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ASCA Executive Secretary's Report - February 2022

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS	
<p>New Judges: Agility Judge Christian Prein (Austria) Senior Breeder Judge Laurie Atkinson (CA) Non-Regular Conformation Judge Mary Detor (NY)</p> <p>Judge Change for 2022 Conformation Finals: Melinda Vinson will replace Lynda Hardin as a judge for the 2022 Conformation Finals. The judges are Susan Harris, Sharon Sparks, and Melinda Vinson.</p> <p>The Board has voted to end the crisis in Europe. European affiliate clubs may no longer list crisis judges when submitting sanctioning requests, effective for all requests received in the Business Office after February 28, 2022.</p>	<p>Slate of 2023 Nationals Judges (so far): Nationals Obedience - Bonnie Lee and Janet Kelly Nationals Rally - Barbara Arine and Corinne Shanks</p> <p>Slate of 2023 Finals Judges (so far): Agility Finals - TBA Junior Handling Finals - Bayley Williams Obedience Finals - Charlotte Mielziner and Sandra Walroth Rally Finals - Heinz Guenter Geisel and Joan Skinner Conformation Finals - Melissa Borde, Peter Hellmeister, and Julie Humeston Stockdog Finals - John Knepper, Maarten Walter, and Gail Winnick</p>

ASCA Board Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2022, via GoToMeeting

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, February 10, at 6:03 pm via online meeting service GoToMeeting and it was adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Treasurer's Report

This discussion was held in **Executive Session** from 6:03 pm to 6:26 pm. The financial reports for period ending January 31, 2022, 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.

Transfer of Ownership Request

This discussion was held in **Executive Session** from 6:26 pm to 6:29 pm. The Board voted to allow transfer of ownership of a dog co-owned with Deborah Sayre and John Holland without Mr. Holland's signature, following repeated failed attempts to contact him by Ms. Sayre and ASCA.

Letter to Member

This discussion was held in **Executive Session** from 6:29 pm to 6:35 pm. The Board voted to send a letter to a member regarding their conduct on ASCA forums.

January 2022 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.22.24 January 2022 Email Business

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

Motion by Larson to ratify all business conducted over email in January 2022. Second by Roberts.

System Liaison's Report

Liaison Larson reported on the status of the database migration/system upgrade project ongoing with Inventive since 6/15/2021. All title calculations are now being tested by the office and volunteer testers. The testing process not only includes calculations for each titles earned, their progressions and hierarchy of titles, but also the business rules associated with each title calculation. For example - with conformation champion titles we need to review and make sure all requirements are met such as multiple judges, correct point schedule was applied, and even if the point schedule was calculated correctly. Testers also need to check that the rules for a class dog winning Best of Breed, Best Opposite Sex, and Best of Winners are applied properly and points earned reflect this. Conformation is an example of a simple program to review. The extremely complex programs like agility and rally not only took an incredible amount of time to document and develop but they will take a huge amount of time to test.

In addition, Maarten Walter was able to install ADMS (ASCA Database Management System) in the Azure cloud. That is now pointing to the staging environment and is ready for testing. This is extremely valuable. If ADMS fails on the desktops, the Business Office will be available to access it on the cloud. It will also allow ASCA personnel to access ADMS from off prem locations.

Once all the testing is complete and bugs fixed, we will be able to generate titles and print title certificates.

Inventive is currently working on other admin functionalities. As soon as they are completed and tested by ASCA, we will be able to cut those functions over to the Business Office.

We are currently working on adding PayPal as a payment method for online transactions.

2023 Nationals & Finals Judges

The Board voted to approve the slate of judges for the 2023 Finals, 2023 Obedience Nationals and Finals, and 2023 Rally Nationals and Finals.

Agility Finals - Letters to judges were sent out late and the Nationals Committee will not have the draw until after February 18.

BD.22.25 2023 Junior Handling Finals Judge

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

Motion by Liaison Gann to approve Bayley Williams as the judge for the 2023 Junior Handling Finals.

BD.22.26 2023 Obedience Finals Judges

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

Motion by Liaison Gann to approve Charlotte Mielziner and Sandra Walroth as the judges for the 2023 Obedience Finals.

BD.22.27 2023 Nationals Obedience Judges

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

Motion by Liaison Gann to approve Bonnie Lee and Janet Kelly as the judges for the 2023 Nationals Obedience Trial.

BD.22.28 2023 Rally Finals Judges

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

Motion by Liaison Gann to approve Heinz Guenter Geisel and Joan Skinner as the judges for the 2023 Rally Finals.

BD.22.29 2023 Nationals Rally Judges

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

Motion by Liaison Gann to approve Barbara Arine and Corinne Shanks as the judges for the 2023 Nationals Rally Trial.

BD.22.30 2023 Conformation Finals Judges

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

Motion by Liaison Gann to approve Melissa Borde, Peter Hellmeister, and Julie Humeston as the judges for the 2023 Conformation Finals.

Liaison Byrne will request the Conformation Committee clarify the qualification wording.

BD.22.31 2023 Stockdog Finals Judges

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

Motion by Liaison Gann to approve John Knepper, Maarten Walter, and Gail Winnick as the judges for the 2023 Stockdog Finals.

2022 Conformation Finals Judge

The Board voted to approve Melinda Vinson to replace Lynda Hardin as one of the judges for the 2022 Conformation Finals.

BD.22.32 Replacement 2022 Conformation Finals Judge

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

Motion by Larson to approve Melinda Vinson as a judge for the 2022 Conformation Finals, to replace Lynda Hardin.

Changes to Affiliate Bylaws

The Board voted to approve changes to the affiliate bylaws requested by Southern Colorado Australian Shepherd Club and ASC of New England.

AF.22.01 Affiliate Bylaw Changes - Southern Colorado ASC

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

Motion by Wesen to accept the proposed bylaw changes for Southern Colorado ASC. Second by Larson.

Comments/Rationale: The affiliate submitted these changes for approval and the review committee approves.

Affected: Southern Colorado ASC.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

AF.22.02 Affiliate Bylaw Changes - ASC of New England

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 accept the proposed bylaw changes for ASC of New England. Second by Wesen.

Comments/Rationale: The affiliate submitted these changes for approval and the review committee approves.

Affected: ASC of New England.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Crisis Judge Program

Last year in January, the Board officially declared a crisis due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, which allowed Affiliate Clubs to hire approved crisis judges. The Board reviewed foreign affiliate and member feedback and considered whether it's time to declare the crisis over and suspend the crisis judge program.

It is clear to the Board that crisis judges are no longer needed in Europe as the borders are open and judges can travel without much restriction. The Board also recognizes that affiliates in Canada are still struggling to get judges across the border. They have therefore voted to end the crisis in Europe. European affiliate clubs may no longer list crisis judges when submitting sanctioning requests, effective for all requests received in the Business Office after February 28, 2022.

BD.22.33 End to Crisis in Europe

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 declare an end to the crisis and crisis judge program in Europe for all event sanctioning requests received in the Business Office after February 28, 2022. Second by Gann.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.

ASCA Board Motions

Director Recommendations

BD.22.15 Remove Executive DNA Oversight Committee

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

Motion by Roberts to remove the below section from the ASCA policy book. Second by Creelman.

Current Wording:

Section 11.3 Oversight of ASCA's DNA Program

A. Executive DNA Oversight Subcommittee - The Board of Directors will create and maintain an Executive DNA Oversight Sub-Committee. The Executive DNA Oversight Sub-Committee shall consist of three directors: The liaison to the Business Office (ASCA President), the liaison to the DNA Committee, and one additional director.

B. Duties of Executive DNA Oversight Sub-Committee - The Sub-Committee shall examine the DNA quarterly report sent by ASCA's Business Office Manager and report to the Board of Directors any findings and/or anomalies identified by the Business Manager and/or the Committee.

Proposed Wording:

Section 11.3 to be removed.

Comments/Rationale: The committee is no longer in use and isn't pertinent to the operation of ASCA.

Affected: None.

Effective Date: June 1, 2022.

BD.22.17 Ownership of Committee Newsletters

Motion carried (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 following section of the Committee Procedures. Second by Creelman.

Current Wording:

Section 7.8 Electronic Newsletter

In order for the ASCA Membership to receive information in a timely manner it is recommended the Committee Chairperson set up an electronic newsletter. The Chairperson will forward current discussion, and motions to the newsletter. No personal comments, sensitive or confidential items will be forwarded to the newsletter. The electronic newsletter can be set up as read only for the membership, if the committee wishes. The ASCA Business Office will be the owner of all Committee newsletters.

Proposed Wording:

Section 7.8 Electronic Newsletter

In order for the ASCA Membership to receive information in a timely manner it is recommended the Committee Chairperson set up an electronic newsletter. The Chairperson will forward current discussion, and motions to the newsletter. No personal comments, sensitive or confidential items will be forwarded to the newsletter. The electronic newsletter can be set up as read only for the membership, if the committee wishes. The ASCA Business Office and Executive Secretary will be the owner of all Committee newsletters.

Comments/Rationale: Having 2 people share ownership is a safety measure that ensures the list will continue to operate even if one party is incapacitated or unavailable. The Executive Secretary is responsible for notifying new members of committees, this will allow the ES to issue invites to the list.

Affected: Executive Secretary.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

BD.22.18 Committee Discussion Lists

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

Motion by Roberts to change Committee Procedures section 2.9 Board Members to read as follows. Second by Creelman.

Current Wording:

Section 2.9 Board Members

Board Members may be added to any or all Committees email groups of their choosing as long as they are read only and do not participate in the discussion.

Proposed Wording:

Section 2.9 Committee Discussion Lists

A. All ASCA committee lists shall be owned by the business office, with the Office Manager and Executive Secretary acting as owners/administrators.

B. The Committee Chair and committee Board Liaison will be moderators

C. Board Members may be added to any or all committee lists of their choosing, so long as they do not participate in discussions. Their membership will be restricted and set as “non-posting”.

Comments/Rationale: The motion is to document what has been an unwritten policy. It makes sense to add the Executive Secretary as an owner, since she is responsible for notifying new members of committees. This will allow the ES to issue invites to the list. Having 2 people share ownership is a safety measure that ensures the list will continue to operate even if one party is incapacitated or unavailable.

Affected: Executive Secretary.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

BD.22.19 Ownership of Board Discussion List

Motion carried (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 below subsection (F) to section 8.2 of the policy book. Second by Creelman.

Current Wording:

Section 8.2 Communication

A. Electronic mail (e-mail) will be the primary method of communications between Board members, ASCA employees, the ASCA Business Office; it shall be an acceptable method of communication between Directors and the membership.

B. The ASCA Board will generally not accept, discuss, or act upon any comment or complaint that is anonymous in nature, except as already provided by regulation.

C. Directors will copy all emails intended for archiving to the approved archival account when communicating with other Directors.

D. Directors Elect shall be admitted to the archive and board email discussions within a week of the end of the election or August 1st, whichever comes first. Directors Elect may view discussions and comment during that time period but not vote until installed in office.

E. Board Members will be allowed to be added to the e-mail groups of any or all committees of their choosing as long as they don't participate in the discussion.

Proposed Wording:

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- D. Directors Elect shall be admitted to the archive and board email discussions within a week of the end of the election or August 1st, whichever comes first. Directors Elect may view discussions and comment during that time period but not vote until installed in office.
- E. Board Members will be allowed to be added to the e-mail groups of any or all committees of their choosing as long as they don't participate in the discussion.
- F. The owner of all official ASCA email discussion groups will be the Office Manager and the Executive Secretary.

Comments/Rationale: Having two parties responsible for the lists lessens the work load of administration and provides for a safety net in case one party is incapacitated. Also, the ES is responsible for adding people to the ASCA committees, the ES could also add them to the email lists.

Affected: Executive Secretary.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

BD.22.20 Reporting of Executive Session Votes

Motion carried (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 below subsection to 8.9 executive session minutes in the Policy Book. Second by Wesen.

Current Wording:

Section 8.9 Executive Session Minutes

Minutes of all motions, seconds, discussions, and votes on any matter occurring while the Board was in executive session shall be kept by the Executive Secretary but shall be made available only to Directors, officers and counsel, and not to the general membership, unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors. Discussions in executive session include, but are not limited to, those involving sensitive, confidential, employee and disciplinary matters, and discussions with counsel. If disciplinary action is taken against a member or judge, only the notice of the person's violation and the penalties assessed will be published to the membership.

Proposed Wording:

Section 8.9 Executive Session Minutes

Minutes of all motions, seconds, discussions, and votes on any matter occurring while the Board was in executive session shall be kept by the Executive Secretary but shall be made available only to Directors, officers and counsel, and not to the general membership, unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors. Discussions in executive session include, but are not limited to, those involving sensitive, confidential, employee and disciplinary matters, and discussions with counsel. If disciplinary action is taken against a member or judge, only the notice of the person's violation and the penalties assessed will be published to the membership.

A. Votes on motions held in executive session shall be reported in the meeting minutes unless prohibited, or voted to the contrary by the Board, or involving one or more of the following topics: staff personnel matters, an intermediate or preliminary action for which disclosure could provide an unfair strategic advantage to a competitor or a party with whom ASCA has a dispute, or a matter for which legal counsel has been requested to be present.

Comments/Rationale: This will clarify when votes should be reported.

Affected: Board, ASCA members, Executive Secretary.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

EM.22.01 Emergency Motion - New Website Design

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

Motion by Wesen to approve payment for new website design, please see below. Seconded by Busquets.

Estimate for new website design:

Frank Butera: \$5000

If needed: \$500-\$1000 consultation for design

Heidi Mobley: 8 weeks with the option to go up to 40 hours per week

Comments/Rationale: The Board must approve this expenditure with a motion. This is an emergency because the funds need to be approved or the website gets delayed.

Affected: Website designers and users.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Committee Recommendations

AGILITY COMMITTEE

AG.22.03 Transferring Points Between Championship and ACE Programs

Motion carried (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: Clarify transferring points between the Championship and ACE Programs.

Motion by Sherry Butler to clarify and detail the process to transfer from the Championship program to the ACE program. Second by Chet Katwyk.

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

Current Wording:

Section 10.13 Transferring Points between the Championship and ACE Programs

Points from the ACE program may not be transferred to the Championship program. Elite points from any division in the Championship program may be transferred to the Standard division in the ACE program, provided they have not already been used to obtain an RS-E, RV-E, RJ-E, JS-E, JV-E, JJ-E, GS-E, GV-E, GJ-E or an ATCH title. The Handler must notify the ASCA Business Office in writing asking for the Open and/or Novice points that need to be moved in order for the Business Office to move them.

EXAMPLES:

1. Dog has earned their Novice title in a given class (Regular, Gamblers or Jumpers), it can start in Open or stay in Novice for that class in the ACE Program. If the Novice title has not been earned, qualifying scores can be moved from the Championship Program to the ACE Program to finish the Novice title for that class.
2. Dog has earned their Open title in a given class (Regular, Gamblers or Jumpers), it can start in Elite or stay in Open for that class in the ACE Program. If the Open title has not been earned, qualifying scores can be moved from the Championship Program to the ACE Program to finish the Open title for that class.
3. Dog has earned their Elite title in a given class (Regular, Gamblers or Jumpers), it can continue in Elite or start back at Novice for that class in the ACE Program. If the Elite title has not been earned, qualifying scores can be moved from the Championship Program to the ACE Program to finish the Elite title for that class.

Chapter 3 Championship Program Sanctioned Classes, Divisions, and Levels

Section 3.1 General Descriptions

The ASCA Championship Program titling structure is based upon classes, divisions and levels. The classes are Regular, Jumpers, and Gamblers (see Chapter 5, Chapter 6, and Chapter 7 for detailed information on the classes). The divisions offered are Standard, Veteran Dog, and Junior Handlers. The three levels offered are Novice, Open and Elite.

Each dog and handler team can only enter either the Championship program or ACE program for all days of a trial. Points from the two programs will be separate and will not be combined except for certain points from the Championship program that may be moved to the ACE program. The ‘transferring’ of points will only be made once and must be requested in writing and sent to the Business Office.

In ASCA sanctioned trials, qualifying rounds executed at a level higher than that needed for a lower level ASCA requirement shall be credited for points needed at the lower level title. NOTE: once a dog earns a qualifying score at a higher level, it can no longer return to compete at a lower level within the Championship Program. ‘Finals’ point accumulation for a particular class will not begin until the novice and open titles in that class are completed.

The following lists the classes, divisions and levels of ASCA certified classes:

<Include table in rulebook>

Chapter 4 ACE (Agility Competition Enthusiast) Program Sanctioned Classes, Divisions, and Levels

Section 4.1 General Descriptions

The ASCA ACE Program titling structure is based upon classes, divisions and levels. The classes are Regular, Jumpers and Gamblers (see Chapter 5, Chapter 6, and Chapter 7 for detailed information on the classes). The Divisions offered are Standard and Senior Dog. The three levels offered are Novice, Open and Elite. The same ACE classes/divisions/levels must be offered as the Championship classes/divisions/levels. EXAMPLE: if Elite Regular in the Championship program is offered on Friday, then Elite Regular in the ACE program must also be offered.

Each dog and handler team can only enter either the Championship program or ACE program for all days of a trial. Points from the two programs will be separate and will not be combined except for certain points from the Championship program that may be moved to the ACE program. The ‘transferring’ of points will only be made once and must be requested in writing and sent to the Business Office.

In ASCA sanctioned trials, qualifying rounds executed at a level higher than that needed for a lower level ASCA requirement shall be credited for points needed at the lower level title. NOTE: dogs moving from the Championship program to the ACE program will be allowed to compete at a lower level if a qualifying score at a higher level has been obtained in the Championship program. However, once a dog earns a qualifying score

at a higher level in the ACE program, it can no longer return to compete at a lower level within the ACE Program.

The following lists the classes, divisions and levels of ASCA certified classes:

<Include table in rulebook>

Proposed Wording:

Section 10.13 Transferring Points between the Championship and ACE Programs

Points from the ACE program may not be transferred to the Championship program. ~~Elite points from any division in the Championship program may be transferred to the Standard division in the ACE program, provided they have not already been used to obtain an RS-E, RV-E, RJ-E, JS-E, JV-E, JJ-E, GS-E, GV-E, GJ-E or an ATCH title. The Handler must notify the ASCA Business Office in writing asking for the Open and/or Novice points that need to be moved in order for the Business Office to move them.~~

EXAMPLES:

1. ~~— Dog has earned their Novice title in a given class (Regular, Gamblers or Jumpers), it can start in Open or stay in Novice for that class in the ACE Program. If the Novice title has not been earned, qualifying scores can be moved from the Championship Program to the ACE Program to finish the Novice title for that class.~~

2. ~~— Dog has earned their Open title in a given class (Regular, Gamblers or Jumpers), it can start in Elite or stay in Open for that class in the ACE Program. If the Open title has not been earned, qualifying scores can be moved from the Championship Program to the ACE Program to finish the Open title for that class.~~

3. ~~— Dog has earned their Elite title in a given class (Regular, Gamblers or Jumpers), it can continue in Elite or start back at Novice for that class in the ACE Program. If the Elite title has not been earned, qualifying scores can be moved from the Championship Program to the ACE Program to finish the Elite title for that class.~~

Championship program Elite, Open and Novice points from the Standard, Junior Handler and Veteran Dog divisions may be transferred one time to the ACE program, provided they have not already been used to obtain a Championship program title.

- a. Championship Standard division points will be transferred to the ACE Standard division at the same level.
- b. Championship Junior Handler division points will be transferred to the ACE Standard division at the same level.
- c. Championship Veteran Dog division points will be transferred to the ACE Senior Dog division at the same level.

All unused points from the Championship program must be transferred. Points from only certain classes cannot be transferred.

The office must be notified in writing or the primary dog owner has to request the points transfer via the ASCA website for all unused Championship points to be transferred to the ACE program. If there are no unused Championship points to transfer but the owner wants to move the dog from Championship to ACE and continue from the level they were in the Championship, they must also either notify the office in writing or request the transfer vis the ASCA website. If the dog later competes in the Championship program, the transferred points to ACE cannot be transferred back to the Championship program. The dog will continue in the Championship program where they left off with the last Championship titles earned. If the office is not notified or the box is not checked on the ASCA website to transfer unused Championship points, and the dog enters and earns points in ACE, they will be starting over in ACE in Novice. If they entered at a higher level, then the points earned will backfill to the lower level ACE titles.

If a dog transfers from the Championship program to the ACE program, they will not receive any ACE titles that they already earned in the Championship program. For example, if a dog has their GS-N title, they will not receive their GSA-N title.

The following examples are just some of the scenarios. These examples assume the transferred points are from the same division (Standard, Junior Handler or Veteran), but could be a mix of all three (3) divisions. See Section 10.12 Combining Qualifying Scores/Points from Different Divisions – ACE Program.

1. Dog has earned their Novice title in a given class (Regular, Gamblers or Jumpers), it can start in Open or stay in Novice for that class in the ACE Program.

Examples:

a. Dog has 30 Championship Standard Novice Jumpers points and earned their JS-N title, the 10 unused points would be transferred to ACE Standard Novice Jumpers (JSA-N) and could be used toward their ACE Novice Jumpers Outstanding Performance (JSA-N-OP) title. Or, they can compete in ACE Open Jumpers to start earning points for their ACE Open Jumpers (JSA-O) title.

b. Dog has 20 Championship Novice Standard Jumpers points and earned their JS-N title. They don't have unused points to transfer, but can continue to compete in ACE Novice Jumpers and work toward their ACE Novice Jumpers Outstanding Performance (JSA-N-OP) title. Or, they can compete in ACE Open Jumpers to start earning points for their ACE Open Jumpers (JSA-O) title.

2. If the Novice title has not been earned, qualifying scores can be moved from the Championship Program to the ACE Program to finish the Novice title for that class.

3. Dog has earned their Open title in a given class (Regular, Gamblers or Jumpers), it can start in Elite or stay in Open for that class in the ACE Program.

Examples:

a. Dog has 90 Championship Veteran Open Jumpers points and earned their JV-O and JV-O-OP titles, the 20 unused points would be transferred to ACE Senior Dog Open Jumpers and could be used toward their ACE Open Jumpers Superior Performance (JSDA-O-SP) title. Or, they can compete in ACE Elite Jumpers to start earning points for their ACE Elite Jumpers (JSDA-E) title.

b. Dog has 20 Championship Veteran Open Jumpers points and earned their JV-O title. They don't have unused points to transfer, but can continue to compete in ACE Open Jumpers and work toward their ACE Open Jumpers Outstanding Performance title (JSDA-O-OP). Or, they can compete in ACE Elite Jumpers to start earning points for their ACE Elite Jumpers title (JSDA-E).

4. If the dog has Championship Open points in a class but the Open title has not been earned, qualifying scores can be moved from the Championship Program to the ACE Program to finish the Open title for that class. Note, the dog cannot compete in ACE Novice for that class because points are being transferred to the Open level for that class in the Championship program.

5. Dog has earned their Elite title in a given class (Regular, Gamblers or Jumpers), it will continue in Elite for that class in the ACE Program. Examples:

a. Dog has 110 Championship Standard Elite Jumpers points and earned their JS-E title, the 90 unused points would be transferred to ACE Standard Elite Jumpers and would be used toward their ACE Elite Jumpers Outstanding Performance (JSA-E-OP) title. It will also be applied toward their ACE title for the Jumpers class.

b. Dog has 230 Championship Standard Elite Regular points, 120 Championship Elite Gamblers points and 120 Championship Elite Jumpers points and have earned their RS-E-OP, GS-E-OP, JS-E-OP, and ATCH titles. They don't have unused points to transfer, but would continue in ACE. When they earn 200 ACE Elite Regular points they will have their ACE Elite Regular Superior Performance (RSA-E-SP) title. When they earn 100 ACE

Elite Gamblers points they will have their ACE Elite Gamblers Superior Performance (GSA-E-SP) title. When they earn 100 ACE Elite Jumpers points they will have their ACE Elite Jumpers Superior Performance (JSA-E-SP) title. Once they have all three, they will have their ACE title. Note the ACE title starts with I, not ACE II in this case.

c. Dog has 1020 Championship Veteran Elite Regular points, 500 Championship Veteran Elite Gamblers points and 510 Championship Veteran Elite Jumpers points and have earned their ATCH IV title. The unused 190 Championship Elite Regular points, 80 Championship Elite Gamblers points, and 90 Championship Elite Jumpers points would be transferred to ACE. When the dog earns 10 ACE Elite Regular points, 20 ACE Elite Gamblers points and 10 ACE Elite Jumpers points they will earn their ACE title. Note the ACE title starts with I, not ACE V in this case.

6. If the dog has Championship Elite points in a class but the Elite title has not been earned, qualifying scores can be moved from the Championship Program to the ACE Program to finish the Elite title for that class. Note, the dog cannot compete in ACE Novice or Open for that class because points are being transferred to the Elite level for that class in the Championship program.

Chapter 3 Championship Program Sanctioned Classes, Divisions, and Levels

Section 3.1 General Descriptions

The ASCA Championship Program titling structure is based upon classes, divisions and levels. The classes are Regular, Jumpers, and Gamblers (see Chapter 5, Chapter 6, and Chapter 7 for detailed information on the classes). The divisions offered are Standard, Veteran Dog, and Junior Handlers. The three levels offered are Novice, Open and Elite.

Each dog and handler team can only enter either the Championship program or ACE program for all days of a trial. Points from the two programs will be separate and will not be combined except as outlined in Section 10.13 Transferring Points between the Championship and ACE Programs for certain points from the Championship program that may be moved to the ACE program. The 'transferring' of points will only be made once and must be requested in writing and sent to the Business Office.

In ASCA sanctioned trials, qualifying rounds executed at a level higher than that needed for a lower level ASCA requirement shall be credited for points needed at the lower level title. NOTE: once a dog earns a qualifying score at a higher level, it can no longer return to compete at a lower level within the Championship Program. 'Finals' point accumulation for a particular class will not begin until the novice and open titles in that class are completed.

The following lists the classes, divisions and levels of ASCA certified classes:

<Include table in rulebook>

Chapter 4 ACE (Agility Competition Enthusiast) Program Sanctioned Classes, Divisions, and Levels

Section 4.1 General Descriptions

The ASCA ACE Program titling structure is based upon classes, divisions and levels. The classes are Regular, Jumpers and Gamblers (see Chapter 5, Chapter 6, and Chapter 7 for detailed information on the classes). The Divisions offered are Standard and Senior Dog. The three levels offered are Novice, Open and Elite. The same ACE classes/divisions/levels must be offered as the Championship classes/divisions/levels. EXAMPLE: if Elite Regular in the Championship program is offered on Friday, then Elite Regular in the ACE program must also be offered.

Each dog and handler team can only enter either the Championship program or ACE program for all days of a trial. Points from the two programs will be separate and will not be combined except as outlined in Section 10.13 Transferring Points between the Championship and ACE Programs for certain points from the

~~Championship program that may be moved to the ACE program. The 'transferring' of points will only be made once and must be requested in writing and sent to the Business Office.~~

In ASCA sanctioned trials, qualifying rounds executed at a level higher than that needed for a lower level ASCA requirement shall be credited for points needed at the lower level title. NOTE: See Section 10.13 Transferring Points between the Championship and ACE programs if transferring from the Championship Program to the ACE Program ~~dogs moving from the Championship program to the ACE program will be allowed to compete at a lower level if a qualifying score at a higher level has been obtained in the Championship program. However, once a dog earns a qualifying score at a higher level in the ACE program, it can no longer return to compete at a lower level within the ACE Program.~~

The following lists the classes, divisions and levels of ASCA certified classes:

<Include table in rulebook>

Comments/Rationale: This motion clarifies and details the process to transfer from the Championship program to the ACE program. It does not change how it will be done, other than also being able to request the transfer on the website and not just contacting the office in writing. There has been a lot of confusion about transferring from the Championship program to the ACE program. The clarification and details in this motion try to address the questions and confusion that have been brought to the Agility Committee and the ASCA Business Office. The proposed wording also reflects how it is being programmed by Inventive.

Affected: Inventive and the ASCA Business office. The Business office has been consulted on this motion and have confirmed that how it is outlined in this motion is how the transferring is and should be done.

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

AG.22.04 Increase the Number of ATCH and ACE Titles Beyond Twenty

Motion carried (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: Increase the number of ATCH and ACE titles beyond 20. Motion by Sherry Butler to increase the number of ATCH and ACE titles beyond 20. Second by Andrea Hoffmann.

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 9. Disapprove: 2. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: 1.

Current Wording:

10.3.3 ATCH Title Designation

Subsequent ATCH titles will be followed by a Roman numeric designation reflecting the number of times that the dog has met the requirements of the ATCH title as outlined below. The points listed are required in each class (AFTER earning the Elite level title) for each degree of ATCH:

Title	Regular	Gamblers	Jumpers	Title	Regular	Gamblers	Jumpers
ATCH	200	100	100	ATCH-XI	2200	1100	1100
ATCH-II	400	200	200	ATCH-XII	2400	1200	1200
ATCH-III	600	300	300	ATCH-XIII	2600	1300	1300
ATCH-IV	800	400	400	ATCH-XIV	2800	1400	1400
ATCH-V	1000	500	500	ATCH-XV	3000	1500	1500

ATCH-VI	1200	600	600	ATCH-XVI	3200	1600	1600
ATCH-VII	1400	700	700	ATCH-XVII	3400	1700	1700
ATCH-VIII	1600	800	800	ATCH-XVIII	3600	1800	1800
ATCH-IX	1800	900	900	ATCH-XIX	3800	1900	1900
ATCH-X	2000	1000	1000	ATCH-XX	4000	2000	2000

10.7.3 ACE Title Designation

Subsequent ACE titles will be followed by a Roman numeric designation reflecting the number of times that the dog has met the requirements of the ACE title as outlined below. The points listed are required in each class (AFTER earning the Elite level title):

Title	Regular	Gamblers	Jumpers	Title	Regular	Gamblers	Jumpers
ACE	200	100	100	ACE-XI	2200	1100	1100
ACE-II	400	200	200	ACE-XII	2400	1200	1200
ACE-III	600	300	300	ACE-XIII	2600	1300	1300
ACE-IV	800	400	400	ACE-XIV	2800	1400	1400
ACE-V	1000	500	500	ACE-XV	3000	1500	1500
ACE-VI	1200	600	600	ACE-XVI	3200	1600	1600
ACE-VII	1400	700	700	ACE-XVII	3400	1700	1700
ACE-VIII	1600	800	800	ACE-XVIII	3600	1800	1800
ACE-IX	1800	900	900	ACE-XIX	3800	1900	1900
ACE-X	2000	1000	1000	ACE-XX	4000	2000	2000

Proposed Wording:

10.3.3 ATCH Title Designation

Subsequent ATCH titles will be followed by a Roman numeric designation reflecting the number of times that the dog has met the requirements of the ATCH title as outlined below. The table shows up to ATCH-XXX. However, each set of 200 Elite Regular, 100 Elite Gamblers, and 100 Elite Jumpers points will be the next ATCH number. The points listed are required in each class (AFTER earning the Elite level title) for each degree of ATCH:

Title	Regular	Gamblers	Jumpers	Title	Regular	Gamblers	Jumpers
ATCH	200	100	100	ATCH-XVI	3200	1600	1600
ATCH-II	400	200	200	ATCH-XVII	3400	1700	1700
ATCH-III	600	300	300	ATCH-XVIII	3600	1800	1800
ATCH-IV	800	400	400	ATCH-XIX	3800	1900	1900
ATCH-V	1000	500	500	ATCH-XX	4000	2000	2000

ATCH-VI	1200	600	600	ATCH-XXI	4200	2100	2100
ATCH-VII	1400	700	700	ATCH-XXII	4400	2200	2200
ATCH-VIII	1600	800	800	ATCH-XXIII	4600	2300	2300
ATCH-IX	1800	900	900	ATCH-XXIV	4800	2400	2400
ATCH-X	2000	1000	1000	ATCH-XXV	5000	2500	2500
ATCH-XI	2200	1100	1100	ATCH-XXVI	5200	2600	2600
ATCH-XII	2400	1200	1200	ATCH-XXVII	5400	2700	2700
ATCH-XIII	2600	1300	1300	ATCH-XXVIII	5600	2800	2800
ATCH-XIV	2800	1400	1400	ATCH-XXIX	5800	2900	2900
ATCH-XV	3000	1500	1500	ATCH-XXX	6000	3000	3000

10.7.3 ACE Title Designation

Subsequent ACE titles will be followed by a Roman numeric designation reflecting the number of times that the dog has met the requirements of the ACE title as outlined below. The table shows up to ACE-XXX. However, each set of 200 Elite Regular, 100 Elite Gamblers, and 100 Elite Jumpers points will be the next ACE number. The points listed are required in each class (AFTER earning the Elite level title):

Title	Regular	Gamblers	Jumpers	Title	Regular	Gamblers	Jumpers
ACE	200	100	100	ACE-XVI	3200	1600	1600
ACE-II	400	200	200	ACE-XVII	3400	1700	1700
ACE-III	600	300	300	ACE-XVIII	3600	1800	1800
ACE-IV	800	400	400	ACE-XIX	3800	1900	1900
ACE-V	1000	500	500	ACE-XX	4000	2000	2000
ACE-VI	1200	600	600	ACE-XXI	4200	2100	2100
ACE-VII	1400	700	700	ACE-XXII	4400	2200	2200
ACE-VIII	1600	800	800	ACE-XXIII	4600	2300	2300
ACE-IX	1800	900	900	ACE-XXIV	4800	2400	2400
ACE-X	2000	1000	1000	ACE-XXV	5000	2500	2500
ACE-XI	2200	1100	1100	ACE-XXVI	5200	2600	2600
ACE-XII	2400	1200	1200	ACE-XXVII	5400	2700	2700
ACE-XIII	2600	1300	1300	ACE-XXVIII	5600	2800	2800
ACE-XIV	2800	1400	1400	ACE-XXIX	5800	2900	2900
ACE-XV	3000	1500	1500	ACE-XXX	6000	3000	3000

Comments/Rationale: This motion increases the number of ATCH and ACE titles beyond 20. When the number of ATCH titles went from 3 to 20, it was assumed that ATCH-XX would be the highest that any dog would be

able to achieve. When the ACE program was created, the number of ACE titles were made to match the number of ATCH titles. Since then, there have been several dogs that have earned enough points to have 22 ATCHs. The original intention was to award the next level ATCH/ACE title when an additional 200 Elite Regular, 100 Elite Gamblers and 100 Elite Jumpers were earned. Originally, 20 was picked as an upper limit, thinking that it was unlikely for a dog to reach that level. We have found out that is no longer true! The proposed wording also reflects how it is being programmed by Inventive.

Affected: Inventive for programming (which is currently being done) and the ASCA office to award the title certificates.

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

CONFORMATION COMMITTEE

CO.22.01 Finals Judges Requirements

Motion carried (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 Conformation Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Motion by Mary Hellmeister to change Section 15.5, B, No. 2. Second by Gail Karamalegos.

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

Current Wording:

Section 15.5 Judges Requirements

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B. Conformation Judge Eligibility:

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2. Judge may not have judged conformation three months prior to the event.

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Proposed Wording:

Section 15.5 Judges Requirements

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B. Conformation Judge Eligibility:

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2. Judge may not have judged conformation ~~six~~ ~~three~~ months prior to the event.

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Comments/Rationale: This is a housekeeping issue. The new wording brings the text of the rule 15.5 B No 2 in line with Section 15.5 F.

Affected: Business Office, Senior Breeder Judges.

Business Office responded 2/1: This motion is fine.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

DOCK JUMPING COMMITTEE

DJ.22.02 Maximum Classes Per Trial Day

Motion carried (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. Second by Pam Smith.

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

Current Wording:

2.2.4 Sanctioning Request Form

The maximum number of ASCA sanctioned classes per trial day are four (4) Launch distance classes and two (2) Fetch-it classes. An Affiliate requesting sanctioning for the ASCA National Specialty may not offer more than four (4) distance classes and two (2) Fetch-it even if the 'trial' is spread over multiple days

Proposed Wording:

2.2.4 Sanctioning Request Form

Clubs may offer a maximum of six (6) classes per 'trial day'. This can be any combination of Launch and/or Fetch it classes.

Comments/Rationale: We had two wording in the rule book. We are trying to be more consistent with the wording throughout.

Affected: Judges. Business office for rule book printing.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

DJ.22.03 Trial Location Weather Guide

Motion carried (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 Renée St Jacques. Second by Jen Bunker.

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

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording: New Section **2.2.3.1 Trial Location Weather Guide**

If the average temperature is either 60 degrees Fahrenheit or less during the day or 40 degrees Fahrenheit or less in the evening, it is highly recommended that the club provides an inside facility for the dock jumping. If the inside facility is not available and the dock jumping is being held outside, the club must provide an indoor room or a sided tent, which is temperature controlled, so that exhibitors can crate their dogs to keep dogs warm between jumps and safe. This room or sided tent must be located close to the pool and set up for easy access between jumps.

Current 2.2.3.1 will be moved to 2.2.3.2 for flow of rule book.

Comments/Rationale: We have had some issues with the trials being very cold and we are concerned with the well being of the dogs.

Affected: Judges. Business office for rule book printing.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

JUNIOR COMMITTEE

JR.22.01 Junior Handling Judges Showing at Nationals

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

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

Committee Recommendation: Andrea Bair spoke with several junior judges, breeder judges, the prior CC chair, the Nationals chair, and the volunteers who have hired for this position for the last several nationals so this exception is not put forth lightly, I honestly feel that future Nationals Committees will have an easier time hiring for this position if we are able to pass this motion.

Motion by Andrea Bair to approve the following motion to become effective June 1, 2022. Second by Susan Harris.

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

Current Wording:

8.1.1.2.12 Judge Competition

While Judging Junior Handling judges may not compete in any ASCA-sanctioned Conformation event in the state in which they are judging (4) days prior to their assignment.

Proposed Wording:

8.1.1.2.12 Judge Competition

While Judging Junior Handling judges may not compete in any ASCA-sanctioned Conformation event in the state in which they are judging (4) days prior to their assignment. Exception for the ASCA Nationals Junior Handling Judge only: The judge of the ASCA National Specialty Junior Handling may not exhibit on the same day that they judge any conformation class. They may show in subsequent Nationals classes held on the days following their assignment. This is exception is made for the Nationals Junior Handling Judge ONLY and is not valid for any other judges at the National Specialty or other events.

Example: Nationals Junior Handling is held on Wednesday, judge may not compete on Wednesday but may compete on Thursday, Friday, etc.

Comments/Rationale: It is getting harder for Nationals Committees to hire a judge for the Nationals Junior Handling competition because the person hired is currently required to give up all of the National Specialty week in order to judge 7 classes. They cannot show on the days prior due to the 4 day rule and cannot show after since the event is still filed under the same sanctioning. This generally causes good candidates to choose not to accept the assignment. This assignment is about judging the juniors on their handling skills, it is not judging the dogs so no judgement is passed that would affect the outcome of the classes held after it. Also, we do not feel that this exception should be extended to the MVJ Judge at this time. Although the 2 assignments share the same principles in that the judging is based on the handler not the dog, generally the MVA Judge is also the party judging MVJ and therefore is judging more that 1-2 hours during the week and is passing judgement on dogs.

Affected: ASCA National Specialty Committee, ASCA Judges who are approved to judge ASCA Junior Handling at the ASCA National Specialty.

Effective Date: June 1, 2022.

JR.22.02 Change References to Nationals Host Club in Junior Rules

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

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

Committee Recommendation: This is a housekeeping motion to change all references to a "Host Club" to the ASCA National Specialty Committee as there are no longer Host Clubs running Nationals.

Motion by Andrea Bair to approve the following motion to become effective June 1, 2022. Second by Shelby Shank.

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

Current Wording:

Chapter 7 Year End Awards

All Region and overall winners shall receive a prize, to be awarded at the Nationals. All the first-place juniors (of each age group), also the overall winners for each division (Handling, Obedience, Rally, Agility, and Working), and the All-Around Junior (if any) shall receive a prize, also to be awarded at the National's Banquet. All juniors who achieve a level of the 500 Club Program will be recognized and receive their awards at the National Specialty. Scheduling to be at the host club's discretion, but preferably upon the completion of the Junior Finals competition.

8.7.1.1 Rules for Holding a Most Versatile Junior Competition

A. Rules shall be published in the Junior Handling Rule book and National Specialty Guidelines and will be available from the ASCA Business Office upon request. Copies of the approved rules must be available upon request and on the Show Grounds.

B. The name of the evaluator for the handling portion of the MVJ competition, and any decisions optional with the club (such as whether or not bitches in season will run in order in the working trial) will be published in the National Specialty premium list. The evaluator shall be selected by the host club and shall be approved by the ASCA Board of Directors.

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E. Score Keeping: The person(s) who will be responsible for versatility record keeping for the entire competition will be identified to the ASCA Board prior to the start of the Nationals. Computation of all scores for awarding the MVJ Award will be handled by either MVJ Show Committee, or the ASCA Board of Directors. The Host Club will provide a location where all scores will be posted as soon as practicable after each eligible competition is completed. It is the owner/handlers' responsibility to check the scores as posted, and report to the MVJ Chairperson any discrepancy no later than two hours prior to the time scheduled for awarding MVJ. Awards for MVJ are final once presented.

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G. Awards: All entrants shall be presented with an MVJ participant ribbon upon completion of the junior handling evaluation. All entrants who successfully earned qualifying scores in the junior handling evaluation, stockdog trials and obedience and/or agility and/or tracking events as required by these rules shall be presented with an MVJ-qualifying ribbon at the MVJ awards presentation with the top ten qualifiers receiving placement ribbons. The winner of the MVJ competition will receive a rosette and an award. The Award will be the Sandy Tubbs Award which is donated by ASCA and will be presented at the Nationals Banquet or at any time that the host Club chooses to present the Awards for MVA and MVJ. The Award will be equal in value to the MVA Trophy.

8.7.1.3 Most Versatile Junior Competition Rules

F. The Agility portion of the junior's total points will be comprised of a single qualifying score from a regular class (Novice, Open, Elite), as follows:

Elite: clean run (full Q) = 195 points; 5-point fault (half Q) = 190 points

Open: clean run (full Q) = 185 points; 5-point fault (half Q) = 180 points

Novice: clean run (full Q) = 175 points; 5-point fault (half Q) = 170 points

In cases where a junior may have multiple qualifying runs from different classes, the run that results in the highest score will be the one used for MVJ. Bitches in season who are entered for the MVJ competition will be allowed to run at the National Specialty Agility Trial. They will run at the end of each class. A rug or tarp will be brought out to the start line and the dog will be placed on the rug or tarp to begin her run. Bitches in heat will also wear panties during their runs. Bitches in heat must be crated (not in an ex-pen) prior to and during the competition, except when competing, away from the agility ring at a distance or location to be determined by the host club. All qualifying scores will count toward the trial, as will placements. Failure to comply with this rule will result in dismissal from all agility trials held in conjunction with the ASCA Agility National Specialty.

Proposed Wording:

Chapter 7 Year End Awards

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8.7.1.1 Rules for Holding a Most Versatile Junior Competition

A. Rules shall be published in the Junior Handling Rule book and National Specialty Guidelines and will be available from the ASCA Business Office upon request. Copies of the approved rules must be available upon request and on the Show Grounds.

B. The name of the evaluator for the handling portion of the MVJ competition, and any decisions optional with the club (such as whether or not bitches in season will run in order in the working trial) will be published in the National Specialty premium list. The evaluator shall be selected by the ASCA National Specialty Committee and shall be approved by the ASCA Board of Directors.

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E. Score Keeping: The person(s) who will be responsible for versatility record keeping for the entire competition will be identified to the ASCA Board prior to the start of the Nationals. Computation of all scores for awarding the MVJ Award will be handled by either MVJ Show Committee, or the ASCA Board of Directors. The ASCA National Specialty Committee will provide a location where all scores will be posted as soon as practicable after each eligible competition is completed. It is the owner/handlers' responsibility to check the scores as posted, and report to the MVJ Chairperson any discrepancy no later than two hours prior to the time scheduled for awarding MVJ. Awards for MVJ are final once presented.

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G. Awards: All entrants shall be presented with an MVJ participant ribbon upon completion of the junior handling evaluation. All entrants who successfully earned qualifying scores in the junior handling evaluation, stockdog trials and obedience and/or agility and/or tracking events as required by these rules shall be presented with an MVJ-qualifying ribbon at the MVJ awards presentation with the top ten qualifiers receiving placement ribbons. The winner of the MVJ competition will receive a rosette and an award. The Award will be

the Sandy Tubbs Award which is donated by ASCA and will be presented at the Nationals Banquet or at any time that the ASCA National Specialty Committee chooses to present the Awards for MVA and MVJ. The Award will be equal in value to the MVA Trophy.

8.7.1.3 Most Versatile Junior Competition Rules

F. The Agility portion of the junior's total points will be comprised of a single qualifying score from a regular class (Novice, Open, Elite), as follows:

Elite: clean run (full Q) = 195 points; 5-point fault (half Q) = 190 points

Open: clean run (full Q) = 185 points; 5-point fault (half Q) = 180 points

Novice: clean run (full Q) = 175 points; 5-point fault (half Q) = 170 points

In cases where a junior may have multiple qualifying runs from different classes, the run that results in the highest score will be the one used for MVJ. Bitches in season who are entered for the MVJ competition will be allowed to run at the National Specialty Agility Trial. They will run at the end of each class. A rug or tarp will be brought out to the start line and the dog will be placed on the rug or tarp to begin her run. Bitches in heat will also wear panties during their runs. Bitches in heat must be crated (not in an ex-pen) prior to and during the competition, except when competing, away from the agility ring at a distance or location to be determined by the ASCA National Specialty Committee. All qualifying scores will count toward the trial, as will placements. Failure to comply with this rule will result in dismissal from all agility trials held in conjunction with the ASCA Agility National Specialty.

Comments/Rationale: The ASCA National Specialty is no longer hosted by an affiliate club so we need to change all of the spots where the term "Host Club" was used, to National Specialty Committee. If the ASCA BOD would like to use a different term, the committee is ok with said change and asks that the BOD please pass the motion with that change rather than to return it to the committee for correction.

Affected: ASCA National Specialty Committee.

Effective Date: June 1, 2022.

NATIONALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NA.22.05 Standardizing Nationals Qualifying and X-Qualifying Rosettes

Motion carried (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: Standardizing Nationals Qualifying and X-Qualifying Rosettes.

Motion by Renee Watson to recommend the adoption of a standardized Qualifying and X-Qualifying rosette, based on the National Prize and Rosette Matrix, so that leftover Q and XQ rosettes can be used the at the following National Specialty. Second by Denise Creelman.

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

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording: None.

Comments/Rationale: It is difficult to correctly estimate the number of Qualifying and X-Qualifying rosettes that will be needed at a National Specialty. Every year, there are leftover Q and XQ rosettes that are given away or thrown away. To avoid this waste, we recommend that we begin ordering a standard Q and XQ rosette, per the Nationals Prize and Rosette Matrix, which can be used by replacing the date tab. No change will be needed for the 2022 Nationals budget. The Awards and Rosettes Chair will order the Q and XQ rosettes

according to the Nationals Prize and Rosettes Matrix and any leftovers will be used by the 2023 Nationals by adding a 2023 tab. Rosettes with date tabs will be ordered starting in 2023.

Affected: This will save ASCA money; it will affect the Nationals Awards and Rosettes Chair, who will have to process the rosettes that are to be reused.

Effective Date: 2022 National Specialty and all future National Specialties.

OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE

OB.22.01 Fix and Go Procedure

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

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

Committee Recommendation: Adopt a Fix and Go procedure. Motion by Betsy Coleman. The Fix and Go procedure has been popular at AKC trials since its inception over a year ago, and the ASCA Obedience Committee would like to adopt this to allow ASCA exhibitors a similar opportunity for training at trials. Second by Laurie Rubin.

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

Current Wording:

Section 2.27 Training and Disciplining in the Ring

The judge shall not permit any handler to train his dog by excessive verbal commands or by moving toward the dog to correct it in any way, nor to practice any exercise in the ring either before or after he is judged and shall excuse from further competition in the class any dog whose handler does either. A dog whose handler disciplines it in the ring shall be excused from further competition in the class and shall not receive a Qualifying score. Any abuse of a dog in the ring must be immediately reported by the judge to the Show or Obedience Trial Committee for action under the ASCA Conflict Resolution Protocol.

Proposed Wording:

Section 2.27 Training and Disciplining in the Ring

The judge shall not permit any handler to train his dog by excessive verbal commands or by moving toward the dog to correct it in any way, nor to practice any exercise in the ring either before or after he is judged and shall excuse from further competition in the class any dog whose handler does either **except when following the Fix and Go procedure described below**. A dog whose handler disciplines it in the ring shall be excused from further competition in the class and shall not receive a Qualifying score. Any abuse of a dog in the ring must be immediately reported by the judge to the Show or Obedience Trial Committee for action under the ASCA Conflict Resolution Protocol.

If a dog does not perform an exercise in the way a handler desires, the handler will be allowed to use the Fix and Go to retry a single individual exercise or one part of a two-part exercise (i.e. Heel on Leash and Figure 8 or Directed Jumping). The handler will announce, "Fix and Go" to the judge immediately after performing the exercise that they want to retry. If a jump needs to be reset, it will be set to its original height. The judge will call the orders for the reattempted exercise as described in this rulebook. The handler may help the dog with additional commands and/or signals, verbal encouragement and praise. In addition, the handler may approach the dog in a friendly, positive manner, without touching the dog. Judges must immediately excuse a handler who uses any harsh verbal or physical corrections. The team must immediately leave the ring with the dog on leash after the Fix and Go. Use of the Fix and Go will result in a non-qualifying (NQ) score.

Comments/Rationale: Adopting the Fix and Go procedure allows a handler to correct an exercise that is not performed correctly, then immediately leave the ring. This is helpful as the handler is able to train in the ring as soon as the dog makes a mistake, (Fix), and then leave the ring, (Go).

Affected: Judges and participants at obedience trials.

Effective Date: June 1, 2022.

OB.22.02 Novice Stays at Finals

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

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

Committee Recommendation: Change novice stays at finals to be scored separately. Sit stay worth 15 points; down stay worth 15 points. Motion by Betsy Coleman. The scoring for the sit stay and the down stay at finals should be scored separately as teams do not NQ in finals, they only lose points. Not allowing a team who fails a sit stay to earn points for properly executing a down stay is not fair. These two should be scored separately. Second by Sandy Walroth.

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

Current Wording:

Section 13.6 Judging

K. The ASCA Obedience Rules and Regulations will be the standard by which these classes are judged with the following exceptions:

1. Judges will score each directed jump in Utility separately. Each jump, high and bar, is scored 20 points.
2. Judges will score each group exercise in Novice separately. Each group stay, sit and down, is scored 15 points.
3. The Super Dog run orders will be used for the Super Dog competition.
4. CDX Command Discrimination and Stand/Stay/Get Your Leash and ODX Directed Open exercises are eliminated from the Super Dog division.
5. Bitches in season are allowed to compete but will run last.
6. Official placements will include first through tenth. All teams will receive a numerical placement.

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4. Bitches in season are allowed to compete but will run last.
5. Official placements will include first through tenth. All teams will receive a numerical placement.

Comments/Rationale: Separating the scoring for the group exercises will allow teams to earn points for properly executing each of the group stay exercises. Currently, if they do not execute one of the stays correctly, they lose all of the points, even if they execute the other stay correctly. This follows the Finals scoring precedent from Utility Directed Jumping, where each jump is scored independently.

Affected: Judges and participants at Novice obedience finals.

Effective Date: June 1, 2022.

OB.22.03 Limitation of Entries

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

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

Committee Recommendation: Limitation of entries: unrestricted non-regular class entries when trial pre-entries do not fill. Motion by Marilyn Cherry to change the current rule limiting non-regular class entries to 25% of all entries, to giving preference to regular and optional titling entries over non-regular class entries, if trial entry limits are reached by the pre-entry deadline. Second by Betsy Coleman.

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 9. Disapprove: 1. Abstain: 1. Non-Voting: None.

Current Wording:

Section 1.22 Limitation of Entries

A club must clearly state in its premium the entry limit for its trials along with what will happen should such entry limits be reached. EXAMPLES include but are not limited to: (a) Entries will be limited to eight hours. If limits are reached, entries will close. (b) Entries will be limited to 25 entries for the morning trial and 25 entries for the afternoon trial. If limits are reached, we will add a ring and hire an additional judge.

A club may limit entries in either of the following ways: (1) by stating the maximum number of entries per trial or day or (2) by stating the maximum number of hours per trial or day. Trial Secretaries may use the Entries Per Hour table below and/or The ASCA Obedience Judge Time Calculation Worksheet, available on the ASCA Website, to assist in determining when entry limits have been reached.

Entries Per Hour	Class
6	Utility, Wildcard Utility, Versatility
7	Open CDX, Open ODX, Wildcard Open
8	Novice, Graduate Novice, Brace, Seniors, Wildcard Novice, Team
9	Beginner Novice, Sub-Novice

A club shall not assign a judge more than eight (8) hours per day of judging, as determined by the Entries Per Hour table or Calculation Worksheet, except when there is a stated agreement by the judge to accept more entries. Non-regular class entries shall not exceed 25% of the total entry. For a full-day trial, in which one judge will be assigned only one class, entry limits for Regular classes shall be sixty-four (64) Novice, fifty-six (56) Open, or forty-eight (48) Utility dogs.

An Affiliate club may limit its Sanctioned Obedience Trial to ASCA registered Australian Shepherds only. Prominent announcement of such limits must appear on the title or cover page of the premium list for a Sanctioned Obedience Trial or immediately under the Obedience heading in the premium list for a dog show.

Proposed Wording:

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An Affiliate club may limit its Sanctioned Obedience Trial to ASCA registered Australian Shepherds only. Prominent announcement of such limits must appear on the title or cover page of the premium list for a Sanctioned Obedience Trial or immediately under the Obedience heading in the premium list for a dog show.

Comments/Rationale: Host clubs that offer any non-regular classes will need to determine, at the time of pre-entry closing, whether the trial has filled. If the trial fills, then pre-entries must first be accepted for regular and optional title classes before accepting non-regular class entries. By changing this rule, we want to make it easier for clubs to fill their trials, while giving preference to competitors who are working towards titles, Finals, and Merit points and standings. The current rule limits non-regular class entries to only 25% of the total entry, even if the trial does not fill.

Affected: Clubs, handlers.

Effective Date: June 1, 2022.

RALLY COMMITTEE

RA.22.02 Judge Selection for National Rally Trial and Rally Finals Competitions

Motion carried (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 Rally Committee.

Committee Recommendation: RC Motion 22.01 Judge Selection for National Rally Trial and Rally Finals Competitions.

Subject: Expanding the guidelines for judge selection for the National Rally Trial and Rally Finals competitions to include the emergency judge replacement rules in the event the list of judges drawn by the Business Office is not sufficient in number to meet the needs of those two events.

Motion by Karen Black to include emergency judge replacement guidelines for the National Rally Trial and Rally Finals in the event that all names drawn by the Business Office are used and depleted and the event is still in need of a judge(s) to complete the panel. Second by Corinne Shanks

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

Current Wording:

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

Section 15.1 Eligibility to Judge

- A. To be eligible to judge Rally Finals, the Judge must be an ASCA Senior Rally Judge and be in good standing with ASCA.
- B. To be eligible to judge the Nationals Rally Trial, the Judge must be an ASCA Senior or National Rally Judge and be in good standing with ASCA.
- C. Judge shall not have judged the previous three (3) Rally Finals or Nationals trials.

Section 15.2 Judge Selection Process

- A. When the location and date have been specified for the National Specialty, the ASCA Business Office shall identify the date letters will be sent to Nationals and Senior Rally Judges to determine interest and availability. The schedule for sending letters and receiving responses must allow time for the National Specialty Committee to meet the deadlines for submitting slates of Judges according to the National Specialty rules. Letters of inquiry will be sent via US Mail, and via email. The date by which the letter is to be returned shall be included in the letter. Judges interested and available to judge shall return the letter of inquiry by the deadline date stated either via mail or email. The Judge must indicate whether they wish to be considered for Nationals, and/or Finals. Judges not returning a reply by the deadline date, either by mail or email, will not be placed in the draw for Nationals or Finals Judges.
- B. Judges for the Rally Finals shall be selected from the ASCA Senior Rally Judges who return the letter of inquiry to the ASCA Business Office by the designated date and have indicated they would be available. From the letters returned, two (2) names shall be drawn by the ASCA Business Office. The names are given to the National Specialty Committee to finalize the hiring and contracting of the Judges for Rally Finals. The draw will be performed live on Facebook. Three (3) additional names shall be drawn should one of the above two Judges become unavailable. If there is a Judge cancellation, the National Specialty Committee shall contact the next name on the list, in the order drawn.
- C. Judges for the Nationals Rally Trial shall be selected from the ASCA Nationals Judges and Senior Rally Judges who return the letter of inquiry to the ASCA Business Office via mail or email by the designated date and have indicated they would be available. From the letters returned, two (2) names shall be pulled by the ASCA Business Office. The names are given to the Nationals Specialty Committee to finalize the hiring and contracting of the Judges for the Nationals Rally Trial. The draw will be performed live on Facebook. Three (3) additional names shall be drawn should one of the above two Judges become unavailable. If there is a Judge cancellation, the National Specialty Committee shall contact the next name on the list, in the order drawn.
- D. Rally Finals and Nationals judges may participate in Nationals events except on the day(s) of their judging assignment.

Section 15.3 Submission of Slate of Judges for Rally Finals and the Nationals Rally Trial

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

Proposed Wording:

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

Section 15.1 Eligibility to Judge

- A. To be eligible to judge Rally Finals, the Judge must be an ASCA Senior Rally Judge and be in good standing with ASCA.
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- B. Judges for the Rally Finals shall be selected from the ASCA Senior Rally Judges who return the letter of inquiry to the ASCA Business Office by the designated date and have indicated they would be available. From the letters returned, two (2) names shall be drawn by the ASCA Business Office. The names are given to the National Specialty Committee to finalize the hiring and contracting of the Judges for Rally Finals. The draw will be performed live on Facebook. ~~Three (3) additional names shall be drawn should one of the above two Judges become unavailable.~~ The remaining names will be drawn and names submitted to the National Specialty Committee. If there is a Judge cancellation, the National Specialty Committee shall contact the next name on the list, in the order drawn. In the event all names submitted and drawn are not available to accept the assignment, the Emergency Replacement Judge guidelines will be used to fulfill the judging needs for Rally Finals. Any judge hired through the use of the Emergency Replacement guidelines must meet the minimum requirements of being a Senior Rally Judge and in good standing with ASCA.
- C. Judges for the Nationals Rally Trial shall be selected from the ASCA Nationals Judges and Senior Rally Judges who return the letter of inquiry to the ASCA Business Office via mail or email by the designated date and have indicated they would be available. From the letters returned, two (2) names shall be pulled by the ASCA Business Office. The names are given to the Nationals Specialty Committee to finalize the hiring and contracting of the Judges for the Nationals Rally Trial. The draw will be performed live on Facebook. ~~Three (3) additional names shall be drawn should one of the above two Judges become unavailable.~~ The remaining names will be drawn and names submitted to the National Specialty Committee. If there is a Judge

cancellation, the National Specialty Committee shall contact the next name on the list, in the order drawn. In the event all names submitted and drawn are not available to accept the assignment, the Emergency Replacement Judge guidelines will be used to fulfill the judging needs for Rally Finals. Any judge hired through the use of the Emergency Replacement guidelines must meet the minimum requirements of being a National or Senior Rally Judge and in good standing with ASCA.

D. Rally Finals and Nationals judges may participate in Nationals events except on the day(s) of their judging assignment.

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Comments/Rationale: The 2021 Nationals Event brought to light that it is absolutely possible to run out of judges who have submitted paperwork expressing interest and availability to judge ASCA's Nationals and Finals events. Having the availability to use the emergency replacement judge rule in situations when all names are depleted from the submitted names drawn by the Business Office will allow for finding a replacement judges expeditiously without the time it takes to conduct an emergency motion by the Rally Committee and subsequent approval by the Board of Directors to allow this rule to be used. We were lucky in 2021 that we had just enough time to get an emergency motion through the process in time to fill the judge opening. We may not be so lucky next time. This motion will make it possible to fill judge assignments for the events if the drawn list gets depleted.

Affected: National Specialty Committee is affected because they will have an updated procedure for hiring judges and a solution for how to complete the judge panel should all drawn names be used up. The Business Office will be affected as they will have to draw all names of judges who return their letters of interest to judge Rally Finals or the National Rally Trial.

Business Office notified: 1/16/22 Motion is fine with the Business Office.

Webmaster notified: 1/16/22 Motion is fine with the Webmaster.

Effective Date: June 1, 2022.

RA.22.03 Update Sign Descriptions for Cone Exercises

Motion carried (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 Rally Committee.

Committee Recommendation: RC Motion 22.02 Update Sign Descriptions for Cone Exercises.

Subject: Updating language in Sign Descriptions for Cone Exercises.

Motion by Karen Black to update the sign descriptions for cone exercises so 1) the wording for distance between cones matches the language for all cone exercises, 2) clarify cones cannot be shared among other cone exercises, 3) clarify any combination of toys and food bowls (including one of each) may be used for

exercises requiring two distractions, and 4) clarify that course paths cannot travel between cones for all cone exercises. Second by Corinne Shanks.

Results of Committee Vote: Approve: 6. Disapprove: 3. Abstain: None. Non-Voting: 2.

Current Wording:

Sign #19

Spiral Right: Three cones are placed six to eight feet apart in a straight line. Team enters with first cone (base) on their right. They circle all three cones using the first cone as their base. They then circle two cones, returning to the base, then circle the base cone, and exit with base cone on their right.

Sign #20

Spiral Left: Three cones are placed six to eight feet apart in a straight line. Team enters with first cone (base) on their left. They circle all three cones using the first cone as their base. They then circle two cones, returning to the base, then circle the base cone, and exit with base cone on their left.

Sign #21

Serpentine Cones, One Way: Four cones are placed 6 to 8 feet apart in a straight line. Team enters with first cone to their left, and weaves while heeling through the cones and exits with last cone on their right.

Sign #22

Serpentine Cones, Down & Back: Four cones are placed 6 to 8 feet apart in a straight -line Team enters with first cone to their left, and while heeling weaves through the cones, around the last one, and back the other way and exits with last cone to their left.

Sign #25

Offset Serpentine Right: Three cones are set 6 - 8 feet apart for Novice and Advanced; 4 -6 feet apart for Excellent and masters. The middle cone is moved 3 - 4 feet to the right. The team enters with the first cone on their right, and weaves through with the second offset cone to their left and the final cone to their right. Entrance and exit for this sign are straight on and do not create a turn for the entrance or exit.

Sign #26

Offset Serpentine Left: Three cones are set 6 - 8 feet apart for Novice and Advanced; 4 - 6 feet apart for Excellent and masters. The middle cone is moved 3 - 4 feet to the left. The team enters with the first cone on their left, and weaves through with the second offset cone to their right and the final cone to their left. Entrance and exit for this sign are straight on and do not create a turn for the entrance or exit.

Sign #125

Offset Figure 8: Two cones are set 8 to 10 feet apart. Team enters center of cones, heeling a single complete figure eight, and exits. Team shall pass the center of cones three times.

Sign #230

Cloverleaf Right: Three cones are placed in a triangle pattern with cones about 6 feet apart. Team enters in the center of the base cones and starting with the base cone to their right heels a single complete figure eight around the base cones in heel position. Upon completing the loops around the base cones, team makes a loop around the third cone at the top of the triangle in heel position. Team exits between the base cones in heel position moving in the opposite direction they were traveling. This is a 180° change of direction exercise.

Sign #231

Cloverleaf Left: Three cones are placed in a triangle pattern with cones about 6 feet apart. Team enters in the center of the base cones and starting with the base cone to their left heels a single complete figure eight around the base cones in heel position. Upon completing the loops around the base cones, team makes a

loop around the third cone at the top of the triangle in heel position. **Team exits between the base cones** in heel position moving in the opposite direction they were traveling. This is a 180° change of direction exercise.

Sign #410

Serpentines One Way with Distractions: Four cones are placed 8 to 10 feet apart in a straight line. Two (2) distractions, either toys (6-12" in size) or bowls (1-2 qt. size) with food (securely covered), shall replace the two inner cones. **Team enters with first cone to their left, and while heeling, weave through the cones and distractions and exits with the last cone to their right.** Cones and distractions may not be used by any other exercise. Other sections of the course path may not pass through the cones and distractions.

Sign #411

Serpentines Down & Back with Distractions: Four cones are placed 8 to 10 feet apart in a straight line. Two (2) distractions, either toys (6- 12" in size) or bowls (1-2 qt. size) with food (securely covered), shall replace the two inner cones. **Team enters with first cone to their left, and while heeling, weave through the cones and distractions, around the last one, and back the other way. Team exits with the last cone to their left.** Cones and distractions may not be used by any other exercise. Other sections of the course path may not pass through the cones and distractions.

18.4.4 Cones

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

Proposed Wording:

Sign #19

Spiral Right: Three cones are placed six to eight feet apart in a straight line. **Team enters with first cone (base) on their right. They circle all three cones using the first cone as their base. They then circle two cones, returning to the base, then circle the base cone, and exit with base cone on their right.** Cones may not be used by any other exercise. Other sections of the course path may not pass through the cones.

Sign #20

Spiral Left: Three cones are placed six to eight feet apart in a straight line. **Team enters with first cone (base) on their left. They circle all three cones using the first cone as their base. They then circle two cones, returning to the base, then circle the base cone, and exit with base cone on their left.** Cones may not be used by any other exercise. Other sections of the course path may not pass through the cones.

Sign #21

Serpentine Cones, One Way: Four cones are placed 6 to 8 feet apart in a straight line. **Team enters with first cone to their left, and weaves while heeling through the cones and exits with last cone on their right.** Cones may not be used by any other exercise. Other sections of the course path may not pass through the cones.

Sign #22

Serpentine Cones, Down & Back: Four cones are placed 6 to 8 feet apart in a straight -line Team enters with first cone to their left, and while heeling weaves through the cones, around the last one, and back the other way and exits with last cone to their left. Cones may not be used by any other exercise. Other sections of the course path may not pass through the cones.

Sign #25

Offset Serpentine Right: Three cones are set 6 - 8 feet apart for Novice and Advanced; 4 -6 feet apart for Excellent and masters. The middle cone is moved 3 - 4 feet to the right. The team enters with the first cone on their right, and weaves through with the second offset cone to their left and the final cone to their right. Entrance and exit for this sign are straight on and do not create a turn for the entrance or exit. Cones may not be used by any other exercise. Other sections of the course path may not pass through the cones.

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Sign #125

Offset Figure 8: Two cones are set 8 to 10 feet apart. Team enters center of cones, heeling a single complete figure eight, and exits. Team shall pass the center of cones three times. Cones may not be used by any other exercise. Other sections of the course path may not pass through the cones.

Sign #230

Cloverleaf Right: Three cones are placed in a triangle pattern with cones about 6 feet apart. Team enters in the center of the base cones and starting with the base cone to their right heels a single complete figure eight around the base cones in heel position. Upon completing the loops around the base cones, team makes a loop around the third cone at the top of the triangle in heel position. Team exits between the base cones in heel position moving in the opposite direction they were traveling. This is a 180° change of direction exercise. Cones may not be used by any other exercise. Other sections of the course path may not pass through the cones.

Sign #231

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Sign #410

Serpentines One Way with Distractions: Four cones are placed 8 to 10 feet apart in a straight line. Two (2) distractions, either toys (6-12" in size), or bowls (1-2 qt. size) with food (securely covered), or one toy (6-12" in size) and one bowl (1-2 qt. size) with food (securely covered), shall replace the two inner cones. Team enters with first cone to their left, and while heeling, weave through the cones and distractions and exits with the last cone to their right. Cones and distractions may not be used by any other exercise. Other sections of the course path may not pass through the cones and distractions.

Sign #411

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- C. The Offset Figure 8 and Offset Figure 8 with Distractions exercises are set up with 8-10 feet between the cones. Distractions for the Offset Figure 8 with Distractions are placed 6-8 apart and at 90-degree angles to the cones.
- D. Sign #25 and #26 Offset Serpentine requires the middle cone to be moved 3-4 ft to the left or right of the first and third cones.
- E. Signs #230 and #231 Cones for cloverleaf exercises are placed in a triangle pattern with cones about 6 feet apart.
- F. Signs #319 and #320 Two cones and a distraction in the middle are placed six to eight feet apart in a straight line.
- G. Cones and/or distractions for one exercise may not be shared with any other exercise.
- H. Sections of a course path may not pass through cones and/or distractions except to perform a specific cone exercise in sequential order on the course. For example, a course path may not go between two cones of an exercise (without performing the cone exercise) in order to get the team to a different location on the course.

Comments/Rationale: These changes make sign descriptions uniform and clarify important rules for the use of cone exercises for judges, affiliates and exhibitors.

Affected: Judges will have information within the sign descriptions to aid in course design, scoring and setting courses at trials. Affiliates will have information within the sign descriptions to aid in setting course at trials Exhibitors will have information within the sign descriptions to help them when performing cone exercises.

Business Office notified: 1/16/22 Motion is fine with the Business Office.

Webmaster notified: 1/16/22 Motion is fine with the Webmaster

Effective Date: June 1, 2022.

STOCKDOG COMMITTEE

SD.22.01 Random Draw for Selection of Arena Courses Used in Finals

Motion carried (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 Stockdog Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Create a random draw for selection of arena courses used in Finals. Motion by Dan Sanderson to create a random draw rule for Finals Arena Courses in a new section, 24.7 Courses. Second by Terri Jones.

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

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording:

24.7 Courses

24.7.1 Selection of Arena Courses for Finals

The arena courses used for Finals will be determined by a random draw. The random draw for Finals arena courses will be done no earlier than 72 hours prior to the first day of Finals. The date, time, and location of the random draw will be announced to the contestants and will be open to the public. All ASCA arena courses will be included in the draw, as long as the size of the arena meets the requirements for the course. The following rules will be followed when selecting each arena course for each class of stock.

1. A draw will be done for each of the three (3) go-rounds for each class of stock.
2. If an arena is smaller than the minimum size required for Course C, Course C will not be included in the drawing for any go-round using this arena.
 - a. If the final go-round is held in a larger arena that does meet the minimum size requirements, Course C will be included in the draw for the final go-round.
3. Each course will be used only once in the three go-rounds for each class of stock. Once a course is drawn, it will be eliminated from any future draws for that class of stock.
4. Course selection for the first two go-rounds on a class of stock may not include both Course A and Course B.
 - a. If Course A is drawn for the first go-round on a class of stock, Course B must be removed from the draw for the second go-round on that class of stock.
 - b. If course B is drawn for the first go-round on a class of stock, Course A must be removed from the draw for the second go-round on that class of stock.

Example: If either Course A or Course B are drawn for cattle on the first go-round, both Course A and Course B must be removed from the drawing for cattle on the second go-round with the drawn course removed from the draw for the final go-round.

Comments/Rationale: Adding the random draw for the selection of arena courses for Finals encourage contestants to raise their level of training to be prepared to work any course in which they are presented. As the competitors in Finals improve and the dog and the handler become better and better, increasing the challenge will raise the bar and result in even more ability and skills found in the dog and handler. Finals dogs and handlers should be able to work any arena course in the ASCA Stockdog Program without repeated practice on the course. If the dog is capable of controlling livestock, the course will not matter. This motion has been received with enthusiasm from every contestant that has been asked. It has unanimous support from all of the membership that have chosen to speak.

Affected: The contestants. They will not be aware of the course to be used until immediately prior to the event. This will also affect the Course Director because they will have to be prepared to set up any course in the rule book and be aware of the size of the arena when putting the courses in the draw. Course C requires a larger arena than any other course so the Course Director will have to be aware of this.

Effective Date: June 1, 2022 to apply to the first upcoming Finals that has not already officially chosen the courses. This may be applied to the Finals held in 2022 if they have not already chosen courses.

SD.22.03 Move 24.1.4 Take Pens, to Section 24.2 Courses

Motion carried (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 Stockdog Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Move 24.1.4 Take Pens, to a new section 24.2 Courses, as 24.2.1. Motion by Dan Sanderson to move one of the two descriptions of courses, 24.6.8, found in the Finals Chapter to one, new section, 24.2 Courses as 24.2.1. Second by Terri Jones.

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

Current Wording:

24.1.4 Take Pens

For each class of stock, at least one round must include a take pen.

Proposed Wording:

24.2.1 Take Pens

For each class of stock, at least one round must include a take pen.

Comments/Rationale: Descriptions of courses for Finals is found in two separate places in the Finals Chapter. Placing each of the two descriptions together in a new section labeled 24.2 Courses simplifies the search process when learning the rules for Finals. The wording will not be changed in any manner. The placement of the existing rule will change to simplify the rule book.

Affected: Those reading the rule book. This does not affect any part of a contestant's run, the Business Office, Judging, or the Course Director. The information was already in the rule book but is now being organized to a better location.

Effective Date: June 1, 2022.

Respectfully submitted by Kalla Jaco, Executive Secretary.