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ASCA Executive Secretary's Report July 2022

Announcements	
New Judge - <ul style="list-style-type: none">Provisional Breeder Judge Kendra Winans (WA) Effective immediately, a moratorium has been placed on any new program updates that require programming in the new computer system. The moratorium will continue until WARP-1 is completed.	This report includes an update on the site for the 2024 and 2025 ASCA Nationals in Grand Island, Nebraska. 2 recommendations from the Conformation Committee (CO.22.04 and CO.22.05) were denied. 2 recommendations from the Obedience Committee (OB.22.07 and OB.22.08) were approved.

ASCA Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held via GoToMeeting on July 14, 2022.

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

Absent: 1st Vice President Gina Larson and Director Susan Byrne.

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

President Busquets called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

June 2022 Treasurer's Report

This discussion was held in **Executive Session** from 6:02 pm to 6:35 pm. The financial reports for the period ending June 30, 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.

BD.22.90 June 2022 Treasurer's Report

Motion carried (6-0-1) – Approved: Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, McCabe, Roberts. Disapproved: None. Abstained: Wesen. Absent: Byrne, Larson.

Motioned by Roberts to approve the Treasurer's report for June 2022 as presented. Seconded by Creelman.

Requested Amendment to Litter Date of Birth

This discussion was held in **Executive Session** from 6:35 pm to 6:40 pm. The Board approved a request to fix the date of birth on an ASCA litter registration. The litter owner provided the AKC registration certificate for one of the litter offspring with the correct date of birth for proof.

BD.22.91 Change Date of Birth for Litter #107212

Motion carried (7-0) – Approved: Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, McCabe, Roberts, Wesen. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Byrne, Larson.

Motioned by Roberts to approve the requested amendment to the date of birth for litter #107212. Seconded by Wesen.

Last Month's Email Business

Started at 6:44 pm. 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.22.92 June 2022 Email Business

Motion carried (7-0) – Approved: Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, McCabe, Roberts, Wesen. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Byrne, Larson.

Motioned by Creelman to ratify all business conducted over email in June 2022. Seconded by Wesen.

System Liaison's Report

Started at 6:45 pm. System Liaison Larson was not present for the meeting, so President Busquets reported on the status of the WARP-1 database migration/system upgrade project ongoing with Inventive since 6/15/2021.

The Business Office portion of the system upgrade is nearing completion. When it is completed, we will start the upgrade to the legacy member portal. As work progresses, our Webmaster Heidi Mobley will be creating training videos for the membership. As a reminder, no new programs or major program changes will be approved by the Board until the legacy ADMS and portal have been retired. Project Lead Maarten Walter has been working on the automation of reports such as the Finals and merit lists, and for the Supreme Conformation Championship Program that will allow the Business Office to start issuing certificates for that program soon. This list will be automatically published on the website when Mr. Walter is done, and it will make the process a lot easier.

Moratorium on Program Updates

Started at 6:47 pm. The Board considered putting a moratorium into effect for any new program updates that require programming in the new computer system.

Busquets appreciated that ASCA's committees are working hard but discretion is needed when creating new titles because they will need to be programmed and that can be costly. She thought a moratorium would be good until the work on WARP 1 is completed and we have an understanding of the cost for additional programming.

McCabe commented that a major part of the system upgrade is to increase automation and efficiency at the Business Office. Unfortunately, that's taken longer than expected and some titles were approved without the Board having the full information at the time about what was needed. She agreed that the moratorium was necessary for now but remarked that we are closer than ever to the point where these new titles can be programmed.

Gerken said that ASCA has spent a lot of money getting the old system retired and moving to the new system. She agreed that a moratorium was needed until WARP 1 is completed.

Wesen noted that committees must fill out the program rules template for any new titles so that we can get the most accurate quote possible for programming. Knowing the exact cost will still be difficult. The Board must balance taking care of ASCA's finances and making sure WARP 1 is done efficiently and provides what we need.

Roberts stated her regret at having to put a moratorium on new titling events, but we must complete WARP 1 before we can add anything to it. The Board was overly optimistic about how quickly it could be done and what the cost would be when we approved these pending titles and programs.

Gann said that he was in favor of the moratorium. However, he was confused about something that was mentioned in the System Liaison's report earlier in the meeting – that Maarten Walter has been working on the automation of a report for the Supreme Conformation Championship Program that will allow the Business Office to start issuing certificates for that program soon. The membership has been told that we could not issue titles until the programming was done and that can't be done until WARP 1 is completed. He was grateful to Mr. Walter but was not aware that a fix was in progress.

Busquets responded that because the information required to calculate the Supreme Conformation Championship titles is already in the system, Mr. Walter can build this report from that without any programming needed.

Roberts pointed out that the Business Office will still be manually updating the titles in front of a dog's name, but the report does all the calculations based on what's already collected in the system. When this new program is eventually programmed into the new system, we may have to reissue these initial titles, so the computer has them in the system.

Gann said that he appreciates everything that's being done, but his understanding was that we weren't going to approve anything new to be done manually by the office. He asked if the motion pending over email from the Conformation Committee for Select Dog and Bitch could also be handled with a report.

Busquets responded that the information for Select Dog and Bitch is not currently in the system and would need to be programmed. We don't keep track of the information needed for a report to be built.

Gann asked what needed to be done to get estimates from Inventive for programming these new titles.

Busquets said that we can ask Inventive for a quote, but that will mean a programmer will be pulled from working on WARP 1 to get an estimate for us. The Office Manager would like to wait on asking for quotes until WARP 1 is completed so we don't slow down the project.

Creelman re-joined the meeting after having some difficulties with her phone and commented that she agreed with the moratorium until the current work is completed. Everyone involved is trying to move forward as quickly as possible.

BD.22.93 Moratorium on Program Changes That Require Computer Programming

Motion carried (7-0) – Approved: Busquets, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, McCabe, Roberts, Wesen. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Byrne, Larson.

Motioned by Gerken to put a moratorium into effect for any new program updates that require programming in the new computer system until WARP-1 is completed. Seconded by Wesen.

Nebraska Nationals Site Visit

Started at 7:11 pm. Director Creelman reported on a recent visit to Fonner Park in Grand Island, Nebraska, the site of the 2024 and 2025 ASCA Nationals. In attendance for the visit were Director Creelman, Director Byrne, Director Gann, Laura Gibson, and Kristina Churchill.

They toured the facility and met the staff we will be working with. They are very gracious and willing to help with all kinds of things that will end up saving us money. She recommends that members look at the map of Fonner Park to familiarize themselves with the new site.

The Pinnacle Bank Expo Center - 100,000 sq. ft. (224' x 450'). This is a climate-controlled facility with over 270 20-amp drop-down electrical outlets, concrete flooring, and multiple overhead doors. To be used for **conformation, juniors, vendor booths**, and the **Nationals office**. The facility will provide (set up and put away) mats for five solid rings, but we will need to find additional mats for the perimeter of the breed ring.

The Five Points Bank Arena - 56,800 sq. ft. (312' x 218'). This is a climate-controlled arena with state-of-the-art audio and video systems, a 40' x 70' central office area with four adjacent private offices, bleacher seating for 2,200, concrete and dirt flooring, and multiple overhead doors. To be used for **agility** (two rings) and **program offices**. Creelman reported that the facility uses dirt mixed with magnesium which absorbs moisture from the air and significantly reduces dust.

The Sheep Barn - 85,000 sq. ft. (232' x 382'). This barn is attached to the Five Points Bank Arena and offers an excellent facility for stalling and exhibiting livestock of all types. There are 900 20-amp drop-down electrical outlets, multiple overhead doors, extra wide load/unload aisles, concrete flooring, and wash racks. The barn has a ventilation system with Big Ass Fans and heat. To be used for **stalls, grooming**, and possibly **agility crating**.

The Tom Dinsdale Automotive Cattle Barn - 112,200 sq. ft. (285' x 382'). This barn is attached to the Five Points Bank Arena and provides Rock Bottom Tie Stalls for 1,350 cattle, 1,200 20-amp drop-down electrical outlets, multiple overhead doors, concrete flooring, and wash racks. The barn has a ventilation system with Big Ass Fans. To be used for more **stalls, grooming**, and possibly **agility crating**.

The Aurora Cooperative Pavilion Barn and Arena - 83,800 sq. ft. (170' x 73' show arena). This is an open-air barn with three sides partially exposed. It is climate controlled with concrete flooring, multiple overhead doors, 330 20-amp drop-down electrical outlets in the barn, and more in the arena. To be used for **obedience** and **rally** (4 rings). A practice ring could be placed outside. There is also a grassy area in front of this building that could be used for the jumpers **agility** ring. Noise transfer was very low from outside to the building.

Thompson Foods Indoor Arena - 39,340 sq. ft. (102' x 210' show arena). This indoor arena has permanent horse barns for 1,200 adjacent to the arena, bleacher seating for 1,200, dirt flooring, and multiple overhead doors. It is not climate controlled. To be used as the **sheep** arena. The facility will build the pens, alleyways, etc. however we request.

US Foods Outdoor Arena - 60,000 sq. ft. (166' x 246' show arena). This covered outdoor arena has high-quality lighting, a professional-grade sound system, dirt flooring, and covered bleacher seating for 750. It is not climate controlled. To be used as the **cattle** arena. The facility will build the pens, alleyways, etc. however we request.

All of the buildings have Wi-Fi and restrooms.

Adjacent to these indoor and outdoor arenas could be a great place for the **duck** arena. There is a backup location if the weather does not cooperate.

The pool for **dock jumping** could be located behind the Five Points Bank Arena (near wash racks which could be a warming area) or the Aurora Cooperative Pavilion Barn and Arena (which is under cover).

Representatives from the facility and the Grand Island community have offered their services for things like putting together the welcome bags, coordinating contacts with local providers as needed, and gathering volunteers to help with whatever we need. They are going to provide a flyer about the facility and location to be included in the welcome bags for the 2023 Nationals. Kristina Churchill is also a local ASCA member and has graciously offered to handle a lot of the local details.

Gann said that we are not going to find a better facility for the conformation events. Everything else is good. It's not perfect, but no site is going to be. He was concerned that the facility said they would have enough mats for all the rings, but now they don't. He wondered where the additional mats will come from. He liked that the facility is centrally located in the United States and expected the membership would enjoy visiting a new site. He recognized that the facility's staff has been extremely accommodating, but we need to be sure they understand exactly what is needed for each program's events.

Creelman noted that the facility always had the solid ring mats to supply, but we need to find the additional ones for the perimeter of the breed ring. The facility's representatives said that they would investigate local places we could possibly rent the mats from.

Gerken asked how far the RV parking is from the rest of the event buildings and arenas. Creelman said that it's about a 5-to-8-minute walk. The facility is also planning to build a hotel on site.

Gerken asked if all the stock competitions would be held outdoors. Creelman responded that sheep and cattle are indoors/under cover. The plan is for ducks to be outside, but they could be moved indoors if the weather requires.

Gerken asked if there is any kind of turnout field for the stock to relax. Creelman said that there is not currently, but the facility has plenty of panels and is willing to build what we request.

Thank you to everyone that went to look at the facilities.

Fee for Non-Titling Junior Events at Nationals

Started at 7:33 pm. Director Wesen motioned not to charge a fee for non-titling junior events at Nationals over email and it was seconded by Director Gerken (see below). Wesen thanked Director McCabe for helping to work on clearing up the language of this motion. This came about because the Nationals Advisory Committee asked for input from the Junior Committee on junior fees. She is open to making this effective for the 2023 Nationals and beyond.

McCabe agreed with the premise of helping the juniors and not charging a fee for some Nationals events but thought there were still some items in the motion that needed to be worked out and that this version was not ready to be voted on. She thought any changes to junior fees could be made for the 2023 Nationals, which would give the Board time to run this by the Nationals Advisory Committee and Junior Committee since this motion does not reflect their input.

Gerken thought that it was unfair to juniors in the performance programs to have to pay a fee to enter Nationals and Finals, but entries are free for those in junior handling. She said that we struggle to get juniors involved in the stockdog program and we should incentivize the few who have this year. These kids have spent a lot of time and money to be involved in this sport and they should be treated the same as those in junior handling.

Creelman recalled that junior handling has always been free for juniors to enter. The other programs don't have specific programs for juniors, which is why they haven't traditionally been given free entries. She agreed with the motion because the number of juniors this will affect is low and will not be a significant cost to ASCA. However, she was concerned with the lack of clarity in some of the wording in the motion. She said that the Junior Committee has tried to get programs going for performance juniors but those have not happened, so this would be a good way for ASCA to help the kids financially.

Roberts agreed with McCabe that the motion needs more work before being voted on. The Board also needs to seek input from the Junior Committee and the ASCA membership. She supported no fee for those classes where the junior is being scored and not the dog (junior handling, working junior handler, possibly the Most Versatile Junior evaluations...), but did not support making all Finals free for junior members. She agreed that ASCA needs to encourage its juniors but qualifying for and entering Finals is costly for people of all ages and that is part of budgeting to compete in these events. Additionally, regarding the ownership requirement in the motion – what happens if we have a junior that doesn't meet those criteria? The motion needs more work and can't be effective for the 2022 Nationals as entries have already opened. She noted that juniors could be encouraged to seek sponsorship for their entries.

Gann agreed with Roberts that this motion is rushed and needs more work. Entries have already opened for the 2022 Nationals, and this is not an emergency. He agreed that entries for juniors in all programs for non-titling classes should be free but disagreed with the proposed half-price fee for juniors in titling events. Everyone that enters in Nationals and Finals has spent a lot of time and money to get there. He acknowledged that juniors are the future of ASCA, but not charging a fee for their non-titling junior entries should be enough. He also noted that his assessment was in line with what the Junior Committee had determined.

Busquets noted that a lot of Directors have raised points about this motion, but it is on the floor to be voted on as is. She also agreed with not charging a fee to juniors for non-titling classes but disagreed with half-price for titling classes.

Wesen said she would withdraw this motion and separate it into two motions for fees for non-titling and titling classes and submit them over email. Gerken, as the motion's second, agreed.

BD.22.94 Fees for Junior Events at Nationals

Motion withdrawn.

Motioned by Wesen to add the following section to the National Specialty Rules. Seconded by Gerken.

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording:

New 6.8

There will be no entry fees for Juniors in non-titling events. Examples: Junior Showmanship Finals, Agility Finals, Stockdog – Working Junior Handler, Most Versatile Junior, and Conformation – Junior Showmanship.

All Juniors competing at the National Specialty in performance events must own or co-own the dog for a period of 6 months/1 year preceding the opening date for entries; entry fees in performance events will be charged half price. This discount excludes all Conformation events.

The Junior competitor must exhibit their own dog in all events entered for this discount to be used.

Comments/Rationale: To encourage juniors to participate in ASCA performance programs at the National Specialty. These juniors are the future of ASCA. We are a community that needs to support our youth.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval. This would be approved for the 2022 Nationals. Juniors may have already sent in entries and fees for this year. This would involve the Entry Clerk having to issue refunds. This needs to be looked at by the Nationals Advisory Committee and the Junior Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm. (Motedioned by Creelman, Seconded by Gerken).

ASCA Board Motions

Director Recommendations

None this month.

Committee Recommendations

CONFORMATION COMMITTEE

CO.22.04 Addition of Select Dog and Bitch Awards

Motion failed (2-7) - Approved: Gann, McCabe. Disapproved: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gerken, Larson, Roberts, Wesen. Abstained: None. Non-voting: None.

Comment from Busquets: There are several reasons for voting no to this motion. First, the motion is incomplete. This motion only adds selects to the program, yet a precise and clear outline of how points will be accumulated is not included. Second, these new titles would have to be coded and judges' reports would have to be revised. A revision to the judge's book needs to be included in such a motion. Moreover, since this will need coding and it adds variables to be tracked by the system, the committee needs to prepare a matrix for the titles before a motion is sent to the Board. This matrix needs to be sent to the Business Manager and a quote for programming needs to be acquired. Third, the addition of selects most likely means that the points calculation for the SCCH may change. Again, such changes need to be outlined in a matrix that is sent to the Business Office so that a quote is acquired. Cost and approximate time for coding completion need to be included in the motion. ASCA shouldn't continue to add new titles or changes to existing titles without evaluating cost first.

Comment from Byrne: While I support the intent of these motions, there is more work needed before approval.

Comment from Creelman: I totally support this program however I do not feel that the rulebook changes can be made before the program itself is voted in. At that time, I will vote yes. The motion is not complete, in my opinion. There needs to be more detail. The point system needs to be definite and included. The computer program needs to be approved prior to approval.

Dissent from Gann: This motion has the ability to increase ASCA revenue by increasing entries on the local and national levels. This is an update to the system that should take priority for the system upgrade. Any program update that provides much needed revenue should take priority. Both these motions were approved by the committee before the board moratorium.

Comment from Gerken: I believe we need to finish the upgrade of the computer system before we can add additional titles.

Comment from Larson: While I like the idea of select, the motion needs more clarity. In addition, the motion advises that the software company will be affected. This needs approval from the Business Office and a quote from the software company.

Dissent from McCabe: There is still work to be done on adding these awards. I hope the Conformation Committee will look at completing and refining the addition of these awards.

Comment from Roberts: ASCA should not approve any changes or additions to programming until WARP 1 is finished.

Comment from Wesen: I like the idea of this program. This will need programming and education for clubs and judges. We are in a moratorium for new programs. Current rules require the committee to present the flow of the programming of the new project for Inventive to bid on the project.

Motioned by Liaison Byrne to approve the following recommendation from the Conformation Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Addition of Select Dog and Select Bitch Awards

Motion by Brandy Greenhagen to approve the following changes to the ASCA Conformation Rulebook. Seconded by Michael McGuire.

Results of Committee Vote: Approved: 11. Disapproved: 3. Abstained: None. Non-Voting: None.

Dissent from Mary Hellmeister: I can understand what the motion is trying to accomplish and I support the overall idea. Since this change involves a whole lot of places within the rulebook it should not be presented as a stand-alone motion but rather in context with the other changes necessary to accomplish the goal, especially changes in Section 12.7 of the Conformation rules.

Current Wording:

Section 3.6 ASCA Judge's Books

ASCA Judge's Books will include the total number of regular class dogs and bitches, the armband numbers of the Winners, Reserve Winners, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex, and Best of Breed, and must be signed by the Judge.

Proposed Wording:

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ASCA Judge's Books will include the total number of regular class dogs and bitches, the armband numbers of the Winners, Reserve Winners, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex, Best of Breed, **Select Dog, and Select Bitch**, and must be signed by the Judge.

Current Wording:

Section 4.10 Best of Breed

The awards in Best of Breed competition shall be Best of Breed, Best Opposite Sex and Best of Winners. The following categories of dogs may be entered and shown in this competition:

- A. Dogs that are ASCA Champions of Record.
- B. Dogs, which according to their owner's records have completed the requirements for a championship, but whose championships are unconfirmed.
- C. The showing of dogs whose championships are unconfirmed (either in classes or in Best of Breed competition) is limited to a period of ninety days from the date of the show where a dog completed the requirements for a championship or until certification of championship is issued.

Proposed Wording:

Section 4.10 Best of Breed

The awards in Best of Breed competition shall be Best of Breed, Best Opposite Sex and Best of Winners. Judges, at their discretion, may choose to award a Select Dog and/or Select Bitch from the remaining Champions. The following categories of dogs may be entered and shown in this competition:

- A. Dogs that are ASCA Champions of Record.
- B. Dogs, which according to their owner's records have completed the requirements for a championship, but whose championships are unconfirmed.
- C. The showing of dogs whose championships are unconfirmed (either in classes or in Best of Breed competition) is limited to a period of ninety days from the date of the show where a dog completed the requirements for a championship or until certification of championship is issued.

Current Wording:

Section 5.4 Catalogues

E. The entries shall be catalogued by non-regular puppy classes, regular classes, and non-regular classes, in the order given in Chapter 4. The information on dogs entered in any additional classes shall appear following the space provided for recording Winners Bitch and Reserve Winners Bitch followed by the particulars of those dogs entered for Best of Breed except that the entries in Brace, Stud Dog, Brood Bitch, or any other classes in which the judge's decision is based on the merits of more than one dog shall appear following the list of dogs entered for Best of Breed, and the space provided for Best of Breed, Best of Winners, and Best of Opposite Sex awards.

Proposed Wording:

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Current Wording:

Section 6.1 Colors (table is formatted in Rule Book differently than shown here)

All clubs holding a show under the rules of ASCA may use the following colors for their prize ribbons or rosettes, in the regular classes.

First Prize: Blue

Second Prize: Red

Third Prize: Yellow

Fourth Prize: White

Winners: Purple

Reserve Winners: Purple and White

Best of Winners: Blue and White

Best of Opposite Sex: Red and White

Best of Breed: Purple and Gold

Special Prize: Optional

For the non-regular classes, the following colors may be used as a guideline. Non-regular colors must be used when holding a Specialty show.

First Prize: Rose

Second Prize: Brown

Third Prize: Light Green

Fourth Prize: Gray

Best of Breed Puppy: Orange

Best of Opposite Sex Puppy: Lavender

Each ribbon or rosette shall be at least two inches wide and eight inches long and indicate on its face the placement. THE ABOVE RIBBON/ROSETTE PRIZES AND COLORS MUST BE AWARDED AT SPECIALTY SHOWS. The ASCA logo may be used in awards offered by an ASCA Affiliate hosting a sanctioned show, trial, or agility competition.

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Special Prize: Optional

Best of Breed: Purple and Gold

Select Dog and Select Bitch: Light Blue and White

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Current Wording:

Section 6.5 Placements and Prizes

Prizes must be offered for outright award at a show for the following placings: First, Second, Third, Fourth in the Six to Nine Months, Nine to Twelve Months, Twelve to Fifteen Months, Fifteen to Eighteen Months, Novice, American Bred, Bred by Exhibitor or Open Classes, or in any division of these designated in the classification. First, Second, Third, Fourth, in any non-regular class, which the show giving club, may offer. Winners, Reserve Winners, Best of Winners, Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex. Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex Puppy, Junior Showmanship. Any awards offered in intact Conformation classes must be correspondingly and equally offered in Altered Conformation classes, with the exception of special awards listed in Section 6.6.

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Current Wording:

Section 13.1 Records to Business Office

After each ASCA sanctioned event the following must be sent to the ASCA Business Office: a catalogue, if applicable, marked with all awards and absent dogs, certified by the Show Secretary; all original Judge's Books, (Non-Regular and Regular Classes); ASCA Official Entry Forms for: Best of Breed, Best Opposite Sex, Best of Winners, Winners Dog, Reserve Winners Dog, Winners Bitch, Reserve Winners Bitch, Best Junior Handler, Reserve Junior Handler, All competing Juniors age eight to seventeen, and disqualified and excused dogs. Gross Receipts report, including Event Membership dues; Sanction Grant; Conformation Show Report; Explanation for Disqualified Dog Form(s), an explanation of excused dogs and a completed Conduct Evaluation of Judges Form. All the aforementioned items must be postmarked no later than fifteen days after the close of the show.

Penalty for non-compliance is a fee to be determined by the ASCA Board of Directors for each day's delay and such other penalties as may be imposed by the ASCA Board of Directors.

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Current Wording:

APPENDIX C: ASCA Conformation Judges Education

Judging the Dogs

Large Entries, Small Rings

You may occasionally find yourself with very large classes. Keep only as many dogs in the ring as can be conveniently accommodated for individual examination and gaiting. Divide classes into roughly equal portions. Divide a Best of Breed class that is too large for the ring by separating dogs and bitches, assuming the entry in each are roughly equal. Otherwise, divide the class into roughly equal groups. In dividing a class, remember it is your responsibility to determine absentees. First have all the dogs assembled in the ring so that preliminary paperwork can be completed, then divide the class, calling dogs into the ring in catalog order. When judging very large classes with many sections, write down the armband numbers of the "keepers," and let them leave the ring while you judge the next sections. Tell the exhibitors you will be calling them back into the ring after you have completed all sections. If a class is divided, it is permissible for a handler to take an exhibit into more than one section. When judging divided classes, other than Best of Breed, you must select a minimum of four dogs from the first section and any number from succeeding sections. There is no point in keeping too many dogs from any section. You have only four ribbons to award. However, never leave yourself with only four dogs. When judging Best of Breed at a National Specialty with a specified number of Premier Awards, keep at least that number of dogs from the first group and any number from succeeding sections. It is important that you keep and award an accurate number of awards to the Premier Dogs/Bitches. Do not forget that Best of Breed, Best Opposite Sex and Best of Winners will also need to be awarded in addition to the Premier Awards.

Proposed Wording:

APPENDIX C: ASCA Conformation Judges Education

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Current Wording:

APPENDIX C: ASCA Conformation Judges Education

Breed Judge's Book

Marking the Judge's Book

Always be thorough, neat, and careful in marking your book. If awards are not correctly marked, the entire purpose of the show is defeated. In all regular classes, mark your placements as first (1), second (2), third (3), and fourth (4), opposite the armband numbers in the judge's book. For Winners and Reserve Winners, as well as Best of Breed, Best of Winners and Best of Opposite Sex, you must record the actual armband numbers of the winning dogs on the appropriate lines. Once the book is marked, the class is over. Do not re-judge a class. The full responsibility for the accuracy of the judge's book rests with you. Never rely on the ring steward to advise you of the armband numbers of your placements. Any change in the judge's book must be initialed. Only the judge or Show Secretary may make notations in the judge's book; only the Show Secretary may move a dog from one class to another or make corrections to entries.

Double-Checking the Book

Review your book at the end of an assignment to be sure that:

- A. All placements being awarded are marked correctly.
- B. All absentees are marked.
- C. Reserve Winners Dog and Bitch are correctly indicated.
- D. Best of Winners is either the Winners Dog or Winners Bitch.
- E. Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex are of different sexes.
- F. Withheld placements, excusals, and disqualifications, with the reasons for them, are noted and initialed.

Take the extra time to double-check all markings in your book. Some errors, if not caught on the spot, can never be satisfactorily resolved.

Judge's Checklist

- Arrive at least one-half hour prior to your judging assignment.

- If you are a new breed judge be prepared to take extra time to complete your assignment.
- Mark all absentees in each class in the book, including dogs entered for Best of Breed.
- Take the exhibits as a class, or individually, around the ring.
- Examine each dog in approximately the same systematic manner. Know and utilize only the ASCA Breed Standard.
- You must always make an individual examination of each dog for lameness.
- Be systematic in your ring procedure, but do not be afraid to make adjustments when conditions warrant it.
- Make all your instructions to exhibitors absolutely clear.
- Line up the dogs first, second, third, and fourth in front of the markers before marking the judge's book or handing out the ribbons.
- As a judge, only you may mark your judge's book and hand out ribbons.
- Ribbons must be presented only in the ring. If an exhibitor leaves the ring before ribbons are presented, have the steward call the exhibitor back into the ring. Make a note in the judge's book pertaining to the incident.
- In judging Winners, always double-check armbands. After the ribbon has been awarded, excuse the winning dog. Call into the ring the dog that placed second to the dog awarded Winners, judging Reserve as a separate class.
- In the Best of Breed competition, award Best of Breed, Best of Winners and Best of Opposite Sex.
- Do not forget to sign the judge's books to certify that judging has been completed in accordance with the requirements. Initial all notations you made in the books.

Proposed Wording:

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- E. Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex are of different sexes.
- F. Select Dog/Bitch (if awarded) are not Winners Dog or Winners Bitch.
- G. Withheld placements, excusals, and disqualifications, with the reasons for them, are noted and initialed.

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- You must always make an individual examination of each dog for lameness.
- Be systematic in your ring procedure, but do not be afraid to make adjustments when conditions warrant it.
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- In judging Winners, always double-check armbands. After the ribbon has been awarded, excuse the winning dog. Call into the ring the dog that placed second to the dog awarded Winners, judging Reserve as a separate class.
- In the Best of Breed competition, award Best of Breed, Best of Winners and Best of Opposite Sex. Select Dog/Bitch awards are not mandatory and should only be awarded if you feel the quality is there.
- Do not forget to sign the judge's books to certify that judging has been completed in accordance with the requirements. Initial all notations you made in the books.

Comments/Rationale: Adding the Select Dog/Bitch Awards will encourage exhibitors to continue showing their dogs past the "Championship" level by providing additional chances to be successful. The Select award(s) will also allow judges the opportunity to reward multiple deserving entries. With the potential for an increase in the number of entries, ASCA and its Affiliate Clubs should see a financial gain. The use of the term Select is already in play with AKC, and therefore already accepted/understood by not only the AKC judges that have and will continue to judge ASCA events, but also by the exhibitors that compete in both registries.

Affected: ASCA Business office (Ok'd by Ray), Software Company, Affiliate Clubs.

Effective Date: June 1, 2023.

CO.22.05 Addition of Select Dog and Bitch Awards to Nationals Rules

Motion failed (1-8) - Approved: Gann. Disapproved: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Roberts, Wesen. Abstained: None. Non-voting: None.

Comment from Busquets: Since the motion adding selects is problematic, adding selects to the National Specialty rules should not be done until all steps for adding selects to the program are completed.

Comment from Creelman: While I totally support this program, I feel that the program itself in its entirety needs to be presented before this portion can be added. I understand also that having Selects must be in every event, including nationals, because it will be a complete program. After Best-of-Breed and Best Opposite are chosen, then Selects are chosen, and then the Premieres. At Nationals this would be the next tier.

Dissent from Gann: This motion has the ability to increase ASCA revenue by increasing entry's on the local and national level. This is an update to the system that should take priority for the system upgrade. Any program update that provides much needed revenue should take priority. Both these motion were approved by the committee before the board moratorium.

Comment from Gerken: I believe we need to finish the upgrade of the computer system before we can add additional titles.

Comment from Larson: The difference between select and premier needs to be defined.

Comment from McCabe: I feel that the Premiers given at Nationals should "count" as Select awards. Therefore, Select awards do not need to be added but the rules changed to award SCCH points to the Premier awards. These Select awards at Nationals seem redundant and unnecessary.

Comment from Roberts: ASCA should not approve any changes or additions to programming until WARP 1 is finished.

Comment from Wesen: I like the idea of this program. This will need programming and education for clubs and judges. We are in a moratorium for new programs. Current rules require the committee to present the flow of the programing of the new project for Inventive to bid the project.

Motioned by Liaison Byrne to approve the following recommendation from the Conformation Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Addition of Select Dog and Select Bitch Awards

Motion by Brandy Greenhagen to approve the following changes to the ASCA National Specialty Rules. Seconded by Michael McGuire.

Results of Committee Vote: Approved: 11. Disapproved: 3. Abstained: None. Non-Voting: None.

Dissent from Mary Hellmeister: It makes no sense whatsoever to add a Select Dog/Bitch on top of already existing ten (10) Premiers for both sexes at the National Specialty Conformation Best of Breed. The rationale provided does not explain either on why this addition would be needed.

Current Wording:

National Specialty Hosting Rules

Chapter 22 Premier Ten Awards Section

22.1 Premier Ten Dogs & Bitches

Premier Ten Awards will be chosen from Specials only. There will be a Premier Ten in Dogs and a Premier Ten in Bitches.

22.1.1 Altered Premier Ten Dogs & Bitches

There will be a Premier Ten in the Altered Dogs and a Premier Ten in the Altered Bitches. These Premier Ten will be chosen from the Altered Specials only.

22.2 Not Eligible for Premier Ten

Best of Breed, Best of Winners, and Best of Opposite Sex, are not eligible to receive a Premier Ten Award.

22.2.1 Not Eligible for Altered Premier Ten

Altered Best of Breed, Altered Best of Winners, and Altered Best of Opposite Sex are not eligible to receive a Premier Ten Award.

Proposed Wording:

National Specialty Hosting Rules

Chapter 22 Premier Ten Awards Section

22.1 Premier Ten Dogs & Bitches

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22.1.1 Altered Premier Ten Dogs & Bitches

There will be a Premier Ten in the Altered Dogs and a Premier Ten in the Altered Bitches. These Premier Ten will be chosen from the Altered Specials only.

22.2 Not Eligible for Premier Ten

Best of Breed, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex, and Select Dog/Select Bitch are not eligible to receive a Premier Ten Award.

22.2.1 Not Eligible for Altered Premier Ten

Altered Best of Breed, Altered Best of Winners, Altered Best of Opposite Sex, and Altered Select Dog/Select Bitch are not eligible to receive a Premier Ten Award.

Current Wording:

Section 24.11 Regular Conformation

- A. Best of Breed (sponsored by ASCA)
- B. Best of Opposite Sex (sponsored by ASCA)
- C. Best of Winners
- D. Premier Dog (10 ribbons required)
- E. Premier Bitch (10 ribbons required)
- F. Winners Dog
- G. Reserve Winners Dog
- H. Winners Bitch
- I. Reserve Winners Bitch
- J. Best of Breed Puppy
- K. Best of Opposite Sex Puppy
- L. Altered Best of Breed (sponsored by ASCA)

- M. Altered Best of Opposite Sex (sponsored by ASCA)
- N. Altered Best of Winners
- O. Premier Altered Dog (10 ribbons required)
- P. Premier Altered Bitch (10 ribbons required)
- Q. Altered Winners Dog
- R. Altered Reserve Winners Dog
- S. Altered Winners Bitch
- T. Altered Reserve Winners Bitch

Proposed Wording:

Section 24.11 Regular Conformation

- A. Best of Breed (sponsored by ASCA)
- B. Best of Opposite Sex (sponsored by ASCA)
- C. Select Dog (sponsored by ASCA)
- D. Select Bitch (sponsored by ASCA)
- E. Best of Winners
- F. Premier Dog (10 ribbons required)
- G. Premier Bitch (10 ribbons required)
- H. Winners Dog
- I. Reserve Winners Dog
- J. Winners Bitch
- K. Reserve Winners Bitch
- L. Best of Breed Puppy
- M. Best of Opposite Sex Puppy
- N. Altered Best of Breed (sponsored by ASCA)
- O. Altered Best of Opposite Sex (sponsored by ASCA)
- P. Altered Best of Winners
- Q. Altered Select Dog (sponsored by ASCA)
- R. Altered Select Bitch (sponsored by ASCA)
- S. Premier Altered Dog (10 ribbons required)
- T. Premier Altered Bitch (10 ribbons required)
- U. Altered Winners Dog
- V. Altered Reserve Winners Dog
- W. Altered Winners Bitch
- X. Altered Reserve Winners Bitch

Comments/Rationale: This motion is contingent on the motion “Addition of Select Dog and Select Bitch Awards” passing. Adding the Select Dog/Bitch Awards will encourage exhibitors to continue showing their dogs past the “Championship” level by providing additional chances to be successful. The Select award(s) will also allow judges the opportunity to reward multiple deserving entries. With the potential for an increase in the number of entries, ASCA and its Affiliate Clubs should see a financial gain. The use of the term Select is already in play with AKC, and therefore already accepted/understood by not only the AKC judges that have and will continue to judge ASCA events, but also by the exhibitors that compete in both registries.

Affected: ASCA Business office (Ray approved), NAC (approved by the committee).

Effective Date: June 1, 2023.

OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE

OB.22.07 Revise Jump Tables and Jump Heights

Motion carried (9-0) - Approved: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Roberts, Wesen. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Non-voting: None.

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

Committee Recommendation: Revise jump tables and jump heights in Reference Sheet and Directed Jumping Sections

Motion by Marilyn Cherry to update, revise, and correct errors in the section referring to jumps and jump heights in the Reference Sheet. Seconded by Karen Gray.

Results of Committee Vote: Approved: 8. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Non-Voting: 2.

Current Wording:

ASCA Obedience Reference Sheet

Broad Jump:

Number of Boards	Distance Jumped	If using fewer than 4 boards for the Broad jump, always remove the tallest board(s) first.
1	8" to 12"	
2	16" to 24"	
3	28" to 44"	
4	48" to 72"	

Jump Heights:

A. The Judge has the authority to measure any dog to confirm that dog's applicable jump height. Minimum jump height is 4". Veterans (dogs 7 years old and up) may jump 2" to 4" lower than regular height).

B. If the height of the dog at the withers is over an even number (10", 12", 14" ...), the dog shall jump the next lowest height. (**EXAMPLE:** If the dog measures 21 ½", the dog shall jump 20".)

All breeds, except the ones listed below, will jump their height at the withers.

The minimum jump height shall be set at the nearest multiple of two (2) inches to three quarters (3/4) the height of the dog (see chart below) at the withers for the following breeds (and mixed breeds with the following):

Anatolian Shepherd	Chinese Shar Pei	Leonberger
Akbash Dog	Clumber Spaniel	Mastiff
Akita	Dachshund	Neapolitan Mastiff
Basset Hound	Dandie Dinmont Terrier	Newfoundland
Bergamascos	Dogo Argentino	Otterhound
Bernese Mountain Dog	Dogue De Bordeaux	Pekingese
Black Russian Terrier	French Bulldog	Pembroke Welsh Corgi
Bloodhounds	Great Dane	Perro De Presa Canario
Bolognese	Great Pyrenees	Petite Basset Griffon Vendeen
Borzoi	Greater Swiss Mountain Dog	Saint Bernard
Bullmastiffs	Irish Wolfhound	Skye Terrier
Bull Terrier	Kangal Dog	Sussex Spaniel
Cardigan Welsh Corgi	Kishu Ken	Tai Ridgeback
Caucasian Mountain Dog	Kuvasz	Tibetan Mastiff
Central Asian Sheepdog	Lagotto Ramagnolo	

Chart for 3/4th Heights	
HEIGHT (IN INCHES)	HEIGHT JUMPED (IN INCHES)
Less than 12 1/2	8
12 1/2 to less than 15	10
15 to less than 17 1/2	12
17 1/2 to less than 20	14
20 to less than 23	16
23 to less than 25 1/2	18
25 1/2 to less than 28	20
28 to less than 31	22
31 to less than 33 1/2	24
33 1/2 to less than 36	26
36 to less than 39	28

Section 5.14 Directed Jumping

The principal features of this exercise are that the dog go away from the handler in the direction indicated, stop when commanded, jump as directed and return as in the Recall. The orders are "Send your dog," "Bar" or "High," and "Finish."

The jumps shall be placed midway in the ring at right angles to the sides of the ring and eighteen (18) to twenty (20) feet apart, the Bar Jump on one side, the High Jump on the other. The judge must make certain that the jumps are set at the required height for each dog by following the procedure described in Retrieve over the High Jump.

The handler, from a position on the center line of the ring and about twenty (20) feet from the line of the jumps, shall stand with his dog sitting in the Heel position and on order from the judge shall command and/or signal his dog to go forward at a brisk trot or gallop to a point about twenty (20) feet beyond the jumps and in the approximate center. When the dog has reached this point, the handler shall give a command to Sit; the dog must stop and sit with his attention on the handler but need not sit squarely.

The judge will designate which jump is to be taken first by the dog and shall order either "High" or "Bar" when designating either the High or Bar Jump. The handler shall command and/or signal the dog to return to him over the designated jump. While the dog is in midair the handler may turn so as to be facing the dog as it returns. The dog shall sit in front of the handler and, on order from the judge, finish as in the Novice Recall. The judge will say "Exercise Finished" after the dog has returned to the Heel position.

When the dog is again sitting in the Heel position the judge shall ask, "Are you ready?" before giving the order to send the dog for the second part of the exercise. The same procedure shall be followed for the second jump. It is optional which jump the judge will first indicate, but both jumps must be taken to complete the exercise and the judge must not designate the jump until the dog is at the far end of the ring. The dog shall clear the jumps without touching them.

The height of the jumps shall be the same as required in the Open classes. The High Jump shall be the same as that used in the Open classes, and the Bar Jump shall consist of a bar, which may be made of any rigid material that is between two (2) and two and one-half (2 ½) inches square with the four (4) edges rounded sufficiently to remove any sharpness. The bar shall be painted a flat black and white in alternate sections of about three (3) inches each. The bar shall be supported by two (2) unconnected four (4) foot upright posts, which may be made of metal, wood, or wood-like material, about five (5) feet apart. The bar shall be adjustable for each two (2) inches of height from eight (8) inches to thirty-six (36) inches, and the jump shall be so constructed and positioned that the bar can be knocked off without disturbing the uprights. The bar will be weighted if made of material other than wood, so it is not dislodged any easier than if it was made of wood.

Proposed Wording:

ASCA Obedience Reference Sheet

Broad Jump:

Number of Boards	Distance Jumped	If using fewer than 4 boards for the Broad jump, always remove the tallest board(s) first.
1	8" to 12"	
2	16" to 24"	
3	28" to 44"	

4	48" to 72"	
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Obedience Jumps:

Jumps used in the obedience classes must be five feet (5') wide (including the largest broad jump board). Jump specifications and required dimensions are located in the following sections:

High Jump: Section 4.6.6 & Suggested Construction of Bar and High Jump

Broad Jump: Section 4.6.8 & Suggested Construction of Broad Jump

Bar Jump: Section 5.14 & Suggested Construction of Bar and High Jump

Jump Heights:

- A. The Judge has the authority to measure any dog to confirm that dog's applicable jump height. Minimum jump height is 4". Veterans (dogs 7 years old and up) may jump 2" to 4" lower than regular height.)
- B. If the height of the dog at the withers is over an even number (~~10", 12", 14"~~16", 18", 20"...), the dog shall jump the next lowest height. (**EXAMPLE:** If the dog measures 21½", the dog shall jump 20").)
- C. If using fewer than 4 boards for the Broad jump, always remove the tallest board(s) first.

All breeds, except those ~~the ones~~ listed below, will jump at minimum their height at the withers, as listed in the Standard Jump Height Table:

Standard Jump Height Table (Inches)			
Measured Height of Dog at Withers	High and Bar Jump Height	Broad Jump Distance	# Broad Jump Boards
Less than 8"	4"	8"	1
8" to less than 10"	8"	16"	2
10" to less than 12"	10"	20"	
12" to less than 14"	12"	24"	
14" to less than 16"	14"	28"	3
16" to less than 18"	16"	32"	
18" to less than 20"	18"	36"	
20" to less than 22"	20"	40"	
22" to less than 24"	22"	44"	
24" to less than 26"	24"	48"	4
26" to less than 28"	26"	52"	
28" to less than 30"	28"	56"	
30" to less than 32"	30"	60"	
32" to less than 34"	32"	64"	

34" to less than 36"	34"	68"	
36" and greater	36"	72"	

The following breeds, including dogs mixed with these breeds, will jump at a measurement of three-quarters (¾) their height at the withers.

The minimum high and bar jump height shall be set to the nearest multiple of two (2) inches as listed in the ¾ Jump Height Table below: ~~to three quarters (3/4) the height of the dog (see chart below) at the withers for the following breeds (and mixed breeds with the following):~~

Breeds Approved for ¾ Jump Height		
Anatolian Shepherd	Chinese Shar Pei	Leonberger
Akbash Dog	Clumber Spaniel	Mastiff
Akita	Dachshund	Neapolitan Mastiff
Basset Hound	Dandie Dinmont Terrier	Newfoundland
Bergamascos	Dogo Argentino	Otterhound
Bernese Mountain Dog	Dogue De Bordeaux	Pekingese
Black Russian Terrier	French Bulldog	Pembroke Welsh Corgi
Bloodhounds	Great Dane	Perro De Presa Canario
Bolognese	Great Pyrenees	Petite Basset Griffon Vendeen
Borzoï	Greater Swiss Mountain Dog	Saint Bernard
Bullmastiffs	Irish Wolfhound	Skye Terrier
Bull Terrier	Kangal Dog	Sussex Spaniel
Cardigan Welsh Corgi	Kishu Ken Tai	Tai Ridgeback
Caucasian Mountain Dog	Kuvasz	Tibetan Mastiff
Central Asian Sheepdog	Lagotto Ramagnolo	

¾ Jump Height Table (Inches) Chart for 3/4th Heights			
Measured Height of Dog at Withers HEIGHT (IN INCHES)	High and Bar Jump Height HEIGHT JUMPED (IN INCHES)	Broad Jump Distance	# Broad Jump Boards
Less than 10"	4"	8"	1
10" to Less than 12½" -1/2	8"	16"	2
12½" -1/2 to less than 15"	10"	20"	
15" to less than 17½" -1/2	12"	24"	

17½" -1/2 to less than 20"	14"	28"	3
20" to less than 23"	16"	32"	
23" to less than 25½" -1/2	18"	36"	
25½" -1/2 to less than 28"	20"	40"	
28" to less than 31"	22"	44"	
31" to less than 33½" -1/2	24"	48"	4
33½" -1/2 to less than 36"	26"	52"	
36" and greater to less than 39	28"	56"	

Section 5.14 Directed Jumping

The principal features of this exercise are that the dog go away from the handler in the direction indicated, stop when commanded, jump as directed and return as in the Recall. The orders are "Send your dog," "Bar" or "High," and "Finish."

The jumps shall be placed midway in the ring at right angles to the sides of the ring and eighteen (18) to twenty (20) feet apart, the Bar Jump on one side, the High Jump on the other. The judge must make certain that the jumps are set at the required height for each dog by following the procedure described in Retrieve over the High Jump.

The handler, from a position on the center line of the ring and about twenty (20) feet from the line of the jumps, shall stand with his dog sitting in the Heel position and on order from the judge shall command and/or signal his dog to go forward at a brisk trot or gallop to a point about twenty (20) feet beyond the jumps and in the 49 approximate center. When the dog has reached this point, the handler shall give a command to Sit; the dog must stop and sit with his attention on the handler but need not sit squarely.

The judge will designate which jump is to be taken first by the dog and shall order either "High" or "Bar" when designating either the High or Bar Jump. The handler shall command and/or signal the dog to return to him over the designated jump. While the dog is in midair the handler may turn so as to be facing the dog as it returns. The dog shall sit in front of the handler and, on order from the judge, finish as in the Novice Recall. The judge will say "Exercise Finished" after the dog has returned to the Heel position.

When the dog is again sitting in the Heel position the judge shall ask, "Are you ready?" before giving the order to send the dog for the second part of the exercise. The same procedure shall be followed for the second jump. It is optional which jump the judge will first indicate, but both jumps must be taken to complete the exercise and the judge must not designate the jump until the dog is at the far end of the ring. The dog shall clear the jumps without touching them.

The height of the jumps shall be the same as required in the Open classes. The High Jump shall be the same as that used in the Open classes, and the Bar Jump shall consist of a bar, which may be made of any rigid material that is between two (2) and two and one-half (2 ½) inches square with the four (4) edges rounded sufficiently to remove any sharpness. The bar shall be painted a flat black and white in alternate sections of about three (3) inches each. The bar shall be supported by two (2) unconnected four (4) foot upright posts, which may be made of metal, wood or wood like material, about five (5) feet apart. The bar shall be adjustable for each two (2) inches of height from ~~eight (8)~~ four (4) inches to thirty-six (36) inches, and the jump shall be so constructed and positioned that the bar can be knocked off without disturbing the

uprights. The bar will be weighted if made of material other than wood, so it is not dislodged any easier than if it was made of wood.

Comments/Rationale: The current reference sheet and Section 5.14 contain errors in jump heights and listed breed names, and omit certain jump height categories. There is currently no table describing jump heights for breeds that jump standard heights (not $\frac{3}{4}$ heights). ASCA jump height specifications differ from those of other registries, so providing a standard jump height table will help to clarify and eliminate confusion regarding ASCA rules. The former table indicating number of broad jump boards has been combined into both the standard jump height and the $\frac{3}{4}$ jump height tables into an easy to use format.

Affected: Clubs, handlers, judges, stewards.

Effective Date: June 1, 2023.

OB.22.08 Clarify Dogs That May Not Compete

Motion carried (9-0) - Approved: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Roberts, Wesen. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Non-voting: None.

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

Committee Recommendation: Clarify dogs that may not compete

Motion by Betsy Coleman to revise Section 1.9 to clarify that dogs owned or co-owned by a judge or member of a judge's immediate family cannot compete under that judge. Seconded by Marilyn Cherry.

Results of Committee Vote: Approved: 10. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Non-Voting: None.

Current Wording:

Section 1.9 Dogs that May Not Compete

No dog without an ASCA individual registration, LEP number or ASCA QTracker number may compete in any ASCA Obedience Trial. Dogs may not compete until they are six (6) months of age or older. An obedience judge's immediate family or household members may compete under other officiating judges at the same trial. Family/household members may do this provided that any wins under other judges will not result in a violation of these rules by any advancement of the dog in the sanctioned event. Dogs owned wholly or in part by an obedience judge may be exhibited at a trial in which he/she is officiating provided that any wins under other judges will not result in a violation of these rules by any advancement of the dog in the sanctioned event. Obedience judges may show in cluster trials on weekends in which they are judging without restrictions on the order in which they judge and show. This includes same day obedience trials when such events precede or follow but do not overlap the trial at which they officiate. The official veterinarian shall not exhibit or act as agent or handler at the show and dogs owned wholly or in part shall not be eligible to be entered at that show.

If a club does not advertise in its premium list who is to judge run-offs between classes, an exhibitor shall automatically be considered to have lost the run-off of any tie scores between classes if the judge of the run-off is a member of the exhibitor's immediate family.

Proposed Wording:

Section 1.9 Dogs that May Not Compete

No dog without an ASCA individual registration, LEP number or ASCA QTracker number may compete in any ASCA Obedience Trial. Dogs may not compete until they are six (6) months of age or older. **No dog that is owned or co-owned by the judge or a member of the judge's immediate family** *may be shown in a class, or participate in a runoff, officiated by that judge.*

An obedience judge's immediate family or household members, and dogs owned wholly or in part by an obedience judge, may compete under other officiating judges at the same trial.

~~Family/household members may do this provided that any wins under other judges will not result in a violation of these rules by any advancement of the dog in the sanctioned event. Dogs owned wholly or in part by an obedience judge may be exhibited at a trial in which he/she is officiating provided that any wins under other judges will not result in a violation of these rules by any advancement of the dog in the sanctioned event.~~

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Comments/Rationale: The current language in Section 1.9 is somewhat confusing, leading to questions about which dogs may or may not compete under a judge. The motion clarifies that dogs owned or co-owned by a judge or judge's immediate family cannot be shown to that judge. The motion does not change the current rule, but simplifies the language describing the rule.

Affected: Handlers, judges.

Effective Date: June 1, 2023.

Respectfully submitted by Kalla Jaco, Executive Secretary.