handlers to have toys in the ring at this trial. **Toy runs will run in order in their jump height.** For details, please refer to Section 9.1 of the most recent rulebook available at <http://www.asca.org>.

### ACE Program

ASCA is offering an ACE Agility Program that permits any dog to jump 4" lower than their standard jump height and dogs 10 years or old to jump 8" lower than their standard jump height. For details, please refer to Chapter 4 of the most recent rulebook available at <http://www.asca.org>.

## Other Important Information

- No catalogs will be printed. Running order lists will be posted at the ring gate. Handlers with multiple dogs will be separated as much as the class allows.
- You are responsible for being present when it is your turn to run. We will not hold the ring for absent handlers.
- **All move up requests must be received by the trial secretary by March 17, 2021. There will be NO move-ups offered on the weekend of the trial.**
- **Awards:** TWANG will award strip ribbons for 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> place as well as for all qualifying runs. We will have awards for those earning their ATCH.
- **FEO (For Exhibition Only)** – We will accept FEO entries. Dogs must be at least 15 months old. Any dog less than 18 month must jump 4" lower than their regular jump height. They are not eligible for any prizes or awards. This is a non-qualifying class.
- **Agility Obstacles:** The following obstacles may be used at this agility trial:
- Dog Walk – Slatted rubber, A-Frame – Slatted rubber, Weave Poles 24" centers, Slatless rubber teeter, Tire Jump (displaceable), Open Tunnels, Non-Winged single hurdle(s), Winged single hurdle(s), Double bar hurdle. 4" & 8" dogs will have a 5' A-frame; all others will have 5'6".
- **Dogs must be registered with ASCA to have their titles tracked with ASCA.** All breeds of dogs, including mixes, may compete and title in ASCA trials. You may enter as "pending", but need to send in your registration forms to ASCA at the same time. We are not responsible for lost Qs if you do not register with ASCA in a timely manner. However, you may enter without a tracking number; your Q's will NOT be recorded with ASCA. If you have any questions about obtaining an ASCA QTracking number, send an email to [agility@asca.org](mailto:agility@asca.org). Forms can be downloaded from <https://www.asca.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/trackapp.pdf>.

## COVID-19 Information

1. All attendees will be required to sign a COVID-19 Waiver. Please sign and include the waiver with your entry form. This applies not only to participants but to anyone planning to attend the event with the participant (including minors). If more people attend the event with you than were listed on the waiver you sent with your entry, bring them to see the Trial Secretary so that the additional attendees can sign the Waiver as well.
2. Non-participants and the young, elderly, and anyone at risk are encouraged to remain at home.
3. Clubs, show officials, participants and anyone attending the show are required to follow state, local and facility guidelines that apply to the area and site where the event is held.
4. Do not attend if you are sick or have been in the last 14 days.
5. Do not attend if you have been near anyone with symptoms.
6. Social distancing is required in crating areas, seating, restrooms, and anywhere else lines could be formed (Check-in, Course Map Postings, Results Postings, concession stand, etc.).
7. Do not congregate; leave 6 feet between you and all other participants.
8. Bring your own pen/marker to check-in and if you will be volunteering as Gate Steward or Scribe.
9. If you don't want volunteers to touch your leash, you may carry it in your pocket during your run as long as it's entirely concealed. If your leash falls off or the dog grabs your leash during your run it will be considered a toy in the ring and scored as elimination. ASCA, TWANG, and ASCOT assume no liability if the handler chooses to pocket their leash and it catches on obstacles and/or causes the handler to trip.
10. Masks are to be worn by everyone when inside the facility. The only time your mask may be removed is when you are running the course. Wear your mask to the start line and then place it in your pocket, around your neck, or elsewhere on your person until you complete your run. You may not carry it in your hand while you run. Your mask must be back in place before you exit the ring.
11. Participants are encouraged to use hand sanitizer.
12. Avoid shaking hands, hugging, high-fives or other physical contact.
13. Avoid touching dogs, chairs, crates, etc. that aren't yours.
14. You are strongly encouraged to accustom your dog to seeing people wearing facemasks prior to entering the trial.
15. Additional guidelines may be specified in your confirmation letter or at the event.
16. Please contact the Trial Secretary or Chairperson if you have any additional questions.

**Waiver of Liability and Informed Consent COVID-19 Waiver**

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
• I attest that to the best of my knowledge, I do not have COVID-19 at the time of attending this event, and understand the risks of unknowing exposure to this and other illnesses by or to myself, my family, other participants, and third parties. I have not been tested and found positive; am not waiting for test results; and do not have symptoms. I agree that I will not knowingly expose others to any illness I may have or be at risk to have. I will follow all Texas Working Agility Group (TWANG), Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA), and Australian Shepherd Club of Texas (ASCOT) (the "Host Clubs") rules and requirements that exist or may be established during the event to reduce any exposure and possibility of contracting or spreading the virus. I will also fully cooperate with and follow any City, County, State, or facility guidelines and restrictions that are in effect in the area in which the event is taking place. If any of the above should change prior to my arrival at the trial site or during the completion of the event that is the subject of this consent, I will inform TWANG and proceed accordingly in light of the new information.

• I agree that I am attending this event entirely at my own risk and assume all risk and full responsibility for my own health, wellbeing, and safety during this event. I fully agree that ASCA and the Host Clubs, its Board members, club members, employees, assistants, volunteers and the show site are in no way liable for any present or future COVID-19 exposure incurred at any time by any person, in attendance or not in attendance, during or after this event. I hereby waive and release ASCA, Northcrest Equestrian Training Center (the "Site") and the Host Clubs, the owners/board members, club members, employees, assistants and volunteers from any and all liability for damages or personal injury to me, my dogs or my property.

• Further, I hereby indemnify and hold harmless ASCA, the Site and Host Clubs, the owners/board members, club members, employees, assistants and volunteers from any and all claims by or liability to any third party arising out of my participation in the Site and Clubs event. Any liability to anyone for any incident involving myself, the location, or those pets or actions of other participants and spectators will be my sole responsibility and I assume all financial liability and will also assume all and any financial costs associated with my actions.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Minors Attending with me that I take responsibility for:

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**VOLUNTEER FORM**

Volunteers are always needed. If interested in helping, please complete this form. You will receive a worker buck for each class worked.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Willing to work or learn (please circle):

Time    Scribe    Gate Steward    Ring Crew    Leash Runner

Number of classes willing to work per day \_\_\_\_\_

Prefer NOT to do \_\_\_\_\_

Anything about your availability \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\* Thanks to all who volunteer! \*\*\*\*\*

**AGILITY TRIAL ENTRY FORM**



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TWANG (ASCOT sanctioning)  
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**Owner:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dog's Call Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birth date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Registered Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Breed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Sex:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ASCA Reg. or Tracking #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dog's**

**Circle Height you want to Jump:**

**Height at withers:** \_\_\_\_\_ **4 8 12 12+ 16 16+ 20 20+ 24**  
**ACE** \_\_\_\_\_ (Std/Sr. Dog division) or **CH** \_\_\_\_\_ (Vet/Jr./Std division) or **FEO** \_\_\_\_\_

Class Entered	Division				Level			Day Entered	
	JH	Vet	Std	Sr. Dog	Nov	Open	Elite	SAT	SUN
Gamblers 1									
Jumpers 1									
Jumpers 2									
Regular 1					A B				
Regular 2					A B				

**Please Circle A or B for Novice Regular runs**

**Pre-Entry Fees: \$15/run OR \$140.00 for all 10 runs - Day of Show Entry fee (if available) \$18.00** **TOTAL ENTRY FEE: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: TWANG c/o Helen Wilson, P O Box 1278, Pilot Point TX 76258**

**Handler:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AGREEMENT**

**IMPORTANT LEGAL AGREEMENT—**(1) The person signing this Agreement represents being authorized to enter into it on behalf of him/herself, as well as (if different) the owner(s) and handler(s) of the dog(s) for which an entry form is being submitted (all these parties collectively referred to herein as "Applicant"). (2) "Releasees" here collectively refers to the Australian Shepherd Club of America® (ASCA®); its officers and board of directors, staff, contractors, insurers, attorneys, and agents; as well as ASCA®'s affiliate clubs and each of their members, officers, directors, employees, show chairs, show committees, judges, contractors, insurers, and agents; (3) Applicant enters into this Agreement in consideration for being allowed to submit an entry form and, if approved, to take part in related activities of ASCA® and/or its affiliates. (4) Applicant acknowledges entering into this Agreement voluntarily, after the opportunity to obtain independent legal review of it and to have questions about its likely meaning answered through such review. (5) Applicant accepts the terms of this Agreement not only on his/her own behalf but also for his/her successors, assigns, beneficiaries, heirs, parents/guardians, and anyone else who might raise a claim on his/her behalf or as a result of her suffering harm. (6) To the extent any provision or application of this Agreement turns out to be unenforceable, the rest of it still remains fully effective. (7) This Agreement is to be interpreted under Texas law, without application of its choice-of-law rules, and—to the extent permitted by law—any legal action by Applicant that names Releasees as one or more defendants shall be filed and heard solely in the state or federal courts serving the county of ASCA®'s headquarters: Brazos County, Texas. (8) Applicant agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of ASCA® and any other rules and regulations appearing in the premium for this event. (9) Applicant represents that the dog(s) being entered is/are not known to pose a hazard to persons, other dogs, or property and that all required rabies and other vaccinations under the state and local law of the dog's state of residence are current. (10) Applicant acknowledges awareness of and assumes the risk associated with his/her participation and that of his/her dog(s) in this event and related activities, among which are personal injury to Applicant and those affiliated with Applicant, injury to Applicant's dog(s), and damage to Applicant's property. As but a few examples, Applicant and/or his/her dog(s) may be injured from the condition of (or failure to warn of the condition of) floors, stairways, lighting, security measures or a lack of them, electrical devices, fittings, show rings, parking areas, motor vehicles, and unfamiliar animals and people. (11) Applicant releases Releasees from any claim or liability whatsoever arising from any injury, harm, liability, or demand in anyway said to occur during or in connection with related events, also waiving any right to assert such claims that he/she otherwise might have in the absence of this Agreement. (12) Applicant also agrees to indemnify Releasees from any claim that Applicant or those acting on Applicant's behalf, for Applicant's benefit, or in Applicant's place, might assert against Releasees. The obligation in this regard extends even to Applicant's paying settlements, judgments, and expenses and costs of legal defense incurred by Releasees. (13) The waivers, releases, and promises of indemnification undertaken by Applicant in this Agreement EXTEND EVEN TO: CLAIMS ASSERTING NEGLIGENCE PER SE, CONDUCT THAT IS INTENTIONAL OR RECKLESS, CLAIMS OF FRAUD, CLAIMS INVOLVING DEATH, ACTIVITY THAT WOULD OVERLAP WITH ALLEGATIONS OF CRIMINALITY, AND/OR CLAIMS SEEKING EXEMPLARY DAMAGES. They apply without regard to the basis of the claim (e.g., based on tort, breach of contract, common law, implied or express warranty, or otherwise). Applicant's promised indemnification of Releasees also extends to claims third parties assert against Releasees said to be based on Applicant's conduct. (14) INFECTIOUS DISEASE—Applicant's promises and assumption of risks in this Agreement also extend to the risk and any asserted harm Applicant and the dog(s) may suffer from actual or threatened exposure to infectious disease, whether COVID-19 or otherwise, and Applicant accepts full responsibility for taking such measures as may be required or prudent to protect Applicant and well as other participants in the events. Applicant represents being aware of related recommend health practices, e.g., masking and distancing. (15) Applicant assigns to ASCA® the sole right to pursue any claim in connection with or arising in relation to the scheduled events that Applicant or those acting for Applicant otherwise might assert against any person or entity affiliated with ASCA®. (16) There are no provisions to this Agreement other than as spelled out here and they may not be modified except by formal ASCA® board action. This Agreement is to be interpreted to provide Releasees with the maximum protection from liability allowable under the law.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE OF OWNER/HANDLER OR PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN (IF JR IS UNDER 18)**  
PERSON SIGNING THIS FORM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ERRORS AND RULE VIOLATIONS

AS USED HERE, "ASCA®" MEANS THE OWNER AND THE OPERATOR OF THE EVENT PREMISES, THE AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB OF AMERICA, ITS AFFILIATE CLUBS, AND EACH OF THEIR MEMBERS, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, SHOW CHAIRMEN, SHOW COMMITTEES AND AGENTS.