



UPCOMING CHANGES TO JUNE 2022 PROGRAM RULES



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Agility Program

AG.21.12 Remove Placement Criteria for Weaves & Teeter in Novice Gamblers

Approved by ASCA Board of Directors: 9/27/2021.

Current Wording:

7.3.2 Course Obstacles Allowed in the Gamble Sequence

The following list indicates the gamble obstacles which are acceptable for the different levels:

<Current table in Rulebook>

*See distance and placement restrictions for use of Teeter-Totter and Weave Poles in Novice.

Wording Effective 6/1/2022:

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Current Wording:

7.4.2 The Gamble Course Design

A. Novice: The Novice gamble (obstacles 1 through 4) must include a distance test, and MAY include one other test; either a discrimination OR directional test.

1. Distance Test: At the Novice level, the distance test will be two or more of the four gamble obstacles where the dog is 10 feet or more from the handler. The maximum distance for the placement of the handler line shall be no more than 12 feet from the dog's logical path of performance of the distance challenge obstacles. If the

teeter or weave poles are used in the Novice gamble, they must be used as the first obstacle in the gamble closing sequence with the gamble line placed less than 5 feet away and the handler line for subsequent obstacles shall be placed so they gradually increase in distance.

Wording Effective 7/1/2022:

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Obedience Program

OB.21.07 Graduate Open Optional Titling Class

Approved by ASCA Board of Directors: 10/27/2021.

Current Wording: None.

Wording Effective 6/1/2022:

Chapter 10 (Renumber following sections accordingly) Graduate Open Optional Titling Class

Section 10.1 Graduate Open Class

The Graduate Open class is an optional titling class for all dogs that clubs may choose to offer at obedience trials. The Graduate Open Class shall be for dogs not less than six months of age. Dogs in this class may also be entered at the same trial in any other classes for which they are eligible as defined in these regulations. The owner or any other person may handle dogs in this class. A person may handle more than one dog in this class. This class may be judged by anyone approved to judge Open or higher classes.

A qualifying score in an Optional Titling class shall be the same as that in a Regular class as defined in these regulations by Section 1.10 Qualifying Score. Ribbons and prizes for Optional Titling classes shall be the same as those in Regular classes as defined in these regulations by Section 1.14 Obedience Ribbons and Section 1.15 Ribbons and Prizes. Scores and titles from Optional Titling classes shall not be applicable to High in Trial awards, Merit standings, Finals standings or Hall of Fame determinations.

Section 10.2 Graduate Open Title

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

Section 10.3 Graduate Open Exercises and Scoring

1. Signal Exercise - 40 points
2. Scent Discrimination - 30 points
3. Go Out - 30 points
4. Directed Jumping - 40 points
5. Moving Stand & Examination - 30 points
6. Directed Retrieve - 30 points

Maximum Total Score - 200 points

Prior to the start of judging, the judge will decide which jump will be performed and which glove retrieved and post this information at ringside at least thirty minutes before the class is scheduled to begin. If there is only a start time for the show, it shall be posted thirty minutes before the show is scheduled to begin. The judge will designate the same jump and glove for each handler. For each judging assignment, judges are required to alternate the jump and glove used.

Section 10.4 Signal Exercise

The principal features of this exercise are the ability of dog and handler to work as a team while heeling, and the dog's correct response to the commands and/or signals to Stand, Stay, Down, Sit and Come. Orders are the same as in Heel on Leash with the additions of "Stand your dog," which shall be given only when dog and handler are walking at normal pace, and "Leave your dog." The judge must use signals for directing the handler to command and/or signal the dog to Down, to Sit, and to Come, in that sequence, and to Finish. Heeling in the Signal Exercise shall be done in the same manner as in Heel Free, except that the handler shall use signals only and must not speak to his dog at any time during this portion of the exercise. On order from the judge, "Forward," the handler may signal his dog to walk at heel and on specific order from the judge in each case, shall execute a Left turn, Right turn, About turn, Halt, Slow, Normal and Fast. These orders may be given in any sequence and may be repeated as necessary, but the judge shall attempt to standardize the heeling pattern for all dogs in the class.

On order from the judge, and while the dog is walking at heel, the handler shall signal the dog to Stand in the Heel position near one end of the ring. On further order, "Leave your dog," the handler will command and/or signal the dog to Stay, go at least ten feet from the dog, and turn to face the dog. On separate and specific signals from the judge, the handler will give commands and/or signals to Down, to Sit, to Come and to Finish as in the Novice Recall.

Section 10.5 Signal Exercise, Scoring

A dog that fails, on a command and/or signal from the handler, to Stand or remain standing where left, or to Down, or to Sit and Stay, or to Come, shall be scored non-qualifying (NQ). Minor or substantial deductions, depending on the specific circumstances in each case, shall be made for a dog that walks forward on the Stand, Down or Sit portions of the exercise. All the penalties listed under the Heel on Leash and Figure 8 and the Novice Recall exercises shall apply.

Section 10.6 Scent Discrimination Performance and Scoring

This exercise will be performed and scored the same as in the Utility Scent Discrimination exercise except as stated in this section. The handler will present two sets of articles, each comprised of either two, three, or four

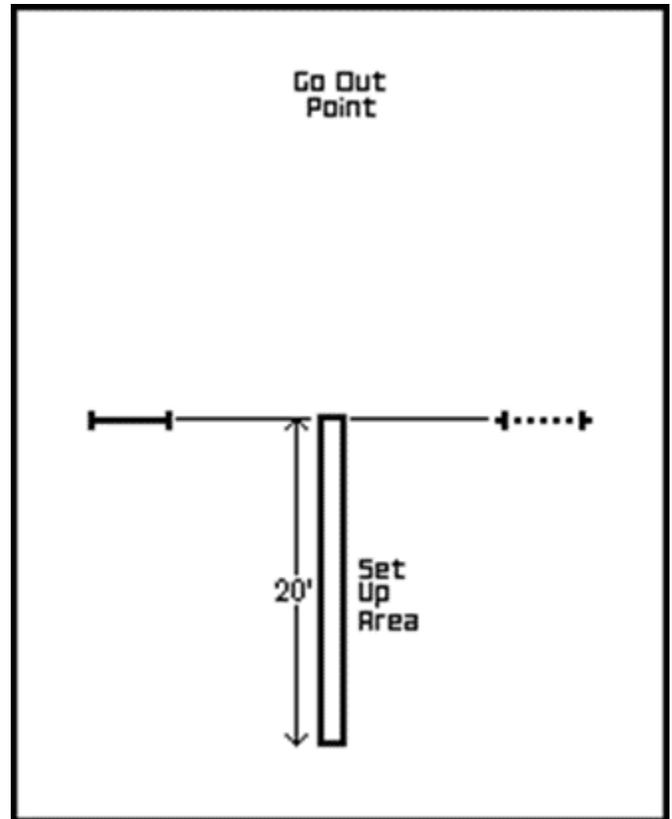
identical objects made of either wood, leather, or metal. Only one article will be retrieved. It is the handler's discretion as to which type of article is retrieved.

The judge will ask: "How will you set up, facing the articles or facing away?" If the handler chooses to face away from the articles, the exercise will be performed and scored as in Utility.

If the handler chooses to face the articles, the exercise will be performed as follows. The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position facing the articles, and the judge will order "Take the article". Judging begins when the judge takes the handler's scented article, at which time the dog must be sitting in heel position beside the handler until directed to retrieve the article. Failure to remain in a Sit after the judge takes the scented article, but prior to the judge's order, "Send your dog," will be a substantial deduction.

Section 10.7 Go Out

The principal features of this exercise are that the dog go away from the handler to the opposite end of the ring and stop as directed. The orders are: "Send your dog" and "Back to your dog." The handler will choose how far from the go out point to set up, with the dog sitting in heel position from a position on the center line of the ring, and between twenty feet before the line of the jumps up to midway between the jumps, as shown in the diagram below. On the order from the judge, the handler shall command and/or signal the dog to go forward at a brisk trot or gallop to the go-out point about twenty feet beyond the jumps and in the approximate center. When the dog reaches this point, the handler will give a command to Sit; the dog must stop and sit with its attention on the handler but need not sit squarely. On the judge's order the handler will return to the heel position by walking around and in back of their dog.



Section 10.8 Go Out, Scoring

A dog must receive a score of non-qualifying (NQ) for the following: anticipating the handler's command and/or signal to go out, not leaving the handler, not going out between the jumps, or not stopping on command and remaining at least ten feet beyond the jumps without an additional command.

Substantial deductions shall be made for a dog that stops or sits before the handler's command to sit, fails to sit, receives an additional command to sit after the dog has stopped, and for a dog that is obviously stopped by the ring barrier rather than the handler's command. Minor to substantial deductions shall be made, depending on degree, for a dog that turns on the go out before the command to Sit, or for slowness in going out. Depending on the extent of the deviation from a Sit along the approximate center line of the ring and approximately twenty feet beyond the line of the jumps, minor to substantial deductions shall be made.

Section 10.9 Directed Jumping

The principal features of this exercise are that the dog stay where left, jump as directed, and return as in the Recall. The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position at the go out point as shown in the diagram

above in Section 8. The judge will ask, "Are you ready?" before giving the order to leave the dog. On the judge's order, the handler may give a command and/or signal to the dog to Stay then walk forward to the other end of the ring, turn to face the dog and stand with the arms and hands hanging naturally. The judge will designate which jump is to be taken by the dog and shall order either "High" or "Bar" when designating either the High or Bar Jump. The handler shall command and/or signal the dog to return to him over the designated jump. While the dog is in midair the handler may turn so as to be facing the dog as it returns. The dog shall Sit in front of the handler and, on order from the judge, Finish as in the Novice Recall. The dog will be sent over only one jump.

Section 10.10 Directed Jumping, Scoring

A dog must receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score for the following: if it is given an additional command and/or signal to Stay, moves from the place it was left or anticipates the handler's command and/or signal to jump; fails to jump; returns over the wrong jump; knocks the bar off the uprights; or uses the top of any jump for aid in going over. Substantial or minor deductions, depending on the extent, shall be made for touching the jumps, or for any display of hesitation or reluctance to jump. All applicable penalties of the Novice Recall exercise will apply.

Section 10.11 Moving Stand and Examination Performance and Scoring

This exercise will be performed and scored the same as in the Utility Moving Stand and Examination except that the handler may pause/hesitate when giving the command and/or signal to stand.

Section 10.12 Directed Retrieve Performance and Scoring

This exercise will be performed and scored the same as in the Utility Directed Retrieve except that a center glove is not used.

Rally Program

RA.21.09 Move Timing of Rally Judges Education

Approved by ASCA Board of Directors: 8/27/2021.

Current Wording:

16.6.2 ASCA Rally Judges Education

All ASCA Rally Judges will be required to complete the ASCA Rally Judges Education, available free online, at least every two years. A notice will be sent by the ASCA Business Office to all ASCA Rally Judges during the first week of January in odd-numbered years (i.e., 2021, 2023, etc.). All sections must be completed and sections with questions requiring a response must be answered correctly to receive credit. The Judges Education must be completed by March 31st of the test year. In mid-February of odd numbered years, the ASCA Business Office will contact any Judge who has not yet completed the Judges Education to assure the January notice was received. Judges not completing the Judges Education by March 31st will be removed from the approved ASCA Judges Directory and will need to reapply if they choose to judge ASCA Rally again in the future. New ASCA Rally Judges who completed their application process in the last quarter of an even-numbered year (i.e., 2020, 2022, etc.) will receive credit for completing their 2-year continuing education during their application process.

Wording Effective 6/1/2022:

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All ASCA Rally Judges will be required to complete the ASCA Rally Judges Education, available free online, at least every two years. A notice will be sent by the ASCA Business Office to all ASCA Rally Judges during the first week of June in odd-numbered years (i.e., 2023, 2025, 2027, etc.). All sections must be completed and sections with questions requiring a response must be answered to receive credit. The Judges Education must be completed by August 31st of the test year. In mid-July of odd numbered years, the ASCA Business Office will contact any Judge who has not yet completed the Judges Education to assure the June notice was received. Judges not completing the Judges Education by August 31st will be removed from the approved ASCA Judges Directory and will need to reapply if they choose to judge ASCA Rally again in the future. New ASCA Rally Judges who completed their application process in the last quarter of an even-numbered year (i.e., 2022, 2024, 2026, etc.) will receive credit for completing their 2-year continuing education during their application process.

RA.21.10 Use of the Words Course(s) and Course Map(s)

Approved by ASCA Board of Directors: 10/27/2021.

Current Wording:

1.35 Submitting Records

After each ASCA sanctioned event, all Judge's Books (Non-regular and Regular classes), Official Entry Forms for all qualifiers, Gross Receipts report, including Event Membership dues, Sanction Grant, and Rally Trial Report must be sent to the ASCA Business Office, postmarked no later than 15 days after the close of the last show of the cluster. A set of courses (to be forwarded to the Rally Course Review Committee) used for the trial along with reasons for any changes to courses, must also be submitted to the ASCA Business Office along with the trial results. Penalty for noncompliance of any above is a late fee (see the ASCA Schedule of Fees) for each day's delay and such other penalties as may be imposed by the Board of Directors of ASCA. The club shall retain all other ASCA official entry forms, except the entry forms listed above, for a period of one year from date of show.

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Current Wording:

2.22 General Procedures

ASCA Rally is a sport in which the dog and handler complete a course designed by the Rally Judge. Each course is set up with a predetermined number of designated stations. A sign from the approved set of ASCA signs appropriate to the level designates each station; each sign provides instruction regarding the skill the handler and dog must perform before continuing to the next station. The dog and handler team move continuously through the course without directions from the Judge after the command to start. There should be a sense of teamwork between the dog and handler throughout the course. The courses for the day will be posted at least no later than 15 minutes prior to the first walk through time.

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Current Wording:

2.22.1 The Basics of Posting Courses

- a. A set of course maps must be posted no later than 15 minutes prior to the first walk through of the course. Courses should be spaced a few feet apart to allow multiple people to view each course at the same time.
- b. Courses can be posted as early as the judge wishes. A good time to post is when setup of the ring starts.
- c. If there are 2 trials in the day, the maps for the second trial should not be posed or distributed until after conclusion of the first trial. A good time to post is when setup of the ring starts for the second trial.
- d. Many judges make extra copies of maps that handlers can take back to their setup without having to refer to the set that is posted. While exhibitors have come to expect to have courses available, it is not required.

Wording Effective 6/1/2022:

2.22.1 The Basics of Posting Courses **Maps**

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Current Wording:

16.1.3 Application Process

- a. Applicants must be at least 21 years old.
- b. Submit an application to the ASCA Business office.
- c. Upon verification of qualifications, the applicant will be sent a current ASCA Rally Rulebook and will complete the Judges Education Seminar, available free online. To get the link for the online Judges Education seminar please contact the ASCA Business Office or the ASCA Rally Committee Chair.
- d. Upon completion of the Judges Education, the applicant will be sent an Open Book test. A score of 100% is required to pass. An applicant may attempt the test twice without penalty. If the applicant fails to score 100% after the second attempt, the applicant must wait six months from the date of application to reapply.
- e. After passing the Open Book test, the applicant will submit a complete set of courses (one for each level) for approval, beginning with the Masters level course. The Masters level course must be submitted and approved before submitting the remaining 3 levels of courses for approval. The set of application courses must be nested and a completed ASCA Rally Course Checklist (available on the ASCA Website) must be submitted with the courses. Pass with 100% the ASCA Rally Open Book Test. The test may be retaken until all questions have been answered correctly.
- f. All applicants who have not previously judged two (2) rally trials with a minimum of 50 runs in AKC, CKC, UKC and/or WCRL are required to complete the Apprenticing Requirements and Procedures outlined in 16.2.3.
- g. If at any point in the above process it is felt by the Rally Committee that the applicant needs additional experience, education or mentorship, additional requirements may be made of the applicant (i.e. additional courses, review scoring requirements, etc.). A timeframe for completing any additional requirements will be provided with the assignment.
- h. Once all steps above are completed within the timeframe outlined in 16.1.4, the Rally Committee will vote to approve the applicant. On approval, the Rally Chair will forward the applicant's information to the Board of Directors for approval.
- i. Applicants are cautioned that completing all steps of the application process does not guarantee approval to be an ASCA Rally Judge. Judging is a privilege, not a right.

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- d. Upon completion of the Judges Education Seminar, the applicant will be sent an Open Book test. A score of 100% is required to pass. An applicant may attempt the test twice without penalty. If the applicant fails to

score 100% after the second attempt, the applicant must wait six months from the date of application to reapply.

e. After passing the Open Book test, the applicant will submit a complete set of courses maps (one for each level) for approval, beginning with the Masters level course. The Masters level course must be submitted and approved before submitting the remaining 3 levels of courses for approval. The set of application courses maps must be nested and a completed ASCA Rally Course Checklist (available on the ASCA Website) must be submitted with the courses maps.

f. All applicants who have not previously judged two (2) rally trials with a minimum of 50 runs in AKC, CKC, UKC and/or WCRL are required to complete the Apprenticing Requirements and Procedures outlined in 16.2.3.

g. If at any point in the above process it is felt by the Rally Committee that the applicant needs additional experience, education or mentorship, additional requirements may be made of the applicant (i.e., additional courses, review scoring requirements, etc.). A timeframe for completing any additional requirements will be provided with the assignment.

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Current Wording:

16.2.2 Application Process

a. All applicants must be at least 21 years old.

b. Submit an application to the ASCA Business office.

c. Upon verification of qualifications and stewarding, the applicant will be sent a current ASCA Rally Rulebook. The applicant will complete the Judges Education, available free online. To get the link for the online Judges Education, please contact the ASCA Business Office or the ASCA Rally Committee Chair.

d. Upon completion of the Judges Education, the applicant will be sent an Open Book test. A score of 100% is required to pass. An applicant may attempt the test twice without penalty. If the applicant fails to score 100% after the second attempt, the applicant must wait six months from the date of application to reapply.

e. After passing the Open Book test, the applicant will submit a complete set of courses (one for each level) for approval, beginning with the Masters level course. The Masters level course must be submitted and approved before submitting the remaining 3 levels of courses for approval. The set of application courses must be nested and a completed ASCA Rally Course Checklist (available on the ASCA Website) must be submitted with the courses.

f. Once items b. through e. above are completed and approved, the applicant must complete the Apprentice Judge requirements, below. The timeframes for completing steps b. through e. and the Apprentice Judging are found below in Section 16.2.4.

g. If at any point in the above process it is felt by the Rally Committee that the applicant needs additional experience, education or mentorship, additional requirements may be made of the applicant (i.e. additional courses, review scoring requirements, etc.). A timeframe for completing any additional requirements will be provided with the assignment.

h. Once all steps above are completed within the timeframe outlined in Section 16.2.4, the Rally Committee will vote to approve the applicant. On approval, the Rally Chair will forward the applicant's information to the Board of Directors for approval.

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h. Once all steps above are completed within the timeframe outlined in Section 16.2.4, the Rally Committee will vote to approve the applicant. On approval, the Rally Chair will forward the applicant's information to the Board of Directors for approval.

i. Applicants are cautioned that completing all steps of the application process does not guarantee approval to be an ASCA Rally Judge. Judging is a privilege, not a right.

Current Wording:

16.4.1 Provisional Judge

a. The Provisional Judge will be able to accept assignments and judge ASCA Trials if their courses are submitted for approval by the ASCA Rally Review Subcommittee at least 30 days prior to each judging assignment. The course reviewers shall review the proposed courses to ensure they are: (1) Safe, (2) Flowing, (3) Appropriately challenging, considering the level for each course, (4) Consistent with the ASCA Rally Philosophy and these Rules and Regulations; (5) Consistent with the ring size and surface and consider any known obstructions in the ring, i.e. columns, floor grates, etc. Course reviewers are empowered to direct mandatory course revisions to comply with these criteria, as well as to suggest non-mandatory course revisions to improve the challenges, flow, or other aspects of the course or courses. However, course reviewers shall respect the judge's individuality, and not re-design the provisional judge's courses solely based on personal preferences. The Course Review Subcommittee will return copies of the proposed courses, together with any mandatory and recommended non-mandatory changes to the provisional judge not later than 15 days prior to the first day of the applicable trial(s). Provisional judges must return a final copy of all courses for the trial including any required /mandatory /recommended changes made on any course to the course reviewer at least 7 days prior to the trial to receive final approval on courses to be used at the trial. Final approval of courses must be obtained to judge the trial. To avoid any appearance of a conflict of interest, course reviewers shall not review courses to be used at trials where they expect to compete.

b. All Judges will remain Provisional until such time the Rally Course Review Subcommittee receives three complete sets of courses, not previously submitted for review, that do not need any revisions prior to a Trial in which the Provisional Judge is scheduled to judge. Once a Provisional Judge submits three sets of courses that do not require mandatory changes, the judge may complete the required form requesting a move from provisional to regular status.

c. After moving from provisional to a higher status of judge, to avoid the possibility of using courses that do not meet ASCA standards, judges are encouraged and invited to submit their courses at least 30 days prior to using them at trials they have been hired to judge. Feedback will be provided for the voluntary submissions no later than 15 days prior to the first day of the trial they are judging.

d. At the direction of the ASCA Board of Directors, a judge may be moved from approved status to provisional if it is determined it is in the judge's best interest and ASCA's best interest for the judge to submit courses to the Rally Course Review Subcommittee for approval as described above in a.

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Current Wording:

16.5.1 Provisional Judge

a. All judges enter the ASCA Rally Judging ranks as a provisional judge.

b. A provision judge can accept assignments to judge any ASCA sanctioned rally trial, except the National Rally Trial and Rally Finals.

c. To progress to regular status, the Provisional Judge must submit three complete sets of courses, never before submitted for review, which do not require any mandatory corrections for trials they have been hired to judge.

d. Once a Provisional Judge submits three sets of courses not requiring mandatory revisions, he/she must submit a change of classification form to the Business Office requesting to be moved to Regular status. The Business Office will verify the information on the form and notify the Rally Committee Chair that the request has been received. A motion will be made at the committee level and upon passing at the committee level will be referred to the Board of Directors for final approval. When final approval is received, the judge will be notified and the judge's classification on the Judges Directory will be changed to Regular judge.

Wording Effective 6/1/2022:

16.5.1 Provisional Judge

a. All judges enter the ASCA Rally Judging ranks as a provisional judge.

b. A provision judge can accept assignments to judge any ASCA sanctioned rally trial, except the National Rally Trial and Rally Finals.

c. To progress to regular status, the Provisional Judge must submit three complete sets of courses maps, never before submitted for review, which do not require any mandatory corrections for trials they have been hired to judge.

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Current Wording:

16.5.6 Multiple Requests

Multiple requests may be submitted at the same time if the requirements for the requests have been met. EXAMPLE: if a provisional judge who has already titled a dog to the RM title and submits three sets of courses that do not require mandatory corrections, he/she would be eligible to submit requests to move to Regular and to National judge classification on the same form. Once the approval process is completed, the higher classification will be listed on the Judges Directory.

Wording Effective 6/1/2022:

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Current Wording:

16.8.2 Event Crisis Judge Requirements and Restrictions

The Event Crisis Judge shall not judge any dog that he/she owns or co-owns or that a member of his/her immediate household or immediate family owns or is currently handling. The Event Crisis Judge's immediate family includes spouse, father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, or any person residing with that individual. Immediate family members of an officiating Event Crisis Judge may show under another officiating Judge at the same trial.

1. Requirements for approval as an Event Crisis Judge are listed below:

a. All Event Crisis Judges will be required to take and pass the most recent Judges' test before moving to step "b" below.

b. All Event Crisis Judges will be required to complete the current online ASCA Rally Judges Education.

c. All Event Crisis Judges will be required to submit a complete set of courses for each trial they will be judging at least 30 days prior to any event they will be judging. In the event there is not acceptable time to get courses

approved, the ECJ may request to use approved emergency courses. Emergency courses are available through the Business Office or the Rally Committee Chair.

2. Restrictions for Event Crisis Judges

a. A person working as an Event Crisis Judge will not permanently hold the position of ASCA Rally Judge in any form, nor will they be allowed to use this experience to bypass the existing requirements for becoming an ASCA Rally Judge when the crisis is over.

b. The work done, both positive and negative, by the Event Crisis Judge will be considered when entering the ASCA Rally judging application process. Any formal complaints, letters, or documentation of disciplinary action, along with letters of recommendation, reviews, and letters of appreciation that are associated with their work as an Event Crisis Judge will be considered in the application process to become an approved ASCA Rally Judge.

Wording Effective 6/1/2022:

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Current Wording:

17.1.7 Designing Courses That Meet ASCA Requirements

Last Updated 10/27/2021

a. It is the Judge's responsibility to provide courses that meet the ASCA Rally Rules and Regulations at all ASCA sanctioned Trials. If it is found that a Judge's course(s) did not meet these requirements, a Judge's status may be moved back to Provisional.

b. If during a post-trial course review, it is determined the set of courses used did not follow ASCA's Rules and Regulations, the judge will be notified and provided details of the determination. If a second set of courses during the same calendar year is determined to also not comply with ASCA's Rules and Regulations, the judge and the Business Office will be notified by the ASCA Rally Committee Chair that the judge must submit course sets at least 30 days prior to future judging assignments. Judges will be notified in the sanctioning letter for future assignments of the need to submit courses for pre-trial course review.

c. To determine if a course meets ASCA Rules and Regulations, a Course Design Checklist will be utilized. The same checklist is available on the website for judges to use.

d. To avoid using courses that do not meet ASCA standards, all judges are encouraged and invited to submit their courses at least 30 days prior to using them at trials they have been hired to judge and to use the Course Design Checklist available on the website. Feedback will be provided for the voluntary submissions no later than 15 days prior to the first day of the trial they are judging.

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

17.1.8 Rule Infraction Pre-Trial Course Review

Timely Submission of Courses for pre-trial review is critical to assuring all trial maps meet minimum standards detailed in the Rally Rules & Regulations.

a. Judges on pre-trial review who fail to submit courses 30 days in advance of the trial date will be sent a warning of the infraction via email by the ASCA Rally Committee Chair. A second failure to submit courses 30 days in advance of a trial will be reported (with documentation included) to the ASCA Board of Directors for possible suspension of judging privileges.

b. Judges who have submitted courses for pre-trial review who fail to make the required changes and submit for review prior to the trial will be reported (with documentation included) to the ASCA Board of Directors for possible suspension of judging privileges.

c. All provisional and pre-trial status review judges will be advised of this rule when they are sent their judges letter, or when their status is changed to pre-trial review after submitting courses that do not meet standards.

Wording Effective 6/1/2022:

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Current Wording:

18.2.4 Handler Path Arrows

a. The handler path shall be indicated by arrows on Novice level courses.

b. Handler paths may be marked at the other levels but are not required.

Wording Effective 6/1/2022:

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b. Handler paths may be marked at the other levels but are not required.

Current Wording:

Request to Change ASCA Rally Judge Classification

Submitted three (3) sets of courses, never before submitted for review, which did not require any mandatory corrections for trials the judge was hired. List trial dates and affiliates for which these sets were submitted.

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Wording Effective 6/1/2022:

Request to Change ASCA Rally Judge Classification

Submitted three (3) sets of courses maps, never before submitted for review, which did not require any mandatory corrections for trials the judge was hired. List trial dates and affiliates for which these sets were submitted.

Stockdog Program

SD.21.05 Stockdog Judge Discipline and Procedure for Reinstatement

Approved by ASCA Board of Directors: 7/27/2021.

Current Wording: None.

Wording Effective 6/1/2022:

26.16 Stockdog Judge Discipline and Procedure for Reinstatement

A Judge who receives a letter of reprimand from the ASCA Board of Directors will be returned to provisional status. Once provisional status is complete, the committee may recommend to the ASCA Board of Directors that the judge continues to regular judge status.

A Judge whose ASCA membership is suspended by the Board of Directors will have their judging privileges suspended. When the membership suspension is lifted, there will be a 5-year waiting period starting from the first day of the end of the suspension for the judge to reapply to be a stockdog judge. The judge will need to meet all ASCA judging requirements of a new judge applicant and will need to re-apply to be a stockdog judge. If approved by ASCA Board of Directors, the former judge will be required to go through all phases of judge application from apprentice through provisional status.

There is no reinstatement option for Judges whose stockdog judging privileges have been revoked by the ASCA Board of Directors due to deleterious behavior(s) or actions.

SD.21.06 Remove Appendix 6 from Stockdog Rules

Approved by ASCA Board of Directors: 7/27/2021.

Current Wording to Be Removed Effective 6/1/2022: See Appendix 6: Stockdog Judge Discipline and Procedure for Reinstatement in the [ASCA Stockdog Program Rules](#) - page 105.

Note: The contents of Appendix 6 will not be deleted, they will be moved from the appendix to the rules.

SD.21.07 Update Stockdog Rules Section 26.15 Judge's Test

Approved by ASCA Board of Directors: 7/27/2021.

Current Wording:

26.15 Judge's Test

All ASCA Stockdog Judges will be required to take an open book test, written and prepared by the Stockdog Committee, every two years. In order to retain judging privileges, the test may be taken as many times as necessary until all questions are answered correctly. The Judges' test will be issued July 15th of each even

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numbered year, along with an updated rule book, and must be returned to the Business Office no later than September 15th of the same year. When the test is returned with all questions answered correctly, all judging privileges and responsibilities will be reinstated. If the test is not returned and passed by September 15th of that year, all judging privileges and responsibilities will be suspended.

Wording Effective 6/1/2022:

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If the test is not returned and passed by September 15th of that year, all judging privileges and responsibilities will be suspended. The Judge's name will be removed from the Judges' list. The Judge will not be allowed to judge at any sanctioned events, even if the Judge had committed to judge an event prior to the deadline. Judging privileges will be reinstated when the test is returned with all questions answered correctly, provided it is passed before the next test is issued.

To be reinstated after failing to take and pass a second consecutive test, the Judge must send a letter to the Stockdog Committee requesting reinstatement and explain the reason for their failure to take and pass the previous two tests. The stockdog Committee may request additional information to make a recommendation. If recommended to return to judging by the committee, and approved by the ASCA Board of Directors, the Judge will be reinstated as a Provisional Judge. Once the Judge has fulfilled the Provisional Judge requirements and submitted the necessary paperwork to the Business Office, the committee may recommend to the ASCA Board of Directors that the Judge move to Regular Judge status.

To be reinstated after failing to take three consecutive tests or an absence of 4 years or more, the individual must pass the current Judge's test and will then return to the Judging Program as an Apprentice Judge. Once they have satisfied the Apprentice requirements and the necessary paperwork has been sent to the Business Office, the Stockdog Committee may recommend to the ASCA Board of Directors that the applicant move to the Provisional Judge Program. Once all of the requirements of a Provisional Judge have been met and the necessary paperwork has been sent to the Business Office, the Stockdog Committee may recommend to the ASCA Board of Directors that the Judge move to Regular Judge status.

SD.21.08 Revise Stockdog Rules 24.9.1 Selection of Judges for Each Class of Stock

Approved by ASCA Board of Directors: 7/27/2021.

Current Wording:

Section 24.9 Procedures for Finals Judges

24.9.1 Selection of Judges for Each Class of Stock

The Business Office will use a random draw to assign the six Judges to a class of stock. Two Judges will be assigned to judge each class of stock for the first Elimination go-round. The Judges will randomly rotate to a

different class of stock for the second Elimination go-round. The same two judges may not judge together more than once in the first two elimination rounds. All six Judges will be used for the Final go-round.

Wording Effective 6/1/2022:

Section 24.9 Procedure for Finals Judges

24.9.1 Selection of Judges for Each Class of Stock

The Business Office will use a random draw to assign the three Judges to a class of stock. One Judge will be assigned to judge each class of stock for the first elimination go-round. The Judges will randomly rotate to a different class of stock for the second elimination go-round. All three Judges will be used for the final go-round.

Tracking Program

TR.21.02 New Tracking Champion (TCH) Program (Revised)

Current Wording: None.

Wording Effective 6/1/2022:

Chapter 11 The Tracking Championship (TCH)

ASCA will issue the title of Tracking Championship (TCH) to:

- A. ASCA registered Australian Shepherds.
- B. Australian Shepherds with an ASCA LEP number.
- C. Any other dog with an ASCA Office QTracker Number and will permit use of the letters “TCH” before the name of each dog eligible for the title.

The title of Tracking Championship (TCH) will be awarded to dogs who have earned a higher level of achievement in tracking by passing a variety of Tracking Tests at ASCA sanctioned Tracking Trials.

Section 11.1 Eligibility

To be eligible for the title Tracking Championship (TCH) a dog must successfully pass all levels of Tracking tests, TD, TDU, TDX and UTDX. ASCA will issue a Tracking Championship certificate and will permit the use of the letters TCH preceding the name of each dog that has earned this title.

*In order to receive the TCH Tracking Championship title, dog owners must fill out the form called “Tracking Championship Verification Form” and submit it to the Business Office - email to stockdog@asca.org.