



The Australian Shepherd Club of America

January 2022

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. Please contact asca.execsec@gmail.com with any feedback.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Agility Rules:

- Flat 180s and serpentines will be allowed in Open Regular and Jumpers courses effective June 1, 2022.
- How points are combined from different divisions for titles was clarified.

Nationals & Finals:

- Updates were made to the prize and rosette matrix for ordering.
- Finals rosettes will now be ordered by the Nationals Committee Awards and Rosettes Chairperson along with the Nationals rosettes.
- The judging fee for all Nationals and Finals Judges was increased from \$200 per day to \$300 per day, except Agility Judges, who will receive \$1 per run, with a maximum of 450 runs per day, per the Agility Rule Book, and a minimum of \$300 per day.
- The members of the 2023 Nationals Committee were approved by the Board and have started work on the event.

Rally Rules:

- Course design review will be mandatory for courses used at rally trials after June 1, 2022.

Registry Rules:

- New definitions included for primary dog owner, primary litter owner, and primary lessee.
- Amendments to litter ownership will no longer be permitted after the litter is registered.
- Photos are no longer required for registration of an individual dog.

Business Office:

- There will be a \$5.00 charge for replacement or duplicate membership cards starting June 1, 2022. Members can also print their own cards for free through the website portal.
- PayPal will soon be accepted as an additional method of payment for transactions occurring through the website portal.

Website:

- Event premiums will now be archived on the website for one year from the event date.

Dock Jumping Rules:

- It was clarified that an apprentice judge must complete a minimum of two assignments with organizations that use sight for jump measurements.

ASCA Board Meeting Minutes

In attendance: President Liz Busquets, 1st Vice President Gina Larson, 2nd Vice President Rick Gann, Treasurer Jan Wesen, Secretary Ann McCabe, Director Susan Byrne, Director Denise Creelman, Director Carol Gerken, Director Jean Roberts, and Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco.

Open Session topics were recorded and may be listened to on ASCA's [Website](#) and [YouTube Channel](#).

President Busquets called the meeting to order on Thursday, January 13, at 6:04 pm via online meeting service GoToMeeting and it was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Treasurer's Report

This discussion was held in **Executive Session** from 6:05 pm to 6:11 pm. The financial reports for period ending December 31, 2021, were presented by Treasurer Wesen and she updated the Board regarding ASCA's current fiscal condition and projections for the future. Members can find the Treasurer's report and analysis in the member's only section of ASCA's website.

Raffle at Nationals

This discussion was held in **Executive Session** from 6:11 pm to 6:25 pm. Each year at Nationals a raffle is held with proceeds donated to the Australian Shepherd Health & Genetics Institute. The Board discussed if and how the volunteer running the raffle should be compensated since the position was removed from the Nationals Committee. Several questions for ASCA's counsel need to be answered before further discussion.

2023 Nationals Committee

This discussion was held in **Executive Session** from 6:25 pm to 6:30 pm. The Board voted to approve the following members of the 2023 National Specialty Committee.

Nationals Chairperson – Laura Gibson
Assistant Nationals Chairperson – Susan Harris
Finals Stockdog Course Director – Larry Teaff
Nationals Course Director – Jacqueline Tinker
Nationals and Finals Agility Secretary – Pam Smith
Nationals and Finals Conformation Secretary – Gail Karamalegos
Nationals and Finals Obedience Secretary – Betsy Coleman
Nationals and Finals Rally Secretary – Karen Black
Nationals and Finals Juniors Secretary – Erica Pruitt
Tracking Secretary – Jan Wesen
MVA/MVJ Secretary – Nita Gandara
Dock Jumping Chairperson – Lesli Hill
Awards and Rosettes Chairperson – Susan Harris
Sponsorship Chairperson – Heidi Mobley
Accounting Chairperson – Susan Byrne
Vendors/Stalls Chairperson – Kim Eden
Hotels and Travel Chairperson – Geri Scheidt
Banquets/Receptions/Nightly Dinners Chairperson – Lyndsay Jackson
Merchandise Chairpersons – Carol Harvey & Kelly Baxley
RV/Camping/Golf Carts Chairperson – Jay Blair
Hospitality Chairperson – Rachel Vest
Signage & Decorations – Michael & Krystal McGuire
Parades Chairperson – Renee Lacey Carantza
Catalog Chairperson – Cathy Kenny
Education/Seminars/Health Clinics Chairperson – Leslie Creelman Sosa
Nationals Office Manager – MariJo Sharer
Welcome Bags/ Junior Bags/Judges Gifts Chairperson – Erica Pruitt
Slideshows Chairperson – Lesli Hill
Local Liaison – TBA

Sanctioning Request

This discussion was held in **Executive Session** from 6:30 pm to 6:43 pm. The Board denied a request to sanction an event less than thirty days from the planned date of the event.

December 2021 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.

BD.22.13 December 2021 Email Business

Motion carries (9-0) - Approve: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

Motion by Roberts to ratify all business conducted over email in December 2021. Second by Larson.

System Liaison's Report

Liaison Larson reported on the status of the database migration/system upgrade project ongoing with Inventive since 6/15/2021. She took some time to address member concerns about why the project seems to be taking a long time and the misconception that problems are coming from the new system.

The project officially began in May 2021 when the ASCA and Inventive teams began looking at the legacy application. Numerous security and functional issues were discovered, and the ASCA portal website was shut down for several weeks so security fixes could be deployed. We decided early on to migrate the database from on-premises to the Azure cloud and in doing so discovered problems going back to a very old version of SQL (Structured Query Language). Changes to the legacy application were frozen and, due to the volume of issues encountered, at a certain point we decided to focus 100% on a complete re-write of the existing ADMS application. The Business Office staff will be cut over to the new API function by function starting with title calculations, which is our number one priority. Nothing from the new system has gone live yet and it will be thoroughly tested before it is rolled out.

Calculating titles for every program is a formidable, complex, and ever-changing process. We had to enlist multiple subject matter experts to reverse engineer the rule books in a clear and logical language that the developers can understand so they can develop a method to automate it.

The ASCA team is working diligently every day to ensure this project is successful. Thank you to Maarten Walter, Maureen Loughney, Ray Fryar, Kalla Jaco, Sarah Jackson, the ASCA program committees, Board members Jean Roberts, Jan Wesen, Ann McCabe, and all the other experts for all their time that has been devoted to this project.

Registration Photos

Director Roberts presented a motion to remove the requirement of photos for individual registration of dogs. Directors agreed with the motion primarily because the photos are not needed anymore, and this will free up time for the Business Office staff to spend on other things. Photos are still required for LEP and Other Registry applications.

BD.22.02 Remove Photo Requirement for Individual Dog Registration Application

Motion carries (9-0) - Approve: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-voting: None.

Motion by Roberts to remove section 1.4.15 Photos from the Registry Rules. Second by Gerken.

Current Wording:

1.4.15 Photos

Two photos are required of the individual dog and must accompany the Individual Dog Registration Application form. Photos must be clear, color and show the dog's left and right side full body view. All photos become the property of ASCA and will remain in the dog's file.

Proposed Wording:

1.4.15 Photos to be removed.

Comments/Rationale: Removal of the photo requirement will make the registration process easier for members which will encourage more registrations, save staff a considerable amount of time (attaching photos to applications, finding photos in email, printing photos, contacting owners when photos are missing), save ASCA cloud storage (all the applications are scanned and archived), save ASCA money (staff time, ink, staples, paper, postage). Photos are not effective for proving parentage, ASCA has a DNA program for that purpose.

Affected: Members, Office staff. The former registrar, current Assistant Manager, was consulted before making this motion and she supports it. Until new forms are needed in the office, staff will just mark out the sentence(s) on the individual application asking for photos.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Fee for Printing Membership Cards

Director Larson presented a motion to implement a \$5.00 fee to re-print membership cards. New members will still be mailed a membership card with their welcome packet. Members currently can print off their membership cards themselves. Director Gann thought ASCA should direct members to the website to reprint their card for free instead of charging members for it.

BD.22.01 Fee to Replace or Duplicate Membership Card

Motion carries (8-1) - Approve: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: Gann. Abstain: None. Non-voting: None.

Motion by Roberts to add the following language to the Policy Book. Second by Larson.

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording:

9.6.2 Membership Card

There will be a five (5) dollar fee for reprinting and mailing a replacement or duplicate membership card. The fee is per card printed.

* Renumber the following section accordingly.

Comments/Rationale: Members will have the ability to print/reprint their own membership cards via the web portal. This policy will encourage the use of the portal and reduce cost to ASCA.

Affected: ASCA members.

Effective Date: June 1, 2022.

Premium Retention on ASCA Website

Director Larson presented a motion to create a policy to retain affiliate event premiums on the website for one year and then they will be removed. Directors agreed that there was no reason to keep the premium beyond ASCA's one-year qualifying period.

BD.22.11 Retention of Premiums on ASCA Website

Motion carries (9-0) - Approve: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-voting: None.

Motion by Larson to retain only one year of premium lists on the ASCA website. Example: 2022 just started, we would remove prior to Jan 2020. Second by Roberts.

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording:

Policy Book

Section 20.4 Premium Retention

Event premiums will be archived on the website for one year from the event date.

Comments/Rationale: Both webmaster and website maintenance company have requested that we not keep the premiums for more than one year on the ASCA website - partly for storage and partly because there is no need.

Affected: Webmaster, people that view/search for premiums.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

PayPal

Director Roberts presented a motion for ASCA to accept payments through PayPal via Authorize.net. This is something that is often requested by members, especially those outside the United States. The cost per transaction is 3.49% and .49 cents and there is no set-up or monthly fee.

Director Gann asked if ASCA's accountant had been contacted. He had not, but this does not affect our taxes, it is just reported as income like we do with other Authorize.net payments. Gann also thought that ASCA should be looking into other payment apps like Venmo and Zelle.

BD.22.10 Accept PayPal through ASCA's Online Portal

Motion carries (9-0) - Approve: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-voting: None.

Motion by Roberts that ASCA accept PayPal as an additional method of payment for transactions occurring through ASCA's online portal. Second by Larson.

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording: None.

Comments/Rationale: ASCA would better serve the membership by offering PP as a payment option. Our payment portal is "managed" by authorize.net and they can process PP in addition to the credit cards they currently process. The ASCA Office Manager and the bookkeeper support this motion.

Affected: Membership, bookkeeper.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval and as soon as the PayPal account is set up and the portal is programmed.

2022 Nationals Premium

Liaison Larson presented a revised premium for the 2022 Nationals for Board approval. The revision includes a change to the course for Nationals ducks to Course H (clockwise).

BD.22.14 Revised 2022 Nationals Premium

Motion carries (9-0) - Approve: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

Motion by Larson to approve the revised premium for the 2022 National Specialty as presented. Second by Creelman.

Motion by Larson to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm. Second by Gerken.

Motions via Email

Director Recommendations

BD.22.03 Clarify Terminology in Registry Rules (Revised 2)

Motion carries (9-0) - Approve: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-voting: None.

Motion by Roberts to change/add to the terminology in the registry rulebook to clarify what is meant when these terms are used. Second by Larson.

Current Wording:

Section 1.1 Terminology

- A. DOG - The term "dog" denotes both male and female Australian Shepherds.
- B. BREEDER - Breeder is the owner or lessee of the dam at the time she was mated.
- C. LITTER OWNER - The owner(s) or lessee(s) of the dam at the time the puppies were born.
- D. LESSEE - An ASCA Lease Agreement for Stud or Bitch signed by the registered owner leasing dog to lessee(s) must accompany or be on file in the Registry Office at the time the litter application is filed.
- E. DNA-CP - DNA- Certified Profiled - An ASCA registered Australian Shepherd that has been DNA profiled with an ASCA approved lab, but one or both of whose parents have been NOT DNA profiled.
- F. DNA-VP - DNA- Verified Parentage - An ASCA registered Australian Shepherd that has been DNA profiled with an ASCA approved laboratory, and whose parents have also been DNA profiled with an ASCA approved laboratory.
- G. MINOR OWNERSHIP - In all instances where a minor's (under 18 years of age) name is on a registration document, a Minor Authorization Form must be completed and sent to ASCA. All signatures on ASCA Registry forms where an owner is a minor must be from an adult listed as being a parent or guardian on the Minor Authorization Form. The adult(s) signing must also be an ASCA Full or Service member.

H. POWER OF ATTORNEY - In instances where a Power of Attorney is needed for signing of registry forms, an ASCA Power of Attorney form must be completed and be on file with the ASCA Business Office.

Proposed Wording:

Section 1.1 Terminology

A. DOG - The term "dog" denotes both male and female Australian Shepherds.

B. PRIMARY DOG OWNER - The first person listed as an owner on a dog's registration documents. This person is the primary contact for all correspondence with ASCA and the sole recipient of the dog's registration certificate.

C. ~~B.~~ BREEDER - ~~Breeder is the~~ Owner or lessee of the dam at the time she was mated.

D. ~~C.~~ LITTER OWNER - ~~The~~ Owner(s) or lessee(s) of the dam at the time the puppies were born.

E. PRIMARY LITTER OWNER - The primary owner or lessee of the dam of the litter. This person is the primary contact for all correspondence with ASCA and is the sole signatory on all puppy registrations and releases.

F. ~~D.~~ LESSEE - Person leasing a dog for the purpose of litter ownership on litters whelped by the Bitch during the lease period. See Lease Agreement. ~~An ASCA Lease Agreement for Stud or Bitch signed by the registered owner leasing dog to lessee(s) must accompany or be on file in the Registry Office at the time the litter application is filed.~~

G. PRIMARY LESSEE - The first person listed as lessee on a Lease Agreement.

H. ~~E.~~ DNA-CP - DNA- Certified Profiled - A designation given to an ASCA registered Australian Shepherd that has been DNA profiled with an ASCA approved laboratory, but one or both of whose parents have ~~been~~ NOT been DNA profiled with the same ASCA approved laboratory.

I. ~~F.~~ DNA-VP - DNA- Verified Parentage - A designation given to an ASCA registered Australian Shepherd whose parentage has been confirmed through DNA testing, of the dog and both parents, ~~that has been DNA profiled with an ASCA approved laboratory, and whose parents have also been DNA profiled~~ with an ASCA approved laboratory.

J. ~~G.~~ MINOR OWNERSHIP - In all instances where a minor's (under 18 years of age) name is on a registration document, a Minor Authorization Form must be completed and sent to ASCA. All signatures on ASCA Registry forms where an owner is a minor must be from an adult listed as being a parent or guardian on the Minor Authorization Form. The adult(s) signing must also be an ASCA Full or Service member.

K. ~~H.~~ POWER OF ATTORNEY - In instances where a Power of Attorney is needed for signing of registry forms, an ASCA Power of Attorney form must be completed and be on file with the ASCA Business Office.

Comments/Rationale: While some of the changes are for clarification, the biggest one is to allow the primary owner/breeder/lessee to be the only signer on individual applications for puppies. Allowing the primary owner to be the sole signer will eliminate a bottleneck in our registration process and allow for more registrations.

Affected: Members, breeders, registrar. The Assistant Manager (former registrar) wrote up these changes.

Effective Date: June 1, 2022.

BD.22.04 Litter Registration Procedure

Motion carries (9-0) - Approve: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Roberts, Wesen.
Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-voting: None.

Motion by Roberts to change the Registry Rules to allow for the primary owner/lessee of a litter to be the sole signer on individual applications for puppies from that litter. Second by Larson.

Current Wording:

1.3.1 Litter Registration Procedure

- A. The owner(s) or lessee(s) of the dam at the time the puppies were born is (are) the litter owner(s). Litter owner(s) must be full or service members of ASCA.
- B. The litter owner(s) is responsible for submitting the Litter Registration Application.
- C. All litter owners MUST sign the litter application. The application must be filled out entirely BEFORE signing. Litter owners must not sign a blank application in anticipation of a future breeding.
- D. All sires and dams must be DNA profiled with an ASCA approved laboratory prior to the registration of their first litter. Effective January 1, 2011.
- E. Once the litter is registered, one Individual Registration Application for each litter-registered puppy will be returned to the litter owner. This application is to be given to the owner of the puppy at the time of sale.

Proposed Wording:

1.3.1 Litter Registration Procedure

- A. The owner(s) or lessee(s) of the dam at the time the puppies were born is (are) the litter owner(s). Litter owner(s) must be ~~full or service~~ current members of ASCA.
- B. The ~~primary~~ litter owner ~~(s)~~ is responsible for submitting the Litter Registration Application.
- C. All litter and sire/semen owners MUST sign the litter application. The application must be filled out entirely BEFORE signing. Litter and sire/semen owners must not sign a blank application in anticipation of a future breeding.
- D. All sires and dams must be DNA profiled with an ASCA approved laboratory prior to the registration of their first litter. Effective January 1, 2011.
- E. Once the litter is registered, one Individual Registration Application for each litter-registered puppy will be returned to the primary litter owner. ~~This~~ The Individual Dog Registration application is to be signed by the primary litter owner and given to the owner buyer of the each puppy at the time of sale.

Comments/Rationale: A litter registration that is signed by all owners/lessees agreeing to registration implies intent to register the puppies. Allowing the primary owner/lessee to be the sole signer will eliminate a registration bottleneck and likely increase puppy registrations.

Affected: Breeders, members, registrar. The Assistant Manager wrote this policy.

Effective Date: June 1, 2022.

BD.22.05 Requested Amendments to Litter Ownership

Motion carries (9-0) - Approve: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-voting: None.

Motion by Roberts to add the additional language to section 1.3.4 of the Registry Rules. Second by Larson.

Current Wording:

1.3.4 Requested Amendments

Requested amendments to a registered litter by the litter owner, (i.e., sex, quantity, etc.,) must be supported by pertinent documents to the Registrar within a thirty (30) day period from date of litter registration for approval without DNA testing and verified parentage through ASCA's official lab. Requests for change of quantity require testing after thirty (30) days; change of sex requires testing at sixty (60) days; request for change of color at six (6) months. Other requests will be presented to the ASCA Board of Directors for review and final decision within thirty (30) days.

Proposed Wording:

1.3.4 Requested Amendments

Requested amendments to a registered litter by the **primary** litter owner, (i.e., sex, quantity, etc.,) must be supported by pertinent documents to the Registrar within a thirty (30) day period from date of litter registration for approval without DNA testing and verified parentage through ASCA's official **laboratory**. Requests for change of quantity require testing after thirty (30) days; change of sex requires testing at sixty (60) days; request for change of color at six (6) months. **No amendments to litter ownership will be permitted after the litter is registered.** Other requests will be presented to the ASCA Board of Directors for review and final decision within thirty (30) days.

Comments/Rationale: This request comes from the registrar. Parties adding co-owners and lessees after the litter is registered have been an issue.

Affected: Breeders, members, registrar.

Effective Date: June 1, 2022.

BD.22.06 Primary Litter Owner Responsibilities

Motion carries (9-0) - Approve: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-voting: None.

Motion by Roberts to change the wording in section 1.4.1 as noted below. Second by Larson.

Current Wording:

1.4.1 Individual Dog Registration Application

The litter owner should provide the 'INDIVIDUAL DOG REGISTRATION APPLICATION' when the buyer takes possession of the dog. If the 'INDIVIDUAL DOG REGISTRATION APPLICATION' is not available at the time of purchase, the litter owner must provide the following information to the buyer until such time as the application is available:

- A. Dog's date of birth.
- B. Dog's sex.

- C. Dog's main body color and trim color.
- D. Dog's eye color.
- E. Tail length at birth. Also indicate if the tail was docked.
- F. Registered name and ASCA number of the dog's sire.
- G. Registered name and ASCA number of the dog's dam.
- H. Name, address and telephone number of the litter owner(s).
- I. Why the form is not available at the time of purchase and when/if the buyer can expect to receive it.

Proposed Wording:

1.4.1 Individual Dog Registration Application

The primary litter owner ~~should provide~~ must sign and remit the 'INDIVIDUAL DOG REGISTRATION APPLICATION' when the buyer takes possession of the dog. If the 'INDIVIDUAL DOG REGISTRATION APPLICATION' is not available at the time of purchase, the litter owner must provide the following information to the buyer until such time as the application is available:

- A. Dog's date of birth.
- B. Dog's sex.
- C. Dog's main body color and trim color.
- D. Dog's eye color.
- E. Tail length at birth. Also indicate if the tail was docked.
- F. Registered name and ASCA number of the dog's sire.
- G. Registered name and ASCA number of the dog's dam.
- H. Name, address and telephone number of the primary litter owner(s).
- I. Why the form is not available at the time of purchase and when/if the buyer can expect to receive it.

Comments/Rationale: Brings the wording in line with ASCA's definition of primary owner.

Affected: Breeders, members, registrar.

Effective Date: June 1, 2022.

BD.22.07 Remove Section 1.4.6 Required Signatures - Kennel Name Owners

Motion carries (9-0) - Approve: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Roberts, Wesen.
Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-voting: None.

- Comment from Larson: Dogs are not registered with kennel name as owner. This rule is obsolete.

Motion by Roberts to remove the below section from the registry rules per the request of the Assistant Manager. Second by Larson.

Current Wording:

1.4.6 Required Signatures - Kennel Name Owners

If the owner of a dog is listed as an ASCA registered kennel name only, all owners of the kennel name must sign as the dog's owner or litter owner.

Proposed Wording:

1.4.6 Required Signatures - Kennel Name Owners to be removed.

Comments/Rationale: From the Assistant Manager - I think this actually needs to be removed completely as we do not register dogs to kennels anymore and probably haven't since the 90's.

Affected: Unknown.

Effective Date: June 1, 2022.

BD.22.08 Clarify Required Owner Signatures

Motion carries (9-0) - Approve: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-voting: None.

Motion by Roberts to change the wording in this section to bring it in line with ASCA's definition of primary owners. Second by Larson.

Current Wording:

1.4.7 Required Signatures - Owners

All persons owning a dog or litter must sign on all paperwork (i.e.: individuals, litters, transfers, etc.) as owner and co-owner(s), even if the ownership is listed as and/or.

Proposed Wording:

1.4.7 Required Signatures - Owners

All persons owning a dog ~~or litter~~ must sign on all paperwork (i.e.: individuals, litters, transfers, etc.) as owner and co-owner(s), even if the ownership is listed as and/or.

Comments/Rationale: Bringing the verbiage up to date with the rest of the rules.

Affected: Owners, members, registrar.

Effective Date: June 1, 2022.

BD.22.09 Owner(s) Statement on Litter Applications

Motion carries (9-0) - Approve: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-voting: None.

Motion by Roberts to change the wording on the litter application forms to reflect that the primary owner/lessee of a co-owned or co-leased litter will have sole signatory rights on individual applications for the resulting puppies, once all parties have signed the litter application and the litter is registered. Second by Larson.

Current Wording:

Litter Application and Multi-sire Litter Application

I (we) testify that all data submitted is correct. I (we) understand that all applications become the property of ASCA I further certify that I was the owner, co-owner, or lessee of the dam listed on this application on the date of birth of the litter and that this dam was mated only to the sire listed on this application. Should information in this application prove false, applicant will indemnify and defend ASCA and hold it harmless against any resulting loss. The lineage of your dog can be determined with certainty by DNA testing sponsored by ASCA. I (we) further understand that as an owner of an ASCA registered litter, I (we) agree to abide by the ASCA Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and rules of the ASCA Registry, Conformation, Obedience and Stock Dog Programs and to disciplinary action, if necessary, as determined by the ASCA Board of Directors. I hereby certify these dogs have not been registered as another breed. In addition, I will not register these dogs as another breed. I understand if I register these dogs as another breed, their ASCA registration will be revoked.

Proposed Wording:

Litter Application and Multi-sire Litter Application

I (We) testify that all data submitted is correct. I (we) and understand that all applications become the property of ASCA. I (We) further certify that I was (we were) the owner(s), co-owner(s), or lessee(s) of the dam listed on this application on the whelping date of birth of the litter and that this dam was mated only to the sire listed on this application. I (We) further certify that I (we) give permission to the primary litter owner to act as sole signatory on all puppy registration documents. Should information in this application prove false, applicants will indemnify and defend ASCA and hold it harmless against any resulting loss. The lineage of your dog can be determined with certainty by DNA testing sponsored by ASCA. I (We) further understand that as an owner of an ASCA registered litter, I (we) agree to abide by the ASCA Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and rules of the ASCA Registry, ~~Conformation, Obedience, and Stock Dog Show and Trial Programs~~, and to disciplinary action, if necessary, as determined by the ASCA Board of Directors. I (We) hereby certify these dogs have not been registered as another breed. In addition, I (we) will not register these dogs as another breed. I (we) understand if I (we) register these dogs as another breed, their ASCA registration will be revoked.

Comments/Rationale: Brings the forms up to date with ASCA's signature requirements. The Assistant Manager wrote the changes up.

Affected: Breeders, members, registrar.

Effective Date: June 1, 2022.

Committee Recommendations

AGILITY COMMITTEE

AG.22.01 Allow Flat 180s and Serpentine in Open Regular & Jumpers

Motion carries (9-0) - Approve: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-voting: None.

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

Committee Recommendation: 22-2021 Motion to allow flat 180s and serpentine in Open Regular and Jumpers. Motion by Sherry Butler to allow flat 180 degree turns and serpentine in Open Regular and Open Jumpers. These sequences in the gamble section of Open Gamblers must be angled. Second by Andrea Hoffmann.

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 10. Disapprove: 2. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: None.

- Dissent from Chet Katwyk: It is the responsibility of the Agility Committee to write clear, concise and consistent rules. This motion abdicates those responsibilities to the course reviewers to decide what is to be allowed or not allowed on a course by course bases. The competitors should be able to see for themselves in the rules that there is a certain number of 180 degree jumps or flat serpentine jumps allowed in a open course. Is it unfair for the Open class to go from 0 - 180 degree jumps or flat serpentine jumps to an unknown number. It is my hope that the Board of Directors will reject this motion and instruct the Agility Committee to rewrite this motion with a defined number to be allowed.

Current Wording:

Chapter 5 Regular Class

5.4.2 Novice Level Course Design

At the Novice level the goal is to test the dog's ability to perform the obstacles safely. The dog shall be asked to execute the obstacles at a moderate rate of speed. The course for the Novice level should also follow these guidelines:

- A. The course shall consist of 14-16 obstacles.
- B. The Start and Finish obstacles must be different obstacles with a minimum distance between them on the course of 40'-50' (12.2 m-15.2 m); preferably 50' (15.2 m) or more.
- C. The line of weave poles used shall consist of 5-6 poles.
- D. It is recommended, but not required, that any segments of the course which encourage a change of handling sides shall take place in a tunnel or while executing the A-frame.
- E. The course design should encourage a beginning level of obstacle discrimination. If a tunnel is placed next to a contact obstacle for a discrimination challenge, the distance between the tunnel and contact obstacle must be 1 - 3 feet (30.5 cm - .914 meters) as measured from the edge of the contact obstacle closest to the tunnel and the closest edge of the tunnel.

5.4.3 Open Level Course Design

At the Open Level, the goal is to test the handler's and dog's ability to perform the obstacles at a faster rate of speed, while performing the obstacles with more directional and distance control and exhibit obstacle discrimination. The course design should encourage handlers to work the dog from both sides comfortably. The course for the Open Level shall also follow these guidelines:

- A. The course shall consist of 16-18 obstacles.
- B. The Start and Finish obstacles must be different obstacles with a minimum distance between them on the course of 30-40' (9.1 m-12.2 m); preferably 50' (15.2 m) or more.
- C. There shall be 10-12 weave poles on the course, which could be comprised of one long set of 10-12 poles or two short sets of 5-6 poles.
- D. The course shall encourage at least two changes of handling sides that are visible to the dog (such as while the dog is performing a jumping sequence.) The course shall encourage at least three total changes of handling sides.

- E. The course design should encourage an Open level of obstacle discrimination. If a tunnel is placed next to a contact obstacle for a discrimination challenge, the distance between the tunnel and contact obstacle must be 1-2 feet (30.5 cm - 61 cm) as measured from the edge of the contact obstacle closest to the tunnel and the closest edge of the tunnel.
- F. The course design should have smooth flow while encouraging the handler to send the dog farther out for more distance handling.
- G. The course could consist of sequences in which the course flow repeats itself for several obstacles before changing direction from the previous sequence to the new course sequence.
- H. The closing sequence should encourage a brisk exit while still demonstrating good handling control.

5.4.4 Elite Level Course Design

At the Elite Level, more complex handler strategies are tested, with the dog moving at a brisk pace. The dog should work on both sides of the handler, be able to discriminate between obstacles and freely move away from the handler while performing the obstacles with greater distance and directional control. The course for the Elite level shall also follow these guidelines:

- A. The course shall consist of 18-20 obstacles.
- B. The Start and Finish obstacles must be different obstacles with a minimum distance between them on the course of 30-40' (9.1 m-12.2 m); preferably 50' (15.2 m) or more.
- C. There shall be a line of weave poles consisting of 10-12 poles. An additional set of 5-6 poles is optional.
- D. The course shall encourage at least three changes of handling sides which is visible to the dog (such as while the dog is performing a jumping sequence).
- E. The course design should encourage a more advanced level of obstacle discrimination. If a tunnel is placed next to a contact obstacle for a discrimination challenge, the distance between the tunnel and contact obstacle must be 0-1 feet (0-30.5 cm) as measured from the edge of the contact obstacle closest to the tunnel and the closest edge of the tunnel.
- F. The course design should have smooth flow while encouraging the handler to send the dog farther out for more distance handling.
- G. The course could consist of sequences in which the course flow repeats itself for several obstacles before changing direction from the previous sequence to the new course sequence.
- H. The closing sequence should encourage a brisk exit while still demonstrating good handling control.

Chapter 6 Jumpers Class

6.4.2 Novice Level Course Design

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- A. The course shall consist of 14-16 obstacles.

- B. The Start and Finish obstacles must be different obstacles with a minimum distance between them on the course of 40'-50' (12.2 m-15.2 m); preferably 50' (15.2 m) or more.
- C. It is recommended, but not required, that any segments of the course which encourage a change of handling sides shall take place in a tunnel.

6.4.3 Open Level Course Design

At the Open Level, the goal is to test the handler's and dog's ability to perform the obstacles at a faster rate of speed, while performing the obstacles with more directional and distance control and exhibit obstacle discrimination. The course design should encourage handlers to work the dog from both sides comfortably. The course for the Open Level shall also follow these guidelines:

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7.4.2 The Gamble Course Design

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- B. Open: The Open gamble (obstacles 1 through 4) must include a distance test AND must include one other test; either discrimination OR direction.

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3. Directional Test: At the Open level, a directional test will mean the handler has directed the dog to turn 90 degrees away from the handler, perform a 180 degree turn either towards or away from the handler, or a wrap of a jump. All turns must be visible; a change of direction that occurs in a tunnel is not a directional test.

C. Elite: The Elite gamble (obstacles 1 through 4) must include a distance test AND must include one other test, either directional or discrimination. It may also include a third test, either directional or discrimination.

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Proposed Wording:

Chapter 5 Regular Class

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F. Obstacles that form a 180 turn or serpentine are required to be angled so it is not a flat 180 degree turn or serpentine.

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- F. The course design should have smooth flow while encouraging the handler to send the dog farther out for more distance handling.
- G. The course could consist of sequences in which the course flow repeats itself for several obstacles before changing direction from the previous sequence to the new course sequence.
- H. The closing sequence should encourage a brisk exit while still demonstrating good handling control.
- I. Obstacles that form a 180 turn or serpentine do not have to be angled and can be a flat 180 degree turn or serpentine.

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Chapter 6 Jumpers Class

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7.4.2 The Gamble Course Design

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- B. Open: The Open gamble (obstacles 1 through 4) must include a distance test AND must include one other test; either discrimination OR direction.

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- 3. Directional Test: At the Open level, a directional test will mean the handler has directed the dog to turn 90 degrees away from the handler, perform a 180 degree turn either towards or away from the handler, or a wrap of a jump. All turns must be visible; a change of direction that occurs in a tunnel is not a directional test. Obstacles that form a 180 turn or serpentine are required to be angled so it is not a flat 180 degree turn or serpentine.

- C. Elite: The Elite gamble (obstacles 1 through 4) must include a distance test AND must include one other test, either directional or discrimination. It may also include a third test, either directional or discrimination.

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- 3. Directional Test: At the Elite level, a directional test will mean the handler has directed the dog to turn 90 degrees away from the handler, perform a 180 degree turn away from the handler, or perform a wrap. Only visible turns away from the handler will count as a directional test; turns accomplished while the dog is in a tunnel will not be counted. Obstacles that form a 180 turn or serpentine do not have to be angled and can be a flat 180 degree turn or serpentine.

Comments/Rationale: This motion defines what is allowed for 180 degree turns and serpentines in the Agility Rulebook. Up to now, the rulebook has not specified what is allowed or not. It has been up to the course reviewers and they limited flat 180 degree turns and serpentines to the Elite level only. This motion puts what is allowed in the rulebook and slightly increases the challenge for Open level dogs when performing 180 degree turns or serpentines on Regular and Jumpers courses. It provides more course design options for Open by allowing a 180 degree turn sequence to be taken both directions. Currently, course reviewers have been enforcing those obstacles in this type of sequence in Open Regular and Jumpers must be angled so they are not "flat". This prevents the sequence to be taken both directions because the second direction would be more than a 180 degree turn, which is not allowed. This motion adds wording to the Elite and Novice section too, but is for clarification. Flat 180 degree turns and serpentines have always been allowed in Elite. These

types of turns and serpentines are not required in courses, but when they are used this motion outlines how they can be implemented.

Affected: Judges, Course Reviewers and competitors in Open Regular, Jumpers and Gamblers.

Effective Date: June 1, 2022.

AG.22.02 Clarify Combining Points from Different Divisions for Titles

Motion carries (9-0) - Approve: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Roberts, Wesen.
Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-voting: None.

- Comment from Creelman: I do see that veteran and Jr entries do have slower times and lower heights, but I think they are at a disadvantage to have to compete with faster times and higher jumps.

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

Committee Recommendation: Motion 21-2021 Clarify combining points from different Divisions for titles.

Motion by Sherry Butler to clarify combining points from different Divisions within the Championship Program and the ACE Program for titles within each Program. Second by Jan Niblock.

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

- Dissent from Chet Katwyk: This motion has a big flaw. It would allow for a dog to receive titles such as a standard division ATCH with Veteran or Junior division Q's that have more time and lower jump height than the standard division. I find this very unfair to the teams who get a title having to work harder than a dog that got to use Q's from the Veteran or Junior divisions. It is my hope that the BOD will reject this motion and send it back to the Agility Committee to fix this oversight.

Current Wording:

Section 10.11 Combining Qualifying Scores/Points from Different Divisions - Championship Program

10.11.1 Combining Qualifying Scores/Points from Different Divisions for Novice, Open, and Elite Titles

A competitor may combine existing qualifying scores/points earned from any Division in the Championship Program. EXAMPLES:

1. If 10 points have been earned toward the Open Jumpers title in the Standard division in the Championship Program these points may be credited toward the Open Jumpers title in the Veteran Dog Division in the Championship Program. When the dog earns an additional 10 points in Veteran Dog Open Jumpers in the Championship Program, the 'Jumpers Veteran Dog-Open' (JV-O) titling certificate will be awarded. Any title earned from mixed divisions will carry the designation of the division with the most points.
2. If a dog has earned 20 points in Novice Regular from the Veteran division and then earns 10 points from the Standard division, the title will be issued from the Veteran division. Dogs with equal points from the Veteran or Standard division will be issued the title based on the last division where points were earned.
3. A dog earns 10 points in Veteran jumpers, then earns 10 points in Standard jumpers - the title will be issued as a Standard division title.

10.11.2 Combining Qualifying Scores/Points from Different Divisions for Outstanding/Superior Titles

A competitor may combine existing qualifying scores/points earned from any Division in the Championship Program. EXAMPLES:

1. Qualifying scores/points earned in the Junior Handler or Standard Division in the Championship Program may be combined with scores/points from the Veteran Dog Division in the Championship Program towards an Outstanding or Superior title in the Veteran Dog Division in the Championship Program. Any title earned from mixed divisions will carry the designation of the division with the most points.
2. If a dog has earned 20 points in Novice Regular from the Veteran division and then earns 10 points from the Standard division, the title will be issued from the Veteran division. Dogs with equal points from the Veteran or Standard division will be issued the title based on the last division where points were earned.
3. A dog earns 10 points in Veteran jumpers, then earns 10 points in Standard jumpers - the title will be issued as a Standard division title.

Section 10.12 Combining Qualifying Scores/Points from Different Division - ACE Program

10.12.1 Combining Qualifying Scores/Points from different Divisions for Novice, Open, Elite titles

A competitor may combine existing qualifying scores/points earned from any Division in the ACE program. EXAMPLE: if 10 points have been earned toward the Open Jumpers title in the Standard division in the ACE program these points may be credited toward the Open Senior Dog title in the Senior Dog Division. When the dog earns an additional 10 points in the Senior Dog Open Jumpers, the 'Jumpers Senior Dog-Open' (JSDA-O) titling certificate will be awarded. NOTE: if a dog earns a qualifying score in the Senior Dog Division and returns to compete in the Standard division, any subsequent titles earned in that class will have the Senior Dog Division designation.

10.12.2 Combining Qualifying Scores/Points from Different Divisions for Outstanding / Superior Titles

A competitor may combine existing qualifying scores/points earned from any Division. EXAMPLE: qualifying scores/points earned in the Standard Division in the ACE program may be combined with scores/points from the Senior Dog Division towards an Outstanding or Superior title in the Senior Dog Division. If a dog earns a qualifying score in the Senior Dog Division and returns to compete in the Standard Division, any titles earned in that class will have the Senior Dog Division designation.

Proposed Wording:

Section 10.11 Combining Qualifying Scores/Points from Different Divisions - Championship Program

10.11.1 Combining Qualifying Scores/Points from Different Divisions for Novice, Open, and Elite Titles

~~A competitor may combine existing qualifying scores/points earned from any Division in the Championship Program.~~

Points may be combined from any Division in the Championship Program for Novice, Open and Elite titles.

If points are combined, the title will be issued based on the Division with the most points. If the dog has an equal number of points in multiple Divisions, then the title will be issued based on the last Division where the points were earned.

EXAMPLES:

1. If 10 points have been earned toward the Open Jumpers title in the Standard division in the Championship Program these points may be credited toward the Open Jumpers title in the Veteran Dog Division in the Championship Program. When the dog earns an additional 10 points in Veteran Dog Open Jumpers in the Championship Program, the 'Jumpers Veteran Dog Open' (JV-O) titling certificate will be awarded. Any title earned from mixed divisions will carry the designation of the division with the most points.

2. If a dog has earned 20 points in Novice Regular from the Veteran division and then earns 10 points from the Standard division, the title will be issued from the Veteran division. Dogs with equal points from the Veteran or Standard division will be issued the title based on the last division where points were earned.

3. A dog earns 10 points in Veteran jumpers, then earns 10 points in Standard jumpers the title will be issued as a Standard division title.

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If points are combined, the title will be issued based on the Division with the most points. If the dog has an equal number of points in multiple Divisions, then the title will be issued based on the last Division where the points were earned.

EXAMPLES:

1. Qualifying scores/points earned in the Junior Handler or Standard Division in the Championship Program may be combined with scores/points from the Veteran Dog Division in the Championship Program towards an Outstanding or Superior title in the Veteran Dog Division in the Championship Program. Any title earned from mixed divisions will carry the designation of the division with the most points.

2. If a dog has earned 20 points in Novice Regular from the Veteran division and then earns 10 points from the Standard division, the title will be issued from the Veteran division. Dogs with equal points from the Veteran or Standard division will be issued the title based on the last division where points were earned.

3. A dog earns 10 points in Veteran jumpers, then earns 10 points in Standard jumpers the title will be issued as a Standard division title.

Section 10.12 Combining Qualifying Scores/Points from Different Divisions - ACE Program

10.12.1 Combining Qualifying Scores/Points from different Divisions for Novice, Open, Elite titles

A competitor may combine existing qualifying scores/points earned from any Division in the ACE program.

Points may be combined from any Division in the ACE Program for Novice, Open and Elite titles. If points are combined, the title will be issued based on the Division with the most points. If the dog has an equal number of points in multiple Divisions, then the title will be issued based on the last Division where the points were earned.

EXAMPLE: if 10 points have been earned toward the Open Jumpers title in the Standard division in the ACE program these points may be credited toward the Open Senior Dog title in the Senior Dog Division. When the dog earns an additional 10 points in the Senior Dog Open Jumpers, the 'Jumpers Senior Dog Open' (JSDA-O) titling certificate will be awarded. NOTE: if a dog earns a qualifying score in the Senior Dog Division and returns

~~to compete in the Standard division, any subsequent titles earned in that class will have the Senior Dog Division designation.~~

10.12.2 Combining Qualifying Scores/Points from Different Divisions for Outstanding / Superior Titles

~~A competitor may combine existing qualifying scores/points earned from any Division.~~

Points may be combined from any Division in the ACE Program for Outstanding/Superior titles. If points are combined, the title will be issued based on the Division with the most points. If the dog has an equal number of points in multiple Divisions, then the title will be issued based on the last Division where the points were earned.

~~EXAMPLE: qualifying scores/points earned in the Standard Division in the ACE program may be combined with scores/points from the Senior Dog Division towards an Outstanding or Superior title in the Senior Dog Division. If a dog earns a qualifying score in the Senior Dog Division and returns to compete in the Standard Division, any titles earned in that class will have the Senior Dog Division designation.~~

Comments/Rationale: This motion clarifies how points are combined from different Divisions within each Program (Championship and ACE). As the computer system is being updated, it was noticed that there is an inconsistency in the wording between the Championship and ACE Programs. The wording in the Championship section was the original intent for both Divisions. This motion corrects and simplifies the wording in the Agility Rulebook. The proposed wording also reflects how it is being programmed by Inventive.

Affected: Inventive.

Effective Date: Immediately on the Board's approval for Inventive and June 1, 2022, for the Agility Rulebook update.

DOCK JUMPING COMMITTEE

DJ.22.01 Clarify Apprenticing Requirements and Procedures

Motion carries (9-0) - Approve: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-voting: None.

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

Committee Recommendation: Motion by Heidi Mobley that the following wording be changed in the Dock Jumping Rule book under 4.2.3 Apprenticing Requirements and Procedures. Second by Sandra Czarny.

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

Current Wording:

4.2.3 Apprenticing Requirements and Procedures

A. The Apprentice must complete minimum of two apprentice assignments under at least two different organizations that use sight, not computers, for measurements of the jumps.

Proposed Wording:

4.2.3 Apprenticing Requirements and Procedures

A. The Apprentice must complete minimum of two apprentice assignments ~~under at least two different~~ with organizations that use sight, not computers, for measurements of the jumps.

Comments/Rationale: When the rule was revised it was not clear. The way it is written it has to be two different organizations, it was supposed to read any organization that can uses sight.

Affected: Judges. Business Office for rule book printing.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

NATIONALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NA.22.02 Adding Rosettes for Agility Rounds at Nationals

Motion carries (9-0) - Approve: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Roberts, Wesen.
Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-voting: None.

- Comment from Larson: This does not add a huge amount to the budget and should be covered by the increased event fees.
- Comment from McCabe: I am approving this because I agree with the result however, the names of the awards are incorrect for Agility, Obedience and Rally. I hope that these errors can be fixed at some point.
- Comment from Roberts: The verbiage needs modifying but I support the intent.

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

Committee Recommendation: Adding Rosettes for Agility Rounds to the Finals Prize Matrix. Motion by Laura Gibson to add rosettes for Agility Rounds placements, per the revised Finals Prize Matrix below. Second by Renee Watson.

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

Current Wording:

National Specialty Rule Book

24.1.1 ASCA Finals Prizes and Rosettes

FINALS	AWARD	ROSETTE	PRIZE - LEVEL/COST
Agility	1st in Division	A	Level 1 \$250
	2nd - 10th	B	Level 3 \$75
	Finalists Participants	B	None
	Rounds 1st - 10th	E	None
Conformation	1st	A	Level 1 \$250
	2nd - 10th	B	Level 3 \$75
	Finalists Participants	B	None
Junior Handling	Best Junior	A	Level 1 \$250
	Reserve Junior	A.5	Level 2 \$150
	1st - 4th	B	Level 4 \$75
	Finalists Participants	B	None
Obedience	1st	A	Level 1 \$250
	2nd - 10th	B	Level 3 \$75
	Finalists Participants	B	None
Rally	1st	A	Level 1 \$250
	2nd - 10th	B	Level 3 \$75
	Finalists Participants	B	None

Stockdog	Champion	A	Level 1 \$250
	Reserve Champion	A.5	Level 2 \$150
	3rd - 10th	B	Level 3 \$75
	Finalists Participants	B	None

24.1.2 Rosette Descriptions

LEVEL	COST PER ROSETTE	DESCRIPTION
A	\$21	8.5-inch head, 7 streamers, 24-inch streamers
A.5	\$20	8-inch head, 7 streamers, 22-inch streamers
B	\$18	7.5-inch head, 7 streamers, 18-inch streamers
D	\$12	6-inch head, 5 streamers, 14-inch streamers
E	\$1	2 layered, 10-inch flat ribbon
Name Streamers - \$5 – \$7.50 each, depending on length of name.		

All Finals Qualifiers will receive a rosette labeled "Finalist," with the qualifying dog's ASCA registered name and ASCA titles entered on a side streamer. Non-ASCA titles will not be included. The name streamer will be placed on the Finals participation rosette, not on the placement rosette. All rosettes will have the date and location of the Finals. Any qualifying team that is unable to participate in the Finals is responsible for the cost of shipping their Finals rosette or requesting that the rosette be entrusted to someone else for delivery. The Nationals Committee is not responsible for the cost of shipping rosettes.

Placements will be awarded 1st-10th place. Colors for the center streamer shall be as follows for placement rosettes: 1st - blue; 2nd - red; 3rd - yellow; 4th - white; 5th-10th - same color (to coordinate with colors of host's rosette colors) and will have placements on rosette.

Proposed Wording:

National Specialty Rule Book

24.1.1 ASCA Finals Prizes and Rosettes

FINALS	AWARD	ROSETTE	PRIZE - LEVEL/COST
Agility	HIT Standard 1st in Division	A	Level 1 \$250
	2nd - 10th Standard	B	Level 3 \$75
	HIT Veteran	A	Level 1 \$250
	2nd - 10th Veteran	B	Level 3 \$75
	HIT Junior	A	Level 1 \$250
	2nd - 10th Junior	B	Level 3 \$75
	Finals Rounds 1st -10th	D E	None
	Finalist Participants	B	None
Conformation	1st Place Altered	A	Level 1 \$250
	2nd - 10th Place Altered	B	Level 3 \$75
	1st Place Intact	A	Level 1 \$250
	2nd - 10th Place Intact	B	Level 3 \$75
	Finalist Participants	B	None
Juniors Handling	Best Junior	A	Level 1 \$250
	Reserve Junior	A.5	Level 2 \$150
	1st - 4th Placements (8-12)	B	Level 3 4 \$75
	1st - 4th Placements (13-17)	B	Level 3 \$75
	Finalist Participants	B	None

Obedience	1st Place Novice	A	Level 1 \$250
	2nd - 10th Place Novice	B	Level 3 \$75
	1st Place Open CDX	A	Level 1 \$250
	2nd - 10th Place Open CDX	B	Level 3 \$75
	1st Place Open ODX	A	Level 1 \$250
	2nd - 10th Place Open ODX	B	Level 3 \$75
	1st Place Utility	A	Level 1 \$250
	2nd - 10th Place Utility	B	Level 3 \$75
	1st Place Superdog	A	Level 1 \$250
	2nd - 10th Place Superdog	B	Level 3 \$75
	Finalist Participants	B	None
Rally	1st Place	A	Level 1 \$250
	2nd - 10th Place	B	Level 3 \$75
	Finalist Participants	B	None
Stockdog	Champion Cattle	A	Level 1 \$250
	Reserve Champion Cattle	A.5	Level 2 \$150
	3rd - 10th Place Cattle	B	Level 3 \$75
	Champion Sheep	A	Level 1 \$250
	Reserve Champion Sheep	A.5	Level 2 \$150
	3rd - 10th Place Sheep	B	Level 3 \$75
	Champion Ducks	A	Level 1 \$250
	Reserve Champion Ducks	A.5	Level 2 \$150
	3rd - 10th Place Ducks	B	Level 3 \$75
	Finalist Participants	B	None

24.1.2 Nationals and Finals Rosette Descriptions

LEVEL	COST PER ROSETTE	DESCRIPTION
A	\$21	8.5-inch head, 7 streamers, 24-inch streamers, 32.5 inches in length overall
A.5	\$20	8-inch head, 7 streamers, 22-inch streamers, 30 inches in length overall
B	\$18	7.5-inch head, 7 streamers, 18-inch streamers, 25.5 inches in length overall
C D	\$12	6-inch head, 5 streamers, 14-inch streamers, 19 inches in length overall
D	\$6.85	5.5 inch head, 3 streamers, 12 inch streamers, 17.5 inches in length overall
E	\$2.25 \$1	4.5 inch head, 1 streamer, 12.5 inches in length overall (Qualifying rosette) 2-layered, 10-inch flat ribbon
E.5	\$2.35	4.5 inch head, 1 streamer, 14.5 inches in length overall (Qualifying X rosette)
Name Streamers - \$5 – \$7.50 each, depending on length of name.		

All Finals Qualifiers will receive a rosette labeled "Finalist," with the qualifying dog's ASCA registered name and ASCA titles entered on a side streamer. Non-ASCA titles will not be included. The name streamer will be placed on the Finals participation rosette, not on the placement rosette. All rosettes will have the date and location of the Finals. Those who qualify and enter Finals but who cannot attend may designate someone to pick up the rosette, but no rosettes will be shipped. ~~Any qualifying team that is unable to participate in the Finals is~~

~~responsible for the cost of shipping their Finals rosette or requesting that the rosette be entrusted to someone else for delivery. The Nationals Committee is not responsible for the cost of shipping rosettes.~~

Placements will be awarded 1st-10th place, except for Junior Handling, which will be placed 1st-4th. Colors for the center streamer shall be as follows for placement rosettes: 1st - blue; 2nd - red; 3rd - yellow; 4th - white; 5th-10th - same color (to coordinate with colors of the ASCA Finals rosette ~~host's rosette colors~~) and will have placements on rosette.

Agility Rule Book

Delete **Section 12.12 Sample Ribbon Order for Agility Finals.**

Comments/Rationale: There has been a loud call for a reinstatement of Agility Finals rounds rosettes ever since they were removed in 2016. The cost of the placement rosettes would be approximately \$630.20 plus shipping based on 92 of the \$6.85 rosettes described below. A budget amendment would have to be made, if this motion is passed by the Board.

Affected: All ASCA members are affected, since this involves an expense of ASCA funds; however, those most directly impacted are the members who qualify for Agility Finals and place during rounds competition.

Effective Date: Beginning with the 2022 National Specialty.

NA.22.03 Ordering of Finals Rosettes

Motion carries (9-0) - Approve: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-voting: None.

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

Committee Recommendation: Ordering of Finals Rosettes. Motion by Denise Creelman to change who orders the ASCA Finals rosettes from the Business Office to the Board-approved Nationals Committee Awards and Rosettes Chairperson. Second by Renee Watson.

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

Current Wording:

Section 24.1 Finals Rosettes

All Finals rosettes will be ordered by the Business Office and will adhere to the costs and specifications approved by the Board. Please see the chart in the appendix.

Proposed Wording:

Section 24.1 Finals Rosettes

All Finals rosettes will be ordered by the ~~Business Office~~ Board-approved Nationals Awards and Rosettes ~~Chairperson~~ and will adhere to the costs and specifications approved by the Board. Please see the chart in the appendix.

Comments/Rationale: The Board-approved Nationals Committee Awards and Rosettes Chairperson is a knowledgeable person who has volunteered to specifically focus on the ordering of the ASCA National Specialty awards and rosettes. This person will be able to use the Finals Prize Matrix to place and verify the ordering of the Finals rosettes. The Nationals Awards and Rosettes person will also utilize members of the

Board, members of ASCA's relevant Committees and the Nationals Chairperson to validate the accuracy of the Finals rosettes order.

Affected: This motion impacts Business Office employees who will no longer be responsible for ordering the ASCA Finals rosettes and the Board-approved Nationals Awards and Rosettes Chairperson who will now be responsible for this task. This will also affect the Board, who will be asked to play a role in verifying the accuracy of the order, and it will impact the members who participate in ASCA Finals, in that it will help alleviate future Finals rosettes issues.

Effective Date: Beginning with the 2022 National Specialty.

NA.22.04 Raising Nationals and Finals Judging Fees to \$300 Per Day

Motion carries (9-0) - Approve: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: None. Non-voting: None.

- Comment from Larson: 2021 Nationals Financials reviewed.

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

Committee Recommendation: Raising Nationals and Finals Judging Fees to \$300 Per Day. Motion by Denise Creelman to increase the judging fee for all Nationals and Finals Judges from \$200 per day to \$300 per day, except Agility Judges, who will receive \$1 per run, with a maximum of 450 runs per day, per the Agility Rule Book, and a minimum of \$300 per day. Second by Renee Watson.

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

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording: None.

Comments/Rationale: It has been eight years since the judging fee was raised. In addition, this motion would provide more equality for judges across the board. Although Agility Judges have the ability to earn up to \$450 per day, in reality, they earn closer to \$300 per day when judging Nationals and Finals. This motion would honor all judges in a more equal fashion. Raising these fees will cost ASCA an additional \$4100 for the 2022 Nationals Specialty, and a motion to amend the budget will have to be made.

Affected: The Judges who serve as ASCA Finals Judges are the primary persons affected by this motion.

Effective Date: Beginning with the 2022 ASCA National Specialty.

RALLY COMMITTEE

RA.22.01 Rally Course Design Review

Motion carries (8-0-1) - Approve: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen. Disapprove: None. Abstain: McCabe. Non-voting: None.

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

Committee Recommendation: RC Motion 21.22: Course Design Review. Motion by Karen Black to approve Course Design Review for all rally courses used at Rally Trials for which ASCA is the sanctioning organization. Second by Corinne Shanks.

The following language will become Chapter 16 in the Rally Rulebook. Following chapters will be renumbered, maintaining their same sequential order in the rulebook.

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 8. Disapprove: 2. Abstain: 1. Non-Voting: None.

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording:

Chapter 16 Course Design Review

1. All rally courses used at Rally Trials for which ASCA is the sanctioning organization must receive an ASCA course review to ensure consistency with the ASCA Rally philosophy of safe, flowing, interesting course design offering level appropriate challenges for exhibitors to demonstrate teamwork and proficiency.
2. Course reviewers must be experienced, respected rally judges appointed by the Board of Directors upon recommendation of the Rally Committee. They will serve as unpaid volunteers. At least five (5) course reviewers, plus at least one (1) alternate, should be appointed whenever feasible.
3. Courses submitted by judges for review must be submitted in a .pdf format or in the excel course design template available on the ASCA website.
4. Judges, upon appointment, will be advised by the ASCA Business Office of the name and email address of the course reviewer having review responsibility for the trial(s) they are judging.
5. Judges must electronically submit their proposed courses to the applicable course reviewer not later than 30 days prior to the first day of the trial.
6. The course reviewer shall review the proposed courses to ensure they are: (1) Safe; (2) Flowing; (3) appropriately challenging, considering the class and level for which intended; (4) Consistent with ring size indicated by the host club on the sanctioning paperwork; (5) Consistent with ASCA Rally level-specific requirements; (6) Consistent with ASCA Rally course design rules that apply to all courses. Course reviewers are empowered to direct mandatory course revisions to comply with these criteria, as well as to suggest non-mandatory changes to otherwise 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 judge's courses solely based on personal preferences.
7. Course reviewers will electronically return copies of the proposed courses, together with any mandatory and recommended non-mandatory changes to the judge(s) not later than 15 days prior to the first day of the applicable trials. Judges must return a final copy of all courses for the trial(s) including any required, mandatory changes as well as any recommended, non-mandatory changes that were made on any course to the course reviewer at least 7 days prior to the trial. This will ensure that the course reviewer will have a complete set of finalized courses to be used at the trial.
8. 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. If this situation occurs, the course reviewer shall forward the review package immediately to the alternate course reviewer, or another course reviewer, and so notify the trial judge and the ASCA Business Office.

Other areas of the rulebook affected by this change are:

Current Wording:

Section 1.27 Emergency Replacement Judge

1.27.4 Availability of Courses

Availability of courses for the trial will be in the following order.

- A. A set of courses designed and prepared by emergency replacement judge, if time and circumstances allow.
- B. The original judge's courses forwarded to emergency replacement judge, if time and circumstances allow.
- C. If time and circumstances do not permit the courses to be sent to the replacement judge, the courses shall be sent to the Trial Chair or Trial Secretary.
- D. If time and circumstances do not permit the original judge to send courses to anyone, the replacement judge shall contact the ASCA Business Office, the ASCA Rally Committee Chair, or the ASCA Board of Directors' Rally Committee Liaison for a secure link on the ASCA Website to access approved course sets.
- E. If time and circumstances do not permit the emergency replacement judge to access the approved courses on the ASCA Website, the Trial Chair or Trial Secretary will be given access to the approved courses, so the trial can go on as scheduled.

Section 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 ASCA Board of Directors. 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.

Chapter 13 Rally Finals

13.8.6 Course Submission and Approval

Courses used for Finals must be submitted at least 60 days prior to the event date to those on the Rally Course Review Subcommittee not competing in the current year's Finals.

Chapter 14 Nationals Rally Trial

Section 14.1 Course Submission and Approval

Courses used for any ASCA National Specialty must be pre-approved by submitted to those on the Rally Course Review Subcommittee not competing in the ASCA Nationals Rally Trial at least 60 days prior to the event date.

Section 16.4 Provisional Judge

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 redesign 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.

Section 16.5 Rally Judge Classifications and Progression

16.5.1 Provisional Judge

A. All Judges enter the ASCA Rally Judging ranks as a Provisional Judge.

B. A Provisional Judge can accept assignments to judge any ASCA sanctioned rally trial, except the ASCA 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 ASCA Business Office requesting to be moved to Regular status. The ASCA Business Office will verify the information on the form and notify the ASCA 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 ASCA 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.

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 ASCA Business Office or the ASCA 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. *Effective December 2020.

17.1.7 Designing Courses That Meet ASCA Requirements

- A. It is the Judge's responsibility to provide courses that meet the ASCA Rally Rules and Regulations at all ASCA sanctioned Trials. If it is found that a Judge's course(s) did not meet these requirements, a Judge's status may be moved back to Provisional.
- B. If during a post-trial course review, it is determined the set of courses used did not follow ASCA's Rules and Regulations, the judge will be notified and provided details of the determination. If a second set of courses during the same calendar year is determined to also not comply with ASCA's Rules and Regulations, the Judge and the ASCA 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 ASCA 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 ASCA 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 and 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.

Glossary of Terms

1. Approved Judge - a licensed ASCA Judge who can judge without needing prior approval on courses used for trials.

23. Provisional Judge - a licensed ASCA Judge who must have courses pre-approved by the Rally Course Review Subcommittee at least 30 days prior to any trial for which they judge.

Proposed Wording:

Section 1.27 Emergency Replacement Judge

1.27.4 Availability of Courses

Availability of courses for the trial will be in the following order.

A. A set of courses designed and prepared by emergency replacement judge, if time and circumstances allow for their set to be submitted for course review as outlined in Chapter 16.

B. The original judge's approved courses forwarded to emergency replacement judge if time and circumstances allow.

C. If time and circumstances do not permit the approved courses to be sent to the replacement judge, the approved courses shall be sent to the Trial Chair or Trial Secretary.

D. The Course Reviewer will be contacted so the reviewer can forward the approved courses to the Trial Secretary and the Emergency Replacement Judge.

~~D.~~ E. If time and circumstances do not permit the original judge Course Reviewer to send the approved courses to anyone, the replacement judge shall contact the ASCA Business Office, the ASCA Rally Committee Chair, or the ASCA Board of Directors' Rally Committee Liaison for a secure link on the ASCA Website to access approved emergency-use course sets.

E. If time and circumstances do not permit the emergency replacement judge to access the approved emergency-use courses on the ASCA Website, the Trial Chair or Trial Secretary will be given access to the approved emergency-use courses, so the trial can go on as scheduled.

Section 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 course maps (to be forwarded to the Rally Course Review Committee assigned Course Reviewer) 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 ASCA Board of Directors. 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.

Chapter 13 Rally Finals

13.8.6 Course Submission and Approval

Courses used for Finals must be submitted at least 60 days prior to the event date to those on the Rally Course Review Subcommittee not competing in the current year's Finals the assigned Course Reviewer. The Business Office will notify the Judge(s) who the Course Reviewer is as specified in Chapter 16.

Chapter 14 Nationals Rally Trial

Section 14.1 Course Submission and Approval

Courses used for any ASCA National Specialty must be pre-approved by submitted to those on the Rally Course Review Subcommittee not competing in the ASCA Nationals Rally Trial to the assigned Course Reviewer at least 60 days prior to the event date. The Business Office will notify the Judge(s) who the Course Reviewer is as specified in Chapter 16.

Section 16.4 17.4 Provisional Judge

16.4.1 17.4.1 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 redesign 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. See Chapter 16 for course design review requirements.

B. All Judges will remain Provisional until such time they meet the requirements to move to regular status and complete the steps necessary to affect that change. ~~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 (See Chapter 11) 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.~~

Section ~~16.5~~ 17.5 Rally Judge Classifications and Progression

~~16.5.1~~ 17.5.1 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 ASCA 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. (See Chapter 16 Course Design Reviews)

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 ASCA Business Office requesting to be moved to Regular status. The ASCA Business Office will verify the information on the form and notify the ASCA 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 ASCA 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.

~~16.8.2~~ 17.8.2 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. The Business Office will instruct the ECJ which Course Reviewer to submit the courses for review. 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 ASCA Business Office or the ASCA 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. *Effective December 2020.

~~17.1.7~~ 18.1.7 Designing Courses That Meet ASCA Requirements

- A. It is the Judge's responsibility to provide courses that meet the ASCA Rally Rules and Regulations at all ASCA sanctioned Trials. ~~If it is found that a Judge's course(s) did not meet these requirements, a Judge's status may be moved back to Provisional.~~
- B. ~~If during a post trial course review, it is determined the set of courses used did not follow ASCA's Rules and Regulations, the judge will be notified and provided details of the determination. If a second set of courses during the same calendar year is determined to also not comply with ASCA's Rules and Regulations, the Judge and the ASCA 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 ASCA 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 ASCA 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~~ 18.1.8 Rule Infraction ~~Pre-Trial~~ Course Design Review

Timely Submission of Courses for ~~pre trial review~~ Course Design Review is critical to assuring all trial maps meet minimum standards detailed in the Rally Rules and 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~~ assigned course reviewer. The Business Office will also receive notification of the late submittal. 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 7 days 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.~~

Glossary of Terms

1. Approved Judge - a licensed ASCA Judge who can judge without needing prior approval on courses used for trials. A provisional, regular, national or senior judge listed on the ASCA Judge Directory.

23. Provisional Judge - a licensed ASCA Judge who must have courses pre-approved by the Rally Course Review Subcommittee at least 30 days prior to any trial for which they judge.

Comments/Rationale: The need for pre-trial course review has been needed since the beginning of the ASCA Rally Program. Implementing course reviews for all courses will ensure titles, merit standings, qualifying for Finals, etc. will happen on courses that meet ASCA's Rules and Regulations.

Affected: Business Office: The Business Office will be affected as they will need to notify judges at the time trials are sanctioned who their reviewer(s) will be.

Board of Directors will be affected as they will have to initially approve Course Reviewers from suggestions by the Rally Committee and will periodically have to approve additional reviewers from time to time.

All Judges will be affected because they will have to design courses and timely submit them based on the timelines set forth in this motion.

Exhibitors and affiliates will be affected as they will be ensured courses they compete will meet ASCA Rules and Regulations.

Webmaster will be affected as names of Course Reviewers will have to be posted on the ASCA Website.

Business Office Notified: 11/11/21 Comment: I have discussed this in the office and we can set up a rotation/tracking similar to what Agility currently does. This motion is fine.

Webmaster Notified: 11/11/21 Comment: No problem on my end.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board of Directors approval for all trials sanctioned for 6/1/2022 or later.

Respectfully submitted by

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