

Australian Shepherd Club of Washington & RAT



**NOTE: RULE
REGARDING TOYS
IN RING – see page 2**

ACE Program

- Any dog 18 months or older can jump one height lower than their Championship Standard Division height
- Any dog 7 years or older can jump two heights lower than their Championship Standard Division height in the ACE Senior Dog Division
- The original program is now called the Championship Program.

ASCA SANCTIONED AGILITY TRIAL ALL DOGS WELCOME! (Not just Aussies!)

March 18-19, 2023

Argus Ranch (www.argusranch.com)
35612 212th Way SE, Auburn, WA 98092

Classes offered:

SAT/SUN: 2 Regular, 2 Gamblers, 2 Jumpers

Championship Divisions offered:

Standard, Veteran Dog, Junior Handler, and FEO

ACE Division offered:

Standard, Senior Dog
Sherry Butler - Prescott, AZ

Entries are limited to 350 runs per day

Training runs with a toy will be allowed

Entries open by Postmark date: February 10, 2023

Pre-entries close: March 6, 2023 or when entries fill

Late Entries close: Day of the trial or when entries fill
(Additional fees apply)

Tentative Times

Saturday/Sunday Start Time: Walk-through at 7:45A, First dog on line at 8:00A

TENTATIVE RUN ORDER (E=Elite, O=Open, N=Novice):

Saturday: Jumpers 1&2 (EE,OO,NN), Gamblers1 (EON), Regular 1&2 (EE, OO, NN), Gamblers2 (EON)

Sunday: Gamblers3 (EON), Regular 3&4 (EE, OO, NN), Gamblers4 (EON) Jumpers 3&4 (EE,OO,NN)

RAT On-Line Entry: Exhibitors may choose to enter the trial on-line:

<https://form.jotform.com/223457803249157>

If you choose to enter on-line (rather than via mail with a check), you will be prompted to enter your credit card information once you complete the entry form. There will be a small fee added to your total to cover fees incurred from the payment processor, Stripe. The fee is applied to the balance you pay after MIGS discount and any vouchers are applied.

SHOW COMMITTEE

Trial Chair:	Susan Perry	sjperry44@gmail.com	360-471-9843
Trial Secretary:	Karen Ricketts	kmricketts@comcast.net	253-460-7674

ENTRIES AND CHANGES – Entries submitted prior to the Opening Date will *not* be accepted. NOTE: If you use express mail, check the box “Signature Waived”. Requests for changes or move-ups to your entry must be received in writing or email to the Trial Secretary by March 13, 2023. Day to day move-ups will be accepted.

MEASURING - Dogs with a wither height of 20" or less will need to have proof of measurement or be measured at the trial, unless they are jumping in the highest jump height in that category/division.

Championship Program					
	Small Dogs		Medium Dogs	Large Dogs	
Standard Division	Withers 11" & under Jump 8"	Withers 14" & under (>11" & ≤14") Jump 12"	Withers 18" & under (>14" & ≤18") Jump 16"	Withers 20" & under (>18" & ≤20") are in the 20" class Jump 20"	Withers over 20" are in the 20"+ class Jump 20" (may jump 24")
Jr. Handler Division	Withers 11" & under Jump 4" or 8"	Withers 14" & under (>11" & ≤14") Jump 8" or 12"	Withers 18" & under (>14" & ≤18") Jump 12" or 16"	Withers 20" & under (>18" & ≤20") are in the 16" or 20" class Jump 16" or 20"	Withers over 20" are in the 16+ or 20+ class Jump 16" or 20" (may jump 24")
Veteran Dog Division	Withers 11" & under Jump 4"	Withers 14" & under (>11" & ≤14") Jump 8"	Withers 18" & under (>14" & ≤18") Jump 12"	Withers 20" & under (>18" & ≤20") are in the 16" class Jump 16"	Withers over 20" are in the 16+ class Jump 16"
ACE Program					
Standard Division	Withers 11" & under Jump 4"	Withers 14" & under (>11" & ≤14") Jump 8"	Withers 18" & under (>14" & ≤18") Jump 12"	Withers 20" & under (>18" & ≤20") are in the 16" class Jump 16"	Withers over 20" are in the 16+ class Jump 16"
Senior Dog Division	Withers 11" & under Jump 4"	Withers 14" & under (>11" & ≤14") Jump 4"	Withers 18" & under (>14" & ≤18") Jump 8"	Withers 20" & under (>18" & ≤20") are in the 12" class Jump 12"	Withers over 20" are in the 12+ class Jump 12"

TRIAL SITE INFORMATION

The trial will be one ring, 100'x100', indoors on dirt. Equipment may include the following: Dog walk, A-frame, Teeter, Open tunnel, Weave Poles (24" spacing), displaceable Tire jump, Non-winged and Winged Jumps, Double Jump. NOTE: All contact equipment will be slat-less and rubberized. A-Frame will be set at 5' 3"

Refund Policy: A 100% refund will be given for any request received prior to the closing date. Requests for a refund of entry fees after the pre-entry closing date, up to the day before the trial, will be honored less any expenses incurred by ASCWA or RAT, and will be issued for the following reasons: bitches in heat, dogs injured or ill (with verification from vet on request) or family emergency.

AWARDS – First through fourth place ribbons will be awarded for each jump height in all classes and levels. Qualifying ribbons will be awarded for each qualifying run. Rosettes awarded for New Titles.

If you could finish an ATCH during this trial, inform the Trial Secretary before the trial!!

FEO (FOR EXHIBITION ONLY) - The minimum age for dogs entered in FEO is 15 months of age. Any dog younger than 18 months of age must jump at a lower height than their regular jump height. No points towards titles will be earned in this division.

TOYS IN THE RING WILL BE ALLOWED AT THIS TRIAL AND DOGS WILL RUN AT THEIR REGULAR PLACE IN THE RUN ORDER - NOT AT THE END OF THE CLASS: Toys may be brought into the arena for training purposes. These toys may not involve food or treats of any kind, may not make noise, or may not leave parts behind. It is permitted to toss a toy a SHORT distance but remember that the dog aggression rules are in effect for dogs who leave the ring to retrieve a toy. Upon entering the ring, handlers must declare to the judge that they have a toy. They will be immediately eliminated whether or not the toy is used and will have the specified time for training in the ring. If handlers bring a toy in the ring without declaring it, they will be asked to leave immediately.

Can You Help?

Volunteers are always welcomed, needed, and most of all, appreciated.

We will be using the white board sign up system for volunteers. Please sign up early, as the spots fill up quickly.

Due to COVID safety precautions, lunch and/or snack hospitality will not be available. The nearest restaurant is approximately 10 miles away, so be prepared to bring your own food and beverages with you.

MOTELS THAT MAY TAKE DOGS

Accommodations (Make sure to check current dog policy when making reservations)

La Quinta	(855) 680-3239
Holiday Inn Express	(800) 496-7216
Best Western	(855) 516-1090
Red Lion Inn and Suites Auburn	(844) 200-8050

On-Site Accommodations & RV Parking

An eight bedroom (two single beds per room) dormitory on site with full kitchen facilities may be available. Bathroom facilities are shared. Dogs are allowed. RV hook-up facilities are available at Argus. Contact Argus Ranch directly at

www.argusranch.com/reservations for availability/reservations.

Driving Directions to Argus Ranch:

FROM NORTH/SOUTH I-5 OR SR-167

- Exit **HIWAY 18 EAST**
- Exit **AUBURN-BLACK DIAMOND ROAD EAST** keep right
- **RIGHT** at **SE GREEN VALLEY RD** (just past Neely Mansion)
- Follow Green Valley Rd **APPROXIMATELY 7.5 MILES**
- **RIGHT** onto **212th Way SE**
- First **LEFT** into Argus Ranch driveway Follow signs for parking

FROM SR-169 SOUTHBOUND

- **RIGHT** onto **ROBERTS DR** (in front of coal car)
- Follow Roberts Dr **APPROXIMATELY 4 MILES**
- **LEFT** at **218th ST**
- Bottom of the hill is **STOP SIGN**
- **STRAIGHT ACROSS OVER CEMENT BRIDGE**
- First **LEFT** into Argus Ranch driveway Follow signs for parking

FROM SR-169 NORTHBOUND

- **LEFT** at **SE GREEN VALLEY RD** (Boondocks Nursery)
- Follow Green Valley Rd **APPROXIMATELY 4 MILES**
- **LEFT** at **212th WAY SE**
- First **LEFT** into Argus Ranch driveway Follow signs for parking

VETERINARIAN (on Call 24 hrs) Animal Emergency Clinic, 718 Auburn Way N., Auburn, WA (253) 939-6272 From Argus Ranch – turn right from the Argus driveway, then left on Green Valley Rd for about 7 miles. Turn left on Auburn-Black Diamond road for about ¼ mile to the entrance to Hwy 18 West. Take Hwy 18 about 1.5 miles to the Auburn Way exit. Take a left at Auburn way and drive for about 2 blocks to the clinic.

ASCA® ENTRY INFORMATION

- All ASCA® agility trials are open to purebred and mixed breed dogs.
- Dogs do not have to have an ASCA® registration or Qtracking number to participate in an ASCA® agility trial.
- If your dog is an ASCA® registered Australian Shepherd, fill in your dog's ASCA® registration number where designated on the entry form.
- If your dog is not an ASCA® registered Australian Shepherd and you would like to earn ASCA® titles, you need to obtain an ASCA® Qtracking number for your dog. Any dog is eligible to get an ASCA® tracking number (not just Australian Shepherds). Once you have an ASCA® Qtracking number, use it as your dog's ASCA® Registration Number. The ASCA® Service Membership and QTracking Number Form can be obtained at the ASCA® website - (<https://asca.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/qtsvcapp.pdf>) and will also be available at the trial.

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

Exhibitors, through submission of entry, acknowledge that they are knowledgeable of ASCA® rules and regulations, and agree to abide by all rules in effect at the time of this trial.

This trial is sanctioned by the Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA®) with the Australian Shepherd Club of Washington as the sponsor club in partnership with the Rainier Agility Team (RAT). Exhibitors, through submission of their entry, acknowledge that they are knowledgeable of ASCA® rules and regulations, including the following rules regarding entry.

- All healthy, trained dogs over eighteen (18) months of age are eligible to compete in ASCA® agility trials.
- The handlers should always conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike fashion.
- Bitches in heat, lame or blind dogs are ineligible for entry.
- Any dog which demonstrates aggression towards any person or any dog, whether inside the ring or outside the ring, must be excused from the agility trial. Any dog which the judge feels is not in enough control to perform all obstacles in a safe manner will be excused from the agility trial.
- I (we) further agree that when my dog(s) are left unattended, they will be secured in a crate or x-pen. Owners/handlers whose dogs are tethered or improperly secured will not be allowed on the show grounds.
- No collars, leads, food, toys, clickers, or other aids or devices shall be permitted on the course or within ten feet of the ring entrance at any time. The only exception to this is leading your dog to the start on lead, and then handing the lead to a steward. All dogs should be on leash when not competing.
- Safety shall always be the foremost consideration in actions and conduct by handlers at all times.
- No entry shall be accepted from a dog or handler disqualified from the ASCA® agility program; a dog or handler disqualified from all ASCA® programs; or a member not in good standing with ASCA®.
- The sponsoring clubs will not be responsible for the loss or damage to any dog exhibited, or for the possessions of any exhibitor whether the result be accident or other cause. It is distinctly understood that every dog at this event is in the care and control of his owner or handler during the entire time the dog is on the show premises.
- Participation is a privilege afforded by the Host club and may be extended or withdrawn by the Host club's trial committee on suitable cause only. Refusal of such entries will be reported to ASCA®.
- There will be no refunds in the event that a dog and or handler are dismissed from competition, regardless of the reason.
- A 100% refund will be given for any requests for withdrawals received prior to the Closing Date. Requests for a refund of entry fees after the closing date, up to the day before the trial, will be honored less any expenses incurred by ASCWA/RAT, and will be issued for the following reasons: for bitches in heat, injured or ill dogs (with verification from a vet upon request) or family emergencies.
- Checks not honored by the bank do not constitute a valid entry fee. There will be a \$20.00 service charge for bank returned checks.
- The Junior Handler Division is open to any dog that is being handled by a junior handler who is 17 years of age or younger. Dogs entered in the Junior Handlers Division classes may jump 4" lower than their regular jump height.
- The Veteran Dog Division is open to any dog age seven (7) or older. Dogs entered in the Veteran Dog Division classes will jump 4" lower than their regular jump height.
- Current Jump Height Table, Breed Exemption List, description of classes, levels, and divisions are included in the current ASCA® Agility Rules and Regulations Handbook.
- A copy of the current ASCA® Agility Rules and Regulations Handbook may be downloaded free from the ASCA® web site: www.asca.org



AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB OF AMERICA®

AGILITY ENTRY FORM

SHOW DATES: March 18 & 19, 2023

HOST CLUB: ASCWA/RAT

OPEN (postmark) 2/10/23, CLOSE (or when full) 3/6/23

Use one entry form per dog. Print or type all the following information.

ASCA® Registration/QTracking # _____

Breed: _____ Sex: M F

Registered Name: _____

Call Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Owner: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Handler: _____

Dog's Height at Withers: _____ Jump Height Exempt? Y N

Standard Jump Height: 8 12 16 20 20+

Class Jump Height: 4 8 12 12+ 16 16+ 20 20+ 24

Program: Championship (CH) ACE [Sr. Dog or STD Division]

Class Entered	Division					Level			DAYS		
	STD	VET (CH)	JR (CH)	SR Dog	FEO	Nov	Open	Elite	FRI	SAT	SUN
Regular 1						A <input type="checkbox"/>	B <input type="checkbox"/>				
Regular 2						A <input type="checkbox"/>	B <input type="checkbox"/>				
Jumpers 1											
Jumpers 2											
Gamblers 1											
Gamblers 2											

PRE-ENTRY FEE: \$14 per class (Must be postmarked by 3/6/23 closing date)

\$14 per class or \$155 for all 12 classes (x ___ classes) = _____

Juniors: \$7.00 per class or \$77.50 for all 12 classes (x ___ classes) = _____

LATE ENTRY AND DAY OF ENTRY FEE: (After pre-closing date)

\$16 per class. Juniors - \$8.00 per class. (x ___ classes) = _____

Make checks payable to RAT

SEND ENTRIES TO:

Karen Ricketts 6110 52nd St Ct W, University Place, WA 98467

Please be sure to read and sign the liability waiver on the following page and return it with your completed premium.

AGREEMENT

IMPORTANT LEGAL AGREEMENT - Please read the following carefully as it, among other things, may prevent you from suing ASCA® and persons/entities affiliated with it. This agreement could even require you to defend them from demands and suits by third parties that include an assertion of wrongdoing by you. (1) The person signing this Agreement represents being authorized to enter into it on behalf of him/herself, as well as (if different) the owner(s)/exhibitor(s)/handler(s) of the dog(s) for which an entry form is being submitted (all these parties collectively referred to herein as “Applicant”). (2) “Releasees” here collectively refers to the Australian Shepherd Club of America® (ASCA®); its affiliate clubs; and the officers and board of directors, staff, contractors, insurers, attorneys, and agents of ASCA® and of those clubs. (3) This Agreement voluntarily is entered into by Applicant in exchange for the acceptance of the associated entry form and permission to participate in related activities. (4) Applicant agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of ASCA® and any other rules and regulations applicable to this event. (5) Applicant certifies that the entered dog will not pose a hazard to people, property, stock animals, or other dogs, and further that the dog is current with rabies shots along with any other vaccinations required by its state of residence. (6) Applicant acknowledges and assumes the risks to Applicant and Applicant’s dog associated with participation in the event, among which could be ones associated with poor condition of the facilities and surrounding areas; security measures or lack of them; electrical appliances; fittings; show rings; the presence of unfamiliar persons; and the presence/involvement of other animals—whether stock, dogs, or otherwise. (7) Applicant further agrees to comply with all recommended and required health and safety precautions, among which may be those related to social distancing; quarantining; wearing of face coverings; and non-participation of persons exhibiting symptoms or for whom there otherwise has been a likelihood of recent exposure to COVID-19 or other contagious diseases. (8) Applicant additionally acknowledges and agrees to assume the risks associated with taking part in the event though others might neglect compliance with health and safety precautions/requirements or pose an undue risk of spreading disease. For example, as is true as to any public event, there is some risk that Applicant and/or those affiliated with Applicant may catch COVID-19 or another contagious disease at the event. (9) To the maximum extent permissible, this release is to be interpreted under Texas law, without application of its choice of law rules. (10) To the extent that Applicant—or another party suing on behalf of Applicant, or suing to recover based on injuries/death/damage to Applicant/Applicant’s dog/Applicant’s property—sues ASCA® (or a board member or staff member or agent of ASCA®) as a defendant, the sole appropriate forum (to the maximum extent permitted by law) for the suit shall be the state or federal courts serving Brazos County, Texas (where ASCA® has its headquarters). (11) Applicant hereby releases and waives any claims Applicant otherwise might assert against the Releasees as to any injury or damage claim connected in any way to any alleged act or omission arising out of, or occurring concurrent with, the event and related activities, interactions, communications, and even adjacent premises. (12) This release is made not only as to Applicant but also for anyone who might assert a claim on behalf of Applicant or based on purported injury or damage to Applicant/Applicant’s dog/Applicant’s property, as well as any heir, beneficiary, assignee, executor, trustee, agent, or survivor of Applicant. (13) Applicant further agrees to assume sole responsibility for and indemnify and hold Releasees

harmless from related claims, demands, judgments, and settlement payments. (14) These waiver, release, and indemnification provisions extend even to claims or demands asserting that the acts or omissions resulted in bodily injury or death or from intentional wrongdoing, as well as to attorney fees and other costs of defense. (15) The duties of indemnification further extend to any claims or demands asserted against Releasees that are alleged to have arisen out of the acts or omissions of Applicant, Applicant’s dog, or others affiliated with Applicant. Among other things, this means that Applicant would pay the legal defense of Releasees if someone sued them based on a claim Applicant carelessly exposed the claimant to COVID-19. (16) Applicant’s promises in this agreement apply without regard to the type of claim or cause of action asserted against Releasees. (17) To the extent any provision of this agreement is unenforceable, the remainder of it nonetheless is to be enforced. (18) This agreement is to be interpreted to provide Releasees with the maximum permissible legal protection from—among other things—claims and suits pursued by Applicant (and/or those acting on behalf of Applicant or over injury/damage to Applicant), as well as from ones based on the purported wrongful acts or omissions of Applicant. (19) Nothing in this Agreement requires you to indemnify Releasees from claims by third parties that involve no allegations of improper acts or omissions by you, those affiliated with you, nor your dog(s). (20) Applicant acknowledges having read, understood, and had the opportunity for independent legal review of this document prior to signing it.

Date: _____

SIGNATURE OF OWNER/HANDLER OR PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN (IF JR IS UNDER 18) PERSON SIGNING THIS FORM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ERRORS AND RULE VIOLATIONS AS USED HERE, “ASCA®” MEANS THE OWNER AND THE OPERATOR OF THE EVENT PREMISES, THE AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB OF AMERICA, ITS AFFILIATE CLUBS, AND EACH OF THEIR MEMBERS, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, SHOW CHAIRMEN, SHOW COMMITTEES AND AGENTS. October 8, 2020

PHONE NUMBER IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: _____