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Executive Secretary's Report January 2021

This report details the day-to-day activities of the ASCA Board of Directors (the Board). It includes results of motions voted on via email, meeting minutes, and any other non-confidential issues brought before the Board.

Announcements

Congratulations to the following ASCA judges newly approved at the level listed:

Senior Breeder Judge - Flo McDaniel (Illinois)
Senior Rally Judge - Ray Fryar (Texas)
Provisional Rally Judge - Cathy Kenny (Texas)
Apprentice Stockdog Judge - Kathy Males (Illinois)

The ASCA Website and AussEnews are now the **official publication media** for approving ASCA Judges. We hope this will support a timelier process.

Welcome to **new Affiliate Club** Smoky Mountain ASC!
Location: Kingsport, Tennessee
President: Valerie Yarber, Affiliate Rep: Pam Miller

The members of the **2022 National Specialty Committee** were approved.

ASCA Board members may no longer serve as a member or Chair of any of ASCA's standing committees while serving on the ASCA Board.

The Board voted to **officially declare a crisis** due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The recently approved emergency/crisis judge procedures are now in effect and Affiliates may utilize them to mitigate the hardships they are currently facing in hiring judges.

The Board approved a new **ASCA Agility Invitational Championship for all breeds**, as recommended by the Agility Committee - to begin when support from ASCA's computer system is possible.

The Board approved a reorganization and expansion of Chapter 26, **Post Advanced**, in the Stockdog Rulebook, as recommended by the Stockdog Committee.

The Board approved an **updated draw order and new worker's draw option** for ASCA Tracking, as recommended by the Tracking Committee.

The Board re-evaluated the mandated use of Google Classroom for **education of ASCA Judges** and decided to allow committees to choose the platform that works best for them from now on.

Motions Considered via Email

Director Recommendations

BD.21.01 Official Publication Media for ASCA Judges

Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Evans, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen.

Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: None.

- a. Comment from Director Evans: FYI: Agility rule book 1.2.6 should preface new wording with "Will".

Motion by Wesen to replace the Aussie Times as the official publication media for the purposes of approving ASCA Judges. This change will support a timelier method of providing Membership notification for their comments regarding Judge Applicants. Employing the ASCA website and the AussEnews for the Judge approval process as equivalent replacement publications for the Aussie Times is appropriate per the Bylaws (copied below). Second by Roberts.

Bylaws: C. "Club Newsletter" shall mean the "AUSSIE TIMES" or an equivalent replacement publication published by the Australian Shepherd Club of America in its regular course of business and distributed by paid subscription to the Club's members.

Current Wording: Directors Handbook

14 The Aussie Times

The Aussie Times is the newsletter for ASCA. The Board of Directors governs the editor and content of the Aussie Times. To facilitate this process, the President will appoint an Executive Committee to advise and manage the Aussie Times. This Committee will report to the Board. The Aussie Times editor will address any concerns to this Committee for their assistance or for distribution to the entire Board. For complete rules regarding the Aussie Times, please see ASCA's Policy Book.

Proposed Wording: Directors Handbook

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Current Wording: Policy Book

6.25 Publication of Judge Information

Contact information published in the AUSSIE TIMES for judges and judge applicants will be limited to the following: Judge's name, city, state/province, country, phone number and email address.

Proposed Wording: Policy Book

6.25 Publication of Judge Information

Contact information published on the website and in the next edition of the AussEnews for Judges and Judge applicants will be limited to the following: Judge's name, city, state/province, country, phone number and email address.

Current Wording: Agility Rulebook

1.1.6 Application

The applicant must fill out the ASCA Apprentice Agility Judge Application, include the required documentation, and send (mail, email, fax) it to the ASCA Business Office.

1. Once the application has been determined to be complete and accurate, the application submitted to the business office will be forwarded to the Agility Committee for review and consideration.
2. At the time of this submission, the Business Office will include the proposed issue of the Aussie Times in which the name of the Applicant will appear. The Business Office will submit the name and intent of the Applicant in the indicated publication of the Aussie Times.

Proposed Wording: Agility Rulebook

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Current Wording: Agility Rulebook

1.2.6 Application

Once these requirements are met, the Apprentice Judge may apply for release from supervision. The Apprentice Agility Judge Application for Promotion form must be filled out and sent to the ASCA Business Office. The form must include the documentation required in Section 1.2. The form is available at <http://www.asca.org>. See Section 4 for further requirements.

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Current Wording: Conformation Rulebook

Non-Regular Breeder Judge Requirements

1.1.1 Procedure

Steps in applying for Non-Regular Breeder Judge:

e. Upon passing the judges' test, the applicant's name will be published in the Aussie Times to solicit for comments from the membership to aid the Board of Directors in evaluating a Judge Application. The membership will have forty-five (45) days to respond. The ASCA Business Office will forward the application, sponsorship form; judges' test results and comments from the membership to the ASCA Board of Directors. Comments sent by the membership shall not be processed as disputes but only as material to be considered by Directors in the approval/denial process. These letters from the membership and all files containing Judges approvals shall be privileged and available only to Directors and ASCA's Attorneys). The identity of Members writing letters shall be confidential. Any negative comments contained in letters from Members shall be submitted to the Judge Applicant for rebuttal. Negative comments will be further investigated only if they are properly documented. Proper documentation includes but is not limited to Conflict Resolution or complaints found valid by the Board, court rulings, witness statements, etc. The ASCA Board of Directors will approve or deny the applicant within sixty (60) days.

Proposed Wording: Conformation Rulebook

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Proper documentation includes but is not limited to Conflict Resolution or complaints found valid by the Board, court rulings, witness statements, etc. The ASCA Board of Directors will approve or deny the applicant within sixty (60) days.

Current Wording: Conformation Rulebook

1.2.1 Procedure

Steps in applying for Provisional Breeder Judge:

c. Once the Office has determined that the applicant has met the minimum requirements, the applicant's name will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times for comment from the membership. The membership will have forty five (45) days to respond. The ASCA Business Office will forward the application letter and comments from the membership to the ASCA Board of Directors. The ASCA Board of Directors will approve or deny the application within sixty (60) days.

Proposed Wording: Conformation Rulebook

1.2.1 Procedure

Steps in applying for Provisional Breeder Judge:

c. When the Office has determined that the applicant has met the minimum requirements, the Business Office will provide the Judge Applicant's name to the Webmaster by the 25th of the current month for publication on the 1st of the next month on the ASCA website and in the AussEnews. Publication of the Judge Applicant information is to solicit for comments from the membership to aid the Board of Directors in evaluating a Judge Application. The membership will have forty-five (45) days to respond. The ASCA Business Office will forward the application letter and comments from the membership to the ASCA Board of Directors. The ASCA Board of Directors will approve or deny the application within sixty (60) days.

Current Wording: Conformation Rulebook

1.3 Approved Breeder Judge Requirements

1.3.1 Procedure

Steps in applying for Approved Breeder Judge:

c. Once the Office has determined that the applicant has met the minimum requirements, the applicant's name will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times for comment from the membership. The membership will have forty five (45) days to respond. The ASCA Business Office will forward the application letter and comments from the membership to the ASCA Board of Directors. The ASCA Board of Directors will approve or deny the application within sixty (60) days.

Proposed Wording: Conformation Rulebook

1.3 Approved Breeder Judge Requirements

1.3.1 Procedure

Steps in applying for Approved Breeder Judge:

c. When the Office has determined that the applicant has met the minimum requirements, the Business Office will provide the Judge Applicant's name to the Webmaster by the 25th of the current month for publication on the 1st of the next month on the ASCA website and in the AussEnews. Publication of the Judge Applicant information is to solicit for comments from the membership to aid the Board of Directors in evaluating a Judge Application. The membership will have forty-five (45) days to respond. The ASCA Business Office will forward the application letter and comments from the membership to the ASCA Board of Directors. The ASCA Board of Directors will approve or deny the application within sixty (60) days.

Current Wording: Conformation Rulebook

1.4 Senior Breeder Judge Requirements

1.4.1 Procedure

Steps in applying for Senior Breeder Judge:

c. Once the Office has determined that the applicant has met the minimum requirements, the applicant's name will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times for comment from the membership. The membership will have forty five (45) days to respond. The ASCA Business Office will forward the application letter and comments from the membership to the ASCA Board of Directors. The ASCA Board of Directors will approve or deny the application within sixty (60) days.

Proposed Wording: Conformation Rulebook

1.4 Senior Breeder Judge Requirements

1.4.1 Procedure

Steps in applying for Senior Breeder Judge:

c. When the Office has determined that the applicant has met the minimum requirements, the Business Office will provide the Judge Applicant's name to the Webmaster by the 25th of the current month for publication on the 1st of the next month on the ASCA website and in the AussEnews. Publication of the Judge Applicant information is to solicit for comments from the membership to aid the Board of Directors in evaluating a Judge Application. The membership will have forty-five (45) days to respond. The ASCA Business Office will forward the application letter and comments from the membership to the ASCA Board of Directors. The ASCA Board of Directors will approve or deny the application within sixty (60) days.

Current Wording: Obedience Rulebook

3 Obedience Judge Requirements

3.1 Obedience Judges

c. The applicant's name will be published in the Aussie Times (the bi-monthly publication for ASCA). The Membership of ASCA has 45 days to respond with comments, positive or negative.

Proposed Wording: Obedience Rulebook

3 Obedience Judge Requirements

3.1 Obedience Judges

c. The applicant's name will be published on the ASCA Website and in the AussEnews. The Membership of ASCA has 45 days to respond with comments, positive or negative.

Current Wording: Stockdog Rulebook

29 Chapter 29: Becoming a Judge

29.2.2 Application and Acceptance Process

b. Applicants for Apprentice Stockdog Judge will have their names published in the Aussie Times for comments. The Business Office is responsible for the accuracy and completion of each application.

2. At the time of this submission, the Business Office will include the proposed issue of the Aussie Times in which the name of the Applicant will appear. The Business Office will submit the name and intent of the Applicant in the indicated publication of the Aussie Times.

Proposed Wording: Stockdog Rulebook

29 Chapter 29: Becoming a Judge

29.2.2 Application and Acceptance Process

b. The Business Office is responsible for the accuracy and completion of each application. Upon determination that the application is correct, the Apprentice Stockdog Judge will have their names published on the ASCA Website and in the AussEnews for comments.

2. At the time of this submission, the Business Office will inform the Applicant that their name will be added to the ASCA Website and published in the next edition of the AussEnews. The Business Office will submit the name and intent of the Applicant to the Webmaster for publication on the ASCA Website and the AussEnews. Information received by the Webmaster by the 25th of the current month will be published on the ASCA website and in the AussEnews by the 1st of the following month.

Current Wording: Tracking Rulebook

10.2 ASCA Tracking Judge Applicants

Applicants who wish to apply to become an ASCA Tracking Judge, without affiliations other than ASCA, should fill out the Qualification Form, (See Appendix C), and send it to the ASCA Office. The Form will be forwarded to the Tracking Committee for review. If approved, Applicants will become Provisional Judges for a minimum of two assignments per test level. After the Provisional Judge's assignments are completed, the Applicant can petition the Board to be moved to regular status by sending the Board the copies of the Co-judge reviews. His/her name will be published in the Times and the ASCA Board of Directors will vote on his/her status.

Proposed Wording: Tracking Rulebook

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Comments/Rationale (from Director/Committee): This motion is intended to facilitate the ASCA Judge approvals that required publication in the Aussie Times. Due to the bi-monthly publication of the Aussie Times, Judge approvals were sometimes delayed for months beyond what was necessary. Moving the publication of Judge Applicant information to the ASCA Website and in the AussEnews will provide for more timely approval of Judge Applicants.

Affected: Business Office (approved and commented this can improve the timing that it takes for becoming a judge), Webmaster (approved and suggested the dates to ensure timely publication), and the Executive Secretary (approved).

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

BD.21.03 Board Members Serving on Committees

Motion is **adopted** (8-1) - Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: Evans. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: None.

- a. Dissent from Director Evans: It's reasonable to consider that there may be future cases when a Board Member may be well suited to sit on or chair a committee.

Motion by Roberts to Insert the following in the ASCA Policy Book in Chapter 22 Committees. Second by Larson.

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording: Policy Book

22 Committees

22.4 Committee Membership and ASCA Board Members

- A. ASCA Board members will not serve in a membership or chair capacity on any of ASCA's standing committees while serving on the ASCA Board.
- B. Board members elect may stay on a committee until seated on the ASCA Board.
- C. Once seated, the Board member will be able to monitor all committee business using the policy outlined in 8.2e of ASCA's Policy Book.

Comments/Rationale (from Director/Committee): This documents an unwritten process/procedure.

Affected: ASCA Board members.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

BD.21.04 Removal of Policy 11.1 Permission for Use of DNA Samples

Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Evans, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: None.

Motion by Roberts to remove section 11.1 Permission for use of samples from the ASCA Policy Book and renumber the rest of the chapter accordingly. Second by Larson.

Current Wording: Policy Book

11 DNA Profiling

11.1 Permission for Use of Samples

a. While the DNA samples which are stored by, and are in legal custody of a designated ASCA DNA laboratory, (currently ASCA's Approved DNA Lab) are in the stewardship of ASCA for the purpose of providing genetic identity and parentage verification, a portion of the archival sample will be provided for any other use provided the 1) written permission of the owner(s) of the dog is obtained by written request through ASCA, and 2) ASCA's Approved DNA Lab determines that enough genetic material will remain available for subsequent genetic purposes.

b. General Procedures: Upon written request, ASCA would request that the ASCA DNA laboratory transfer DNA sample material to the individual or laboratory indicated in the request. Any use of the sample by ASCA for purposes of research or for contribution to a genetic study, must be with the written authorization of all the registered owner(s) of the dog. All costs for transfer of sample material resulting from a transfer request whether initiated by the dog owner(s) or by ASCA will be borne by the requesting party(s).

Proposed Wording: None - section to be removed.

Comments/Rationale: The Lab that ASCA is using for DNA profiling will not be storing samples.

Affected: Unsure.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

BD.21.05 Removal of Policy 17.1 Ten Litter Kennels

Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Evans, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen.

Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: None.

Motion by Roberts to remove section 17.1 of the ASCA Policy Book and renumber the remaining section. Second by Larson.

Current Wording: Policy Book

17 Registry

17.1 Ten Litter Kennels

All responses from questionnaire will be sent to the Executive Secretary for Board of Directors review. If the questionnaire is not returned to the Business Office within two weeks, a follow-up letter will be sent. If this fails to produce the questionnaire, the Office Manager will notify the Board of Directors that no response was received.

Proposed Wording: None - section to be removed.

Comments/Rationale: A questionnaire has not been sent out since 2005, as far as we know.

Affected: None.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Committee Recommendations

AGILITY COMMITTEE

AG.21.01 ASCA Agility Invitational Championship

Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Evans, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen.

Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: None.

Motion by Liaison Wesen to approve the following recommendation from the Agility Committee.

Committee Recommendation: 11-2020 Motion: ASCA Agility Invitational Championship

Motion by Chet Katwyk to approve the ASCA Agility Invitational Championship. Second by Michael Kurdzo.

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording: Agility Rulebook

14 ASCA Agility Invitational Championship

14.1 Eligibility

14.1.1 Program

The ASCA Agility Invitational Championship is only for the Championship and ACE Programs at the Elite level. The ASCA Agility Invitational 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 ASCA Agility Invitational Championship by the ASCA BOD. (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 Agility Invitational Championship. All ASCA Affiliates and Licensees must apply to hold the ASCA Agility Invitational Championship by July 1 of the previous qualifying year. If more than one ASCA Affiliate/Licensee applies to hold the ASCA Agility Invitational Championship with all things being even between them, a lottery will determine who will be granted the right to hold the ASCA Agility Invitational Championship. No ASCA Affiliate /Licensee can hold the ASCA Agility Invitational Championship two years in a row if another ASCA Affiliate /Licensee applies to hold the ASCA Agility Invitational Championship the following year. The ASCA Agility Invitational Championship will be held between May 1 and June 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 ASCA Agility Invitational Championship. The list of ASCA Agility Invitational Championship Qualifiers as defined below will be published in the list of ASCA Agility Invitational Championship Qualifiers on the ASCA website. Those Qualifiers will be invited to compete at the ASCA Agility Invitational Championship.

14.1.3 Divisions

The ASCA Agility Invitational 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 ASCA Agility Invitational qualifying period will be the twelve-month period from January 1 to December 31 for the ASCA Agility Invitational 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 ASCA Agility Invitational 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. Each 10-point Q will be 1 point and each 5-point Q (in Regular) will be ½ point.

The ASCA Agility Invitational Championship will be limited to 450 dogs . See Section 14.4.

14.3 Notification

The ASCA Business Office will send the host club by USPS First Class mail postmarked no later than Feb 1 of the ASCA Agility Invitational Championship year a list of eligible competitors to the ASCA Agility Invitational Championship who has the minimum number of points as defined in Section 14.2 . The host club will send out invitations by E-mail to all competitors from the ASCA Agility Invitational Championship list received from the ASCA Business Office no later than a time stamp of March 1 of the ASCA Agility Invitational Championship year. If the host club does not receive a reply from a competitor by E-mail by March 8 of the ASCA Agility Invitational Championship year, then the host club will send that competitor an invitation by USPS First Class mail to that competitor no later than postmarked March 10 of the ASCA Agility Invitational Championship year.

14.4 Verification

All eligible contestants must verify that they will be competing at the ASCA Agility Invitational Championship by first sending an acceptance reply by E-mail. Then by sending the signed entry form with payment included to the host club

postmarked no later than April 1 of the ASCA Agility Invitational Championship year. If more than 450 entries are received, the first 450 entries by postmark date will be entered in the ASCA Agility Invitational Championship. 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 Agility Invitational 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 ASCA Agility Invitational 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 Judges.

14.6 Awards

14.6.1 General Information

The Host Club is responsible for procuring rosettes and awards for the ASCA Agility Invitational 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 ASCA Agility Invitational Championship, placement, name of the class (i.e., Jumpers) and ASCA Agility Invitational 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> ASCA Agility Invitational Championship Champion, (e.g., 2020 ASCA Medium Junior Handler ASCA Agility Invitational 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> ASCA Agility Invitational Championship. i.e., 2020 ASCA Medium Junior Handler ASCA Agility Invitational 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 ASCA Agility Invitational Championship Champion, (e.g. 2020 ASCA Junior Handler ASCA Agility Invitational Championship Champion, Seattle WA.) and will also include a spot for a photo of dog and handler (see 14.13 photographs of ASCA Agility Invitational 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 ASCA Agility Invitational 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. Dogs 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 ASCA Agility Invitational Championship check the computation of the scores before they are posted.

14.8 Selection of ASCA Agility Invitational Championship Judge(s)

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

No judge may judge the ASCA Agility Invitational Championship more than two years consecutively.

14.9 ASCA Agility Invitational Championship Course Design

Courses for the ASCA Agility Invitational 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 ASCA Agility Invitational Championship Workers

14.10.1 Required Workers

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

- 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 ASCA Agility Invitational Championship competitors. Nor can they be an owner of any dog competing in the ASCA Agility Invitational 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 ASCA Agility Invitational Championship Champions

The Host Club is responsible for photographing the five ASCA Agility Invitational Championship champions (Championship Standard, Championship Veteran Dog, Championship Junior Handler, ACE Standard and ACE Senior Dog) and the fifteen ASCA Agility Invitational 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 ASCA Agility Invitational Championship.

14.12 Sample Ribbon Order for ASCA Agility Invitational 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 and height. For example, if the 16" Championship Junior Handler division only has three dogs in it, then 10 placements will not be required.

Ribbon Type	Quantity	# of Divisions	# of Heights	Total Quantity
Gamblers Individual Round Placements (1st – 10th)	10	5	3	150
Regular Round 1 Individual Placements (1st – 10th)	10	5	3	150
Regular Round 2 Individual Placements (1st – 10th)	10	5	3	150
Jumpers Individual Round Placements (1st – 10th)	10	5	3	150
Overall Division Champion	1	5	0	5
Overall Division 2nd – 10th Placement	9	5	0	45
Finalist (given to those not in the top 10 overall in each division)	Based on the number of entries	5	0	Based on the number of entries

Comments/Rationale (from Committee): The ASCA Agility community has been asking for a championship program that the other breeds can compete within ASCA Agility for many years now. ASCA is losing competitors to the other agility organizations because we do not offer other breeds anywhere to showcase their achievements after they earn an ATCH. These other breeds dog owners, some of which also have Aussies, have been supporting ASCA Agility for years. Between 2018 and 2019, there was an increase in other breeds that earned titles over the number of Aussies earning titles. There were 69 ATCHs awarded to other breeds in that time period. Now that there is no place in ASCA to showcase their dogs, they now go to other organization’s Nationals like CPE, NADAC, USDAA or UKI. Even AKC allows for mixed breeds to enter their premier dog show, Westminster Dog Show in NY. AKC is a Pure Breed Registry - for years they did not allow mixed breeds to enter until they realized that they were losing money. This proposal is not in conflict with ASCA Nationals. It will be similar to a standard agility trial but by invitation only and it would include other breeds and Aussies with tracking numbers right along with registered Aussies.

Affected: Business Office (Office Manager was consulted and said that the only issue was the computer system and its moratorium. Once that was over, there was no problem with the motion), competitors, clubs.

Effective Date: This motion will go into effect when the Board of Directors approves and there is a computer system that will allow the Business Office to produce the list.

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 9 - Unanimous.

STOCKDOG COMMITTEE

SD.21.01 Revision and Expansion of Chapter 26, Post Advanced

Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Evans, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen.

Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: None.

Motion by Liaison Gann to approve the following recommendation from the Stockdog Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Revision and Expansion of Chapter 26, Post Advanced

Motion by Jacqueline Tinker. Second by Jamie Burns.

Current Wording: Stockdog Rulebook

17 Chapter 17: Post Advanced

17.1 Post Advanced

17.1.1 Post Advanced Division

Post-Advanced Trial Dog is for dogs that have been certified or have qualified for the Advanced Trial Dog for the class being entered.

a. The Post-Advanced Division is an optional division for Sheep/Goats and Cattle classes. Host clubs do not have to offer this division if facilities are unavailable. Advanced titled dogs do not have to compete in this division. The Post-Advanced Division may be offered as an individually sanctioned trial, or it may be offered as a division within a sanctioned Arena Trial.

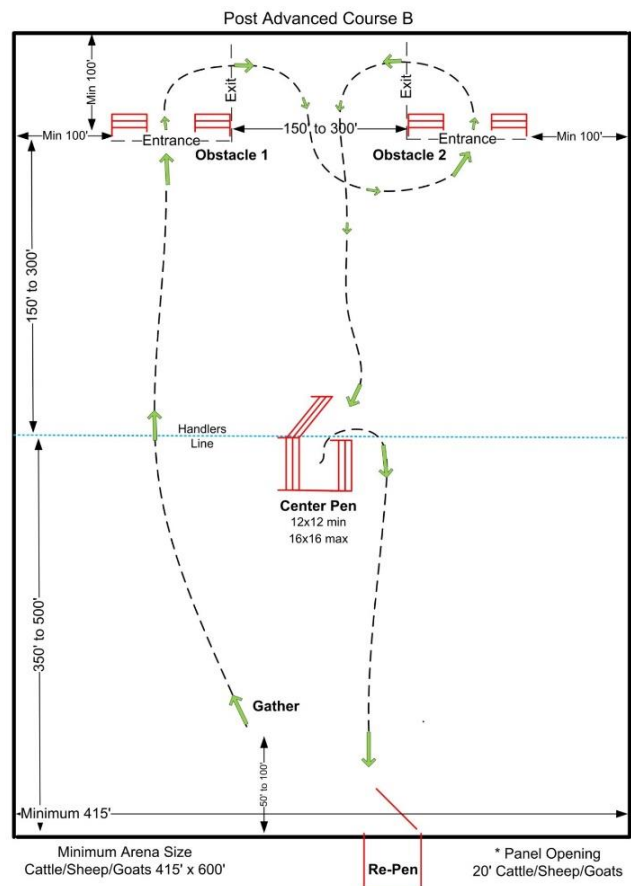
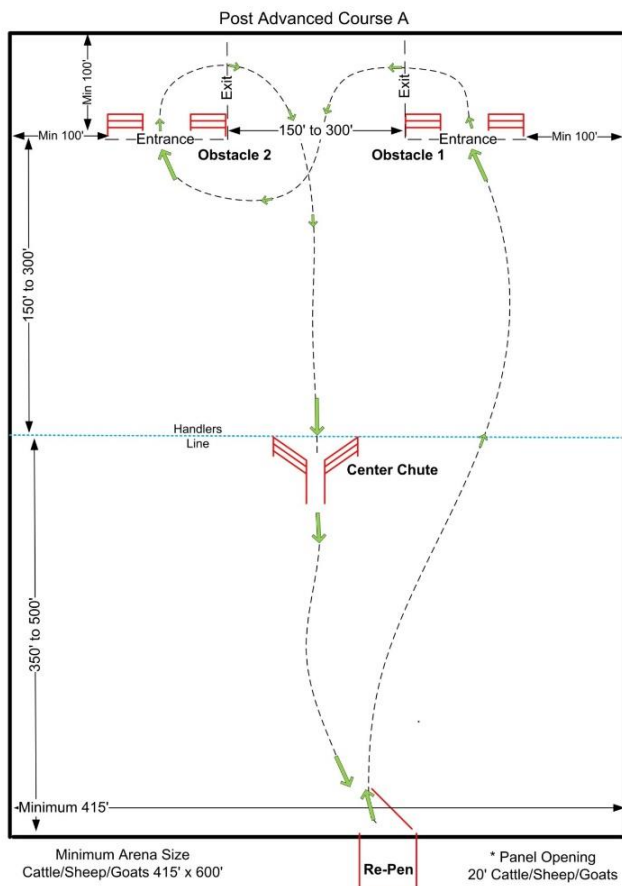
1. The Post-Advanced Division may not share sanctioning with any type of trial except an Arena Trial.

2. When sanctioning is shared with an arena trial, the arena and PATD course are not required to be the same course.

b. The Post-Advanced Division will be scored and placed separately from all other divisions of a sanctioned trial.

c. Any dog entering the Post-Advanced Division must have earned an Advanced Title on the class of stock entered.

- d. Time limit will be 15 minutes.
- e. Qualifying scores can be earned according to Chapter 21, Section 1.5. The title earned shall be PATD-class used at the end of the dog's name.
- f. Scores from this division are eligible for accruing National Stockdog Finals and Merit points. When sanctioned with an arena trial, only the highest scoring Australian Shepherd in the sanctioned trial is eligible for the additional finals point as described in Chapter 24. The HIT point is awarded to the highest scoring Australian Shepherd from all eligible divisions. When sanctioned alone, an additional finals point, if eligible, is awarded to the HIT from the PATD division as described in Chapter 24. Merit points will also be earned for the PATD division as described in Chapter 23.
- g. The same dog may not enter both Advanced and Post-Advanced Division on the same class of stock in the same sanctioned trial.
- h. The Post-Advanced Division will be run in a minimum area of 415 x 600 feet (approximately 6 acres).
 - 1. The distance of the cross-drive from the openings of panel 1 to panel 2 and the distance from the openings of panel 1 and panel 2 to the center obstacles must be equal for Course A or Course B. The equal distances of the cross drive between the openings of obstacles 1 and 2 and the distance to the center obstacle from panel 1 and panel 2 must be a minimum of 150 feet, but no more than, 300 feet.
 - 2. Whatever the distances are between the three obstacles of Course A and Course B, all obstacles must be at least 100 feet off any fence or perimeter.
 - 3. The distance from the take/re-pen end of the pasture to the Post Advanced Handlers line must be a minimum of 350 feet, but no more than, 500 feet.
 - 4. The distance from the take/re-pen end of the pasture to panel 1 and panel 2 must be a minimum of 500 feet, but no more than 800 feet.
- i. All obstacles shall be made up of 12-16-foot panels including the chute and free-standing pen. Obstacles 1 & 2 are made up of two panels each, parallel to each other with a 20-foot opening. Obstacle 1 and 2 shall be parallel to each other with the cross drive measured from the inside of both inside panels.
 - 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.
- j. The stock for Course B will be dropped and spotted at a minimum distance of 300 feet but not more than 500 feet from, and in line with, the center obstacle and at least 50 feet but not more than 100 feet from the take/re-pen end of the pasture for the gather.
- k. Obstacles 1 and 2 shall be negotiated in a figure 8 for both Course A and B. Course B will have a left-hand drive and Course A will have a right-hand drive.
- l. Each obstacle will be allowed only two attempts before the handler must move on to the next obstacle. Only course points will be lost on the failed obstacle.
- m. If the dog loses the stock from the designated Course area he will be excused, and stock handlers will retrieve the stock.
- n. Post Advanced Handler may not step across an imaginary line drawn across the entry wings of the chute or the gate of the free-standing pen without a loss of 50% of the total points.
EXCEPTION: While working the free-standing pen (see Chapter 10, Section 1.1.g).



Proposed Wording: Stockdog Rulebook

17.1 Post Advanced

17.1.1 Post Advanced Division

Post-Advanced Trial Dog is for dogs that have earned the Advanced Trial Dog title for the class entered.

A. The Post-Advanced Division is an optional division for Sheep/Goats and Cattle classes. Host clubs do not have to offer this division if facilities are unavailable. Advanced titled dogs do not have to compete in this division. The Post-Advanced Division may be offered as an individually sanctioned trial, or it may be offered as a division within a sanctioned Arena Trial.

1. The Post-Advanced Division may not share sanctioning with any type of trial except an Arena Trial.
 2. When sanctioning is shared with an arena trial, the arena and PATD course are not required to be the same course.
- B. The Post-Advanced Division will be scored and placed separately from all other divisions of a sanctioned trial.
- C. Any dog entering the Post-Advanced- Pen Division must have earned an Advanced Title on the class of stock entered.
- D. Time limit will be 15 minutes.
- E. Qualifying scores can be earned according to Chapter 21, Section 1.5. The title earned shall be PATD-class used at the end of the dog's name.
- F. Scores from this division are eligible for accruing National Stockdog Finals and Merit points. When sanctioned with an arena trial, only the highest scoring Australian Shepherd in the sanctioned trial is eligible for the additional finals point as described in Chapter 24. The HIT point is awarded to the highest scoring Australian Shepherd from all eligible divisions. When sanctioned alone, an additional finals point, if eligible, is awarded to the HIT from the PATD division as described in Chapter 24. Merit points will also be earned for the PATD division as described in Chapter 23.
- G. The same dog may not enter both Advanced and Post-Advanced Division on the same class of stock in the same sanctioned trial.
- H. The Post-Advanced Division will be run in a minimum area of 415 x 600 feet (approximately 6 acres).
- I. If the dog loses the stock from the designated Course area he will be excused, and stock handlers will retrieve the stock.

17.2 Post Advanced Course A

A. Set-Up: The fields will be set up with panels and pens positioned as outlined in the diagram and described in this section. The Post-Advanced Division will be run in a minimum area of 415 x 600 feet (approximately 6 acres).

1. The distance of the cross-drive from the openings of panel 1 to panel 2 and the distance from the openings of panel 1 and panel 2 to the center obstacles must be equal for Course A. The equal distances of the cross drive between the openings of obstacles 1 and 2 and the distance to the center obstacle from panel 1 and panel 2 must be a minimum of 150 feet, but no more than, 300 feet.

2. Whatever the distances are between the three obstacles of Course A, all obstacles must be at least 100 feet off any fence or perimeter.

3. The distance from the take/re-pen end of the pasture to the Post Advanced Handlers line must be a minimum of 350 feet, but no more than, 500 feet.

4. The distance from the take/re-pen end of the pasture to panel 1 and panel 2 must be a minimum of 500 feet, but no more than 800 feet.

B. Sequence: The sequence of events shall be as follows: take pen, obstacle 1 (two panel obstacle), obstacle 2 (two panel obstacle), center chute, and re-pen. Obstacles 1 and 2 shall be negotiated in a figure 8 for Course A (see diagram). Each obstacle will be allowed only two attempts before the handler must move on to the next obstacle. Only course points will be lost on the failed obstacle. EXCEPTION: The Course may be reversed by reversing the placement of the obstacles. This Course is designed to be run in either direction.

C. Panels: All obstacles shall be made up of 12-16-foot panels including the chute. Obstacles 1 & 2 are made up of two panels each, parallel to each other with a 20-foot opening. Obstacle 1 and 2 shall be parallel to each other with the cross drive measured from the inside of both inside panels.

D. Take Pens: The take pen does not have to be the same enclosure as the re-pen as long as the procedure is consistent for the entire trial and both pens are at the same end of the field. The take pen gate must be closed after the stock is released into the field. If the Judge, in consultation with the Course Director, decides that the take pen is not of adequate size and construction to be safe for the dog or the livestock, a different course must be used that does not require a take pen. All take pens shall be placed on the outside of the field. The take pen should be located somewhere outside and on the fence opposite the first obstacle whenever possible. If positioned on a side fence, the take pen must be as close to the fence opposite the first obstacle as possible. The take pen size and location shall be stated in the sanctioning request form.

1. For Cattle and Sheep/Goats, a take pen shall be of adequate size to allow the dog to remove the livestock safely. The livestock size, number and demeanor will determine the necessary size of each take pen. The livestock should not take up more than 1/3 of the take pen. It is suggested that the minimum size be no less than 250 square feet with a maximum size of 900 square feet.

2. The take pen gate for Cattle, Sheep/Goats shall be no less than 8 feet.

3. Course A may not be run without the use of a take pen. If, on the day of the trial, the take pen is determined to be unsafe or insufficient by the trial committee and Judge, a course not requiring a take pen must be used. This may be done without pre-approval from the Business Office. Any course changes must be submitted to the Business office with the Trial Report. At no time is livestock to be set out when using Course A.

E. Obstacle 1: This obstacle consists of two panels, positioned parallel to the handler's line, at least 150 but not more than 300 feet from the handler's line. The Sheep/Goats and Cattle field obstacle 1 shall be at least 100 feet off any fence or perimeter. Obstacle 1 is considered passed when at least one head of livestock passes an imaginary line drawn from the end of the panel nearest obstacle 2 and the rear fence line. If the stock are driven from the area of obstacle 2 around to obstacle 1 and toward the take pen, at least one head must pass an imaginary line which extends from the end of the first panel (nearest the side fence) to the side fence so that daylight can be seen by the Judge between this line and the stock (this imaginary line is known as the daylighting line) and then the stock must be turned around to attempt the obstacle. Ability to control livestock points for this work will be subject to the manner in which the movements around the obstacle were executed.

F. Cross Drive: The distance of the cross-drive from the openings of panel 1 to panel 2 and the distance from the openings of panel 1 and panel 2 to the center obstacles must be equal for Course A. The equal distances of the cross drive between the openings of obstacles 1 and 2 and the distance to the center obstacle from panel 1 and panel 2 must be a minimum of 150 feet, but no more than, 300 feet. Obstacles 1 and 2 shall be negotiated in a figure 8 for A. Course A will have a left-hand drive.

G. Obstacle 2: This obstacle consists of two panels, positioned parallel to the handler's line, at least 150 but not more than 300 feet from the handler's line. The Sheep/Goats and Cattle field obstacle 2 shall be at least 100 feet off any fence or perimeter. Obstacle 2 is considered passed when at least one head of livestock passes an imaginary line drawn from the end of the panel nearest obstacle 1 and the rear fence line. If the stock are driven from the area of obstacle 2 around to obstacle 1 and toward the take pen, at least one head must pass an imaginary line which extends from the end of the first panel (nearest the side fence) to the side fence so that daylight can be seen by the Judge between this line and the stock (this imaginary line is known as the daylighting line) and then the stock must be turned around to attempt the obstacle. Ability to control livestock points for this work will be subject to the manner in which the movements around the obstacle were executed.

H. Center Chute: The center chute consists of four panels. The Sheep/Goats and Cattle field center chute shall be 4 feet wide at the exit. The center of the chute is positioned in the lengthwise center of the field. The wing ends shall be positioned midway of the width of the fields, with the wings positioned at a 45-degree angle to the center of the chute. Ability to control livestock points for this work will be subject to the manner in which movement through the obstacle was executed.

I. Re-pen: The re-pen may be the same pen as the take pen. When the re-pen gate is opened, no further points can be earned on any other part of the course. Points for the re-pen may be earned at any time during the run.

J. Handler Lines: Post Advanced Handler may not step across an imaginary line drawn across the entry wings of the chute or the gate of the free-standing pen without a loss of 50% of the total points. The distance from the take/re-pen end of the pasture to the Post Advanced Handlers line must be a minimum of 350 feet, but no more than, 500 feet.

K. Attempts and Loss of Stock: Each obstacle will be allowed only two attempts before the handler must move on to the next obstacle. Only course points will be lost on the failed obstacle.

L. If the dog loses the stock from the designated Course area he will be excused, and stock handlers will retrieve the stock.

17.3 Post Advanced Course B

A. Set-Up: The field will be set up with panels and pens positioned as outlined in the diagram and described in this section. The Post-Advanced Division will be run in a minimum area of 415 x 600 feet (approximately 6 acres).

1. The distance of the cross-drive from the openings of panel 1 to panel 2 and the distance from the openings of panel 1 and panel 2 to the center obstacles must be equal for Course B. The equal distances of the cross drive between the openings of obstacles 1 and 2 and the distance to the center obstacle from panel 1 and panel 2 must be a minimum of 150 feet, but no more than, 300 feet.

2. Whatever the distances are between the three obstacles of Course B, all obstacles must be at least 100 feet off any fence or perimeter.

3. The distance from the take/re-pen end of the pasture to the Post Advanced Handlers line must be a minimum of 350 feet, but no more than, 500 feet.

4. The distance from the take/re-pen end of the pasture to panel 1 and panel 2 must be a minimum of 500 feet, but no more than 800 feet.

B. Sequence: The sequence of events shall be as follows: gather, obstacle 1 (two panel obstacle), obstacle 2 (two panel obstacle), free standing pen, and re-pen. Obstacles 1 and 2 shall be negotiated in a figure 8 for Course B (see diagram). Each obstacle will be allowed only two attempts before the handler must move on to the next obstacle. Only course points will be lost on the failed obstacle. EXCEPTION: The Course may be reversed by reversing the placement of the obstacles. This Course is designed to be run in either direction.

C. Panels: All obstacles shall be made up of 12-16-foot panels including the chute. Obstacles 1 & 2 are made up of two panels each, parallel to each other with a 20-foot opening. Obstacle 1 and 2 shall be parallel to each other with the cross drive measured from the inside of both inside panels.

D. Gather: The stock for Course B will be dropped and spotted at a minimum distance of 300 feet but not more than 500 feet from, and in line with, the center obstacle and at least 50 feet but not more than 100 feet from the take/re-pen end of the pasture for the gather. The livestock will be released into the field and positioned by the stock handler(s) until settled. The dog is sent to make contact with the stock and then must bring the stock in the direction of obstacle 1. The handler and the dog must begin the gather next to the free-standing pen, either side. Once the dog has been sent, the Advanced Handler is free to move in the re-pen side of the field. After the stock has passed the free-standing pen going in the direction of the first obstacle, the drive begins.

E. Obstacle 1: This obstacle consists of two panels, positioned parallel to the handler's line, at least 150 but not more than 300 feet from the handler's line. The Sheep/Goats and Cattle field obstacle 1 shall be at least 100 feet off any fence or perimeter. Obstacle 1 is considered passed when at least one head of livestock passes an imaginary line drawn from the end of the panel nearest obstacle 2 and the rear fence line. If the stock are driven from the area of obstacle 2 around to obstacle 1 and toward the take pen, at least one head must pass an imaginary line which extends from the end of the first panel (nearest the side fence) to the side fence so that daylight can be seen by the Judge between this line and the stock (this imaginary line is known as the daylighting line) and then the stock must be turned around to attempt the obstacle. Ability to control livestock points for this work will be subject to the manner in which the movements around the obstacle were executed.

F. Cross Drive: The distance of the cross-drive from the openings of panel 1 to panel 2 and the distance from the openings of panel 1 and panel 2 to the center obstacles must be equal for Course B. The equal distances of the cross drive between the openings of obstacles 1 and 2 and the distance to the center obstacle from panel 1 and panel 2 must be a minimum of 150 feet, but no more than, 300 feet. Obstacles 1 and 2 shall be negotiated in a figure 8 for A. Course B will have a right-hand drive.

G. Obstacle 2: This obstacle consists of two panels, positioned parallel to the handler's line, at least 150 but not more than 300 feet from the handler's line. The Sheep/Goats and Cattle field obstacle 2 shall be at least 100 feet off any fence or perimeter. Obstacle 2 is considered passed when at least one head of livestock passes an imaginary line drawn from the end of the panel nearest obstacle 1 and the rear fence line. If the stock are driven from the area of obstacle 2 around to obstacle 1 and toward the take pen, at least one head must pass an imaginary line which extends from the end of the first panel (nearest the side fence) to the side fence so that daylight can be seen by the Judge between this line and the stock (this imaginary line is known as the daylighting line) and then the stock must be turned around to attempt the obstacle. Ability to control livestock points for this work will be subject to the manner in which the movements around the obstacle were executed.

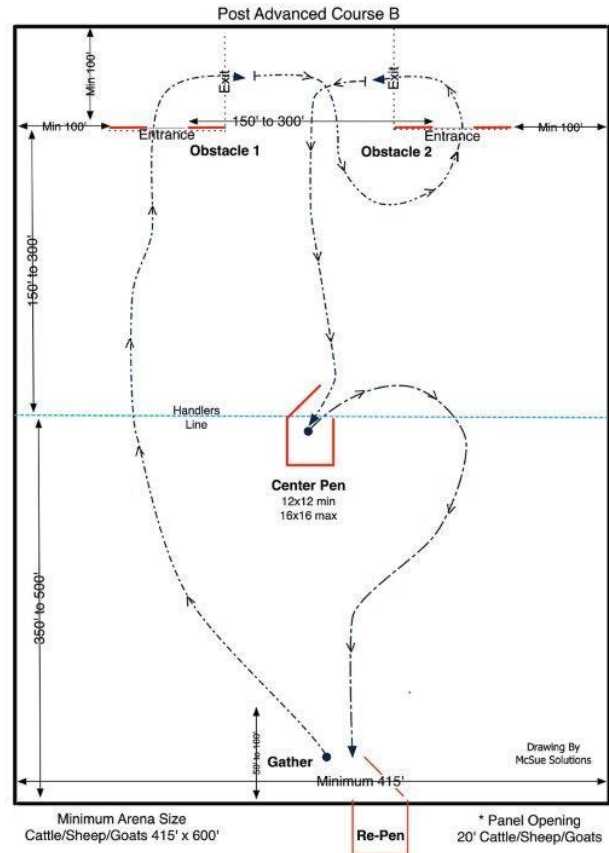
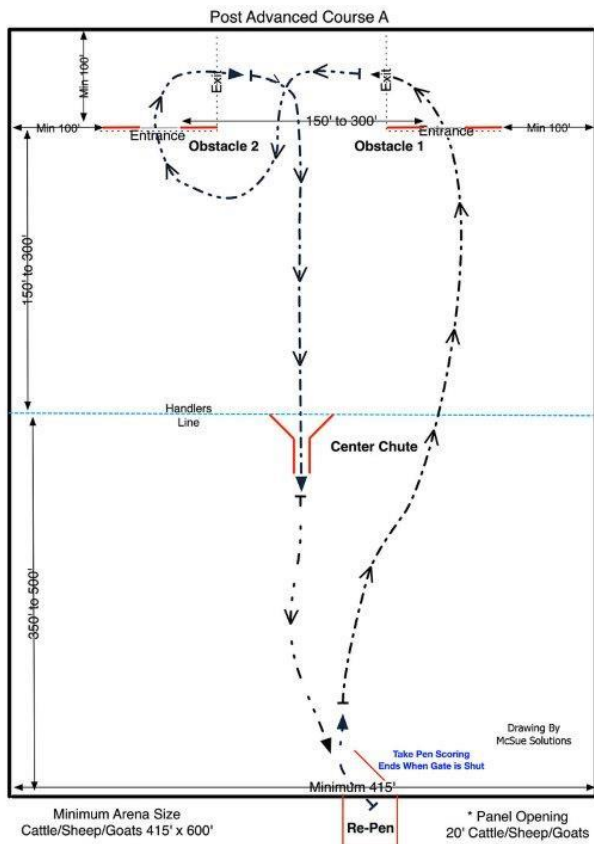
H. Center Pen: The center pen consists of four panels. The center pen panels for Cattle and Sheep/Goats must be a minimum of 12 feet and a maximum of 16 feet with a gate of no less than 12 feet. The free-standing pen is made up of three sides and a gate located so that the opening of the pen so the pen gate opens towards obstacle 2. The distance from the gate side of the pen to a plane drawn from obstacle 1 and obstacle 2 must be between 150-300 feet. The distance from the gate side of the pen to the front of the re-pen must be 350-500 feet. Ability to control livestock points for this work will be subject to the manner in which movement through the obstacle was executed. 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 verbally move on at any time. The dog is to put the stock into the pen and the handler is to close the gate in order to receive course points. The handler may assist the dog in bringing the stock out of the free-standing pen. Handlers are not required to stay at the gate while penning. Handler's cannot move more than 50 feet from the handler's line towards obstacles 1 and 2. Ability to control livestock points for this work will be subject to the manner in which this pen was completed.

I. Re-pen: When the re-pen gate is opened, no further points can be earned on any other part of the course. Points for the re-pen may be earned at any time during the run.

J. Handler Lines: Post Advanced Handler may not step across an imaginary line drawn across the entry wings of the chute or the gate of the free-standing pen without a loss of 50% of the total points. The distance from the take/re-pen end of the pasture to the Post Advanced Handlers line must be a minimum of 350 feet, but no more than, 500 feet.

K. Attempts and Loss of Stock: Each obstacle will be allowed only two attempts before the handler must move on to the next obstacle. Only course points will be lost on the failed obstacle.

L. If the dog loses the stock from the designated Course area he will be excused, and stock handlers will retrieve the stock.



Comments/Rationale (from Committee): The update is needed to create uniformity in our rule book. The current Post Advanced rulebook section lacks clarity and structure that makes it unclear and difficult to follow.

Affected: Anyone working on or competing in the Post Advanced division of the ASCA Stockdog Program.

Effective Date: June 1, 2021.

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 8. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: 2.

TRACKING COMMITTEE

TR.21.01 Updating Draw Order

Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Evans, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen.
Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: None.

Motion by Liaison Wesen to approve the following recommendation from the Tracking Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Updating Draw Order

Motion by Beth MacLehose to update the draw order and add in a worker's draw option. Second by Laurie Shuren.

Current Wording:

1.20.1 The TD "Draw for Test Entries"

The TD "Draw for Test Entries" shall be at random from all Entries received, except that for a Tracking Dog (TD) Test, priority in the "Draw for Test Entries" shall be given in the following order:

1. To all ASCA registered Australian Shepherds, including those previously titled through ASCA TD2 or ASCA TDU2, or TD and TDU, or untitled but with certifications or equivalent titles.
2. To all dogs with ASCA Office QTracker Numbers, including those previously titled through ASCA TD2 or ASCA TDU2, or TD and TDU, or untitled but with certification or equivalent titles.
3. To ASCA registered Australian Shepherds with three or more TD/TDU titles.
4. To dogs with ASCA Office QTracker Numbers with three or more TD/TDU titles.

5. To a non-titled ASCA registered Australian Shepherd without a certification or equivalent title.
6. To a non-titled dog with and ASCA Office QTracker Number without a certification or equivalent title.

When the advertised limit of entries has been drawn, all remaining entries, subject to the same preferences set forth in the preceding paragraph, shall be drawn for a position on the Alternate List.

NOTE: *TD and TDU Certifications may be used to enter either test.

These priorities for the "Draw for Entries" order shall be published in premium of the Tracking Dog (TD) Test.

1.20.2 The TDU "Draw for Test Entries"

The TDU "Draw for Test Entry(s)" shall be at random from all entries received, except that for a Tracking Dog Urban (TDU) Test, priority in the draw for test entry shall be given in the following order:

1. To all ASCA registered Australian Shepherds, including those previously titled through ASCA TDU 2 or ASCA TD 2, or TDU and TD, or untitled but with certifications or equivalent titles.
2. To all dogs with ASCA Office QTracker Numbers, including those previously titled through ASCA TDU 2 or ASCA TD 2, or TDU and TD, or untitled but with certification or equivalent titles.
3. To all ASCA registered Australian Shepherds with TDU 3, TD 3, or TDU/TD 3 titles.
4. To all dogs with ASCA Office QTracker Numbers with TDU3, TD3, or TDU/TD3 titles.
5. To a non-titled ASCA registered Australian Shepherd without a certification or equivalent title.
6. To a non-titled dog with and ASCA Office QTracker Number without a certification or equivalent title.

When the advertised limit of entries has been drawn, all remaining entries, subject to the same preferences set forth in the preceding paragraph, shall be drawn for a position on the Alternate List.

NOTE: *TD and TDU Certifications may be used to enter either test.

These priorities for the "Draw for Entry(s)" order shall be published in the premium for the Tracking Dog Urban (TDU) Test.

1.20.3 The TDX "Draw for Test Entries"

The TDX "Draw for Test Entries" shall be at random from all entries received, except that for a Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX) tests, priority in the "Draw For Test Entries" shall be given in the following order:

1. To all ASCA registered Australian Shepherds, including those previously titled through ASCA TDX 1 or untitled,
2. To all dogs with ASCA Office QTracker Numbers, including those previously titled through ASCA TDX 1, or untitled,
3. To all ASCA registered Australian Shepherds with TDX 2 titles or MT titles,
4. To all dogs with ASCA Office QTracker Numbers, with TDX 2 titles or MT titles.

When the advertised limit of entries has been drawn, all remaining entries, subject to the same preferences set forth in the preceding paragraph, shall be drawn for a position on the Alternate List. These priorities for the "Draw for Entry Order" shall be published in the premium for the Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX) Test.

1.20.4 Versatility Competition and the "Draw for Test Entries"

When a Versatility Competition is offered in conjunction with a Tracking Trial the "Draw for Test Entries" shall be given in the following order:

Priority draw order for TD/TDU:

1. To an untitled (in Tracking) ASCA registered Australian Shepherd with a TD/TDU certification or an equivalent title,
2. To a titled (in Tracking) ASCA Registered Australian Shepherd who is entered in the Versatility Competition,
3. To an untitled dog with an ASCA Office QTracker Number with a TD/TDU certification or an equivalent title,
4. To a TD/TDU or TDX titled ASCA Registered Australian Shepherd,
5. To a TD/TDU or TDX titled dog with an ASCA Office QTracker Number,
6. To a non-titled ASCA registered Australian Shepherd without a certification or equivalent title,
7. To a non-titled dog with an ASCA Office QTracker Number without a certification or an equivalent title.

Priority draw order for TDX:

1. To an ASCA registered TD/TDU titled Australian Shepherd, not previously titled in TDX,
2. To a TDX titled ASCA registered Australian Shepherd who is entered in the Versatility Competition,
3. To a TD/TDU titled dog with an ASCA Office QTracker Number, not previously titled in TDX,
4. To an ASCA registered Australian Shepherd, titled through TDX 1 but not entered in Versatility Competition,
5. To a dog with an ASCA Office QTracker Number, titled through TDX 1 but not entered in Versatility Competition,

6. To an Australian Shepherd, titled through TDX2 or MT but not entered in Versatility Competition,
 7. To a dog with an ASCA Office QTracker number, titled through TDX2 or MT but not entered in Versatility Competition.
- When the advertised limit of entries has been drawn, all remaining entries, subject to the same preferences set forth in the preceding paragraph, shall be drawn for a position on the Alternate List.

When a Tracking Trial is held in conjunction with an ASCA National Specialty Show, the draw priorities for TD/TDU entry and TDX entry shall be listed as follows:

Priority for draw order for TD/TDU test:

1. Aussies who are untitled in Tracking, with a certification or an equivalent title;
2. TD/TDU and TDX titled Aussies who are entered in Most Versatile Aussie competition;
3. Aussies who are titled through TD/TDU 2 but not entered in Most Versatile Aussie Competition;
4. Aussies who are uncertified.

Priority for draw order for TDX test:

1. TD/TDU titled Aussies not previously titled in TDX;
2. TDX titled Aussies who are entered in Most Versatile Aussie competition;
3. Aussies who have previously titled through TDX1;
4. Aussies with TDX2 or MT titles.

These priorities for the "Draw for Test Entries" shall be published in the Premium for the ASCA National Specialty Show Tracking Trial.

Proposed Wording:

1.20.1 The TD "Draw for Test Entries"

The TD "Draw for Test Entries" shall be at random from all Entries received, except that for a Tracking Dog (TD) Test, priority in the "Draw for Test Entries" shall be given in the following order (having or not having 1 or more TDX's and/or UTDX's shall not effect a dog's order of draw for a TD or TDU test):

1. To all ASCA registered Australian Shepherds who have not yet earned a TD3 or TDU3 or a combination of TD's and TDU's that equal 3 but with certifications or an equivalent title.
2. To all dogs with ASCA Office QTracker Numbers who have not yet earned a TD3 or TDU3 or a combination of TD's and TDU's that equal 3 but with certifications or an equivalent title.
3. To ASCA registered Australian Shepherds with three or more TD/TDU titles.
4. To dogs with ASCA Office QTracker Numbers with three or more TD/TDU titles.
5. To a non-titled ASCA registered Australian Shepherd without a certification or equivalent title.
6. To a non-titled dog with an ASCA Office QTracker Number without a certification or equivalent title.

When the advertised limit of entries has been drawn, all remaining entries, subject to the same preferences set forth in the preceding paragraph, shall be drawn for a position on the Alternate List.

Note: *TD and TDU Certifications may be used to enter either test.

These priorities for the "Draw for Entries" order shall be published in premium of the Tracking Dog (TD) Test.

1.20.2 The TDU "Draw for Test Entries"

The TDU "Draw for Test Entry(s)" shall be at random from all entries received, except that for a Tracking Dog Urban (TDU) Test, priority in the draw for test entry shall be given in the following order (having or not having 1 or more TDX's and/or UTDX's shall not effect a dog's order of draw for a TD or TDU test):

1. To all ASCA registered Australian Shepherds who have not yet earned a TD3 or TDU3 or a combination of TD's and TDU's that equal 3 but with certifications or an equivalent title.
2. To all dogs with ASCA Office QTracker Numbers who have not yet earned a TD3 or TDU3 or a combination of TD's and TDU's that equal 3 but with certifications or an equivalent title.
3. To ASCA registered Australian Shepherds with three or more TD/TDU titles.
4. To dogs with ASCA Office QTracker Numbers with three or more TD/TDU titles.
5. To a non-titled ASCA registered Australian Shepherd without a certification or equivalent title.
6. To a non-titled dog with an ASCA Office QTracker Number without a certification or equivalent title.

These priorities for the "Draw for Entry(s)" order shall be published in the premium for the Tracking Dog Urban (TDU) Test.

1.20.3 The TDX or UTDX “Draw for Test Entries”

The TDX or UTDX “Draw for Test Entries” shall be at random from all entries received, except that for a Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX) or Urban Tracking Dog Excellent (UTDX) tests, priority in the “Draw For Test Entries” shall be given in the following order:

1. To all ASCA registered Australian Shepherds that do not yet have 2 TDX’s or 2 UTDX’s or a TDX and a UTDX.
2. To all dogs with ASCA Office QTracker Numbers that do not yet have 2 TDX’s or 2 UTDX’s or a TDX and a UTDX.
3. To all ASCA registered Australian Shepherds with TDX 2 titles or UTDX 2 or MT titles,
4. To all dogs with ASCA Office QTracker Numbers, with TDX 2 titles or UTDX 2 or MT titles.

When the advertised limit of entries has been drawn, all remaining entries, subject to the same preferences set forth in the preceding paragraph, shall be drawn for a position on the Alternate List. These priorities for the “Draw for Entry Order” shall be published in the premium for the Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX) Test.

1.20.4 Versatility Competition and the “Draw for Test Entries”

When a Versatility Competition is offered in conjunction with a Tracking Trial the “Draw for Test Entries” shall be given in the following order:

Priority draw order for TD/TDU:

- a. To an untitled (in Tracking) ASCA registered Australian Shepherd with a TD/TDU certification or an equivalent title,
- b. To a titled (in Tracking) ASCA Registered Australian Shepherd who is entered in the Versatility Competition,
- c. To an untitled dog with an ASCA Office QTracker Number with a TD/TDU certification or an equivalent title,
- d. To a TD/TDU or TDX/UTDX titled ASCA Registered Australian Shepherd,
- e. To a TD/TDU or TDX/UTDX titled dog with an ASCA Office QTracker Number,
- f. To a non-titled ASCA registered Australian Shepherd without a certification or equivalent title,
- g. To a non-titled dog with an ASCA Office QTracker Number without a certification or an equivalent title.

Priority draw order for TDX/UTDX:

- a. To an ASCA registered TD/TDU titled Australian Shepherd, not previously titled in TDX/UTDX.
- b. To a TDX titled ASCA registered Australian Shepherd who is entered in the Versatility Competition,
- c. To a TD/TDU titled dog with an ASCA Office QTracker Number, not previously titled in TDX,
- d. To an ASCA registered Australian Shepherd, titled through TDX1/UTDX1 but not entered in Versatility Competition,
- e. To a dog with an ASCA Office QTracker Number, titled through TDX1/UTDX1 but not entered in Versatility Competition,
- f. To an Australian Shepherd, titled through TDX2/UTDX2 or MT but not entered in Versatility Competition,
- g. To a dog with an ASCA Office QTracker number, titled through TDX2/UTDX2 or MT but not entered in Versatility Competition.

When the advertised limit of entries has been drawn, all remaining entries, subject to the same preferences set forth in the preceding paragraph, shall be drawn for a position on the Alternate List.

When a Tracking Trial is held in conjunction with an ASCA National Specialty Show, the draw priorities for TD/TDU entry and TDX/UTDX entry shall be listed as follows:

Priority for draw order for TD/TDU test:

1. Aussies who are untitled in Tracking, with a certification or an equivalent title;
2. TD/TDU and TDX/UTDX titled Aussies who are entered in Most Versatile Aussie competition;
3. Aussies who are titled through TD/TDU 2 but not entered in Most Versatile Aussie Competition;
4. Aussies who are uncertified.

Priority for draw order for TDX/UTDX test:

1. TD/TDU titled Aussies not previously titled in TDX or UTDX;
2. TDX or UTDX titled Aussies who are entered in Most Versatile Aussie competition;
3. Aussies who have previously titled through TDX1 or UTDX1
4. Aussies with TDX2 or UTDX2 or MT titles.

These priorities for the “Draw for Test Entries” shall be published in the Premium for the ASCA National Specialty Show Tracking Trial.

1.20.5 Test Worker Option

A club may set aside tracks for test workers from previous tests, as defined and identified by the test giving club. This information and the number of tracks to be set aside must be published in the premium list. Entries from workers are to be drawn first, up to the limits shown in the table below. Once the tracks set aside for workers are filled, any remaining test worker entries will be added to the non-worker entries for the draw of the remaining tracks. There will be no separate alternate list for test workers only. A test worker may not benefit from a track set aside at a test in which they are working. Deviations from the table are not permitted for any test.

Total # of Test Tracks Offered	# of Worker Tracks Allowed
1-2	0
3-5	1
6-8	2
9-11	3
12 or more	4

Comments/Rationale (from Committee): With new titles we needed to update draw order and add in a worker's draw option that clubs have been asking for.

Affected: Exhibitors and Clubs with the new workers draw and updating of draw rules. Rulebook has been reviewed for conflicts and applicable updates.

Effective Date: June 1, 2021.

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 5. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: 1.

Minutes of the Board Meetings via GoToMeeting

Thursday, January 5, 2021

President Busquets called the informal meeting to order at 7:05 pm CST and it was adjourned at 8:16 pm CST.

In attendance were: President Liz Busquets, 1st Vice President Rick Gann, 2nd Vice President Gina Larson, Treasurer Warren Evans, Secretary Jan Wesen, Director Judy Boone, Director Denise Creelman, Director Carol Gerken, Director Jean Roberts, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco, and 2022 Nationals Chair Betty Jaco.

Meeting Notes:

1. **2022 National Specialty Committee** - This meeting was called so that Directors could speak directly to the 2022 Nationals Chair, Betty Jaco, about seating the 2022 Nationals Committee. The committee, as recommended by the Nationals Advisory Committee, will be voted on during the Board's January 14 meeting.

Thursday, January 14, 2021

President Busquets called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm CST and it was adjourned at 8:15 pm CST.

In attendance were: President Liz Busquets, 1st Vice President Rick Gann, 2nd Vice President Gina Larson, Treasurer Warren Evans, Secretary Jan Wesen, Director Judy Boone, Director Denise Creelman, Director Carol Gerken, Director Jean Roberts, and Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco.

Meeting Notes:

1. **Financial Update** - Executive session from 6:05 pm - 6:20 pm. The financial reports for period ending December 31, 2020, were presented by Treasurer Evans. Mr. Evans updated the Board regarding ASCA's current fiscal condition and projections for the future. Members can find the Treasurer's report and analysis from Mr. Evans in the member's only section of ASCA's website.

- a. **BD.21.06 December 2020 Treasurer's Report** - Motion by Boone to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Second by Creelman.
 - i. Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Unanimous.

2. **2022 National Specialty Committee** - Executive session from 6:20 pm - 6:22 pm. The Board voted on the slate of 2022 National Specialty Committee Members. The event is in Bryan, Texas, from October 28 - November 4, 2022.
- a. **BD.21.02 2022 Nationals Committee Members** - Motion by Larson to approve the 2022 Nationals Committee listed below. This list was reviewed and approved by the National Advisory Committee. Second by Roberts.
 - i. Motion is **adopted** (5-4) - Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Larson, Roberts. Disapprove: Evans, Gann, Gerken, Wesen. Abstain: None. Absent: None.
 - b. 2022 ASCA Nationals Committee - List of Members:
Nationals Chairperson – Betty Jaco
Finals Stockdog Course Director – Larry Teaff
Nationals Course Director – Jacqueline Tinker
Nationals and Finals Agility Secretary – Pam Smith
Nationals and Finals Conformation Secretary – Peter Kontos
Nationals and Finals Obedience Secretary – Ann McCabe
Nationals and Finals Rally Secretary – Karen Black
Nationals and Finals Juniors Secretary – Erica Pruitt
Tracking Secretary – Jan Wesen
MVA/MVJ Secretary – Renee Watson
Dock Jumping Chairperson – Lesli Hill
Awards and Rosettes Chairperson – Cathy Kenny
Sponsorship Chairperson – Heidi Mobley
Accounting Chairperson – Susan Byrne
Vendors/Stalls Chairperson – Kim Eden
Hotels and Travel Chairperson – Geri Scheidt
Banquets/Receptions/Nightly Dinners Chairperson – Susan Harris
Merchandise Chairpersons – Carol Harvey & Karen Dahle
RV/Camping/Golf Carts Chairperson – Cameron Leopold
Hospitality Chairperson – Rachel Vest
Signage & Decorations – Laura Gibson
Parades Chairperson – Renee Lacey Carantza
Catalog Chairperson – Cathy Kenny
Education/Seminars/Health Clinics Chairperson – Leslie Creelman Sosa
Nationals Office Manager – Barb (& Dick) Budny
Welcome Bags/Junior Bags/Judges Gifts Chairperson – Suzette Pendo
Facebook & Slideshows Chairperson – Kalla Jaco
Local Liaison – Susan Byrne
3. **Registry Request** - Executive session from 6:22 pm - 6:52 pm. The Board considered a request to correct information regarding an ASCA registered litter. ASCA rules allow for corrections to be made within 30-days, but DNA verification is required for changes outside that window.

Discussion of the following topics was recorded and 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>

4. **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 email, each face-to-face meeting or conference call meeting includes a motion to ratify all business conducted via email since the last face-to-face meeting or conference call meeting.
- a. **BD.21.07 December 2020 Email Business** - Motion by Creelman to ratify all business conducted over email during December 2020. Second by Larson.
 - i. Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Unanimous.

5. **Computer System/Technology Update** - System Liaison Evans reported on the ongoing progress of the computer system upgrade and gave an update on overall technology plans. The Board is currently accepting and reviewing resumes from volunteers to help with future system upgrade work.

- a. Director Boone question if any work was being done on the system by Inventive right now. Mr. Evans answered that Inventive does ongoing maintenance for us, but they are not engaged for any new projects related to the system. Seating the committee with volunteers is the first step toward re-starting system upgrades.

6. **2021 Nationals Board Meetings** - The Board will decide over email which days they plan to meet during the 2021 Nationals in Bryan, Texas, from October 29 - November 6, 2021.

7. **Judge Education Platform** - The Board re-evaluated the use of Google Classroom for ASCA Judge education, considering feedback from ASCA's program committees. Directors supported allowing the committees to choose the platform that works best for them.

- a. **BD.21.08 Judge Education Platform** - Motion by Wesen to request ASCA's program committees research and choose a platform for their program's judge education and report back by the Board's meeting in April. The platform must be free and ASCA must control access/passwords. Second by Larson.
 - i. Motion is **adopted** (8-0-1) - Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Evans, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: Gann.

8. **Crisis Determination** - For the recently approved temporary emergency/crisis judge procedures to be in effect, the Board officially declared a crisis due to the ongoing, global COVID-19 pandemic.

- a. **BD.21.09 Crisis Determination** - Motion by Wesen that ASCA officially declare an emergency/crisis due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. ASCA Affiliates may now utilize the temporary emergency/crisis judge procedures. To be reevaluated as the crisis dictates. Second by Gerken.
 - i. Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Unanimous.

9. **Conformation Crisis Judge Procedure** - Liaison Boone presented the Conformation Committee's recommendation to mitigate the current judge shortage in countries other than the United States due to COVID-19 travel restrictions.

- a. Some Directors shared concerns about how long it would take a person to be approved as a crisis judge under these procedures. The purpose of a crisis judge is to alleviate the circumstances affecting ASCA Affiliates immediately.

CO.21.01 Crisis Judge Procedure

Motion is **lost** (4-5) - Approve: Boone, Evans, Gann, Gerken. Disapprove: Busquets, Creelman, Larson, Roberts, Wesen. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

Motion by Liaison Boone to approve the following recommendation from the Conformation Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Motion by Mary to accept the following Crisis Judge Procedure as an emergency [committee] motion to not miss any Board voting deadlines for January 2021 and in an effort to get this procedure off the ground in a timely manner. Second by Liz.

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording: Crisis Judge Requirements for Canada and Europe

Before applying for Crisis Judge status, the following requirements must be met:

- a. Must be a full adult member of ASCA in good standing for a minimum of eight (8) continuous (without a lapse in Membership) years immediately preceding their application to become an ASCA Crisis Judge.
- b. Must be at least twenty-six (26) years of age.
- c. Must have bred four (4) ASCA Champions of Record or be a breeder of two (2) and handled two (2) ASCA Champions of Record to their title. (The applicant must have placed all points and majors on each Champion.)
- d. Must have a thorough knowledge of the ASCA Australian Shepherd Breed Standard.
- e. Must have a thorough knowledge of the ASCA Approved Conformation Show Rules and Regulations.

f. Must be willing to abide by the ASCA Conformation Judges Code of Ethics.

THESE ARE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLYING AND EACH APPLICANT WILL BE EVALUATED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS BEFORE ACCEPTANCE INTO THE PROGRAM. APPLICANT MAY EXCEED THESE REQUIREMENTS FOR THEIR BENEFIT.

Procedure

Steps in applying for Crisis Breeder Judge:

- a. Obtain an application form from the ASCA Business Office.
- b. The application form must be completed and returned to the ASCA Business Office.
- c. Upon receipt of the application form, the ASCA Business Office will verify the documentation is correct and minimum requirements have been met.
- d. When the Office determines the minimum requirements have been met, they will send the applicant a judge's test either electronically or by mail. This test must be completed and returned to the ASCA Business Office within two (2) months either electronically or by mail. A score of 100% is required to pass. An applicant may attempt the test three times. A failure after the third attempt would result in denial of his/her current Crisis Judge Application.
- e. Upon passing the judges' test, the applicant's name will be published in the AussieNews electronic mailing to solicit for comments from the membership to aid the Board of Directors in evaluating a Judge Application. The membership will have thirty (30) days to respond. The ASCA Business Office will forward the application, judges' test results and comments from the membership to the ASCA Board of Directors. Comments sent by the membership shall not be processed as disputes but only as material to be considered by Directors in the approval/denial process. These letters from the membership and all files containing Judges approvals shall be privileged and available only to Directors and ASCA's Attorneys. The identity of Members writing letters shall be confidential. Any negative comments contained in letters from Members shall be submitted to the Judge Applicant for rebuttal. Negative comments will be further investigated only if they are properly documented. Proper documentation includes but is not limited to Conflict Resolution or complaints found valid by the Board, court rulings, witness statements, etc. The ASCA Board of Directors will approve or deny the applicant within thirty (30) days.
- f. All properly documented negative comments will be investigated by the ASCA Board of Directors. If this investigation indicates there is probable cause that the applicant should not be approved, the application will be denied. If denied, the applicant will have thirty (30) days to appeal the decision. If an appeal has been submitted, the Board will respond within thirty (30) days.
- g. If the application is approved, the applicant will receive notification in writing from the ASCA Business Office of appointment to Crisis Judge and, at that time, will be an ASCA Crisis Judge. The applicant may then accept judging assignments for all classes except National Specialty and/or Pre/Post shows. Upon approval, the applicant's name, city and telephone number will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times.
- h. A crisis must be determined by the ASCA Board of Directors and will remain in place until the ASCA Board of Directors officially announces that the crisis is over.
- i. A person working as a Crisis Judge will not permanently hold the position of and ASCA Breeder Judge in any form, nor will they be allowed to use this experience to bypass the existing requirements for becoming an ASCA Breeder Judge when the crisis is over. They must apply and meet the requirements for becoming a judge as described in Appendix B, Section 1.1 of the Conformation Rule book. The experience gathered from judging as a Crisis Judge, can be listed as additional experience on the application form.

Comments/Rationale (from Committee): This procedure is geared towards mitigating the current judge shortage in countries other than the United States due to travel restrictions because of the ongoing pandemic and the social distancing procedures involved.

Affected: Business Office. (Ray has responded that the procedure is OK.)

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 7. Disapprove: 4. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: None.

Dissent from Committee Member Ann DeChant: While I understand the European Clubs don't have a lot of available judges, I don't like short cutting the judge requirements with these people being able to award CH.

Dissent from Committee Member Kathy Peycke: I don't think that the motion does anything to get Europe judges immediately, they still need to meet all the requirements and pass the judges' test. I find it unfortunate that Europe is lacking judges but that has been the case for some time now. They have chosen to fly in judges from the states instead of cultivating their own judges. We are in strange times, new situations, and we all must try to

make the most of it. There are other areas that are not having shows at this time because of COVID-19 shutdowns and regulations. As to Canada, they are able to use CKC judges to have shows. The motion gets them no closer to a quick solution either, but they do have a resource for judges.

Dissent from Committee Member Debbie Martin: I feel that judges awarding Championship points should complete the proper process as set forth in the current requirements to become an ASCA judge. It is my understanding that several people in Europe have completed the requirements to become a judge under the current rules and simply need to take the test. I believe that is the place to begin.

Dissent from Liz Gibson: I feel that the need is there to help in Europe. And while I think a compromise was made by the committee on this motion, I feel that the requirements are there for a reason and should be followed. After reading back thru all the discussion, something Mary said stands out to me. She said (and I am not sure where I read it) that there are several European members that have met the requirements to apply under Appendix B section 1.1, but for whatever reason have not applied. I also feel that the suspension of the current 6-month rule Chapter 7, 7.21 should have been included to help not only any judges in Europe and Canada but also in the harder hit areas of the United States.

10. **2021 Nationals Premium** - The Board approved a final revision to the premium for the 2021 Nationals before publication in the next issue of the Aussie Times.

a. **BD.21.10 2021 Nationals Premium** - Motion by Gann to approve the 2021 Nationals premium as presented. Second by Larson.

i. Motion is adopted (9-0) - Approve: Unanimous.

[Wednesday, January 20, 2021](#)

President Busquets called the informal meeting to order at 6:08 pm CST and it was adjourned at 7:23 pm CST.

In attendance were: President Liz Busquets, 1st Vice President Rick Gann, 2nd Vice President Gina Larson, Treasurer Warren Evans, Secretary Jan Wesen, Director Judy Boone, Director Denise Creelman, Director Jean Roberts, System Advisor Allison Bryant, Office Manager Ray Fryar, and Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco. Director Carol Gerken was absent.

Meeting Notes:

1. **Computer System** - The Board discussed the interest received from members to help with the system upgrade work and strategies for proceeding with upgrades. Everyone who volunteered will be able to contribute in some way. We plan to call on individuals with relevant skills to help as our needs change throughout the project. The most important, expensive, and time-consuming piece of the project is migrating ASCA's database. Once the database is migrated, we will move to maintenance and upgrades. A representative from ASCA will talk with Inventive to determine our next steps.