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## February 2021 Executive Secretary's Report

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 new Junior Handling Judge **Frederike Hochscherf** from Germany!

**2022 Obedience Finals Judges:** Cindy Franks and Elizabeth Chase.

**2022 Stockdog Finals Judges:** Preston Kissman, Rick Hardin, and Brad Warren.

**2022 Junior Handling Finals Judges:** Leslie Box Noack.

**2022 Conformation Finals Judges:** Susan Harris, Sharon Sparks, and Lynda Hardin.

The Most Versatile Aussie (MVA)/Most Versatile Junior (MVJ) scoring system was revised to reward higher performing teams more accurately.

To assist Affiliates and competitors in regions affected by travel restrictions due to COVID-19, a procedure to confirm temporary judges when the Board declares a crisis was approved for the ASCA Conformation program.

The first two approved Conformation Crisis Judges are:

**Debby Michielsen** (Belgium)

**Myrjam Langen** (Germany)

A completed ASCA [Trademark License Application](#) is now required with all new Applications to Affiliate.

[Applications](#) are now required for anyone wishing to join an ASCA Committee, instead of resumes.

#### *Approved Recommendations from Junior Committee:*

- We now have an application and procedure for becoming a Junior Handling Judge.

- Beginning in June, no Junior under the age of three may exhibit in any non-regular class.

- Scoring for the Junior Stockdog Program was revised and the Committee hopes it will lead to a 500 Club for Stockdog Juniors.

#### *Approved Recommendations from Obedience Committee:*

- Effective date of Back Up Judge System (approved 12-2020) was changed to be effective immediately.

- Corrections to include references to new Novice C Class.

- Changes to Nationals Rules regarding bitches in season competing at Nationals and the ribbons required at Finals and Nationals.

- Exhibitors and stewards are prohibited from bringing toys and bait bags, in addition to food, into the ring.

#### *Approved Recommendations from Rally Committee:*

- Clarifications to the Pairs Classes.

- Toys and other reward items are prohibited in and near the ring.

- New selection process instituted for Rally Finals and Nationals Judges.

- Additions to Course Design Chapter due to new signs added in 2019.

- Updates to wording for Start/Heeling Conduct Station.

## Motions Considered via Email

### Director Recommendations

#### BD.21.11 Eligibility to Serve as ASCA Nationals Chairperson (Revised)

Motion is **lost** (5-3) - Approve: Gann, Gerken, Wesen. Disapprove: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Larson, Roberts. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: Evans.

- a. **Comment from Director Busquets:** I agree that ASCA must avoid conflicts of interest. I agree that ASCA employees and Directors should not serve as Chairperson. However, while agree that the Chairperson should not be a relative of a Director, I think prohibiting family members of employees goes a bit too far. Directors have

direct control over monetary concerns, the budget, and general oversight over the planning of the National Specialty. Therefore, having a Chairperson who is related to the Director might indeed be a conflict of interest. ASCA employees have no decision-making power, no control over the budget for the Specialty, and no direct oversight. There is no true benefit for either party. Due to the nature of ASCA's organization, conflicts of interest sometimes are difficult to assess and control. There are other situations regarding the Specialty that require more attention than the relationship between the Chairperson and an employee with no oversight power. For example, at the moment there is nothing that really prohibits the Chairperson from hiring the services of a relative or a company that employs a relative. In this case, there would be a direct monetary benefit from the relationship. Right now, ASCA needs its volunteers, and it is not as if there are many people volunteering to lead the Specialty Committee. If ASCA is really serious about avoiding all conflicts of interest, then a comprehensive set of rules should be written which address those conflicts or should consider the employment of an outside event planner or superintendent to plan the Specialty.

- b. **Comment from Director Creelman:** I do agree with the intent of this motion but there are too many scenarios that need to be discussed before I would vote yes. The title of the motion only refers to the Nationals Chair, but it continues to further topics.
- c. **Comment from Director Larson:** This is an area that needs review and discussion; however, more pressing is the issue of BOD showing/trialing under each other at nationals. Also, throughout the year. This whole area needs review and discussion.
- d. **Comment from Director Roberts:** While I am a supporter of elimination of conflicts of interest, I believe this policy does not address ALL the potentials for conflict that come with ASCA, the organization, taking control of the Nationals. Other potential conflicts that need to be addressed; ASCA Board Members serving as judges during Nationals and Finals. The ASCA Board is the deliberative body when a complaint is filed ... possibly against the Board member judge. ASCA Board members showing/trialing under other Board members. ASCA Board members serving at the event in any official capacity. The Board needs to address ALL the potential conflicts, not just this single issue.

Motion by Wesen to change the wording concerning a person's eligibility to serve as the ASCA Nationals Chairperson.  
Second by Gerken.

Current Wording: National Specialty Rules

1.7.2 Ineligible to Serve as Nationals Chairperson

An ASCA employee (regular, part-time, contract or temp) and no ASCA Board member can serve as the Nationals Chairperson, unless that person has committed to that position prior to their employment or election.

Proposed Wording: National Specialty Rules

1.7.2 Ineligible to Serve as Nationals Chairperson

ASCA employees (regular, part-time, contract or temp) and their immediate family members, and ASCA Board members and their immediate family members, may not serve as Nationals Chairperson.

Comments/Rationale (from Director): The Nationals Chairperson position must remain free from concerns of conflict of interest or nepotism. In addition, to the Board must be able to maintain a segregation of duties and ensure appropriate accounting controls of Nationals finances. For these reasons, candidates that apply for the position must not be Board members, ASCA employees or immediate family members of ASCA full time or part time employees or Board members. Since ASCA is now hosting the National Specialty, it is imperative that the concerns of conflict of interest, nepotism, segregation of duties and accounting controls be addressed with regard to the position of Nationals Chairperson. Definition of immediate family is found in Section 1.4 of the ASCA Conformation Rule Book. (The immediate family members of a person are that person's husband, wife, parents, grandparents, children, or other descendants, siblings, domestic partner, together with such domestic partner's parents and children, including any step-relationship or in-law relationship among any such persons.)

Affected: Nationals Chairperson Applicants, ASCA Board.

Effective Date: To be implemented for the 2023 Nationals Chairperson Applicants and all subsequent years.

### BD.21.13 Require Trademark Application for New Affiliates

Motion is **adopted** (8-0) - Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: Evans.

Motion by Boone to add the ASCA Trademark License application to the new affiliate club packet. Second by Roberts.

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording: Application to Affiliate

On page three of the Application to Affiliate for new clubs, under 'Checklist of items to send with this application ' add the line:

Completed ASCA Trademark License Application.

Comments/Rationale: Currently new Affiliates do not sign the trademark agreement and are not allowed to use the ASCA trademark until they renew for the first time. This allows all new Affiliates to use ASCA's trademark.

Affected: Office will attach Trademark Application to new affiliate packet. The Office Manager has approved.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

### BD.21.14 Committee Conference Calls/Video Meetings

Motion is **adopted** (8-0) - Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: Evans.

Motion by Roberts to change the following section of the Committee Procedures. Second by Gann.

Current Wording: Committee Procedures

Section 2.8 Conference Call

Committees may schedule one conference call each year at ASCA's expense, which will include all Committee Members and the Board Liaison. The Agenda for this call must be submitted to the Board two weeks prior to the call. The purpose of the call is to allow the entire Committee to be in touch at least once each year and enable them to discuss issues of a complex nature.

Proposed Wording: Committee Procedures

Section 2.8 Conference Call

Committees may schedule conference calls or video meetings, which will include all Committee Members and the Board Liaison. ASCA Board members may also attend, provided that they do not participate in the discussion, unless invited by the host. Minutes of the call or meeting shall be posted to the committee email group, within 2 weeks, for archival purposes.

Comments/Rationale: The section is archaic and needed to be updated to reflect current activities.

Affected: ASCA Committees.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

### BD.21.15 Application for ASCA Committees

Motion is **adopted** (8-0) - Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: Evans.

Motion by Roberts to require applications from members seeking to serve on ASCA committees, instead of resumes.

The application is here: [https://www.asca.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Committee\\_Member\\_Application\\_2021v3.pdf](https://www.asca.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Committee_Member_Application_2021v3.pdf)

. This will necessitate the below changes to the Committee Procedures and Directors' Handbook. Second by Larson.

Current Wording: Committee Procedures

2.1.1 Resume Submission

1. Members interested in serving on an ASCA committee should submit their resume to the ASCA Executive Secretary by the first day in April each year.
2. Member resumes should provide sufficient detail regarding how their knowledge/skills would be valuable to the Committee they are applying to serve.
3. Resumes may be submitted at any time if a Member would like to serve on an ASCA committee.
4. Resumes will be retained on file for a year.
5. Members who are still interested in serving on a Committee may update their resume at any time or by the first day in April each year.

Proposed Wording: Committee Procedures

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Current Wording: Committee Procedures

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The Executive Secretary will forward all resumes held by him/her, having been submitted by ASCA Members who wish to sit on the particular committee, to the full Board of Directors.

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All other Rules contained in these Committee Procedures regarding the solicitation, acceptance and time held as they pertain to resume submissions will be honored.

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Current Wording: Committee Procedures

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Current Wording: Committee Procedures

7.7 Vacancies

The ASCA Executive Secretary will post monthly for Program Committee resumes on the official ASCA email list, ASCA Facebook page, and ASCA Website to fill Committee vacancies/emerging vacancies. The following steps details resume submission information and how/when the BOD may fill Committee vacancies.

A. Members interested in serving on an ASCA committee should submit their resume to the ASCA Executive Secretary by the first day in April each year.

B. Member resumes should provide sufficient detail regarding how their knowledge/skills would be valuable to the Committee they are applying to serve.

C. Resumes may be submitted at any time if a Member would like to serve on an ASCA committee. D. Resumes will be retained on file for a year.

E. Members who are still interested in serving on a Committee may update their resume at any time or by the first day in April each year.

F. The Board may fill Committee vacancies that arise during the year with the Member resumes currently on file.

Proposed Wording: Committee Procedures

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3. Applications Resumes may be submitted at any time if a Member would like to serve on an ASCA committee.

4. Applications Resumes will be retained on file for a year.

5. Members who are still interested in serving on a Committee may update their application resume at any time or by the first day in April each year.

6. The Board may fill Committee vacancies that arise during the year with the Member applications resumes currently on file.

Current Wording: Directors' Handbook

5.12.6 Executive Secretary to the Board of Directors

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Proposed Wording:

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Current Wording: Directors' Handbook

Appendix A: The Effective Committee Liaison

7 Committee Chair Reports

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Proposed Wording: Directors' Handbook  
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Comments/Rationale: Using an application, instead of resumes, for requests to join and remain on committees will ensure that the Board has all the information necessary to make appointments.

Affected: Committee applicants.

Effective Date: Immediately following the 2021 Spring Meeting (and the committee appointments).

Attachment: Committee\_Member\_Application\_2021.pdf

#### BD.21.16 Annual Committee Member Report

Motion is **adopted** (8-0) - Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: Evans.

Motion by Roberts to remove Chapter 7 section 7.1 from the Committee Procedures and renumber the chapter accordingly. Second by Larson.

Current Wording: Committee Procedures  
Section 7.1 Annual Committee Member Report

As stated in 2.3a, the Chair is responsible to keep track of the terms of its members. During the month of March each Committee Chair will send a report to the Executive Secretary which will contain the following:

1. A list of all committee members, when their term is expiring, and the region they represent as of March 1st.
2. Resumes of those members whose term is expiring and who want to remain on the committee. a. In addition, for the Stockdog Committee, what position they hold, judge or contestant.
3. Names of those members whose term is expiring but not wanting to remain on the committee. a. In addition, for the Stockdog Committee, what position they hold, judge or contestant.
4. Any additional members.
  - a. When their term is expiring.
  - b. In addition, for the Stockdog Committee, what position they hold, judge or contestant.

Proposed Wording: None - section to be removed.

Comments/Rationale: Elimination of this step would streamline the committee member renewal process.

Affected: Executive Secretary and Committee Chairs. The Executive Secretary advises that she already keeps track of appointments and terms. It would be easier for her to send a notice to the chairs letting them know who is up for renewal.

Effective Date: Immediately following the 2021 Spring Meeting (and the committee appointments/renewals).

#### BD.21.17 Committee Member Reappointment Resumes

Motion is **adopted** (8-0) - Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: Evans.

- a. **Comment from Director Boone:** All mention of resume should be changed to application.

Motion by Roberts to add number 6 to the following section. Second by Larson.

Current Wording: Committee Procedures

2.1.1 Resume Submission

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3. Resumes may be submitted at any time if a Member would like to serve on an ASCA committee.
4. Resumes will be retained on file for a year.
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Proposed Wording: Committee Procedures

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3. Resumes may be submitted at any time if a Member would like to serve on an ASCA committee.
4. Resumes will be retained on file for a year.
5. Members who are still interested in serving on a Committee may update their resume at any time or by the first day in April each year.
6. Existing committee members who wish to be considered for reappointment, must submit their application to the Executive Secretary by March 31st each year.

Comments/Rationale: This will define who receives the renewal application and the cut off date.

Affected: Executive Secretary and applicants. The ES agrees with this change.

Effective Date: Immediately following the 2021 Spring Meeting (and the committee appointments).

## Committee Recommendations

### JUNIOR COMMITTEE

#### JR.21.01 Junior Handling Judge Eligibility and Definitions

Motion is **adopted** (8-0) - Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: Evans.

Motion by Liaison Creelman to approve the following recommendation from the Junior Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Motion made by Andrea Bair. Second by Bayley Williams.

Current Wording:

8.1.2 Judging Rules and Regulations

8.1.2.1 Eligibility of Judge

Any person who is a former Junior Handler competitor and has attained their 21st birthday may be approved by the ASCA Board of Directors to judge Junior Handling, or any AKC Junior Handling judge, breed judge, or any judge from the ASCA Approved Judges List. The name of each Junior Handling judge shall be included on the show sanction form that must be sent to the ASCA Business Office, and in the case of the Nationals, to the ASCA Board of Directors.

Proposed Wording:

8.1.2 Judging Rules and Regulations

8.1.2.1 Eligibility of Judge

Any person who is a former ASCA Junior Handling competitor and has attained their 21st birthday may be approved by the ASCA Board of Directors to judge Junior Handling provided that the provisions listed in Appendix A of this rulebook are met. In addition, any ASCA Breeder Judge, ASCA Senior Breeder Judge, or other approved conformation judges listed in the ASCA Approved Judges List (from the conformation section) may judge Junior Handling. ASCA Non-Regular judges are not permitted to judge junior handling.

The name of each Junior Handling judge shall be included on the show sanction form that must be sent to the ASCA Business Office, and in the case of the Nationals, to the ASCA Board of Directors. In no case will a judge be approved if suspended from privileges from ASCA, the AKC/CKC/UKC or the sponsoring member club.

Only judges who have grandfathered into the program or have achieved the Approved Junior Judge status may judge at Specialty Shows, Nationals Pre/Post Shows, the ASCA National Specialty, and the ASCA Junior Handling Finals.

#### 8.1.2.2 Definition of ASCA Junior Judges:

PROVISIONAL JUNIOR JUDGE - Allowed to judge all Non-Regular and Regular Junior Handling classes at ASCA Sanctioned Conformation shows. A Provisional Junior Judge is precluded from judging Specialty Shows, Nationals Pre/Post Shows, National Specialties and the ASCA Junior Handling Finals.

APPROVED JUNIOR JUDGE - Allowed to judge all Non-Regular and Regular Junior Handling classes at ASCA Sanctioned Conformation shows including: Specialty Shows, Nationals Pre/Post Shows, National Specialties and the ASCA Junior Handling Finals.

Comments/Rationale (from Committee): The ASCA BOD tasked the committee to write a replacement procedure for the current program of approving new Junior Judges as the old system was quite antiquated. We believe that creating a system that will in some way "mirror" the current approval process for Conformation Judges is the best way to go for approving new judges. This is the same motion that was put forth 2/2020 with some dates changes.

Other Rules affected: We have additional motions for 8.6.3 and the addition of Appendix A (shows the procedures for applying to be a Junior judge).

Business Office comments per Ray Fryar on 2/2/21: Looks good.

Affected: Junior Handling Judge applicants.

Effective Date: June 1, 2021.

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

#### JR.21.02 Junior Handling Finals Judge Requirements

Motion is **adopted** (8-0) - Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: Evans.

Motion by Liaison Creelman to approve the following recommendation from the Junior Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Motion by Andrea Bair. Second by Bayley Williams.

#### Current Wording:

##### 8.6.3 Judges

Judges for the National Junior Handling Finals must meet one of the following requirements:

- A. Previous ASCA Junior Handler over the age of twenty-one
- B. ASCA Breeder Judge

All of the above are subject to approval of the ASCA Board of Directors.

The National Junior Handling Finals may be incorporated into the obedience and/or working sections, if enough interest is generated.

#### Proposed Wording:

##### 8.6.3 Judges

Judges for the National Junior Handling Finals must meet one of the following requirements:

- A. Approved Junior Judges
- B. ASCA Breeder Judge



All of the above are subject to approval of the ASCA Board of Directors. **Provisional Junior Judges will not be permitted.** The National Junior Handling Finals may be incorporated into the obedience and/or working sections, if enough interest is generated.

Comments/Rationale (from Committee): This change has to be made to keep the rules in line with the new Junior Judges approval procedures and rule change to 8.1.2.

Other Rules affected: 8.1.2 and Appendix A (motions be put forward for both of these at this time).

Business Office Comments per Ray Fryar on 2/2/21: All looks good Andrea.

Affected: Junior Handling Judge applicants.

Effective Date: June 1, 2021.

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

### JR.21.03 Junior Handling Judge Requirements & Procedures

Motion is **adopted** (8-0) - Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: Evans.

- a. **Comment from Director Busquets:** Even though I have voted yes, the applicants' names are now sent to the website, etc. rather than the AT. This needs to be revised.
- b. **Comment from Director Roberts:** However, I would like to see the committee make an actual application, similar to the breeder judge application, for the sake of streamlining the gathering of information.

Motion by Liaison Creelman to approve the following recommendation from the Junior Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Motion by Andrea Bair. Second by Shelby Shank.

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording: APPENDIX A: Junior Judge Requirements

Chapter 1 Junior Judge Requirements

REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR BECOMING AN ASCA APPROVED JUNIOR HANDLING JUDGE:

Within the ASCA Approved Junior Handling Judge Program, there are two (2) levels, which are as follows:

1. PROVISIONAL JUNIOR JUDGE - Allowed to judge all Non-Regular Junior Handling classes and Regular Junior Handling classes at ASCA Sanctioned Conformation shows. A Provisional Junior Judge is precluded from judging Specialty Shows, Nationals Pre/Post Shows, National Specialties and the ASCA Junior Handling Finals.
2. APPROVED JUNIOR JUDGE - Allowed to judge all Non-Regular Junior Handling classes and Regular Junior Handling classes at ASCA Sanctioned Conformation shows including: Specialty Shows, Nationals Pre/Post Shows, National Specialties and the ASCA Junior Handling Finals.

Only judges who have been grandfathered into the program or have achieved the Approved Junior Judge status may judge at Specialty Shows, Nationals Pre/Post Shows, the ASCA National Specialty, and the ASCA Junior Handling Finals.

At all levels of the program, it is the responsibility of the applicant to maintain their records and to submit applications for increased levels of approval at the appropriate time. The requirements stated are minimum requirements only and may be exceeded by the applicant if so desired.

\*\*\*\*\* If five or more years have elapsed from the date of the judge's last ASCA conformation judging assignment, the judge is then required to retake the Junior Judges' test to demonstrate current knowledge of the program. A score of 100% is required to resume status as an ASCA Approved Junior Judge. No additional requirements will need to be met. A re-applying judge may take the test twice without penalty. Failure after the second attempt would result in a six-month waiting period. Failure after the third attempt would result in a denial of the judge's reinstatement. \*\*\*\*\*

#### Section 1.1 Provisional Junior Judge Requirements

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

- A. Must be at least 21 years of age at the time of application.

B. The applicant must have been a former ASCA Junior who entered and competed in a minimum of 5 Junior Handling competitions each year for a minimum of 2 years.

C. Must have a thorough knowledge of the ASCA Approved Junior Rules & Regulations.

D. Must have a thorough knowledge of the ASCA Approved Conformation Show Rules and Regulations.

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.

#### 1.1.1 Procedure

Steps in applying for Provisional Junior Judge:

A. Submit Juniors Judge Application to the ASCA Business Office. The application is to be in the form of a letter with supporting information to show the list of years as an active ASCA Junior Handler and any accomplishments attained in the ASCA Junior Program. It is requested that the junior number also be listed as well.

B. Upon receipt of the application, the ASCA Business Office will verify the documentation is correct and minimum requirements have been met.

C. When the ASCA Business Office determines the minimum requirements have been met they will send the applicant a Junior Judge's test. This test must be completed and returned to the ASCA Business Office within two (2) months. For native English speakers, a score of 100% is required to pass. For non-native English speakers, a score of 90% is required to pass. If the test is failed, the applicant must wait 30 days to retake the test. If the applicant fails the exam 3 times, the applicant must wait 6 months after the 3rd failed attempt to begin the process again and submit a new application.

D. Upon passing the judges' test, the applicant's name will be published in the Aussie Times for comments from the membership. The membership will have forty-five (45) 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. The ASCA Board of Directors will approve or deny the applicant within sixty (60) days.

E. The ASCA Board of Directors will investigate any properly documented negative comments. The application will be denied if this investigation indicates there is probable cause that the applicant should not be approved. If denied, the applicant will receive an explanation for the denial which may include suggestions or tasks that will help the applicant to be successful in a second application process. 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. If an applicant has been denied approval at the provisional level, the applicant may reapply after a waiting period of two (2) years and after having satisfied any additional tasks assigned by the ASCA Board of Directors.

F. If the application is approved, the applicant will receive notification in writing from the ASCA Business Office of appointment to Provisional Junior Judge and, at that time, may then accept judging assignments as outlined above. Upon approval, the applicant's name, address and telephone number will also be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times and will be added to the ASCA Approved Judges List as a Provisional Junior Judge with the notation of "A" beside their name.

#### Section 2.1 Approved Junior Judge Requirements

Before applying for Approved Junior Judge Status, the following requirements must be met:

A. Previously approved as an ASCA Junior Judge prior to 6/1/2021 or complete items B & C of this section.

B. Must be an ASCA Provisional Junior Judge.

C. Must have completed judging on a minimum of five (5) junior handling judging assignments with an entry of three (3) or more entrants from the regular classes at ASCA Sanctioned Conformation Shows.

These are minimum requirements for applying, and each applicant will be evaluated on an individual basis. The applicant may exceed these requirements for their benefit.

#### 2.1.1 Procedure

Steps in applying for Approved Junior Judge:

A. Junior judges who were approved prior to 6/1/2021 are automatically approved and have judged within the last 5 years, do not need to file anything. It is recommended that those judges confirm with the ASCA Business Office to make sure that their status gets updated accordingly.

B. In letter format submit the following documentation to the ASCA Business Office:

1. Judges books (legible copies are permitted) showing the completion of judging on a minimum of five (5) junior handling judging assignments with an entry of three (3) or more entrants from the regular classes at ASCA Sanctioned Conformation Shows.
2. Documentation must include the name of the Affiliate club sponsoring the sanctioned show, the date of the judging assignment, the name of the show secretary, the classes judged, and the number of entries judged.
- C. Documentation may include any other additional educational steps taken or beneficial activity the applicant may have been involved in since approval as a Provisional Junior Judge.
- D. The ASCA Business Office will verify the documentation is correct and minimum requirements have been met, upon receipt of the application letter.
- E. Once the Office has determined that the applicant has met the minimum requirements, they will forward the judging assignment information and any comments made by the Affiliate Club on the judges review form from the sanctioning paperwork to the ASCA Board of Directors.
- F. The ASCA Board of Directors will approve or deny the applicant within sixty (60) days.
- G. If the application is approved, the applicant will receive notification in writing from the ASCA Business Office of appointment to Approved Junior Judge and, at that time, may then accept judging assignments as outlined above. Upon approval, the applicant's name, address and telephone number will also be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times and will be amended in the ASCA Approved Judges List as an Approved Junior Judge with the notation of "J" beside their name.

Comments/Rationale (from Committee): The ASCA BOD tasked the committee to write a replacement procedure for the current program of approving new Junior Judges as the old system was quite antiquated. We believe that creating a system that will in some way "mirror" the current approval process for Conformation Judges is the best way to go for approving new judges. This is the same motion that was put forth 2/2020 with some date changes, clarification regarding the term "Non-Regular" and an updated letter code for the Provisional Judges as recommended by Ray at the ASCA BO.

Other Rules affected: 8.1.2 and 8.6.3 (motions be put forward for both of these at this time)

Business Office comments per Ray Fryar on 2/2/21: Looks good Andrea.

Affected: Junior Handling Judge applicants.

Effective Date: June 1, 2021.

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

#### JR.21.04 Juniors Under the Age of Three

Motion is **adopted** (8-0) - Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: Evans.

Motion by Liaison Creelman to approve the following recommendation from the Junior Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Motion by Andrea Bair. Second by Shelby Shank.

#### Current Wording: 2 Junior Handling Classes

At ASCA sanctioned shows or specialties, the following regular classes must be offered:

REGULAR: All first-place winners from these classes shall compete for the Best Junior Handler Award.

The regular classes will be:

NOVICE 8-12

NOVICE 13-17

OPEN 8-12

OPEN 13-17

NOVICE: This class will be for Juniors who are at least 8 years old, up to 17 years old as of June 1st of the current ASCA year, who have not, as of the day of the show, won six (6) first place awards, with competition, in a Novice Class at an ASCA-sanctioned show, or who have not won 2 Best Junior Handler awards over competition from the Open Class.

Juniors have sixty (60) days after completing either of the above requirements before they are required to move to the

Open class. This will allow the Novice handler more time to gain confidence & experience before moving up into the Open classes.

The Novice class will be for exhibitors who are true beginners at the sport of dog shows. Experienced juniors who are new to ASCA, or juniors who feel they are ready to compete in the Open handling class may elect to move up to Open without meeting these requirements; however, once they move up to the Open Class, they may not move back to the Novice Class in any future competitions.

If an 8-12-year junior handler has moved to Open, they may not go back into Novice upon moving to the 13-17-year class.

Open: This class will be for those juniors that have met the qualifications detailed in the previous section or for those juniors who feel they are ready to compete in the Open Handling ring.

A hosting club may also offer the following non-regular classes at their discretion:

NON-REGULAR: No junior from these classes may compete for the Best Junior Handler Award or are any points to be received.

PEE-WEE: 3-5 years old

SUB-JUNIOR: 6-7 years old

Judges judging the pee-wee and sub-junior classes are not to give placements. The affiliate club is to be responsible for giving each pee-wee and sub-junior competitor a participation ribbon.

NOTE: Any junior who turns eighteen (18) years of age during the junior year may continue to show until the end of the junior year, May 31st. They may also show at that year's National Finals, if they are eligible.

EXAMPLE: Junior year starts June 1st. Junior's eighteenth birthday is October 15th. They may continue to show in 13-17 until end of junior year, May 31st. If they are eligible, they may show in that year's National Finals.

When a junior is eligible for Best Junior Handler (taken 1st place in a handling class), they must present to the judge the same dog they showed in their regular handling class. In other words, no exchanging of dogs; using one dog to get 1st place, then another to receive Best Junior Handler is not allowed. This rule is applicable to every junior showing a dog in handling.

Any junior may change dogs at a show provided the following criteria are met:

A. The dog that they are changing to must meet the same eligibility requirements (owned by the junior or an immediate family member).

B. The change must be made before entries close or half an hour before judging for Junior Showmanship is to begin, whichever is later. In the event the change is being requested at a National Specialty, the change must be made before entries close or at the discretion of the sponsoring club.

C. The junior must report any change to the Show Secretary within the stated time limits or the change will not be allowed.

#### Proposed Wording: 2 Junior Handling Classes

At ASCA sanctioned shows or specialties, the following regular classes must be offered:

REGULAR: All first-place winners from these classes shall compete for the Best Junior Handler Award.

The regular classes will be:

NOVICE 8-12

NOVICE 13-17

OPEN 8-12

OPEN 13-17

NOVICE: This class will be for Juniors who are at least 8 years old, up to 17 years old as of June 1st of the current ASCA year, who have not, as of the day of the show, won six (6) first place awards, with competition, in a Novice Class at an ASCA-sanctioned show, or who have not won 2 Best Junior Handler awards over competition from the Open Class. Juniors have sixty (60) days after completing either of the above requirements before they are required to move to the Open class. This will allow the Novice handler more time to gain confidence & experience before moving up into the Open classes.

The Novice class will be for exhibitors who are true beginners at the sport of dog shows. Experienced juniors who are new to ASCA, or juniors who feel they are ready to compete in the Open handling class may elect to move up to Open without meeting these requirements; however, once they move up to the Open Class, they may not move back to the Novice Class in any future competitions.

If an 8-12-year junior handler has moved to Open, they may not go back into Novice upon moving to the 13-17-year class.

Open: This class will be for those juniors that have met the qualifications detailed in the previous section or for those juniors who feel they are ready to compete in the Open Handling ring.

A hosting club may also offer the following non-regular classes at their discretion:

NON-REGULAR: No junior from these classes may compete for the Best Junior Handler Award or are any points to be received.

PEE-WEE: 3-5 years old

SUB-JUNIOR: 6-7 years old

Judges judging the pee-wee and sub-junior classes are not to give placements. The affiliate club is to be responsible for giving each pee-wee and sub-junior competitor a participation ribbon. Ages are to be calculated as of June 1st of the current merit year. No junior under the age of 3 may exhibit in any non-regular class.

NOTE: Any junior who turns eighteen (18) years of age during the junior year may continue to show until the end of the junior year, May 31st. They may also show at that year's National Finals, if they are eligible.

EXAMPLE: Junior year starts June 1st. Junior's eighteenth birthday is October 15th. They may continue to show in 13-17 until end of junior year, May 31st. If they are eligible, they may show in that year's National Finals.

When a junior is eligible for Best Junior Handler (taken 1st place in a handling class), they must present to the judge the same dog they showed in their regular handling class. In other words, no exchanging of dogs; using one dog to get 1st place, then another to receive Best Junior Handler is not allowed. This rule is applicable to every junior showing a dog in handling.

Any junior may change dogs at a show provided the following criteria are met:

A. The dog that they are changing to must meet the same eligibility requirements (owned by the junior or an immediate family member).

B. The change must be made before entries close or half an hour before judging for Junior Showmanship is to begin, whichever is later. In the event the change is being requested at a National Specialty, the change must be made before entries close or at the discretion of the sponsoring club.

C. The junior must report any change to the Show Secretary within the stated time limits or the change will not be allowed.

Comments/Rationale (from Committee): This motion comes after many discussions and incidents regarding the safety and need for children under the age of 3 to be in the ring. The committee feels that in most cases, children under the age of 3 are not stable enough on their own feet or mentally prepared to handle a dog. The safety of the juniors and their dogs is our 1st priority and it is better to let the children get a little older and reduce the risk involved. We are looking at revamping the Pee Wee class to be safer in the future as well. This is the same motion we put forward 2/2020 with an adjustment on the dates as it did not get processed due to email glitches last year.

Affected: Children under the age of 3 and affiliates who are currently holding additional classes to allow these kids to show before they are old enough for the PeeWee class.

Other rules affected: 1.4 (additional motion being put forward with this one for that change as well)

Business Office Comments per Ray Fryar on 2/1 (phone call): No need for him to review as this does not affect office procedures.

Effective Date: June 1, 2021.

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

JR.21.05 Age to Participate in ASCA Junior Program

Motion is **adopted** (8-0) - Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: Evans.

Motion by Liaison Creelman to approve the following recommendation from the Junior Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Motion by Andrea Bair. Second by Bayley Williams.

Current Wording: 1.4 Age to Participate in ASCA Junior Program

To compete in the ASCA Junior Program, a junior must be at least eight (8) years of age, and no older than eighteen (18) years old. The two age divisions are 8-12 Years, and 13-17 Years.

Juniors who have not yet attained their eighth birthday are eligible for competition in non-regular Pee-Wee (3-5 Years) and Sub-Junior (6-7 Years) classes when they are offered at conformation shows but will not be eligible to compete for Best Junior Handler or for year-end awards in the ASCA Junior Program. These are considered non-regular classes and are not mandatory.

Proposed Wording: 1.4 Age to Participate in ASCA Junior Program

To compete in the ASCA Junior Program, a junior must be at least eight (8) years of age, and no older than eighteen (18) years old. The two age divisions are 8-12 Years, and 13-17 Years.

Juniors who have not yet attained their eighth birthday are eligible for competition in non-regular Pee-Wee (3-5 Years) and Sub-Junior (6-7 Years) classes when they are offered at conformation shows but will not be eligible to compete for Best Junior Handler or for year-end awards in the ASCA Junior Program. These are considered non-regular classes and are not mandatory. Ages are to be calculated as of June 1st of the current merit year. No junior under the age of 3 may exhibit in any non-regular class.

Comments/Rationale (from Committee): This motion comes after many discussions and incidents regarding the safety and need for children under the age of 3 to be in the ring. The committee feels that in most cases, children under the age of 3 are not stable enough on their own feet or mentally prepared to handle a dog. The safety of the juniors and their dogs is our 1st priority and it is better to let the children get a little older and reduce the risk involved. We are looking at revamping the Pee Wee class to be safer in the future as well. This is the same motion we put forward 2/2020 with an adjustment on the dates as it did not get processed due to email glitches last year.

Affected: Children under the age of 3 and affiliates who are currently holding additional classes to allow these kids to show before they are old enough for the PeeWee class.

Other rules affected: Section 2 (additional motion being put forward with this one for that change as well)

Business Office Comments per Ray Fryar on 2/1 (phone call): No need for him to review as this does not affect office procedures.

Effective Date: June 1, 2021.

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

JR.21.06 New Junior Stock Program

Motion is **adopted** (7-1) - Approve: Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: Boone. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: Evans.

- a. **Dissent from Director Boone:** This calls for averaging scores, which will not promote the Junior continuing to compete for fear of lowering their average.
- b. **Comment from Director Gerken:** Thank you to all that worked on this program. Encouraging Junior handlers in the stock venue is crucial to ASCA's future. I look forward to the 500 Club program being designed for Stock.
- c. **Comment from Director Roberts:** But I agree with the letter we received that the scoring needs to be reworked to match Obedience. The averaging of the scores discourages competition once a high score is earned.

Motion by Liaison Creelman to approve the following recommendation from the Junior Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Motion for New Junior Stock Program Motion

Motion by Andrea Bair to approve the following motion to be effective June 1, 2021. Second by Shelby Shank.

Current Wording: Junior Rulebook

8.4 Section IV: Working

8.4.1 Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA) Junior Working Program is to encourage juniors to become involved in herding with their Australian Shepherds.

Proposed Wording: Junior Rulebook

## 8.4 Section IV: Junior Stockdog Program

### 8.4.1 Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA) Junior Stockdog Program is to encourage juniors to become involved in stockdog work with their Australian Shepherds.

#### Current Wording: Junior Rulebook

### 8.4.2 General Regulations

The Junior Working Program is open to all juniors through the age of 17 years. The Junior Working Program consists of two divisions: The Working Junior Handler and the Open Working Junior. A junior may compete in the Open Working Junior and/or Working Junior Handler division. Points earned in either division will not be combined from both divisions.

#### Proposed Wording: Junior Rulebook

### 8.4.2 General Regulations

The Junior Stockdog Program is open to all juniors ages 8 through 17 years. The Junior Stockdog Program consists of two divisions: The Stockdog Junior Handler and the Stockdog Titling Junior. A junior may compete in the Stockdog Titling Junior and/or Stockdog Junior Handler division. Points earned in either division will not be combined from both divisions.

#### Current Wording: Junior Rulebook

### 8.4.3 Division I: Open Working Junior Division

The dogs and handlers will be judged according to all ASCA Stockdog Rules.

1. Age groups for the Open Working Junior shall be:

8-12 years: Junior

13-17 years: Senior

2. Juniors competing in this division must comply with the junior ownership rule requirements.

3. These juniors will earn points from the started, open, advanced and post-advanced divisions under the rules and regulations of the Stockdog program.

4. Points will be earned by averaging scores from at least two trials per class of stock. If more than two scores are received from that division and class of stock, then all scores will be used to compute the average. Scores need not be qualifying.

5. Juniors are expected to be the major influence in the training of his/her dog.

6. An additional 10 points will be earned for each high score ducks, sheep and cattle (with competition – need not be a junior), to be added to his/her average total.

7. Any junior awarded High Combined at an ASCA sanctioned trial (with competition - need not be a junior) will have 20 points added to his/her average total.

8. Qualifying scores from this division are applied towards certification and all year-end awards.

#### Proposed Wording: Junior Rulebook

### 8.4.3 Division I: Stockdog Titling Junior Division

The dogs and handlers will be judged according to all ASCA Stockdog Rules, which include the certification requirements for stockdog titles.

1. Age groups for the Stockdog Titling Junior shall be:

8-12 years: Junior

13-17 years: Senior

2. Juniors competing in this division must comply with the junior ownership rule requirements.

3. These juniors will earn points from the started, open, and advanced division under the rules and regulations of the stockdog program.

4. Points will be earned by averaging scores from at least two trials per class of stock. If more than two scores are received from that division and class of stock, then all scores will be used to compute the average. Scores need not be qualifying.

5. Juniors are expected to be the major influence in the training of his/her dog.

6. Additional points can be earned and added to his/her average total.

a. Additional points will be earned for division placements, with at least one dog placing lower. Competition is necessary, need not be a junior handler.

First = 5 points

Second = 4 points

Third = 3 points

Fourth = 2 points

b. Additional points will be earned for High in Trial Aussie score on each class of stock (ducks, sheep, and cattle), to be added to his/her average total. Competition is necessary, need not be a junior handler.

5 or less dogs beaten = 5 points

5-10 dogs beaten = 10 points

11-20 dogs beaten = 15 points

21-30 dogs beaten = 20 points

More 30 dogs beaten = 25 points

c. An additional 20 points will be earned for earning High Combined for the trial to be added to his/her average total. Competition is necessary, need not be a junior handler.

7. Qualifying scores from this division are applied towards dog's certification and all year-end awards. For this reason, all Stock dog Judges are required to score the juniors as they would any other entrant.

#### Current Wording: Junior Rulebook

##### 8.4.4 Division II: Working Junior Handler Division

Only the handlers will be judged in this class according to the Stockdog Rules CH 3 Sec. 3.D. using the Working Junior Handler score sheet (see the Working Junior and Novice Handler Score Sheet).

1. Age groups for the Working Junior Handler shall be:

8 -12 years: Junior

13 - 17 years: Senior

2. There is no ownership requirement for this division. Juniors may use any registered Australian Shepherd (titled or not). The same dog may be handled by more than one junior, but no more than 3 times at the same trial.

3. Points will be earned by averaging at least two (2) scores per each class of stock. If more than two scores are received from that division and class of stock, then all scores will be used to compute the average. Scores need not be qualifying.

4. The Working Junior Handler score sheet will be used by the trial judge for scoring this division.

5. Points earned in this division (except the pee-wee age group) will be applied towards year end awards. However, no points from this division may be applied for year-end All Around Junior or Most Versatile Junior at the Nationals.

6. Scores from this division are not applied towards certification.

#### Proposed Wording: Junior Rulebook

##### 8.4.4 Division II: Stockdog Junior Handler Division

Only the handlers will be judged in this division according to the Stockdog Rules CH 3 Sec. 3.D. using the Junior/Novice Stockdog Handler score sheet (see the Junior/Novice Handler Score Sheet).

1. Age groups for the Stockdog Junior Handler shall be:

8 -12 years: Junior

13 - 17 years: Senior

2. There is no ownership requirement for this division. Juniors may use any registered Australian Shepherd (titled or not). The same dog may be handled by more than one junior, but no more than 3 times at the same trial.

3. Points will be earned by averaging at least two (2) scores per each class of stock. If more than two scores are received from that division and class of stock, then all scores will be used to compute the average. Scores need not be qualifying.

4. Points earned in this division will be applied towards year end awards. However, no points from this division may be applied for year-end All Around Junior or Most Versatile Junior at the Nationals.

5. Scores from this division are not applied towards dog's certification.

Comments/Rationale (from Committee): The ASCA Board of Directors requested to revise the current junior stock program. The ASCA Business Office also requested that we bring the program up to date to make it easier to score on their side. The committee felt that in doing so we needed to establish a program that could lead to a 500 club in the stock program similar to what is already in the Junior Handling program. Ray Fryar wrote a base for this new program



with all of our goals in mind, and with the help of BOD members, an additional of a previous stock junior to the committee and lots of questions we were able to put the attached together. We hope that this will establish a new program that we can monitor for a year or 2 and then move forward on a Junior Stock 500 Club program.

Affected: All juniors competing in stock starting at age 8.

Business Office Comments per Ray Fryar: Looks good Andrea.

Effective Date: June 1, 2021.

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

- a. Comment from Committee Member Andrea Bair: I would like to personally thank Ray Fryar, Rachel Vest, Shelby Shank, and Soren Smail for your input and time to put this together. This program would not be to this point without you. I am very proud to present this motion and excited for our future Junior Stock Handlers
- b. Comment from Committee Member Shelby Shank: Love all the modifications that have been made, super excited for this to be put into effect!
- c. Comment from Committee Member Soren Smail: This wording gives a lot of clarification and should help immensely at trials for secretary and judges when looking for the correct form to use. Great change!

## MOST VERSATILE AUSSIE COMMITTEE

### MV.21.01 Change to Most Versatile Aussie Scoring (Revised 2)

Motion is **adopted** (8-0) - Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: Evans.

Motion by Liaison Wesen to approve the following recommendation from the Most Versatile Aussie Committee.

#### Committee Recommendation: Change to MVA Scoring

Motion by Lori Fausett to change the Most Versatile Aussie (MVA)/Most Versatile Junior (MVJ) scoring system to reward more accurately the higher performing teams in skill levels and with their actual score in as many of the venues as possible. Second by Renee Watson.

#### Definitions:

Q Points – Static number of points awarded for a Qualifying score in an event at a particular skill level.

Score Points – Variable number of points based on the actual score received by the dog compared to the score necessary to qualify in that event, at that particular level. In the case of Agility, Score Points will be based on a clean run, versus a faulted run.

#### Current Wording:

##### 1.1.5 CONFORMATION

A. The MVA evaluator must be an ASCA breeder judge; a senior breeder judge is preferred but is not mandatory. An ASCA provisional breeder judge cannot be an MVA evaluator. The MVA Evaluator will be allowed to show prior or subsequent to the day of the MVA evaluation. Further, any dog(s) owned by the evaluator may compete in any and all venues, other than MVA, on the same day that the evaluations are performed, provided the handler is someone other than that evaluator. Members of the evaluator's immediate family may handle the dog. If the evaluator is judging other classes or venues in addition to the MVA evaluation at the cluster, the ASCA rules pertaining to that judging shall take precedence.

B. One hundred points are available. The form and point schedule used will be provided to the evaluator.

C. This class will not be placed, and no awards will be given. The score given by the evaluator will be used.

D. Only Australian Shepherds with full registration privileges will be allowed to compete in MVA. No LEP registered dogs will be allowed in MVA. This class is open to spayed and neutered animals as well as intact animals.

#### Proposed Wording:

##### 1.1.5 CONFORMATION

A. The MVA evaluator must be an ASCA breeder judge; a senior breeder judge is preferred but is not mandatory. An ASCA provisional breeder judge cannot be an MVA evaluator. The MVA Evaluator will be allowed to show prior or

subsequent to the day of the MVA evaluation. Further, any dog(s) owned by the evaluator may compete in any and all venues, other than MVA, on the same day that the evaluations are performed, provided the handler is someone other than that evaluator. Members of the evaluator's immediate family may handle the dog. If the evaluator is judging other classes or venues in addition to the MVA evaluation at the cluster, the ASCA rules pertaining to that judging shall take precedence.

B. One hundred points are available. The form and point schedule used will be provided to the evaluator. For MVA scoring, the total of the evaluation will be doubled to keep it weighted appropriately with the other events.

C. This class will not be placed, and no awards will be given. The score given by the evaluator will be used.

D. Only Australian Shepherds with full registration privileges will be allowed to compete in MVA. No LEP registered dogs will be allowed in MVA. This class is open to spayed and neutered animals as well as intact animals.

#### Current Wording:

##### 1.1.6 STOCKDOG

A. The highest qualifying score from the Started, Open, Advanced or Post-Advanced will be used to compute MVA points. Highest score is defined as the score that will result in the highest number of MVA points.

B. Additional qualifying scores will earn 5 points each.

C. Points will be computed as follows:

1. Advanced and Post-Advanced = Score +6% of score

2. Open = Score

3. Started = Score

D. Bitches in season entered in Versatility must be accommodated in the Stock Dog Trials.

#### Proposed Wording:

##### 1.1.6 STOCKDOG

A. The dog will receive the Q Points for all qualifying scores received in Stock.

B. Score Points will be tabulated by taking the dog's actual score and subtracting either 69 (Started) points or 88 (Open & Advanced) points, to arrive at the number of points they earned above the necessary Q level. This will be tabulated for each qualifying score.

C. MVA Points will be computed as follows:

1. Advanced Q = 50 points + Score - 88

2. Open Q = 35 points + Score - 88

3. Started Q = 20 points + Score - 69

D. Bitches in season entered in Versatility must be accommodated in the Stock Dog Trials.

#### Current Wording:

##### 1.1.7 Performance Score

The dog will receive one MVA score from the four performance categories of agility, obedience, rally, and tracking. The one qualifying score with the highest MVA point value will be used as the dog's base score. Any and all additional qualifying scores will be valued at 5 points each and added to the base score to get the dog's total performance score.

#### Proposed Wording:

##### 1.1.7 Performance Score

The dog must receive one MVA score from one of the four performance choices of agility, obedience, rally, and tracking in order to Qualify in MVA. All Performance qualifying scores will be calculated and tabulated as noted and will be included in the total MVA score for the dog.

#### Current Wording:

##### 1.1.8 OBEDIENCE

A. The highest qualifying score from a regular class will be used to compute MVA points. Highest score is defined as the score that will result in the highest number of MVA points.

B. Points will be computed as follows:

1. Utility = Score plus 10 points

2. Open (CDX or ODX) = Score

3. Novice = Score minus 10 points

C. Bitches in season entered in Versatility must be accommodated in the Obedience Trials. They will either run last, or in a special ring. Qualifying scores received will count for Versatility only.

Proposed Wording:

1.1.9 OBEDIENCE

A. Scores from the regular classes will be used to compute MVA points. Scores from the Novice C class are not eligible for MVA competition.

B. Q points will be awarded to the dog for a qualifying score. If the dog is competing in Utility and Open, the second qualifying run will be awarded Score Points only.

C. Score Points will be awarded to the dog by subtracting 170 from the actual score the dog received in competition. The difference will be the score points awarded to the dog.

D. Points will be computed as follows for the first Qualifying score. If the dog is competing in both Utility and Open, only Score Points are awarded for the second Qualifying score in Obedience.

1. Utility =  $70 \text{ Q points} + \text{Actual score} - 170 \text{ pts}$

2. Open (CDX or ODX) =  $55 \text{ Q points} + \text{Actual score} - 170 \text{ pts}$

3. Novice =  $40 \text{ Q points} + \text{Actual score} - 170 \text{ pts}$

E. Bitches in season entered in Versatility must be accommodated in the Obedience Trials. They will either run last, or in a special ring. Bitches in season must wear pants in and around the ring.

Current Wording:

1.1.9 AGILITY

A. Only Regular Agility, from the standard, veterans or junior division, will be used for versatility.

B. The highest qualifying score will be used to compute MVA points. Highest score is defined as the score that will result in the highest number of MVA points.

C. Points for MVA will be awarded as follows:

1. 195 for a qualifying clean Elite run

2. 190 for a qualifying faulted Elite run

3. 185 for a qualifying clean Open run

4. 180 for a qualifying faulted Open run

5. 175 for a qualifying clean Novice run

6. 170 for a qualifying faulted Novice run

D. Bitches in heat will be allowed to run at the Nationals Specialty Agility Trial. They will run at the end of each class. A rug or tarp will be brought out to the start line and the dog will be placed on the rug or tarp to begin her run. Bitches in heat will also wear panties during their runs. Bitches in heat must be crated (not in an x-pen) prior to and during the competition, except when competing, away from the agility ring at a distance or location to be determined by the host club. All qualifying scores will count toward the trial, as will placements. Failure to comply with this rule will result in dismissal from all agility trials held in conjunction with the ASCA Agility National Specialty.

Proposed Wording:

1.1.8 AGILITY

A. Only Regular Agility, from the standard, veterans or junior division, will be used for versatility.

B. Q points will be awarded to the dog for the first qualifying run. The second qualifying run will not be awarded Q Points, only Score Points will be awarded.

C. Score Points will be awarded for each qualifying run, 20 for a clean run and 10 for a faulted run.

D. Points for MVA will be awarded as follows for the first Qualifying run. Only Score Points are awarded for the second Qualifying run in Agility.

1. Clean Elite run =  $60 + 20$

2. Faulted Elite run =  $60 + 10$

3. Clean Open run =  $45 + 20$

4. Faulted Open run =  $45 + 10$

5. Clean Novice run =  $30 + 20$

6. Faulted Novice run =  $30 + 10$

E. Bitches in heat will be allowed to run at the Nationals Specialty Agility Trial. They will run at the end of each class. A rug or tarp will be brought out to the start line and the dog will be placed on the rug or tarp to begin her run. Bitches in heat will also wear panties during their runs. Bitches in heat must be crated (not in an x-pen) prior to and during the competition, except when competing, away from the agility ring at a distance or location to be determined by the host club. All qualifying scores will count toward the trial, as will placements. Failure to comply with this rule will result in dismissal from all agility trials held in conjunction with the ASCA Agility National Specialty.

Current Wording:

1.1.10 TRACKING

A. Points for MVA will be awarded as follows:

1. 195 points for a successful TDX track.
2. 180 points for a successful TD track.
3. 180 points for a successful TDU track.

B. Bitches in season entered in Versatility must be accommodated in the Tracking Trials. They will run last in Tracking and will be kept away from the tracking area until called. Qualifying scores received will count if the premium list specifically states that "bitches in season may participate."

Proposed Wording:

1.1.11 TRACKING

A. Points for MVA will be awarded as follows:

1. 100 points for a qualifying TDX track.
2. 100 points for a qualifying UTX track.
2. 80 points for a qualifying TD track.
3. 80 points for a qualifying TDU track.

B. Bitches in season entered in Versatility must be accommodated in the Tracking Trials. They will run last in Tracking and will be kept away from the tracking area until called. Qualifying scores received will count if the premium list specifically states that "bitches in season may participate."

Current Wording:

1.1.11 RALLY

A. The highest qualifying score from an A or B Advanced, Excellent or Masters class will be used to compute MVA points. Highest score is defined as the score that will result in the highest number of MVA points.

B. Points will be computed as follows:

1. Masters = Score minus 5
2. Excellent = Score minus 10
3. Advanced = Score minus 20

C. Bitches in season entered in Versatility must be accommodated in the Rally Trial and will run last at the end of the day. Qualifying scores received will count for Versatility only.

Proposed Wording:

1.1.10 RALLY

A. Scores from A or B Advanced, Excellent or Masters class will be used to compute MVA points. Scores from Novice or C classes are not eligible for MVA competition.

B. Q points will be awarded to the dog for a qualifying score. If the dog is competing in Masters and Excellent, the second qualifying run will be awarded Score Points only.

C. Score Points will be awarded to the dog by subtracting 170 from the actual score the dog received in competition. The difference will be the score points awarded to the dog.

D. Points will be computed as follows for the first Qualifying score. If the dog is competing in both Masters and Excellent, only Score Points are awarded for the second Qualifying score in Rally.

1. Masters = 50 Q points + Actual score – 170 pts
2. Excellent = 35 Q points + Actual score – 170 pts
3. Advanced = 20 Q points + Actual score – 170 pts

E. Bitches in season entered in Versatility must be accommodated in the Rally Trial and will run last at the end of the day. Qualifying scores received will count for Versatility only.

Comments/Rationale (from Committee): The Committee has noted cases every year where teams were not getting rewarded fairly for the work they did. The system of extra Q's being worth 5 points simply did not put emphasis on skill level or achieving a higher score. We also felt the Performance events carried too much total weight when compared to the evaluation and Stock events. The proposed scoring system does a better job of weighing the three areas of competition more evenly. This system also gives a team a higher score when they score better than others in the same class.

Affected: Most Versatile Aussie program and competitors.

Effective Date: June 1, 2021.

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

- a. Dissent from Committee Member Andrea Hoffmann: Though system does address the issues of the 5-point bonus for all additional q's, it departs from a 3rd of the score coming from conformation, 3rd from stock, 3rd from companion events. It puts even more emphasis on those who participate in multiple companion events, giving those who excel at 1 companion event a disadvantage. It also puts a larger emphasis on companion events over stock and conformation, than the previous system that used one primary score from each.
- b. Comment from Committee Member Renee Watson: I do believe we have developed a great plan to reward teams more accurately and fairly. I do believe we may need to adjust points awarded for the performance events once we see how the competition goes and scenarios play out. I am very willing to move forward with the current structure noting we may decide adjustments are in order.

## NATIONALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### NA.21.01 Request for Exemption from Policy 22.4

Motion is **adopted** (8-0) - Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: Evans.

Motion by Liaison Gann to approve the following request from the Nationals Advisory Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Request for Exemption for Nationals Advisory Committee

Motion by Laura Gibson to request an exemption to the Policy Book, Section 22.4.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. This exemption would allow Board members who qualify to serve on the Nationals Advisory Committee. Second by Renee Watson.

Comments/Rationale (from Committee): The Nationals Advisory Committee is comprised of individuals who have served as ASCA Nationals Chairperson during the past five years. This is a small group, and we cannot afford to lose the expertise and input from any of these persons who choose to serve.

Affected: Members of the Nationals Advisory Committee; members of Nationals Committees who are supported by the NAC.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

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

## OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE

### OB.21.01 Effective Date of Back Up Judge System

Motion is **adopted** (8-0) - Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: Evans.

Motion by Liaison Roberts to approve the following recommendation from the Obedience Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Obedience Committee Motion to change the effective date of The Back Up Judge System approved by the Board on November 27, 2020.

Motion by Ann McCabe to approve the motion that the effective date of the Back Up Judge System for obedience trials be immediately upon board approval. Second by Betsy Coleman.

Change the effective date of this rule (OB 20.11) to “immediately upon Board Approval” instead of June 1, 2021.

Comments/Rationale (from Committee): The Back Up Judge System is due to take effect on June 1, 2021 with the publishing of the 2021 Obedience Rule Book. Based on the current situation of the continuing lack of obedience trials, the committee sees no reason to delay the enactment of this rule.

Affected: Judges will be affected because they may be more likely to accept assignments if they can compete with their dogs. Exhibitors will be affected because more trials may occur as a result of more judges being willing to accept assignments. Affiliate Clubs will be affected because they will need to fill out a separate judge’s book for the Back Up Judge’s run. The Business Office will be affected because they will have to enter the Back Up judge’s score separately from the trial results (notified January 5, 2021). The Webmaster would not be affected.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

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

#### OB.21.02 Corrections Due to Addition of Novice C Class

Motion is **adopted** (8-0) - Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: Evans.

Motion by Liaison Roberts to approve the following recommendation from the Obedience Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Obedience Committee Motion to correct the rule book due to the addition of the Novice C class.

Motion by Ann McCabe to approve the motion to correct parts of the rule book that do not include reference to the new Novice C class where it should. Second by Betsy Coleman.

Current Wording: Obedience Rules

##### 1.1.3 Premium

f. ...listed as follows: Novice A and B, Open...

##### 3.4 CD Title

ASCA will issue a Companion Dog certificate to a dog with ASCA registration or a QTracker number and will permit the use of CD after its name, when it has received three (3) qualifying scores awarded by at least two (2) judges.

Proposed Wording:

##### 1.1.3 Premium

f. ...listed as follows: Novice A, B, and C, Open...

##### 3.4 CD Title

ASCA will issue a Companion Dog certificate to a dog with ASCA registration or a QTracker number and will permit the use of CD after its name, when it has received three (3) qualifying scores **in Novice A and/or B** awarded by at least two (2) judges.

Comments/Rationale (from Committee): These sections of the rule book were overlooked in the original Novice C motion. The addition of the Novice C class that must be offered at a trial but whose scores do not count for titles or awards, affected these sections of the rule book.

Affected: Affiliate Clubs will need to include the Novice C class in the premium. Exhibitors will be affected because only scores from the Novice A and B classes are eligible towards the CD title. The Business Office will be affected because any scores from Novice C classes will not count towards titles or any other type of achievement (notified January 19, 2021).

Effective Date: June 1, 2021.

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

### OB.21.03 Nationals Rules Updates Pertaining to Obedience

Motion is **adopted** (8-0) - Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: Evans.

Motion by Liaison Roberts to approve the following recommendation from the Obedience Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Motion by Ann McCabe to approve the motion to change the National Specialty rules regarding bitches in season competing at the Nationals Specialty and the type and description of ribbons required at Finals and the National Specialty trial. Second by Betsy Coleman.

#### Current Wording: National Specialty Rules

##### Section 20.3 Bitches in Season

- A. Bitches in season entered in Versatility must run last in Obedience or in a separate ring at the option of the Nationals Committee. Qualifying scores received will count for Versatility only.
- B. Bitches in season entered in Versatility must run last in Tracking and will be kept away from the Tracking area until called.
- C. Bitches in season entered in Versatility must be accommodated in the Stock Dog Trial.
- D. Bitches in season are allowed to compete at the National Agility Trial. Please consult Chapter 9 Section 2 of the ASCA Agility Rules and Regulations for complete rules.

#### Proposed Wording:

##### Section 20.3 Bitches in Season

- A. Bitches in season entered in Versatility must run last in Obedience or in a separate ring at the option of the Nationals Committee. **Bitches in season must wear pants in and around the rings. Consult Section 1.13 of the ASCA Obedience Rules and Regulations for complete rules.**
- B. Bitches in season entered in Versatility must run last in Tracking and will be kept away from the Tracking area until called.
- C. Bitches in season entered in Versatility must be accommodated in the Stock Dog Trial.
- D. Bitches in season are allowed to compete at the National Agility Trial. Please consult Chapter 9 Section 2 of the ASCA Agility Rules and Regulations for complete rules.

#### Current Wording: National Specialty Rules

##### Section 24.3 Obedience Finals

ASCA sponsored if no outside sponsorship is obtained.

- A. (Year) ASCA Champion Novice Obedience Dog
- B. (Year) ASCA Champion Open Obedience Dog
- C. (Year) ASCA Champion Utility Obedience Dog
- D. (Year) ASCA Champion Super Dog Obedience Dog
- E. 1st place in all classes will be a blue ribbon
- F. 2nd place in all classes will be a red ribbon
- G. 3rd place in all classes will be a yellow ribbon
- H. 4th place in all classes will be a white ribbon
- I. 5th-10th will all be same color and will have placements on ribbon

#### Proposed Wording:

##### Section 24.3 Obedience Finals

ASCA sponsored if no outside sponsorship is obtained.

- A. (Year) ASCA Champion Novice Obedience Dog
- B. (Year) ASCA Champion Open **CDX** Obedience Dog
- C. (Year) ASCA Champion Open **ODX** Obedience Dog

- D. (Year) ASCA Champion Utility Obedience Dog
- E. (Year) ASCA Supreme Champion Obedience Dog
- F. 1st place in all classes will be a blue ribbon
- G. 2nd place in all classes will be a red ribbon
- H. 3rd place in all classes will be a yellow ribbon
- I. 4th place in all classes will be a white ribbon
- J. 5th-10th will all be same color and will have placements on ribbon
- K. Obedience Finals Participant ribbon to all entrants

Current Wording: National Specialty Rules

Section 24.9 Regular Obedience

- A. High in Trial Obedience (Sponsored by ASCA)
- B. High Combined Obedience
- C. High Score Junior in Obedience
- D. Qualifying Score Ribbons

Proposed Wording:

Section 24.9 Regular Obedience

- A. High in Trial Obedience
- B. High Combined Obedience
- C. High Score Junior in Obedience
- D. Qualifying Score Ribbons
- E. First through fourth placements

Comments/Rationale (from Committee): The information regarding bitches in season competing at the National Specialty trial was incorrect. There were ribbons required for Finals and the National Specialty that were not listed and/or listed incorrectly.

Affected: Exhibitors will be allowed to show bitches in season at the National Specialty trial and scores will count for Q's, placements, and awards. Exhibitors in Finals and the National Specialty trial will receive the correct ribbons. The Nationals ribbons and prizes chair will know what ribbons need to be ordered. The Business Office will know what Finals ribbons need to be ordered. Affiliate clubs and the webmaster are not affected.

Business Office Notified: Feb 2, 2021.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

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

**OB.21.05 Prohibit Toys and Bait Bags in Obedience Ring**

Motion is **adopted** (8-0) - Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: Evans.

Motion by Liaison Roberts to approve the following recommendation from the Obedience Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Obedience Committee Motion to prohibit toys and bait bags in the ring.

Motion by Ann McCabe to approve the motion to prohibit exhibitors and stewards from bringing toys and bait bags, in addition to food, into the ring at an obedience trial. Second by Betsy Coleman.

Current Wording: Obedience Rules

2.3 Qualifying Performance

... nor to a dog whose handler disciplines it or abuses it in the ring or carries or offers food in the ring.

Proposed Wording:

2.3 Qualifying Performance

... nor to a dog whose handler disciplines it or abuses it in the ring or carries or offers food, toys, or bait bags in the ring.



Current Wording: Obedience Rules

2.22 Praise

A handler shall not carry or offer food in the ring.

Proposed Wording:

2.22 Praise

A handler shall not carry or offer food, toys, or bait bags in the ring.

Current Wording: Obedience Judges Guidelines

STEWARDS AND PAPERWORK

Upon arrival, find out who will be your stewards. Be sure your stewards are of a reasonable age, such that the dogs perceive them as young adults or adults. Try to use the same two stewards for each competing group (same two for Novice, same two for Open, same two for Utility) so that all competitors are subject to the same stewards in their competitive class. Let your stewards know what you expect of them such as 1) no running in the ring, 2) no loud voices in the ring, 3) no eye contact with the dogs when standing for the figure 8, 4) no food in their pockets, 5) no distracting clothes, jewelry or shoes, 6) arms crossed during the figure 8 and eyes straight ahead, 6) which steward is responsible for the dumbbell or articles or gloves or leash and how these should be handled, and 7) how you wish your sits/downs to be handled.

Proposed Wording:

STEWARDS AND PAPERWORK

Upon arrival, find out who will be your stewards. Be sure your stewards are of a reasonable age, such that the dogs perceive them as young adults or adults. Try to use the same two stewards for each competing group (same two for Novice, same two for Open, same two for Utility) so that all competitors are subject to the same stewards in their competitive class. Let your stewards know what you expect of them such as 1) no running in the ring, 2) no loud voices in the ring, 3) no eye contact with the dogs when standing for the figure 8, 4) no food or toys in their pockets, 5) no distracting bait bags, clothes, jewelry or shoes, 6) arms crossed during the figure 8 and eyes straight ahead, 6) which steward is responsible for the dumbbell or articles or gloves or leash and how these should be handled, and 7) how you wish your sits/downs to be handled

Current Wording: Obedience Steward Guidelines

General Ring Steward Duties

- Pay Attention to the ring. Be ready to carry out ring duties as needed. Refrain from having food or gum of any type in your mouth, hands, pockets, or bait bag when you go into the ring.

Proposed Wording:

General Ring Steward Duties

- Pay Attention to the ring. Be ready to carry out ring duties as needed. Refrain from having food or gum of any type in your mouth, hands, or pockets when you go into the ring. Bait bags and toys are not allowed in the ring.

Comments/Rationale (from Committee): Currently food is not allowed into the ring at an obedience trial. However, it seems to have been overlooked that toys and bait bags should also not be allowed in the obedience ring. This motions adds to the affected places in the rule book that toys and bait bags are not allowed in the ring.

Affected: Exhibitors will not be allowed to bring food, toys, or bait bags into the ring. Judges will need to remind exhibitors that food, toys, and bait bags are not allowed in the obedience ring. Stewards will need to be reminded that food, toys, and bait bags are not allowed in the obedience ring. Affiliate Clubs, the Webmaster and the Business Office are not affected.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

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

## RALLY COMMITTEE

### RA.21.01 Clarification of Wording for Pairs Class

Motion is **adopted** (8-0) - Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: Evans.

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

Committee Recommendation: RC Motion 21.01: Clarification of wording for Pairs classes

Subject: Change of Rules – clarification of wording for Pairs classes

Motion by Corinne Shanks to make the clarifications outlined below to the ASCA Rally Pairs classes. Second by Karen Black.

Current Wording: Rally Rulebook

#### 11.2.5 Rally Masters Pairs Class

Dogs may only be entered in Pairs once in each trial; they cannot enter with multiple pair partners in a single trial.

Eligibility to Enter:

The Rally Masters Pairs class shall be for any dog eligible to compete in regular Masters level class.

Masters Pairs Exercises and Scores:

Leash Requirements - All exercises in the Rally Masters Pairs class are judged off-leash, except for the Tagging Zone.

Dogs will be on leash in the Tagging Zone. Leashes will stay with the handlers at all times when not on leash in the Tagging Zone. Leashes may be put in a pocket or draped around the handler's neck or waist. Leash cannot be carried in hand.

Jump Station - At least one jump station must be used and starred in Rally Masters Pairs, but two jump stations may be used.

a. If two jumps are used, only one must be designated a Star station.

b. The same physical jump may be used for two stations.

c. There must be at least two stations performed between two jump exercises.

d. If two jumps are used, each dog/handler team must perform one of the jumps.

e. Only the #316 jump exercise may be used in pairs.

f. The jumps may be any jumps outlined in Chapter 1, Section 15 as standard equipment, with jump heights as outlined on the Reference page of these regulations. Jumps will be set to the lowest jump height of the dogs on the Pairs team.

Restricted Commands; Proper Heel Position - All performance requirements for Rally Masters apply to Rally Masters Pairs.

Course Requirements - Rally Masters Pairs must have 17 or 19 stations, one of which must be either station 23 or 24 which will be exactly halfway through the course. There will be a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 stationary exercises. Stations 23 & 24 do not count as one of the stationary exercises. There must be a minimum of four Masters level exercises and three Excellent (not eligible for Advanced or Novice) exercises, not including the jump(s). Each sign will have a 10-point value except for Star stations that will have a 20-point value. The total number of points on the course must equal 200. Any star stations aside from at least one jump being starred will be determined by the judge and marked with a Star designator. Level specific exercises should be distributed throughout the course so that both dog/handler teams perform some of the level specific exercises and neither team performs all the Masters or all the Excellent exercises.

Performing Pairs - Each exhibitor will use the armband number they are assigned by the trial secretary, but they do not have to perform in armband number order, either member of the pair can go first. Scoresheets designate both armband numbers separated by a forward slash (i.e. 312/421). The judge will call both exhibitors into the ring. The dog/handler team going second will go to the midway point in the course, the tagging zone and will have their dog sit, down or stand under control, while the dog/handler team going first performs the first half of the course. When the 2nd dog/handler team is in position in the tagging zone and the 1st dog and handler team is at the start line, the judge asks the team, "Are you Ready?" and with an affirmative response from the team, the Judge then says, "Forward" starting the time. When the 1st dog/handler team arrives at the tagging zone, the handler will leash their dog, and once their dog is under control, will shake hands with their teammate, signaling them to start the second half of the course. The 2nd dog/handler team will then perform the second half of the course. After passing the finish sign, the 2nd handler will leash their dog and go directly to the tagging zone, and with their dog under control, will shake hands with their

teammate signaling the time to stop. Dogs in the Tagging Zone must remain under control in a sit, down or stand. The team will lose either 10 or 20 points for being out of control in the Tagging Zone depending on if the exercise is starred.

#### 11.2.6 Rally Excellent Pairs Class

Dogs may only be entered in Pairs once in each trial; they cannot enter with multiple partners in a single trial.

Eligibility to Enter:

The Rally Excellent Pairs class shall be for any dog eligible to compete in regular Excellent level classes.

Rally Excellent Pairs Exercises and Scores:

Leash Requirements - All exercises in the Rally Excellent Pairs class are judged off-leash, except for the stay exercise in the Tagging Zone. Dogs will be on leash in the Tagging Zone. Leash will stay with the handlers at all times when not on leash in the Tagging Zone. Leashes may be put in a pocket or draped around handler's neck or waist. Leashes cannot be carried in hand.

Jump Station - One jump station must be used and starred in Rally Excellent Pairs.

a. The jump may be any jump outlined in Chapter 1, Section 15 as standard equipment, with jump heights as outlined on the Reference page of these regulations. Jump will be set to the lowest jump height of the dogs on the Pairs team.

Performance Requirements - All performance requirements for Rally Excellent apply to Rally Excellent Pairs.

Course Requirements - Rally Excellent Pairs must have 17 or 19 stations, one of must be either station 23 or 24 which will be exactly halfway through the course. There will be a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 stationary exercises.

Stations 23 & 24 do not count as one of the stationary exercises. There must be a minimum of four Excellent level exercises, not including the jump exercise and three Advanced (not eligible for Novice) exercises. Each sign will have a 10-point value except for Star stations that will have a 20-point value. The total number of points on the course must equal 200. Any star stations aside from at least one jump being starred will be determined by the judge and marked with a Star designator. Level specific exercises should be distributed throughout the course so that both dog/handler teams perform some of the level specific exercises and neither team performs all the Excellent or all the Advanced exercises.

Performing Pairs - Each exhibitor will use the armband number they are assigned by the trial secretary, but they do not have to perform in armband number order, either member of the pair can go first. Scoresheets designate both armband numbers separated by a forward slash (i.e. 312/421). The judge will call both exhibitors into the ring. The dog/handler team going second will go to the midway point in the course, the tagging zone and will have their dog sit, down or stand under control, while the 1st dog/handler team going first performs the first half of the course. When the 2nd dog/handler team is in position in the tagging zone and the 1st dog and handler team is at the start line, the judge asks the team, "Are you Ready?" and with an affirmative response from the team, the Judge then says, "Forward" starting the time. When the 1st dog/handler team arrives at the tagging zone, the handler will leash their dog, and once their dog is under control, will shake hands with their teammate, signaling them to start the second half of the course. The 2nd dog/handler team will then perform the second half of the course. After passing the finish sign, the 2nd handler will leash their dog and go directly to the tagging zone, and with their dog under control, will shake hands with their teammate signaling the time to stop. Dogs in the Tagging Zone must remain under control in a sit, down or stand. The team will lose either 10 or 20 points for being out of control in the Tagging Zone depending on if the exercise is starred.

#### 11.2.7 Rally Advanced Pairs Class

Dogs may only be entered in Pairs once in each trial; they cannot enter with multiple pair partners in a single trial.

Eligibility to Enter: The Rally Advanced Pairs class shall be for any dog eligible to compete in regular Advanced level classes.

Rally Advanced Pairs Exercises and Scores:

Leash Requirements - All exercises in the Rally Advanced Pairs class are judged off-leash, except for the Tagging Zone. Dogs in the Tagging Zone will be on leash. Leashes will stay with the handlers at all times while performing their section of the course. Leashes may be put in a pocket or draped around handler's neck or waist. Leashes cannot be carried in hand.

Performance Requirements - All performance requirements for Rally Advanced apply to Rally Advanced Pairs.

Course Requirements - Rally Advanced Pairs must have 17 or 19 stations, one must be either station 23 or 24 which will be exactly halfway through the course. There will be a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 stationary exercises. Stations 23 & 24 do not count as one of the stationary exercises. There must be a minimum of four Advanced level exercises. Each sign will have a 10-point value except for Star stations that will have a 20-point value. The total number of points on the course must equal 200. Any star stations aside from at least one jump being starred will be determined by the

judge and marked with a Star designator. Level specific exercises should be distributed throughout the course so that both dog/handler teams perform some of the level specific exercises and neither team performs all the Advanced exercises.

Performing Pairs - Each exhibitor will use the armband number they are assigned by the trial secretary, but they do not have to perform in armband number order, either member of the pair can go first. Scoresheets designate both armband numbers separated by a forward slash (i.e. 312/421). The judge will call both exhibitors into the ring. The dog/handler team going second will go to the midway point in the course, the tagging zone and will have their dog sit, down or stand under control, while the dog/handler team going first performs the first half of the course. When the 2nd dog/handler team is in position in the tagging zone and the 1st dog and handler team is at the start line, the judge asks the team, "Are you Ready?" and with an affirmative response from the team, the Judge then says, "Forward" starting the time. When the 1st dog/handler team arrives at the tagging zone, the handler will leash their dog, and once their dog is under control, will shake hands with their teammate, signaling them to start the second half of the course. The 2nd dog/handler team will then perform the second half of the course. After passing the finish sign, the 2nd handler will leash their dog and go directly to the tagging zone, and with their dog under control, will shake hands with their teammate signaling the time to stop. Dogs in the Tagging Zone must remain under control in a sit, down or stand. The team will lose either 10 or 20 points for being out of control in the Tagging Zone depending on if the exercise is starred.

#### 11.2.8 Rally Novice Pairs Class

Dogs may only be entered in Pairs once in each trial; they cannot enter with multiple pair partners in a single trial.

Eligibility to Enter: The Rally Novice Pairs class shall be for any dog eligible to compete in regular Novice level classes.

Rally Novice Pairs Exercises and Scores:

Leash Requirements - All exercises in the Rally Novice Pairs class are judged on-leash.

Performance Requirements - All performance requirements for Rally Novice apply to Rally Novice Pairs.

Course Requirements - Rally Novice Pairs must have 17 or 19 stations, one must be either station 23 or 24 which will be exactly halfway through the course. There will be a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 stationary exercises. Stations 23 & 24 do not count as one of the stationary exercises. There must be a minimum of three Novice Only level exercises. Each sign will have a 10-point value except for Star stations that will have a 20-point value. The total number of points on the course must equal 200. Any star stations aside from at least one jump being starred will be determined by the judge and marked with a Star designator.

Performing Pairs - Each exhibitor will use the armband number they are assigned by the trial secretary, but they do not have to perform in armband number order, either member of the pair can go first. Scoresheets designate both armband numbers separated by a forward slash (i.e. 312/421). The judge will call both exhibitors into the ring.

### Proposed Wording: Rally Rulebook

#### 11.2 Rally Pairs

##### 11.2.5 Rally Masters Pairs Class

Dogs may only be entered in Pairs once in each trial; they cannot enter with multiple pair partners in a single trial.

Eligibility to Enter:

The Rally Masters Pairs class shall be for any dog eligible to compete in a regular Masters level class and has attained the Rally Excellent Pairs title.

Masters Pairs Exercises and Scores:

Leash Requirements - All exercises in the Rally Masters Pairs class are judged off-leash, except for the Tagging Zone.

Dogs will be on leash in the Tagging Zone. Leashes will stay with the handlers at all times when not on leash in the Tagging Zone. Leashes may be put in a pocket or draped around the handler's neck or waist. Leash cannot be carried in hand.

Jump Station - At least one jump station must be used and starred in Rally Masters Pairs, but two jump stations may be used.

a. If two jumps are used, ~~only~~ one must be designated a Star station; both may be starred if the course has 17 stations and the judge wishes to designate both stations as such.

b. The same physical jump may be used for two stations.

c. There must be at least two stations performed between two jump exercises.

d. If two jumps are used, each dog/handler team must perform one of the jumps.

e. Only the ~~316~~ jump exercise #316 may be used in pairs.

f. The jumps may be any jumps outlined in Chapter 1, Section 15 as standard equipment, with jump heights as outlined on the Reference page of these regulations. Jumps will be set to the lowest jump height of the dogs on the Pairs team. Restricted Commands; Proper Heel Position - All performance requirements for Rally Masters apply to Rally Masters Pairs.

Course Requirements - Rally Masters Pairs must have 17 or 19 stations, one of which must be either station 23 or 24 station "T", the Tagging Zone which will be exactly halfway through the course. The Tagging Zone exercise will be station #9 on a course with 17 stations or station #10 on a course with 19 stations. The Tagging Zone sign will be placed along one of the ring sides, next to the gates. The Tagging Zone should be approximately 3 to 4 feet square to provide ample space for the team in the Tagging Zone to perform the designated Tagging Zone position without interfering with other exercises. There will be a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 stationary exercises. The Tagging Zone does not count as one of the stationary exercises. Stations 23 & 24 do not count as one of the stationary exercises. There must be a minimum of four Masters level exercises and three Excellent (not eligible for Advanced or Novice) exercises, not including the jump(s). Each sign will have a 10-point value except for Star stations that will have a 20-point value. The total number of points on the course must equal 200. Any star stations aside from at least one jump being starred will be determined by the judge and marked with a Star designator. Level specific exercises should be distributed throughout the course so that both dog/handler teams perform some of the level specific exercises and neither team performs all the Masters or all the Excellent exercises.

Performing Pairs - Each exhibitor will use the armband number they are assigned by the trial secretary, but they do not have to perform in armband number order, either member of the pair can go first. Scoresheets designate both armband numbers separated by a forward slash (i.e. 312/421). During the briefing before the class begins, the judge will inform all Pairs teams what the designated Tagging Zone position (sit or down) will be for the class that trial. Additionally, the judge may indicate the Tagging Zone position on the course map for the class. The judge will call both exhibitors into the ring. The dog/handler team going second will go to the midway point in the course, the Tagging Zone and will have their dog sit or down based on the judge's designated Tagging Zone position sit, down or stand under control, and must maintain that position until the tag. while the dog/handler team going first performs the first half of the course. When the 2nd dog/handler team is in position in the Tagging Zone and the 1st dog and handler team is at the start line, with the leash removed, the judge asks the team, "Are you Ready?" and with an affirmative response from the team, the Judge then says, "Forward" starting the time. When the 1st dog/handler team arrives at the tagging zone, the handler will leash their dog, and once their dog is under control, will shake hands with their teammate, signaling them to start the second half of the course. The 1st handler will keep the leash in a pocket, around their waist, or around their neck. After completing the last exercise before the tagging zone, the 1st handler will leash their dog, and once their dog is under control, will enter the tagging zone and will fist bump their teammate, signaling the 2nd pairs member to start the second half of the course. The 2nd dog/handler team will then remove their dog's leash and perform the second half of the course. After passing the finish sign, the 2nd handler will leash their dog and go directly to the Tagging Zone, and with their dog under control, will shake hands fist bump with their teammate signaling the time to stop. Dogs in the Tagging Zone must remain in either a sit or down stay until the high five or fist bump. under control in a sit, down or stand. Dogs in the Tagging Zone must remain under control. While in the Tagging Zone, the dog must remain in the designated Tagging Zone position until a fist bump from the other teammate. The team will lose either 10 or 20 points (depending on if the Tagging Zone is a 10-point value station or a starred station valued at 20 points) for either dog not staying in position in the Tagging zone. being out of control in the Tagging Zone depending on if the exercise is starred. (Effective June 27, 2019) Teams will exit the ring leashed and under control. In all cases, handlers will fist bump with the handlers closest to each other and dogs on the outside of the handlers, on the handler's left sides.

#### 11.2.6 Rally Excellent Pairs Class

Dogs may only be entered in Pairs once in each trial; they cannot enter with multiple partners in a single trial.

Eligibility to Enter: The Rally Excellent Pairs class shall be for any dog eligible to compete in regular Excellent level classes and who have attained the Rally Advanced Pairs title.

Rally Excellent Pairs Exercises and Scores:

Leash Requirements - All exercises in the Rally Excellent Pairs class are judged off-leash, except for the stay exercise in the Tagging Zone. Dogs will be on leash in the Tagging Zone. Leashes will stay with the handlers at all times when not on leash in the Tagging Zone. Leashes may be put in a pocket or draped around handler's neck or waist. Leashes cannot be carried in hand.

Jump Station - One jump station must be used and starred in Rally Excellent Pairs.

a. The jump may be any jump outlined in Chapter 1, Section 15 as standard equipment, with jump heights as outlined on the Reference page of these regulations. Jump will be set to the lowest jump height of the dogs on the Pairs team.

Performance Requirements - All performance requirements for Rally Excellent apply to Rally Excellent Pairs.

Course Requirements - Rally Excellent Pairs must have 17 or 19 stations, one of which must be station "T", the Tagging Zone, either station 23 or 24 which will be exactly halfway through the course. The Tagging Zone exercise will be station #9 on a course with 17 stations or station #10 on a course with 19 stations. The Tagging Zone sign will be placed along one of the ring sides, next to the gates. The Tagging Zone should be approximately 3 to 4 feet square to provide ample space for the team in the Tagging Zone to perform the designated Tagging Zone position without interfering with other exercises. There will be a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 stationary exercises. The Tagging Zone does not count as one of the stationary exercises. There must be a minimum of four Excellent level exercises, not including the jump exercise and three Advanced (not eligible for Novice) exercises. Each sign will have a 10-point value except for Star stations that will have a 20-point value. The total number of points on the course must equal 200. Any star stations aside from at least one jump being starred will be determined by the judge and marked with a Star designator. Level specific exercises should be distributed throughout the course so that both dog/handler teams perform some of the level specific exercises and neither team performs all the Excellent or all the Advanced exercises.

Performing Pairs - Each exhibitor will use the armband number they are assigned by the trial secretary, but they do not have to perform in armband number order, either member of the pair can go first. Scoresheets designate both armband numbers separated by a forward slash (i.e. 312/421). During the briefing before the class begins, the judge will inform all Paris teams what the designated Tagging Zone position (sit or down) will be for the class. Additionally, the judge may indicate the Tagging Zone position on the course map for the class. The judge will call both exhibitors into the ring. The dog/handler team going second will go to the midway point in the course, the Tagging Zone and will have their dog sit, down or stand under control, or down based on the judge's designated Tagging Zone position and must maintain that position until the tag. While the dog/handler team going first performs the first half of the course. When the 2nd dog/handler team is in position in the tagging zone and the 1st dog and handler team is at the start line, with the leash removed, the judge asks the team, "Are you Ready?" and with an affirmative response from the team, the Judge then says, "Forward" starting the time. When the 1st dog/handler team arrives at the tagging zone, the handler will leash their dog, and once their dog is under control, will shake hands with their teammate, signaling them to start the second half of the course. The 2nd dog/handler team will then perform the second half of the course. - The 1st handler will keep the leash in a pocket, around their waist, or around their neck. After completing the last exercise before the tagging zone, the 1st handler will leash their dog, and once their dog is under control, will enter the tagging zone and will fist bump their teammate, signaling the 2nd pairs member to start the second half of the course. The 2nd dog/handler team will then remove their dog's leash and perform the second half of the course. After passing the finish sign, the 2nd handler will leash their dog and go directly to the Tagging Zone and with their dog under control, will high five or fist bump shake hands with their teammate signaling the time to stop. Dogs in the Tagging Zone must remain under control in a sit, or down stay or stand until the high five or fist bump. Dogs in the Tagging Zone must remain under control. While in the Tagging Zone, the dog must remain in the designated Tagging Zone position until a fist bump from the other teammate. The team will lose either 10 or 20 points (depending on if the Tagging Zone is a 10-point value station or a starred station valued at 20 points) for either dog not staying in position in the Tagging Zone. Teams will exit the ring leashed and under control. being out of control in the Tagging Zone depending on if the exercise is starred. (Effective June 27, 2019)

In all cases, handlers will fist bump with the handlers closest to each other and dogs on the outside of the handlers, on the handler's left sides.

### 11.2.7 Rally Advanced Pairs Class

Dogs may only be entered in Pairs once in each trial; they cannot enter with multiple pair partners in a single trial.

Eligibility to Enter: The Rally Advanced Pairs class shall be for any dog eligible to compete in regular Advanced level classes and who have attained the Rally Novice Pairs title.

Rally Advanced Pairs Exercises and Scores:

Leash Requirements - All exercises in the Rally Advanced Pairs class are judged off-leash, except for the Tagging Zone.

Dogs in the Tagging Zone will be on leash. Leashes will stay with the handlers at all times while performing their section of the course. Leashes may be put in a pocket or draped around handler's neck or waist. Leashes cannot be carried in hand.

Performance Requirements - All performance requirements for Rally Advanced apply to Rally Advanced Pairs.

Course Requirements - Rally Advanced Pairs must have 17 or 19 stations, one of which must be station "T", the Tagging Zone either station 23 or 24 which will be exactly halfway through the course. The Tagging Zone exercise will be station #9 on a course with 17 stations or station #10 on a course with 19 stations. The Tagging Zone sign will be placed along one of the ring sides, next to the gates. The Tagging Zone should be approximately 3 to 4 feet square to provide ample space for the team in the Tagging Zone to perform the designated Tagging Zone position without interfering with other exercises. There will be a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 stationary exercises. The Tagging Zone does ~~Stations 23 & 24 do~~ not count as one of the stationary exercises. There must be a minimum of four Advanced level exercises. Each sign will have a 10-point value except for Star stations that will have a 20-point value. The total number of points on the course must equal 200. Any star stations ~~aside from at least one jump being starred~~ will be determined by the judge and marked with a Star designator. Level specific exercises should be distributed throughout the course so that both dog/handler teams perform some of the level specific exercises and neither team performs all the Advanced exercises.

Performing Pairs - Each exhibitor will use the armband number they are assigned by the trial secretary, but they do not have to perform in armband number order, either member of the pair can go first. Scoresheets designate both armband numbers separated by a forward slash (i.e. 312/421). During the briefing before the class begins, the judge will inform all Paris teams what the designated Tagging Zone position (sit or down) will be for the class. Additionally, the judge may indicate the Tagging Zone position on the course map for the class. The judge will call both exhibitors into the ring. The dog/handler team going second will go to ~~the midway point in the course, the Tagging Zone~~ and will have their dog sit or down based on the Judge's designated Tagging Zone position and must maintain that position until the fist bump. ~~or stand under control, while the dog/handler team going first performs the first half of the course.~~ When the 2nd dog/handler team is in position in the tagging zone and the 1st dog and handler team is at the start line, with the leash removed, the judge asks the team, "Are you Ready?" and with an affirmative response from the team, the Judge then says, "Forward" starting the time. After completing the last exercise before the tagging zone the 1<sup>st</sup> handler will leash their dog and once their dog is under control will enter the tagging zone and will fist bump or high five with their teammate. When the 1st dog/handler team arrives at the tagging zone, the handler will leash their dog, and once their dog is under control, will shake hands with their teammate, signaling them to start the second half of the course. The 1<sup>st</sup> handler will keep the leash in a pocket, around their waist, or around their neck. After completing the last exercise before the tagging zone, the 1<sup>st</sup> handler will leash their dog, and once their dog is under control, will enter the tagging zone and will fist bump their teammate, signaling the 2<sup>nd</sup> pairs member to start the second half of the course. The 2nd dog/handler team will then remove their dog's leash and perform the second half of the course. After passing the finish sign, the 2nd handler will leash their dog and go directly to the ~~Tagging Zone~~, and with their dog under control, will fist bump their ~~shake hands with their~~ teammate signaling the time to stop. Dogs in the Tagging Zone must remain in either a sit or down stay until the high five or fist bump. ~~under control in a sit, down or stand.~~ Dogs in the Tagging Zone must remain under control. While in the Tagging Zone, the dog must remain in the designated Tagging Zone position until a fist bump from the other teammate. The team will lose either 10 or 20 points (depending on if the Tagging Zone is a 10-point value station or a starred station valued at 20 points) for either dog not staying in position ~~for being out of control~~ in the Tagging Zone ~~depending on if the exercise is starred.~~ (Effective June 27, 2019) Teams will exit the ring leashed and under control.

In all cases, handlers will fist bump with the handlers closest to each other and dogs on the outside of the handlers, on the handler's left sides.

#### 11.2.8 Rally Novice Pairs Class

Dogs may only be entered in Pairs once in each trial; they cannot enter with multiple pair partners in a single trial.

Eligibility to Enter: The Rally Novice Pairs class shall be for any dog eligible to compete in regular Novice level classes.

Rally Novice Pairs Exercises and Scores:

Leash Requirements - All exercises in the Rally Novice Pairs class are judged on-leash.

Performance Requirements - All performance requirements for Rally Novice apply to Rally Novice Pairs.

Course Requirements - Rally Novice Pairs must have 17 or 19 stations, one of which must be either station "T", the Tagging Zone 23 or 24 which will be exactly halfway through the course. The Tagging Zone exercise will be station #9 on a course with 17 stations or station #10 on a course with 19 stations. The Tagging Zone sign will be placed along one of the ring sides, next to the gates. The Tagging Zone should be approximately 3 to 4 feet square to provide ample space for the team in the Tagging Zone to perform the designated Tagging Zone position without interfering with other exercises. There will be a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 stationary exercises. The Tagging Zone does ~~Stations 23 &~~

~~24 do~~ not count as one of the stationary exercises. There must be a minimum of three Novice Only level exercises. Each sign will have a 10-point value except for Star stations that will have a 20-point value. The total number of points on the course must equal 200. Any star stations ~~aside from at least one jump being starred~~ will be determined by the judge and marked with a Star designator. Level specific exercises should be distributed throughout the course so that both dog/handler teams perform some of the level specific exercises and neither team performs all the Novice Only exercises. Performing Pairs - Each exhibitor will use the armband number they are assigned by the trial secretary, but they do not have to perform in armband number order, either member of the pair can go first. Scoresheets designate both armband numbers separated by a forward slash (i.e. 312/421). During the briefing before the class begins, the judge will inform all Pairs teams what the designated Tagging Zone position (sit or down) will be for the class. Additionally, the judge may indicate the Tagging Zone position on the course map for the class. The judge will call both exhibitors into the ring. ~~(Effective June 27, 2019)~~ The dog/handler team going second will go to the tagging zone and will have their dog sit or down based on the Judge's designated Tagging Zone position and must maintain the designated position until the fist bump. When the 2nd dog/handler team is in position in the tagging zone and the 1st dog and handler team is at the start line, the judge asks the team, "Are you Ready?" and with an affirmative response from the team, the Judge then says, "Forward" starting the time. After completing the last exercise before the tagging zone the 1<sup>st</sup> handler will enter the tagging zone and will fist bump their teammate, signaling them to start the second half of the course. The 2nd dog/handler team will then perform the second half of the course. After passing the finish sign, the 2nd handler will go directly to the tagging zone, and with their dog under control, will fist bump their teammate signaling time to stop. Dogs in the Tagging Zone must remain under control. While in the Tagging Zone, the dog must remain in the designated Tagging Zone position until a fist bump from the other teammate. The team will lose either 10 or 20 points (depending on if the Tagging Zone is a 10-point value station or a starred station valued at 20 points) for either dog not staying in position in the Tagging Zone. Teams will exit the ring with the dog under control. In all cases, handlers will fist bump with the handlers closest to each other and dogs on the outside of the handlers, on the handler's left sides.

Current Wording: There is no current sign for the Tagging Zone in Chapter 18.

Proposed Wording: Rally Rulebook

Chapter 18: Signs and Descriptions

The Tagging Zone sign and description will appear after the "Finish" sign on the exercise list.

Sign "T" - Tagging Zone

Description: During the briefing before the class begins, the judge will inform all Pairs teams what the designated Tagging Zone position (sit or down) will be for the class. Additionally, the judge may indicate the Tagging Zone position on the course map for the class. The Tagging Zone exercise will be station #9 on a course with 17 stations or station #10 on a course with 19 stations. The Tagging Zone sign will be placed along one of the ring sides, next to the gates. The Tagging Zone should be approximately 3 to 4 feet square to provide ample space for the team in the Tagging Zone to perform the designated Tagging Zone position without interfering with other exercises. Dogs in the Tagging Zone must remain under control. While in the Tagging Zone, **the dog must remain in the designated Tagging Zone position until a fist bump from the other teammate.**

NOTE: A picture of the Tagging Zone sign to include in Chapter 18 and in future sign sets is attached. The Tagging Zone sign will be adding to the Course Design Template and the small signs documents for judges to use when designing Rally Pairs courses.

Comments/Rationale (from Committee): Rally Pairs was added to non-regular classes in 2019 and was first competed at a couple of trials in Texas and at a Pre-trial at California Nationals in 2019. The experiences in those three events led the committee to make clarifications and additional details to the language in the rulebook. The Rally Pairs class, with the clarifications in this motion, make the Rally Pairs class a perfect fit as an Optional Titling Class as soon as the ASCA computer system can accept new classes. Adding this class as an Optional Titling class will help fulfill the Rally Committee's commitment the ASCA's Strategic Plan as it fulfills Goal 1, Objective 3, strategies 2 & 3 of the Strategic Plan for Rally. This class will remain non-regular until the computer system can be updated.

Affected: Affiliates will be affected as they will have an additional class to offer at their trials which will benefit the affiliate financially with more runs at their trials. Exhibitors will be affected because they will have an additional class



they can complete in at trials if it is offered at the trials they are entering. Judges will be affected as they will have additional courses to design at trials where this class is offered. Webmaster will be affected with items to update/replace on the website.

Business Office notified: 1/19/2021. Webmaster notified: 1/19/2021.

Effective Date: June 1, 2021.

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 12. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: None.

Attachment: Rally\_Tagging\_Zone\_Sign.pdf

#### RA.21.02 Prohibiting Toys/Reward Items

Motion is **adopted** (8-0) - Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: Evans.

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

Committee Recommendation: RC Motion 21.02 to prohibit toys and other reward items in and near the Rally ring

Motion by Ann McCabe to approve the prohibition of toys and other reward items from in and near the Rally ring.

Second by Karen Black.

Current Wording: Rally Rulebook

Reference Sheet: Ring Size

No grooming or crating within ten feet of any Rally ring during the Rally portion of the show. Clubs must insure that Rally rings are used only for Obedience and Rally trials, not for practice or warm-ups.

#### 1.30.1 Ring Size/Use of Ring

The ring shall be rectangular, and a minimum of 2000 square feet with no side being less than 40 feet for all Rally classes.

a. No grooming or crating is permitted within 10 feet of any Rally ring during the Rally portion of the show.

b. No food is allowed within 10 ft of the Rally ring.

c. Clubs must insure that Rally rings are used only for Obedience and Rally trials, not for practice or warm-ups prior to trials being held the same day.

#### 1.30.3 Perimeter/Inclement Weather

a. An area surrounding the rally ring no smaller than ten feet in any direction shall be cleaned and posted for "no crating or grooming" during the rally portion of the event.

b. No food is allowed within 10 ft of any side of the rally ring.

c. If inclement weather at an outdoor event necessitates the judging of Rally under shelter, the requirements as to ring size may be waived if approved by the Rally Judge. If such actions are taken, a full report must be included with the trial results sent to the ASCA Business Office.

#### 2.3 Qualifying Performance

A Judge's certification in his Judge's book of a Qualifying score for any particular dog constitutes his certification to the ASCA Show Secretary that the dog on this particular occasion has performed adequately and has been judged to have at least a minimum qualifying score in accordance with these Rules and Regulations, and that its performance on this occasion would justify the awarding of the Rally title associated with the particular class. A qualifying score must never be awarded to a dog whose performance has not met the minimum requirements, to a dog that shows fear or resentment, that relieves itself at any time while in the ring for judging, or whose handler disciplines or abuses it while in the ring. A handler shall not carry or offer food in the ring; doing so will also be scored as a non-qualifying score (NQ).

#### 2.23 Scoring and Minimum Penalties

Non-Qualifying (NQ) scores shall be given for:

- Any food in the ring

### 13.7.2 Size of Ring

The ring shall be rectangular with a minimum of 2000 square feet with no side being less than 40 feet for all Rally Classes.

### 14.3 Ring Size

Rings must be a minimum of 2000 square feet with no side being less than 40 feet in length. There must be at least a ten-foot border around any open side of the ring that is clearly marked off limits to crating, holding of dogs, or any food or drinks.

#### ASCA Rally Judge's Scoresheet by Deduction

NQ Min requirements not met / food in ring / dog is lame

#### ASCA Rally Judge's Scoresheet by Station Number

NQ Minimum requirements not met / food in ring / dog is lame / ...

#### Proposed Wording: Rally Rulebook

##### Reference Sheet: Ring Size

No grooming, ~~or~~ crating, food, toys or other type of reward item within ten feet of any Rally ring during the Rally portion of the show. Clubs must ~~insure~~ ensure that Rally rings are used only for Obedience and Rally trials, not for practice or warm-ups.

#### 1.30.1 Ring Size/Use of Ring

The ring shall be rectangular, and a minimum of 2000 square feet with no side being less than 40 feet for all Rally classes.

- a. No grooming or crating is permitted within 10 feet of any Rally ring during the Rally portion of the show.
- b. No food, toys or other type of reward item are is allowed with 10 ft of the Rally ring.
- c. Clubs must ~~insure~~ ensure that Rally rings are used only for Obedience and Rally trials, not for practice or warm-ups prior to trials being held the same day.

#### 1.30.3 Perimeter/Inclement Weather

- a. An area surrounding the rally ring no smaller than ten feet in any direction shall be cleaned and posted for "~~no crating or grooming~~" "no crating, holding of dogs, food, drinks, toys or other type of reward items" during the rally portion of the event.
- b. No food, toys or other type of reward item are is allowed within 10 ft of any side of the rally ring.
- c. If inclement weather at an outdoor event necessitates the judging of Rally under shelter, the requirements as to ring size may be waived if approved by the Rally Judge. If such actions are taken, a full report must be included with the trial results sent to the ASCA Business Office.

### 2.3 Qualifying Performance

A Judge's certification in his Judge's book of a Qualifying score for any particular dog constitutes his certification to the ASCA Show Secretary that the dog on this particular occasion has performed adequately and has been judged to have at least a minimum qualifying score in accordance with these Rules and Regulations, and that its performance on this occasion would justify the awarding of the Rally title associated with the particular class. A qualifying score must never be awarded to a dog whose performance has not met the minimum requirements, to a dog that shows fear or resentment, that relieves itself at any time while in the ring for judging, or whose handler disciplines or abuses it while in the ring. A handler shall not carry or offer food, toys or other type of reward item in the ring; doing so will also be scored as a non-qualifying score (NQ).

#### 2.23 Scoring and Minimum Penalties

Non-Qualifying (NQ) scores shall be given for:

- Any food, toys or other type of reward item in the ring

### 13.7.2 Size of Ring

The ring shall be rectangular with a minimum of 2000 square feet with no side being less than 40 feet for all Rally Classes. There must be at least a ten-foot border around any open side of the ring that is clearly marked off limits to crating, holding of dogs, food, drinks, toys or other type of reward items. Distractions used for distraction exercises in Excellent and Masters must not be visible except when in use on the course.

### 14.3 Ring Size

Rings must be a minimum of 2000 square feet with no side being less than 40 feet in length. There must be at least a ten-foot border around any open side of the ring that is clearly marked off limits to crating, holding of dogs, ~~or any food,~~ ~~or~~ drinks, toys or other type of reward items.

#### ASCA Rally Judge's Scoresheet by Deduction

NQ Min requirements not met / food, toys or other type of reward item in ring / dog is lame

#### ASCA Rally Judge's Scoresheet by Station Number

NQ Minimum requirements not met / food, toys or other type of reward item in ring / dog is lame / ...

Comments/Rationale (from Committee): Although it may seem obvious that toys or other reward items are prohibited in the Rally ring, it is not stated in any part of the rule book. Recently, a handler had a toy in her pocket in the ring and there was no standing to prohibit her from having that item in the ring during her run.

Affected: Judges will need to be aware of any items in a handler's pockets or hands in the Rally ring. Exhibitors will be prohibited from bringing toys or other reward items into the ring while in the ring for judging. Stewards and trial committee members must ensure that no toys or other reward items are in or within 10 feet of the Rally ring.

Business Office Notified: January 21, 2021.

Effective Date: June 1, 2021.

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 11. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: 1.

### RA.21.03 Selecting Judges for Rally Nationals/Finals

Motion is **adopted** (8-0) - Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: Evans.

- a. **Comment from Director Boone:** Though the rule has been in place for a year, there are no Nationals (N) judges listed.

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

Committee Recommendation: RC Motion 21.03 New Chapter for Selecting Judges for Rally Finals and Nationals Rally Trial

Motion by Karen Black to approve a new Chapter in the Rally Rulebook for selecting judges for Rally Finals and the Nationals Rally Trial. Second by Ann McCabe

#### Current Wording: Rally Rulebook

##### 13 Rally Finals

##### 13.6.1 Judge Eligibility

Judges must be in good standing with ASCA and be on the list of judges eligible to judge Rally Finals.

##### 14 Nationals Rally

##### 14.1 Judge Eligibility

Judges must be in good standing with ASCA and be on the list of judges eligible to judge the National Rally Trial.

##### 15 Judges

15.6 Eligible to Judge the National Rally Trial and/or Rally Finals List Host clubs for ASCA Nationals and Finals will look at the Judges Directory to note which Rally judges are eligible to judge the National Rally Trial and Rally Finals. Judges with

a classification letter of “N” (National Judge) are eligible to judge the National Rally Trial. Judges with a classification letter of “S” (Senior Judge) are eligible to judge the National Rally Trial or Rally Finals.

#### 15.6.1 National Rally Trial

To be eligible to judge the National Rally Trial, a judge must be in good standing with ASCA and be listed on the current approved ASCA Rally Judges List with a classification of “N”. See Section 15.5 for instructions to move from Regular Judge (R) to National Judge (N) on the Judges Directory. It is the judge’s responsibility to complete the request form and submit it to the Business Office for verification that the judge meets the requirements for judging the National Rally Trial. Once the Business Office verifies the requirements are met, the judge’s name will be added to the list of judges eligible to judge the National Rally Trial. The Request Form can be found in the Appendix of the Rally Rulebook or online on the ASCA Website.

#### 15.6.2 Rally Finals

To be eligible to judge Rally Finals, a judge must be in good standing with ASCA and be listed on the current approved ASCA Rally Judges List with a classification of “S”. See Section 15.5 for instructions to move from National Judge (N) to Senior Judge (S) on the Judges Directory. It is the judge’s responsibility to complete the request form and submit it to the Business Office for verification that the judge meets the requirements for judging Rally Finals. Once the Business office verifies the requirements are met, the judge’s name will be added to the list of judges eligible to judge Rally Finals. The Request Form can be found in the Appendix of the Rally Rulebook or online on the ASCA Website.

#### 15.6.3 Judges Requirements

1. Four (4) ASCA Rally Senior and/or Nationals Judges will be hired for the Rally Finals by the National Specialty Committee, who will submit the Rally Nationals and Finals slate to the ASCA Executive Secretary no later than February 1st of the year prior to the National Specialty being hosted. The Executive Secretary will forward the proposed Judges slate to the ASCA Board of Directors for review. Board approval of the Judges slate will be returned to the Nationals Specialty Committee no later than thirty (30) days after receipt by the Executive Secretary. Once the Board has approved the Rally Judges slate, the Judge’s names will be posted within 7 days to the ASCA Website on the “National Specialty Information” page and the judge information must be to the Aussie Times Editor by March 15th for inclusion in the May-June issue.

##### 2. Finals and Nationals Judges Eligibility

- a. Judge must be ASCA Senior or Nationals Judge Status to judge the Nationals Trial (15.6.1 & 15.6.2).
- b. Judge must be an ASCA Senior Rally Judge to judge Finals (15.6.1).
- c. Judge shall not have judged the previous three (3) Rally Finals or Nationals trials.
- d. When the location and date have been specified for the National Specialty, the Business Office shall identify the date on which letters will be sent to Nationals and Senior Rally Judges to determine interest and availability, and to meet the deadlines as stated in 15.6.3.1. Letters of inquiry will be sent via US Mail, and via email. The date by which the letter is to be returned shall be included in the letter. Judges interested and available to judge shall return the letter of inquiry by the date stated either via mail or email. The judge must indicate whether they wish to be considered for Nationals, and or Finals.
- e. The Business Office shall verify the judge meets the requirements for judging the National Rally Trial. f. Judges for the Rally Nationals shall be selected from the ASCA Nationals Judges and Senior Rally Judges who return the letter of inquiry to the Business Office by the designated date and have indicated they would be available. From the letters returned, two (2) names shall be pulled by the business office and the names given to the host committee to hire from, in the order of the draw. The draw will be performed live on Facebook. Three (3) additional names shall be drawn should one of the above 2 judges become unavailable. If there is a judge cancellation, the National Specialty Committee shall contact the next name on the list, in the order drawn.
- g. Judges for the Rally Finals shall be selected from the ASCA Senior Rally Judges who return the letter of inquiry to the Business Office by the designated date and have indicated they would be available. From the letters returned, two (2) names shall be drawn by the business office and the names given to the host committee to hire from, in the order of the draw. The draw will be performed live on Facebook. Three (3) additional names shall be drawn should one of the above 2 judges become unavailable. If there is a judge cancellation, the National Specialty Committee shall contact the next name on the list, as drawn.

h. Rally Finals and Nationals judges may participate in Nationals events with the exception of the day(s) of their judging assignment. All rules pertaining to the Finals Judges can be found in 15.6 Finals Judges and Judging in the Rally Rules and Regulations.

#### Proposed Wording: Rally Rulebook

#### 13 Rally Finals

##### 13.6.1 Judge Eligibility

Judges must be in good standing with ASCA and be on the list of judges eligible to judge Rally Finals.

Section 13.6.2 and subsequent sections will be renumbered to start with 13.6.1.

#### 14 Nationals Rally Trial

##### 14.1 Judge Eligibility

Judges must be in good standing with ASCA and be on the list of judges eligible to judge the National Rally Trial.

Section 14.2 and subsequent sections will be renumbered to start with 14.1.

#### 15 Judges 15 Selection of Judges for Rally Finals and the Nationals Rally Trial

##### 15.6 Eligible to Judge the National Rally Trial and/or Rally Finals List

Host clubs for ASCA Nationals and Finals will look at the Judges Directory to note which Rally judges are eligible to judge the National Rally Trial and Rally Finals. Judges with a classification letter of "N" (National Judge) are eligible to judge the National Rally Trial. Judges with a classification letter of "S" (Senior Judge) are eligible to judge the National Rally Trial or Rally Finals.

##### 15.6.1 National Rally Trial

To be eligible to judge the National Rally Trial, a judge must be in good standing with ASCA and be listed on the current approved ASCA Rally Judges List with a classification of "N". See Section 15.5 for instructions to move from Regular Judge (R) to National Judge (N) on the Judges Directory. It is the judge's responsibility to complete the request form and submit it to the Business Office for verification that the judge meets the requirements for judging the National Rally Trial. Once the Business Office verifies the requirements are met, the judge's name will be added to the list of judges eligible to judge the National Rally Trial. The Request Form can be found in the Appendix of the Rally Rulebook or online on the ASCA Website.

##### 15.6.2 Rally Finals

To be eligible to judge Rally Finals, a judge must be in good standing with ASCA and be listed on the current approved ASCA Rally Judges List with a classification of "S". See Section 15.5 for instructions to move from National Judge (N) to Senior Judge (S) on the Judges Directory. It is the judge's responsibility to complete the request form and submit it to the Business Office for verification that the judge meets the requirements for judging Rally Finals. Once the Business office verifies the requirements are met, the judge's name will be added to the list of judges eligible to judge Rally Finals. The Request Form can be found in the Appendix of the Rally Rulebook or online on the ASCA Website.

##### 15.6.3 Judges Requirements

###### 2. Finals and Nationals Judges Eligibility

a. Judge must be ASCA Senior or Nationals Judge Status to judge the Nationals Trial (15.6.1 & 15.6.2).

###### a. 15.1 Eligibility to Judge

a. To be eligible to judge Rally Finals, the Judge judge must be an ASCA Senior Rally Judge and be in good standing with ASCA to judge Finals (15.6.1).

b. To be eligible to judge the Nationals Rally Trial, the judge must be an ASCA Senior or National Rally Judge and be in good standing with ASCA.

b. c. Judge shall not have judged the previous three (3) Rally Finals or Nationals trials.

##### 15.2 Judge Selection Process

e. a. When the location and date have been specified for the National Specialty, the Business Office shall identify the date on which letters will be sent to Nationals and Senior Rally Judges to determine interest and availability, and to meet the deadlines as stated in 15.6.3.1. The schedule for sending letters and receiving responses must allow time for the

National Specialty Committee to meet the deadlines for submitting slates of judges according to the National Specialty rules. Letters of inquiry will be sent via US Mail, and via email. The date by which the letter is to be returned shall be included in the letter. Judges interested and available to judge shall return the letter of inquiry by the deadline date stated either via mail or email. The judge must indicate whether they wish to be considered for Nationals, and/or Finals. Judges not returning a reply by the deadline date, either by mail or email, will not be placed in the draw for Nationals or Finals judges.

~~g.~~ b. Judges for the Rally Finals shall be selected from the ASCA Senior Rally Judges who return the letter of inquiry to the Business Office by the designated date and have indicated they would be available. From the letters returned, two (2) names shall be drawn by the business office, ~~and the~~ The names are given to the National Specialty Committee ~~host committee to hire from, in the order of the draw~~ to finalize the hiring and contracting of the judges for Rally Finals. The draw will be performed live on Facebook. Three (3) additional names shall be drawn should one of the above ~~2~~ two judges become unavailable. If there is a judge cancellation, the National Specialty Committee shall contact the next name on the list, as in the order drawn.

~~f.~~ c. Judges for the Rally Nationals ~~Rally Trial~~ shall be selected from the ASCA Nationals ~~Rally~~ Judges and Senior Rally Judges who return the letter of inquiry to the Business Office ~~via mail or email~~ by the designated date and have indicated they would be available. From the letters returned, two (2) names shall be pulled by the business office, ~~and the~~ The names are given to the Nationals Specialty Committee ~~host committee to hire from, in the order of the draw~~ to finalize the hiring and contracting of the judges for the Nationals Rally Trial. The draw will be performed live on Facebook. Three (3) additional names shall be drawn should one of the above ~~2~~ two judges become unavailable. If there is a judge cancellation, the National Specialty Committee shall contact the next name on the list, in the order drawn.

~~e.~~ The Business Office shall verify the judge meets the requirements for judging the National Rally Trial.

~~h.~~ d. Rally Finals and Nationals judges may participate in Nationals events ~~with the exception of~~ except on the day(s) of their judging assignment. All rules pertaining to the Finals Judges can be found in 15.6 Finals Judges and Judging in the Rally Rules and Regulations.

#### ~~1.~~ 15.3 Submission of Slate of Judges for Rally Finals and the Nationals Rally Trial

~~Four (4)~~ Two (2) ASCA ~~Rally Senior Rally and/or Nationals~~ Judges will be hired by the National Specialty Committee for the Rally Finals ~~by the National Specialty Committee.~~ Two (2) ASCA Senior or Nationals Rally Judges will be hired by the National Specialty Committee for the Nationals Rally Trial. The National Specialty Committee ~~who~~ will submit the Rally Nationals and Finals slate to the ASCA Executive Secretary no later than February 1st of the year prior to the National Specialty being hosted. The Executive Secretary will forward the proposed Judges slate to the ASCA Board of Directors for review. Board approval of the Judges slate will be returned to the Nationals Specialty Committee no later than thirty (30) days after receipt by the Executive Secretary. Once the Board has approved the Rally Judges slate, the Judge's names will be posted within 7 days to the ASCA Website on the "National Specialty Information" page and the judge information must be to the Aussie Times Editor by March 15th for inclusion in the May-June issue.

#### ~~15 Judges~~ 16 Becoming an ASCA Rally Judge

Note: The current Chapter 15 will become Chapter 16 and subsequent Chapters will be renumbered in sequential order.

Comments/Rationale (from Committee): This motion moves the selection of judges for Rally Finals and the Nationals Rally Trial into its own section immediately following the sections pertaining to Rally Finals and the Nationals Rally Trial. Previously it was in the section detailing how to become an ASCA Rally Judge and it was difficult to locate in the rulebook. Additionally, there are sections in the rulebook that were not removed when the selection process was implemented; this motion removes them. This motion also removes areas duplicated in other sections reducing the number of places where something is referenced thereby reducing the chances of missing items in future rulebook revision creating confusion. It will help streamline the Rally rulebook so there are not as many locations that will have to be researched for information and if changes need to be made in the future, there will not be as many places in the rulebook that need to be cited for changes. Reordering of the rulebook will now be as listed below with the revised chapter titles noted to reflect easier paths to locate important information in the rulebook.

Chapter 13 Rally Finals

Chapter 14 Nationals Rally Trial

Chapter 15 Selection of Judges for Rally Finals and The Nationals Rally Trial

Chapter 16 Becoming an ASCA Rally Judge

Chapter 17 Trial Guidelines

Chapter 18 Course Design

Chapter 19 Signs and Descriptions

This motion serves to further clean up and streamline the Rally Rulebook to make it easier to navigate and locate information.

Affected: This motion mostly affects the Executive Secretary as there will be multiple changes to these chapters in the rulebook. The National Specialty Committee will benefit from easily locating the information needed for selecting judges. Anyone referencing items in this motion will find them easier to locate with the passage of this motion.

Business Office Notified: 1/24/2021. Webmaster Notified: 1/24/21.

Effective Date: June 1, 2021.

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 12. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: None.

#### RA.21.04 Additions to Course Design Chapter

Motion is **adopted** (6-2) - Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Larson, Roberts. Disapprove: Gerken, Wesen. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: Evans.

- a. **Dissent from Director Wesen:** 12 to 14 feet for distractions would take up too much space in ring.
- b. **Comment from Director Boone:** Provided the typos in the chart are fixed.
- c. **Comment from Director Larson:** The chart with the footage for the cloverleaf needs to be fixed so it agrees with the written directions.

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

#### Committee Recommendation: RC Motion 21.05 Additions to Course Design Chapter

Motion by Karen Black to approve additions to the Course Design Chapter due to new signs added in 2019. Second by Corinne Shanks.

#### Current Wording: Rally Rulebook

##### 17.2.1 Tools for Designing Courses

There are many tools available on the ASCA Website to assist in designing courses. Available on the website are:

- a. 2015 Course Design Template (excel based template)
- b. Course Design Checklist
- c. Mini .jpeg signs for use in other software programs

##### 17.4.3 Turns

- a. Care should be taken to avoid too many consecutive turns, which can cause dizziness. An example might include spirals, 360 circles and 270s all run together in a sequence. Breaking up turn exercises with other exercises will help reduce the potential dizzy factor.
- b. The following signs can be used to change the team's path on the course: (chart omitted from motion intentionally as no changes are needed, but is in rulebook.)
- c. Serpentine exercises are not designed to include a 90-degree turn at the first cone or a 90-degree turn out of the exercise. If a course requires the team to make a 90 degree turn to get into the serpentine, then a turn exercise must be used as the station before the serpentine so that the serpentine exercise can be approached straight. If the course requires a turn coming out of a serpentine, the turn must be made using a turn exercise following the serpentine rather than using the last cone as a turning mechanism.
- d. 45 Diagonal and 225 Loop turns are for use coming out of or going into a diagonal path and are considered a change of direction.
- e. Care must be taken with all turns to assure the sign is placed appropriately to allow the team to make the correct angle turn as indicated on the sign.
- f. Limit of 1 each on the Excellent & Masters courses - #10 Right Turn and #13 Left Turn.

##### 17.4.4 Cones

- a. Serpentine and spiral exercises are set up with 6-8 feet between the cones.

- b. Serpentine exercises with distractions require 8-10 feet between the cones and distractions.
- c. The Offset Figure 8 and Offset Figure 8 with Distractions exercises are set up with 8- 10 feet between the cones. Distractions for the Offset Figure 8 with Distractions are placed 6 – 8 apart and at 90-degree angles to the cones.
- d. Sign #25 & #26 Offset Serpentine requires the middle cone to be moved 3-4 ft to the left or right of the first and third cones.

17.4.5 Spacing of Exercises

- a. Careful consideration must be given to how much space an exercise requires for correct performance. Some stations require much more than others. For instance, the Halt station takes up very little space compared to the Halt, 1, 2, 3.

17.4.5 Spacing of Exercises

SIGN NAME	APPROXIMATE SPACE REQUIRED
Halt, 1-2- 3	15 ft
Call Dog Front, 1-2-3 Backwards	15 ft
Serpentine exercises without distractions	22-28 ft
Serpentine exercises with distractions	28-34 ft
Offset Serpentine	8-12 ft long, 5 ft wide
Spiral Right; Spiral Left	19-23 ft
Off Set Figure 8	8-10 ft
Cloverleaf	6 ft x 6 ft
3 Any station that requires the handler to walk away from their dog 3 steps	7-10 ft
Standard Bar jump or High jump	22 ft
Broad Jump	25 ft
Offset Jumps	24 ft
Stand or Down, walk 3 call to heel	15 ft

Proposed Wording: Rally Rulebook

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There are many tools available on the ASCA Website to assist in designing courses. Available on the website are:

- a. ~~2015~~ Course Design Template (excel based template)
- b. Course Design Checklist
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17.4.3 Turns

- a. Care should be taken to avoid too many consecutive turns, which can cause dizziness. An example might include spirals, 360 circles and 270s all run together in a sequence. Breaking up turn exercises with other exercises will help reduce the potential dizzy factor.
- b. The following signs can be used to change the team’s path on the course: (chart omitted from motion intentionally as no changes to the chart are needed, but is in rulebook.)
- c. Serpentine exercises are not designed to include a 90-degree turn at the first cone or a 90- degree turn out of the exercise. If a course requires the team to make a 90 degree turn to get into the serpentine, then a turn exercise must be used as the station before the serpentine so that the serpentine exercise can be approached straight. If the course requires a turn coming out of a serpentine, the turn must be made using a turn exercise following the serpentine rather than using the last cone as a turning mechanism.
- d. 45 Diagonal and 225 Loop turns are ~~for use coming out of or going into a diagonal path and~~ are considered a change of direction. 45 degree turns and 225 degree loops are used for moving a course into a diagonal course path and for moving a course out of a diagonal course path back into a traditional straight orientated course path. All signs between the first 45 degree or 225 degree turn and the second 45 degree or 225 will be located and performed on a diagonal path.
- e. Care must be taken with all turns to assure the sign is placed appropriately to allow the team to make the correct angle turn as indicated on the sign.
- f. Limit of 1 each on the Excellent & Masters courses - #10 Right Turn and #13 Left Turn.



#### 17.4.4 Cones

- a. Serpentine and spiral exercises are set up with 6-8 feet between the cones.
- b. Serpentine exercises with distractions require 8-10 feet between the cones and distractions.
- c. The Offset Figure 8 and Offset Figure 8 with Distractions exercises are set up with 8- 10 feet between the cones. Distractions for the Offset Figure 8 with Distractions are placed 6 – 8 apart and at 90-degree angles to the cones.
- d. Sign #25 & #26 Offset Serpentine requires the middle cone to be moved 3-4 ft to the left or right of the first and third cones.
- e. Signs #230 and #231 Cones for cloverleaf exercises are placed in a triangle pattern with cones about 6 feet apart.
- f. Signs #319 and #320 Two cones and a distraction in the middle are placed six to eight feet apart in a straight line.

#### 17.4.5 Spacing of Exercises

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Halt, 1-2- 3	15 ft
Call Dog Front, 1-2-3 Backwards	15 ft
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Serpentine exercises with distractions	28-34 ft
Offset Serpentes	8-12 ft long, 5 ft wide
Spiral Right; Spiral Left	19-23 ft
Spiral exercises with a Distraction	19-23 ft
Off Set Figure 8	8-10 ft 12-14 ft
Off Set Figure 8 with Distractions	12-14 ft long, 10-12 ft wide
Cloverleaf	6 ft x 6 ft. 13 ft. long x 13 ft. wide
3-Any station that requires the handler to walk away from their dog 3 steps	7-10 ft
Standard Bar jump or High jump	22 ft
Broad Jump	25 ft
Offset Jumps, from Halt, Leave Dog sign to #415 or #416	24 ft
Moving Stand or Down, walk 3 call to heel	15 ft

Comments/Rationale (from Committee): This motion adds details to the Course Design Chapter due to new signs added in 2019 and to add clarification to some details of course design which will help judges when they design courses.

Affected: Judges will be affected as they have more information to help them during the course design process.

Business Office Notified: 1/21/21. Webmaster Notified: 1/21/21.

Effective Date: June 1, 2021.

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 11. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: 1.

#### RA.21.05 Start/Heeling and Conduct Sign

Motion is **adopted** (8-0) - Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: Evans.

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

Committee Recommendation: RC Motion 21.06 - Update Chapter 18.1 - Start/Heeling and Conduct Sign

Motion by Joan Skinner to update the wording of section 18.1 of the Rally Rule Book. Second by Karen Black.

Current Wording: Rally Rulebook

18.1 Start/Heeling and Conduct

The "Start/Heeling and Conduct" Station shall be the first numbered Station on the course. Judges must place the Heeling and Conduct sign to the right of the Start sign if the set of signs provided by the affiliate still includes the two signs.

Signs list at the end of each level's chapter will also show the Start/Heeling and Conduct as one combined sign rather than as separate signs.

Proposed Wording: Rally Rulebook

18.1 Start/Heeling and Conduct

~~The "Start/Heeling and Conduct" Station shall be the first numbered Station on the course. Judges must place the Heeling and Conduct sign to the right of the Start sign if the set of signs provided by the affiliate still includes the two signs.~~

~~Signs list at the end of each level's chapter will also show the Start/Heeling and Conduct as one combined sign rather than as separate signs.~~

Current Wording: Rally Rulebook

17.3.2 Sign Placement

- a. Sign icons shall be shown on the map to the right of the team's path except for change of direction signs which shall be shown placed directly in front of the team. Angle turns (45 degree and 225 degree) are considered a change of direction so must be placed in the team's path.
- b. Sign icons and numbers should be oriented to the team's path as they will move through the course. c. Signs including more than two elements are to be readable to the handler during the performance of all elements of the exercise.
- d. Placement of the Start sign must allow adequate room for the team to enter the ring and set up.
- e. Placement of the Finish sign when facing the ring gate must be at least 6 feet from the gate.
- f. Fast (sign #3), Halt Fast (sign #2), About Turn Fast (sign #228), and U Turn Fast (sign #229) must be followed by the Normal sign.
- g. Slow (sign #4), Halt Slow (sign #300), About Turn Slow (sign #317), and U Turn Slow (sign #318) may be followed by either the Normal sign or the Finish sign.
- h. Sign Placement and Performance Location Chart (see Appendix)
- i. Proper placement of signs for the Masters Directed jump exercises 414, 415 and 416 is detailed in the Appendix, ASCA Example 8.

Proposed Wording: Rally Rulebook

17.3.2 Sign Placement

- a. Sign icons shall be shown on the map to the right of the team's path except for change of direction signs which shall be shown placed directly in front of the team. Angle turns (45 degree and 225 degree) are considered a change of direction so must be placed in the team's path.
- b. Sign icons and numbers should be oriented to the team's path as they will move through the course. c. Signs including more than two elements are to be readable to the handler during the performance of all elements of the exercise.
- d. Placement of the Start/Heeling and Conduct sign must allow adequate room for the team to enter the ring and set up.
- e. Placement of the Finish sign when facing the ring gate must be at least 6 feet from the gate.
- f. Fast (sign #3), Halt Fast (sign #2), About Turn Fast (sign #228), and U Turn Fast (sign #229) must be followed by the Normal sign.
- g. Slow (sign #4), Halt Slow (sign #300), About Turn Slow (sign #317), and U Turn Slow (sign #318) may be followed by either the Normal sign or the Finish sign.
- h. Sign Placement and Performance Location Chart (see Appendix)
- i. Proper placement of signs for the Masters Directed jump exercises 414, 415 and 416 is detailed in the Appendix, ASCA Example 8.

Comments/Rationale (from Committee): This is cleaning up verbiage in the Rulebook to reflect the current status. It was needed initially when there was one sign for Start and a separate sign for Heeling and Conduct. It no longer applies as the Start/Heeling and Conduct is now a single sign.

Affected: This is merely a cleanup in verbiage. No one will be affected by this change.

Business Office Notified: 1/22/21. Webmaster Notified: 1/22/21.

Effective Date: June 1, 2021.

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 12. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: None.

#### RA.21.06 Correction to Section 2.9 Ties

Motion is **adopted** (8-0) - Approve: Boone, Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: Evans.

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

Committee Recommendation: RC Motion 21.07 Correction to Section 2.9 Ties

Motion by Karen Black to approve the changes outlined in the motion for Section 2.9 Ties. Second by Ann McCabe.

Current Wording: Rally Rulebook

#### 2.9 Ties

In case of a tie for any prize in the Novice, Advanced, Excellent, or Masters class, the Team completing the course in the least amount of time will receive the higher placement. If both the score and time are the same, the Teams will repeat the course and will be scored and timed again. The original scores will not be changed, but the higher placement will be given to the Team that won the run-off. A notation will be made by placing a plus sign (+) after the original score of the winner of the run-off.

Proposed Wording: Rally Rulebook

#### 2.9 Ties

In case of a tie for any ~~prize~~ placement in the Novice, Advanced, Excellent, or Masters class, the ~~Team~~ team completing the course in the least amount of time will receive the higher placement. If both the score and time are the same, the ~~Teams~~ teams will repeat the course and will be scored and timed again. The original scores will not be changed, but the higher placement will be given to the ~~Team~~ team that won the run-off with the higher score in the run-off. If the scores for the run-off are the same, the faster team will be declared the winner of the run-off. A notation will be made by placing a plus sign (+) after the original score of the winner of the run-off.

Comments/Rationale (from Committee): The use of the word prize is incorrect. This section deals with ties for placements, so the word prize is being removed and replaced with the correct word, placement. Additionally, clearer language for how a run-off is won has been added.

Affected: Exhibitors, Affiliates, and Judges are affected as the words in the section are now accurate and a concrete description of how to determine the winner is clearly defined.

Effective Date: June 1, 2021.

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 12. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: None.

## Minutes of the Board Meetings via GoToMeeting

Thursday, February 11, 2021

President Busquets called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm CST and it was adjourned at 7:40 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 6:06 pm - 6:15 pm. The financial reports for period ending January 31, 2021, 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.21.18 January 2021 Treasurer's Report** - Motion by Wesen to approve the January 2021 Treasurer's report, as presented. Second by Larson.
  - i. Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Unanimous.
2. **2021 Legal Raters and Retainer** - Executive session from 6:15 pm - 6:18 pm. In 2020, ASCA was charged \$200/hour for attorney time and \$65/hour for paralegal work. In 2021, ASCA will pay \$217.50/hour for attorney work and \$77.50/hour for paralegal work. Of the money ASCA deposited for the 2020 year, more than \$7,000 remained after billing of work through January 12, 2021. This can be carried over to 2021 work, with the additional ASCA deposit being \$10,000 (which is less than was deposited in 2020).
  - a. **BD.21.19 2021 Legal Rate and Retainer** - Motion by Evans to approve Counsel's 2021 rate and additional retainer, effective February 1, 2021. Second by Larson.
    - i. Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Unanimous.
3. **Complaint Resolution** - Executive session from 6:18 pm - 6:23 pm. The Board voted to dismiss a complaint.

**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/UC490D1qEJtV7oiDp6KOHvA>

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.21.21 January 2021 Email Business** - Motion by Wesen to ratify all business conducted over email in January 2021. 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.
  - a. Evans reported that he and President Busquets met with representatives from Inventive last week to find out if they would craft a proposal to allow us to move forward with updates to the system. Priority being migration of the database and the ability to break up the project, so we are only paying for deliverables that have been tested and work. They were agreeable to this and will work with ASCA to make sure we have a product that works for us financially and in practice.
  - b. An additional meeting with Inventive is scheduled for February 25 for our helpful volunteers to hear the technical aspects of the proposal and to ask related questions. Directors may join the meeting to listen in, but questions should be provided in advance.
6. **2021 Nationals Committee** - Director Gann, as Liaison to the 2021 National Specialty Committee, presented a change in personnel for the Board's approval.
  - a. **BD.21.22 Change to 2021 Nationals Committee** - Motion by Gann to appoint Rachel Vest to the 2021 Nationals Committee as Hospitality Chair. This will result in a \$360 increase in committee expenses. Second by Creelman.
    - i. Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Unanimous.
7. **2022 Nationals and Finals Judges** - Director Larson, as Liaison to the 2022 National Specialty Committee, presented several motions to approve judges for the 2022 Finals. The letters to eligible Agility Finals and Rally Finals judges were sent out late, so those judges will be presented as soon as possible.
  - a. **BD.21.23 Obedience Finals Judges** - Motion by Larson to approve the following judges for the 2022 Obedience Finals: Cindy Franks (Tennessee) and Elizabeth Chase (Massachusetts). Effective immediately. Second by Roberts.
    - i. Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Unanimous.
  - b. **BD.21.24 Stockdog Finals Judges** - Motion by Larson to approve the following judges for the 2022 Stockdog Finals: Preston Kissman (Texas), Rick Hardin (North Carolina), and Brad Warren (California). Effective immediately. Second by Roberts.
    - i. Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Unanimous.
  - c. **BD.21.25 Junior Handling Finals Judge** - Motion by Larson to approve the following judge for the 2022 Junior Handling Finals: Leslie Box Noack (Texas). Effective immediately. Second by Roberts.

- i. Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Unanimous.
- d. **BD.21.26 Conformation Finals Judges** - Motion by Larson to approve the following judges for the 2022 Conformation Finals: Susan Harris (California - West Region), Sharon Sparks (Colorado - Central Region), and Lynda Hardin (North Carolina - East Region). Effective immediately. Second by Roberts.
  - i. Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Unanimous.

8. **Conformation Crisis Judge Procedure** - Started at 6:45 pm. The Board discussed options for implementing a Crisis Judge Procedure for ASCA's Conformation Program. The Conformation Committee has been unable to agree on an appropriate procedure to recommend, so the following motions were crafted and voted on by the Board. Interested applicants that are not native English speakers are invited to reach out for assistance with translation or mentoring.

- a. **BD.21.27 Conformation Crisis Judge Procedure** - Motion by Busquets to approve the following Conformation Crisis Judge Procedure. Application form is here: <https://www.asca.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Conformation-Crisis-Judge-Application.pdf> . Second by Boone.
  - i. Motion is **adopted** (9-0) - Approve: Unanimous.

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording: Appendix A: Judge Requirements

New Chapter 4 - Conformation Crisis Judge Requirements

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

- A. Must be a full adult member of ASCA in good standing.
- B. Must be at least twenty-six (26) years of age.
- C. Must have bred two (2) ASCA Champions of Record or bred one (1) ASCA Champion of Record and handled one (1) ASCA Champions of Record to their title. (The applicant must have placed all points and majors on each Champion.)
- D. Must have served as ring steward at least once or have attended a seminar dedicated to procedures. Alternatively, the applicant can request mentorship from an Approved or Senior Breeder Judge or someone who has considerable experience as ring steward. The mentor can choose to conduct the mentorship session via Zoom or any other web conferencing software and can mentor more than one applicant in one session(s). The session must include proper ring procedures, etiquette and handling large entries.
- E. Must have a thorough knowledge of the ASCA Australian Shepherd Breed Standard.
- F. Must have a thorough knowledge of the ASCA Approved Conformation Show Rules and Regulations.
- G. 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 Conformation Crisis Breeder Judge:

- A. Obtain an application form from the ASCA Business Office or from the ASCA website (www.asca.org).
- B. The application form must be completed and returned to the ASCA Business Office via mail or electronically.
- C. Upon receipt of the application form and all relevant documents, 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 Conformation Crisis Breeder Judge's test either electronically or by mail. The test must be completed and returned to the ASCA Business Office 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 Conformation Crisis Judge Application.
- D. The modified Conformation Crisis Breeder Judge's test will be a shortened version of the standard Conformation Breeder Judges' test, which has been approved by the ASCA Board of Directors and shall include questions that evaluate the applicant's knowledge of the Australian Shepherd Breed Standard, ring procedures, show rules, and situations likely to be encountered in the performance of Crisis Conformation Judge duties.
- F. Upon passing the judges' test, the ASCA Board of Directors will approve or deny the applicant.

G. If the application is approved, the applicant will receive notification in writing from the ASCA Business Office of appointment to Crisis Conformation Breeder 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 on the ASCA website.

H. A Crisis Conformation Judge shall not judge the same assignment more than once in any three (3) month period for the same affiliate.

I. Crisis Conformation Breeder Judge procedures will be in effect only when a crisis has been 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.

J. Crisis Conformation Breeder Procedures will be in effect only in those regions where the government has enacted travel restrictions due to disaster, pandemic, or any other state or national emergency, and where such travel restrictions impede the hiring of judges for events.

K. A person acting as a Crisis Conformation Judge will not permanently hold the position of ASCA Conformation 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 Conformation Crisis Judge can be listed as additional experience on the application form.

Comments/Rationale: The current situation due to COVID-19 has resulted in travel restrictions that have made it difficult, if not impossible, for breeder judges to travel to certain regions, including Canada and Europe. To assist the affiliates and competitors in the affected regions, a procedure to confirm temporary judges when the Board declares a crisis must be included in the rules. These procedures will also be included in Appendix B, Section 1.1 of the Conformation Rule Book so that, in event of any other national emergency or travel restrictions, the process will already be in place.

Affected: Webmaster - Heidi Mobley has already indicated that she will be able to ensure publication of new crisis judges to the ASCA website within 24 hours after receipt.

Business Office - The Business Office will have to review applications in as short as time as possible so that affiliates can apply for sanctioning in a timely manner. ASCA's Business Manager, Ray Fryar has indicated that the office may take up to two weeks to confirm minimum requirements for each applicant.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

- b. **BD.21.28 Conformation Crisis Judge Test** - Motion by Busquets to approve the Conformation Crisis Breeder Judge test. Second by Larson.

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

Comments/Rationale: Conformation Crisis Breeder Judges will not judge the National Specialty or Finals. A shortened version of the Conformation Breeder Judge's test that can be completed in a reasonable amount of time but can still serve to evaluate the applicants' knowledge and familiarity with the Conformation show rules, Code of Ethics, and the ASCA Australian Shepherd Breed Standard is necessary and should be approved by the Board.

Affected: All applicants. Business Office - Business Office Staff will have to grade the tests and communicate with the applicants.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

- c. **BD.21.29 Approve Debby Michielsen as Conformation Crisis Judge** - Motion by Busquets to approve Debby Michielsen (Belgium) as a Conformation Crisis Judge and can judge all conformation classes. An assignment as a Conformation Crisis Judge may be used to fulfill one of the requirements to move up to Provisional Breeder Judge status. Second by Gann.

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

Comments/Rationale: Europe is under travel restrictions and has a severe shortage of conformation judges. This will help lessen the shortage.

Affected: Ms. Michielsen and European Affiliates.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

- d. **BD.21.30 Approve Myrjam Langen as Conformation Crisis Judge** - Motion by Busquets to approve Myrjam Langen (Germany) as a Conformation Crisis Judge and can judge all conformation classes. An

assignment as a Conformation Crisis Judge may be used to fulfill one of the requirements to move up to Provisional Breeder Judge status. Second by Gann.

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

Comments/Rationale: Europe is under travel restrictions and has a severe shortage of conformation judges. This will help lessen the shortage.

Affected: Ms. Langen and European Affiliates.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

9. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm by Creelman. Second by Larson.