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ASCA Executive Secretary's Report

February 2023

Announcements	
<p>New Judges: Senior Breeder Judge Susan Winters Non-Regular Breeder Judge Alexi Staples</p> <p>Cynthia Downing was appointed the Fundraising Coordinator for ASCA.</p> <p>Claire Thomas was appointed to the History Committee.</p> <p>Elizabeth Carter, Eli Wilkerson, Claire Thomas, Chandra Mohan, Colin Buckley, and Mark Sutton were appointed to ASCA's IT Committee.</p> <p>New Affiliate: ASEA Luxembourg Reinstated Affiliate: Gold Country ASC</p> <p>The Board voted to hold the Treasurer's Report during the open session of their meeting.</p> <p>The Board voted to allow the Business Office to accept scanned and emailed dog and puppy registration applications due to the user portal not accepting those types of registrations at this time.</p> <p>A proposed change to ASCA's bylaws will appear on the 2023 ballot for membership vote.</p> <p>The Executive Secretary's reports will no longer be published in the Aussie Times and will only be available online.</p>	<p>The Board voted to immediately "pause" all current work by Inventive on the new system upgrade/user portal until ASCA can reassess our financial outlook.</p> <p>Effective June 1, 2023, all conformation judges, judging at the National Specialty and Finals, must be ASCA members in good standing.</p> <p>The budget for the 2023 Nationals was approved.</p> <p>Additions and changes were made to the 2024 Nationals Committee.</p> <p>The first slate of judges for the 2024 Nationals was approved.</p> <p>Andrea Hoffmann was suspended from judging agility for six months due to non-compliance with certain agility rules.</p> <p>The Board voted to continue with David Schleicher as ASCA's legal counsel.</p> <p>2 recommendations from the Agility Committee were approved. 7 recommendations from the Conformation Committee were approved and 1 recommendation failed. 6 recommendations from the Junior Committee were approved. 3 recommendations from the Rally Committee were approved. 1 recommendation from the Stockdog Committee was approved.</p>

ASCA Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held via GoToMeeting on February 16, 2023.

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

Absent: Director Denise Creelman.

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

President Gann called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Treasurer's Report in Open Session

This discussion was held in **Executive Session** from 6:32 pm to 6:50 pm. Treasurer Wesen proposed a motion to hold the Treasurer's Report during the open session of the meeting and asked for feedback from the directors.

BD.23.17 Treasurer's Report in Open Session

Motion carried (8-0) - Approved: Busquets, Byrne, Gann, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Sims, Wesen. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Creelman.

Motioned by Wesen to hold the Treasurer's Report during the open session of the Board's meeting, limiting some of the figures provided and referring all members to visit the members-only section of the user portal for more information. Seconded by Sims.

Moved to Open Session at 6:50 pm. President Gann welcomed the members listening, introduced those present, and explained the Board's meeting process.

January 2023 Treasurer's Report

Started at 6:50 pm. The financial reports for the period ending January 31, 2023, 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-only section of ASCA's website.

Wesen began by reminding all members that the financial figures discussed in this report can be accessed through the members-only section of the user portal. The figures are typically posted within 3-4 days of the meeting.

Wesen reported that the Finance Advisory Panel has been seated and is currently reviewing the organization's financials to identify ways to increase income and rebuild the reserves to previous levels.

The Board recently voted to pause all work being done by Inventive on the computer system until an IT Committee is established as an advisory group. The newly formed committee is working with the Board to develop a roadmap to ensure that this situation does not occur again.

In addition, the Board voted to hold the Treasurer's Report during open sessions of their meetings to make the financials more accessible to the membership through meeting recordings and minutes. Members will be able to view the beginning and ending balances of the accounts, as well as the monthly P&L statement, in the user portal. All outstanding bills have been paid except for the \$103,996.56 still due to Inventive. The organization's revenue is stable, but expenses are increasing in areas such as printing and postage, which is a concern. The Board has also been made aware that several registry fees have not been increased in a significant amount of time and will address this matter soon. Wesen invited any questions from the Board.

Lastly, Wesen reported that the 2023 National Specialty is still on track to be held this fall in Bryan, Texas.

BD.23.18 January 2023 Treasurer's Report

Motion carried (7-0-1) - Approved: Busquets, Byrne, Gann, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Sims. Disapproved: None. Abstained: Wesen. Absent: Creelman.

Motioned by Byrne to approve the Treasurer's Report for January 2023 as presented. Seconded by Sims.

January 2023 Email Business

Started at 6:52 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.23.19 January 2023 Email Business

Motion carried (8-0) - Approved: Busquets, Byrne, Gann, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Sims, Wesen. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Creelman.

Motioned by McCabe to ratify all business conducted over email in January 2023. Seconded by Wesen.

System Liaison's Report

Started at 6:53 pm. System Liaison Wesen provided an update on the organization's computer system during the meeting. As previously decided, all work on the system by Inventive has been paused. She reported that, therefore, there is no work to report, and there will be no changes to the current portal until the IT Committee has been established.

During the discussion, Gerken inquired about addressing any bugs in the portal. Gann responded that there will be no work done on the portal, including bug fixes, until the IT Committee is engaged.

McCabe asked if it would be possible for the IT Committee to take over the work previously done by Inventive. Gann replied that while it may be possible, developing the system requires a specific skill set, and it is unclear if anyone on the committee possesses the necessary expertise. However, he is hopeful that the committee can at least guide the Board in finding the right individual or company when the time is right. He emphasized that the Board is actively looking for other solutions to address the organization's system needs and trying to save money on future fixes and enhancements. He noted that while work has been paused with Inventive, it does not mean that the Board is not exploring alternative options.

2023 Nationals Budget

Started at 6:58 pm. The Board conducted a thorough review of the budget for the 2023 National Specialty both over email and during a previous meeting. Liaison Sims noted that the Nationals Committee has diligently worked to reduce costs while still ensuring a successful event.

McCabe expressed appreciation for the hard work put in by the Nationals Committee, thanking them for their responsiveness to the Board and the membership in creating a budget that is sustainable for all parties involved. She believes that the Nationals will be an excellent event.

Gerken also expressed gratitude towards the Nationals Committee and conveyed her excitement for the upcoming event. Wesen shared her enthusiasm about the event and looks forward to seeing everyone participate in Texas. Busquets thanked the Nationals Committee for their hard work on the budget, and Byrne conveyed appreciation for the efforts put into creating the budget.

Gann raised concerns about the high judge expenses and inquired about the increase in expenses for Stockdog Finals Judge Maarten Walter. Sims clarified that the increase in expenses is due to Mr. Walter's recent relocation from Alabama to Europe.

BD.23.20 2023 National Specialty Budget

Motion carried (7-0-1) - Approved: Busquets, Gann, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Sims, Wesen. Disapproved: None. Abstained: Byrne (Reason: She is the accounting chair for the 2023 Nationals). Absent: Creelman.

Motioned by Liaison Sims to accept the 2023 National Specialty budget as presented. Seconded by Wesen.

2024 National Specialty Judges

Started at 7:03 pm. Liaison Larson presented the first slate of judges for the 2024 National Specialty for the Board's approval. However, McCabe pointed out that there was an error in the rally judges' list and provided an updated version.

BD.23.21 2024 Finals Judges (Agility, Conformation, Obedience, Stockdog)

Motion carried (8-0) - Approved: Busquets, Byrne, Gann, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Sims, Wesen. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Creelman.

Motioned by Liaison Larson to approve the judges for the 2024 Agility Finals, Conformation Finals, Obedience Finals, and Stockdog Finals as presented.

Agility Finals Judge Richard Pitman.

Stockdog Finals Judges Joan Carrillo, Devona Pierce, and John Knepper.

Conformation Finals Judges Shelly Hollen, Kelley Sweeney, and Brandy Greenhagen.

Obedience Finals Judges Janice Dearth and Heidi Iverson.

BD.23.22 2024 Nationals & Finals Rally Judges

Motion carried (7-0-1) - Approved: Busquets, Byrne, Gann, Gerken, Larson, Sims, Wesen. Disapproved: None. Abstained: McCabe. Absent: Creelman.

Motioned by Liaison Larson to approve the judges for the 2024 Nationals Rally Trial and Rally Finals.

Nationals Rally Judges Kathy Howse and Laurie Rubin.

Rally Finals Judges Betsy Coleman and Ann McCabe.

Accepting Scanned & Emailed Registrations

Started at 7:10 pm. The Board deliberated on the possibility of allowing scanned and emailed registration requests for puppies and dogs to be accepted by the Business Office. This consideration arose due to the loss of our member's capability to register online, to ensure that the office receives and processes the documents promptly. The decision would be of particular importance to members outside of the United States, where mail service is often slow and unpredictable.

McCabe expressed her enthusiasm towards the proposed idea, believing that the new system would make it easier for the Business Office to track and process the requests. Gerken supported the proposal, highlighting its potential benefit to members outside the United States. Sims agreed, as long as the Business Office found the idea acceptable.

During the deliberation, Busquets raised the issue of payment methods for scanned and emailed registration requests. Gann suggested that payment would be handled the same way as all paper-based transactions. Payment information would be redacted from the paper copy, and the Business Office could acquire a lockbox to handle this type of information. Busquets supported this expedited process for registration requests.

Once the registration requests are processed by the Business Office, Byrne raised the question of whether the office would provide the registration number via email or only through a mailed registration card. Gann suggested that the office would email the registration number immediately and send the registration card in the mail to create an expedited process. The registration number would also be visible in the user portal.

McCabe and Busquets noted that the current process already includes emailing the registration number and following up with the physical registration card in the mail, which aligns with the proposed process for scanned and emailed registration requests.

Byrne also inquired about whether the office would keep a printed or digital copy of the registration form. Busquets did not think that the Office Manager would support having only digital copies and that a hard copy backup would be required. Gann promised to verify with the Office Manager after the meeting.

BD.23.23 Accepting Scanned & Emailed Registrations

Motion carried (8-0) - Approved: Busquets, Byrne, Gann, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Sims, Wesen. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Creelman.

Motioned by Wesen that due to the ASCA portal not accepting registration of dogs and puppies at this time, members be allowed to submit scanned and emailed registration documents for processing by the Business Office. Seconded by Gerken.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Eliminating Content from the Aussie Times

Started at 7:21 pm. The Board deliberated on a proposal brought forth by McCabe to cease the publication of the Board meeting minutes and text of the Board's motions in the Aussie Times. McCabe stated that this move would help reduce the number of pages per issue. She highlighted that the information in the publication is often outdated as it is published months after it is available online. After reviewing ASCA's governing documents, McCabe found no

requirement for the minutes and motions to be published in the Aussie Times. She proposed that the Aussie Times should still include a brief report from the Secretary.

All the directors were in favor of the proposal.

BD.23.24 Eliminating Content from the Aussie Times

Motion carried (8-0) - Approved: Busquets, Byrne, Gann, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Sims, Wesen. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Creelman.

Motioned by McCabe to eliminate publishing the Board meeting minutes and text of all motions voted on by the Board each month in the Aussie Times. Seconded by Wesen.

Effective Date: As early as possible given any editing considerations from the editor.

President Gann thanked all the members listening to the meeting.

Moved to Executive Session at 7:30 pm.

January 2023 Treasurer's Report (continued)

This discussion was held in **Executive Session** from 7:30 pm to 7:33 pm. The Board engaged in a brief follow-up on the previous discussion regarding the January 2023 Treasurer's Report.

2024 Nationals Committee

This discussion was held in **Executive Session** from 7:33 pm to 7:35 pm. Liaison Larson presented several proposed additions and changes to the members of the 2024 Nationals Committee.

BD.23.25 Additions & Changes to 2024 Nationals Committee

Motion carried (7-0-1) - Approved: Byrne, Gann, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Sims, Wesen. Disapproved: None. Abstained: Busquets (Reason: She is the Banquets/Receptions/Nightly Dinners Chair for the 2024 Nationals). Absent: Creelman.

Motioned by Liaison Larson to approve the following additions and changes to the 2024 Nationals Committee provided by the Nationals Chair.

Nationals & Finals Stockdog Course Director Carol Gerken.

Nationals & Finals Agility Chair Lorraine Cirinelli.

Merchandise Chair Liz Gibson.

Banquets/Receptions/Nightly Dinners Chair Liz Busquets.

Local Liaison Kris Churchill.

Catalog Chair DiAnna Williams (Changed from Susan Harris).

Comments/Rationale: These unfilled positions need to be filled. There has also been a change in the Catalog Chair position that was approved last month.

Affected: Nationals Committee.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Judge Approval

This discussion was held in **Executive Session** from 7:35 pm to 7:36 pm. During the Board's December meeting, the approval of Susan Winters as a Senior Breeder Judge was rescinded due to non-compliance with the publication requirement in the AussENews, as stipulated by the rules. Subsequently, Ms. Winters' application was published for the required 45-day comment period, which expired on February 1, 2023. As all requirements have been fulfilled, the Board is required to vote once again on Ms. Winters' application for Senior Breeder Judge.

JA.23.04 Non-Regular Breeder Judge Applicant – Susan Winters (Florida)

Motion carried (8-0) - Approved: Busquets, Byrne, Gann, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Sims, Wesen. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Creelman.

Motioned by President Gann to approve Susan Winters as an ASCA Senior Breeder Judge.

Comments/Rationale: The applicant has met the requirements as confirmed by the Business Office.

Affected: The applicant and exhibitors in the ASCA conformation program.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Suspension of Agility Judge

This discussion was held in **Executive Session** from 7:36 pm to 7:44 pm. Andrea Hoffmann was suspended from judging agility for six months due to non-compliance with certain agility rules.

Additional Comments

Gann expressed gratitude to Gerken and her affiliate club for their generous donation to ASCA from their recent event. He also acknowledged other directors who have made contributions and conveyed the Board's appreciation for their support.

Byrne reported that during her most recent meeting with the Office Manager, they discussed the forthcoming spring meeting and the requirements of the attendees. Gann volunteered to collaborate with the Office Manager and ensure that the necessary arrangements are made.

President Gann thanked all the Directors for their work this month.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

ASCA Board Motions

Director Recommendations

BD.23.10 Remove ASCA Sponsorship from Nationals Conformation Awards

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

Motion by Creelman to remove the verbiage in awards listed, “sponsored by ASCA”, from 24.11 of the National Specialty Rules. Second by McCabe.

Current Wording:

24.11 Regular Conformation

1. Best of Breed (Sponsored by ASCA)
2. Best of Opposite Sex (Sponsored by ASCA)
3. Best of Winners
4. Premier Dog (10 ribbons required)
5. Premier Bitch (10 ribbons required)
6. Winners Dog
7. Reserve Winners Dog
8. Winners Bitch
9. Reserve Winners Bitch
10. Best of Breed Puppy
11. Best of Opposite Sex Puppy
12. Altered Best of Breed (Sponsored by ASCA)
13. Altered Best of Opposite Sex (Sponsored by ASCA)
14. Altered Best of Winners
15. Premier Altered Dog (10 ribbons required)
16. Premier Altered Bitch (10 ribbons required)
17. Altered Winners Dog
18. Altered Reserve Winners Dog
19. Altered Winners Bitch
20. Altered Reserve Winners Bitch

Proposed Wording:

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1. Best of Breed (~~Sponsored by ASCA~~)
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4. Premier Dog (10 ribbons required)

5. Premier Bitch (10 ribbons required)
6. Winners Dog
7. Reserve Winners Dog
8. Winners Bitch
9. Reserve Winners Bitch
10. Best of Breed Puppy
11. Best of Opposite Sex Puppy
12. Altered Best of Breed (~~Sponsored by ASCA~~)
13. Altered Best of Opposite Sex (~~Sponsored by ASCA~~)
14. Altered Best of Winners
15. Premier Altered Dog (10 ribbons required)
16. Premier Altered Bitch (10 ribbons required)
17. Altered Winners Dog
18. Altered Reserve Winners Dog
19. Altered Winners Bitch
20. Altered Reserve Winners Bitch

Comments/Rationale: ASCA is now the sponsor of the Nationals and removing this verbiage will make the award available to the individual(s) to sponsor.

Affected: Sponsors for the ASCA Nationals conformation awards.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

BD.23.11 Payment to Attorney David Schleicher

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

Motion by Wesen to pay attorney \$5000 for 1/3 of our yearly attorney retainer. Second by Creelman.

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording: None.

Comments/Rationale: Payment to attorney he has generously split our payments this year.

Affected: Business Office, Board of Directors, and membership.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

BD.23.13 Changes to Governing Documents Regarding the Aussie Times

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

Motion by Wesen to make the following changes to ASCA's governing documents regarding the Aussie Times. Second by Gerken.

Current Wording:

Policy Book

6.3 Affiliate Club Reps

Copies of the Aussie Times will no longer be sent to the Affiliate Club Representatives.

Policy Book

6.4 Director's Copy

ASCA Directors will receive their copy of the Aussie Times via First Class Mail.

Policy Book

6.5 Approval for Committee Submissions

It is the Board's policy that all material from ASCA Committees and Officers must have the approval of your Liaison before it will be printed in the Aussie Times. The offices that do not have a Liaison will send their material to the President for approval. Please see that your material gets to your Liaison with plenty of time to then be sent to the Aussie Times.

Policy Book

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7.7.2 AWARDS

The Lifetime Achievement Award recipient(s) will be honored at the Nationals Banquet, if they wish to attend, and will be awarded an ASCA Honorary Membership for their lifetime, pursuant to Article 4, Section 1 D of the Bylaws. As an Honorary Member, the recipient will not be required to pay membership fees and, if they chose to, will receive the Aussie Times without paying a subscription fee.

7.7.3 AUSSIE TIMES

Every five years the Business Office will query all recipients to confirm that they wish to continue the free Aussie Times subscription. If they no longer wish to receive the publication, they will be removed from distribution. If later any recipient would like to resume the free Aussie Times publication, they will need to contact the Business Office to be added back to the distribution. If a recipient prefers to receive the online Aussie Times versus a hard copy, they will need to clarify with the Business Office.

Policy Book

9.6 Membership

9.6.1 LAPSED MEMBERSHIP

Individual or dual memberships that have lapsed may be renewed retroactively provided payment is received within three months of the lapse date. Missed issues of the Aussie Times, if available, after renewal, will be sent if appropriate postage and handling fees are included.

19.9 Schedule of Fees

The Treasurer, coordinating with the Office Manager, will assemble and maintain a schedule of fees to be charged for various ASCA services including but not limited to:

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This schedule will be printed in each issue of the Aussie Times and available on the ASCA Website.

Registry Rules

2.2 DNA Testing

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The owners of dogs from all generations which have been affected by the "incorrectly identified" parent will also be sent letters from ASCA by certified and regular mail informing them of the situation within approximately forty-five days of the discovery of the error. The dog in question and those affected by the "unknown" lineage will be placed on Not for Breeding status and pedigrees will be modified to correctly reflect their "unknown" origin within their pedigrees. If a pedigree is modified or corrected because of a DNA investigation, the changes must be printed in the Aussie Times.

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National Specialty Rules

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Comments/Rationale: These changes are needed to update the availability of information on the ASCA website and will allow for faster publication on the website. Some of these sections are no longer needed since the Aussie Times is viewable on the website.

Affected: Affiliate Clubs, Board of Directors, ASCA Members, Business Office.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

BD.23.14 Proposed ASCA Bylaws Change

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

Motion by McCabe to update section 7.09 Notice (of meetings) in the bylaws and for this change to be placed on the 2023 ballot. Second by Wesen.

Current Wording:

Section 7.09 Notice

The following provisions pertain to notices of meetings of the Board of Directors:

A. Written notice of any special meeting of Directors shall be given as follows:

1. By mail, to each Director at his most recent address reflected in the membership records, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting. Or,
2. By personal delivery, telephone or telegram to the most recent address reflected in the membership records for each Director at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. In the event such notice is given on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, twenty-four (24) hours shall be added to the required notice.

Proposed Wording:

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Comments/Rationale: Communication methods are primarily electronic now.

Affected: Board of Directors.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

BD.23.15 Appoint Cynthia Downing as Fundraising Coordinator/Chairperson

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

Motion by Creelman to approve Cynthia Downing as Fundraising Coordinator/Chairperson for ASCA. She will have authority to contact vendors, in order to gain sponsorships for ASCA. She would send all gained information to the ASCA Board for discussion and approval. This position will be evaluated after one year. Second by Busquets.

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording: None.

Comments/Rationale: ASCA needs income, and any sponsorships would be a benefit.

Affected: Cynthia Downing, ASCA.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

BD.23.16 Requiring Conformation Judges for Nationals & Finals to be ASCA Members

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

Dissent from Director McCabe: Nationals and Finals judges need to be Senior Breeder judges and Breeder judges. They have obviously spent a lot of time in ASCA showing and breeding. I do not see an issue if they are not current members.

Comment from Director Larson: I approve this motion with the understanding that a service member is considered a member as it is just a type of membership.

Motion by Creelman to require that all conformation judges, judging at the National Specialty and Finals, must be ASCA members in good standing. This motion applies only to National Specialty judges. Second by Busquets.

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording: None.

Comments/Rationale: It is a privilege to be asked to judge at the National Specialty. Being an active member in good standing of ASCA shows that they have dedication to the organization. If

they are not willing to be a member in good standing, they are not showing their support of ASCA.

Affected: ASCA Breeder Judges.

Effective Date: June 1, 2023.

EM.23.05 Continue Attorney Service with David Schleicher

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

Motion by Wesen to continue attorney service with David Schleicher. Second by Gerken.

Reason for Emergency: This is an emergency because we need to continue with attorney and pay his retainer.

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording: None.

Comments/Rationale: We need to accept the contract of the ASCA Attorney.

Affected: Board of Directors, Business Office, and members.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

EM.23.06 Seating of Information Technology Committee

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

Motion by Byrne to seat the following individuals to the ASCA IT Committee:

Elizabeth Carter

Eli Wilkerson

Claire Thomas

Chandra Mohan

Colin Buckley

Mark Sutton

Second by Wesen.

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording: None.

Comments/Rationale: This is an emergency because we need to have the committee seated before stopping work from Inventive. These individuals provided resumes outlining the experiences we are looking for to assist ASCA in moving forward with the completion of the computer project.

Affected: All of ASCA.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

EM.23.07 Stop Inventive Work

Motion failed (1-6-2) - Approved: Gann. Disapproved: Busquets, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Sims, Wesen. Abstained: None. Non-voting: Byrne, Creelman.

Motion by Gann that due to ASCA's current financial situation and unpaid Invoices to Inventive (\$104,705.60), ASCA will notify Inventive immediately to stop all current work on the new system upgrade/user portal until ASCA can reassess our financial outlook. Second by Wesen.

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording: None.

Comments/Rationale: ASCA can no longer afford any more debt on this project until we are able to recoup depleted funds.

Affected: ASCA organization.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

EM.23.08 Pause Inventive Work

Motion carried (7-0) - Approved: Busquets, Byrne, Gann, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Wesen. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Non-voting: Creelman, Sims.

Motion by Gann to that due to ASCA's current financial situation and unpaid invoices to Inventive (\$104,705.60), ASCA will notify Inventive immediately to "pause" all current work on the new system upgrade/user portal until ASCA can reassess our financial outlook.

The ASCA Board will reassess our financials at the Spring Board meeting and decide at that time if the "pause" will remain in effect or continue until the 2023 National Specialty.

Second by Wesen.

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording: None.

Comments/Rationale: ASCA can no longer afford any more debt on this project until we are able to recoup depleted funds.

Affected: ASCA organization.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Committee Recommendations

AGILITY COMMITTEE

AG.23.05 Requirements for Distance Test in Gamblers Class

Motion carried (8-0-1) - Approved: Busquets, Byrne, Creelman, Gerken, Larson, McCabe, Sims, Wesen. Disapproved: None. Abstained: Gann. Non-voting: None.

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

Committee Recommendation: Enhance the description of the requirements for the distance test in the Gamblers class.

Motion by Sherry Butler to approve clarifying the criteria for a distance test in the Gamblers class. Second by Sandra Katzen.

Results of Committee Vote: Approved: 6. Disapproved: 5. Abstained: None. Non-Voting: None.

Dissent from Committee Member Heather Tyler: I would like to see the end of the weave poles count as a distance test. Especially in the instance of weaves going away from the handler where the end of the weave poles is at the required distance away from the gamble line. I feel the same way about the end of a contact counting as a distance test also. I would be in favor of standardizing the gambles rules by saying the middle of any obstacle (jumps, contacts, weaves and tunnels), is where the measurement for the distance test should be taken.

Current Wording:

7.4.2 The Gamble Course Design

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The gamble will include, at every level, at least two or more obstacles which are performed while the dog is the required minimum distance (distance challenge) from the handler. To determine where the gamble line should be placed, the minimum distance will be measured from the dog's logical path of performance of the obstacle to the handler line. The two or more obstacles at the minimum distance can be in sequence or not in sequence, but they must be two of the four gamble obstacles, not including any bonus obstacles.

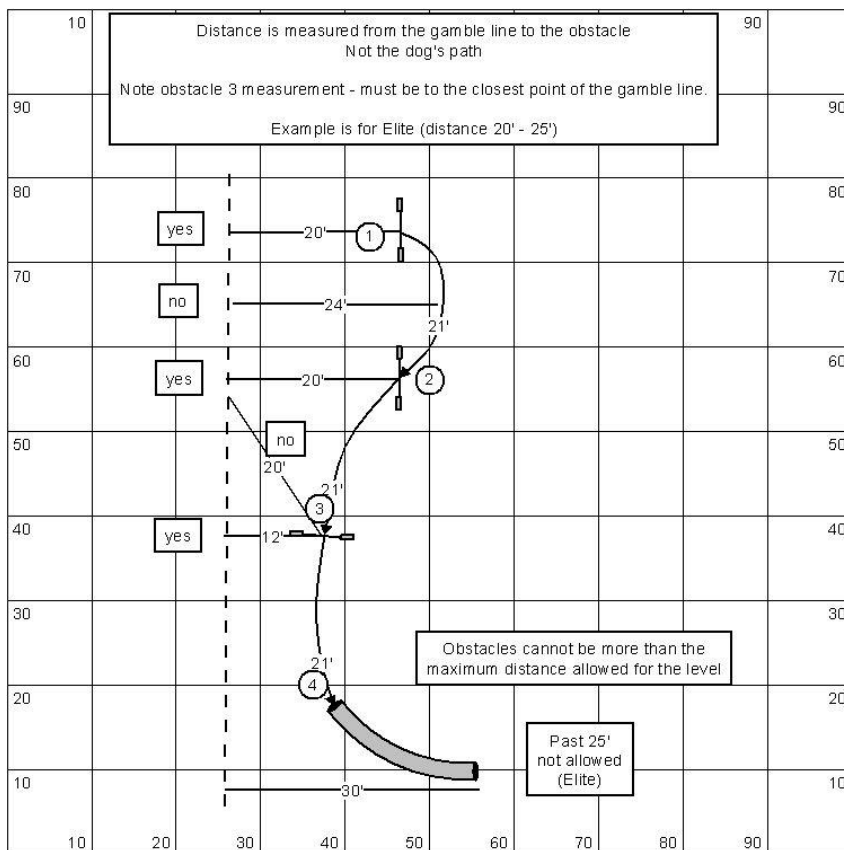
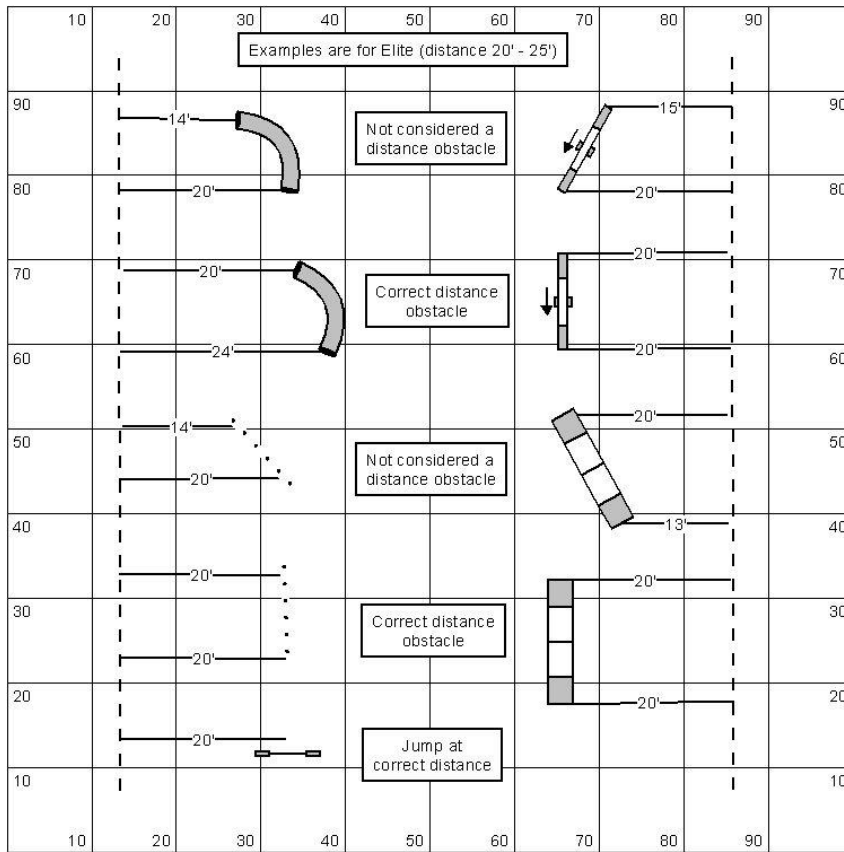
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Proposed Wording:

7.4.2 The Gamble Course Design

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The gamble will include, at every level, at least two or more obstacles which are performed while the dog is the required minimum distance (distance challenge) from the handler. To determine where the gamble line should be placed, the minimum distance will be measured from the dog's logical path of performance of the obstacle to the closest point on the gamble ~~handler~~ line. Both the entry and exit of the weaves, teeter and A frame and the entrance of tunnels must be at the minimum distance per level to be considered a distance challenge. Jumps are measured from the center of the jump to the gamble line. The two or more obstacles at the minimum distance can be in sequence or not in sequence, but they must be two of the four gamble obstacles, not including any bonus obstacles. Examples of distance requirements are in the following diagrams:



...

Comments/Rationale: There have been different interpretations of what point(s) of an obstacle need to be at distance to consider the obstacle a distance test in the Gamblers class. After polling the Judges and Course Reviewers, the majority that responded consider the current wording “dog's logical path of performance of the obstacle” to be the dog's path for the entire obstacle for all obstacles except for a jump. The jump is measured to the center of the jump.

The reason the Aframe and teeter require the entire obstacle to be at distance is the ability of the dog to stay on the contact and especially hit the contact while the handler is at distance is just as important a test as getting on the obstacle. For the weaves, it's a challenge for the dog to enter the weave at distance, but to also stay in the weaves at the distance.

Judges can still design gambles with the all or some of the Aframe, teeter, and weaves and tunnel entrance closer than the distance rules, but it won't count as one of the two distance obstacles. That would just be one of four obstacles. One judge commented that he like to have the contacts and weave start closer, but have the dogs finish farther away. This can still be done within the motion. If the entrance is closer than the distance test, then it just doesn't count as one of the four distance obstacles.

Gambles can still be very creative and challenging within the rules of this motion.

Another issue that has come up is where to measure from the obstacle to the gamble line. Rather than assuming where a handler may be when an obstacle is being performed, the measurement should be the closest point on the gamble line to the obstacle. This motion adds wording and diagrams to clarify the description of what constitutes a distance test.

Affected: Judges and Course Reviewers.

Effective Date: June 1, 2023.

AG.23.06 Changing Rules About Which Dogs/Handlers Can Qualify

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

Dissent from Director Creelman: This is not consistent with other ASCA programs.

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

Committee Recommendation: Changing rules which dogs/handlers can qualify.

Motion by Natascha Wagenaar-Herbergs to approve the change that co-owned or owned dogs from the judge, or immediate family can enter at an agility trial and can qualify. Second by Nicole Watts.

Results of Committee Vote: Approved: 9. Disapproved: 1. Abstained: 1. Non-Voting: None.

Dissent from Committee Member Heather Tyler: Only for the reason that I don't think the runs need to be at the end of each class. That adds on time for jump height changes or in small trials if someone needs to run at the end to separate out dogs but can't because a judge's dog is running.

Current Wording:

Section 1.3 Eligibility for Finals Entry

Participation in Trials

Participation is a privilege afforded by the Host Club(s) and may be extended or withdrawn by the Host Club's Trial Committee based on suitable cause only. Refusal of entries shall be reported to the ASCA Business Office. No dog that is owned or co-owned by the judge or a member of the judge's immediate family may show in a class in which that judge is judging, however, For Exhibition Only (FEO) entries may be accepted from anyone in the judge's immediate family and/or household and they may show any dog in a class in which that judge is judging.

As used in this rulebook, "Immediate Family" means spouse, parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, siblings, or any combination of the preceding by marriage, i.e., stepchildren or parents-in-law, or person residing in the same household.

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 person not in good standing with ASCA.

Section 8.3 For Exhibition Only

Host clubs may accept "For Exhibition Only" (FEO) entries, if they choose. The minimum age for dogs entered "For Exhibition Only" is 15 months of age. Any dog younger than 18 months of age must jump at a lower height than their regular jump height. "FEO" entries shall be clearly marked as "FEO" in the catalog and included along with the Regular, Jumpers and Gamblers runs to calculate the Event Membership Dues. See Section 2.7. FEO entries may be accepted for dogs owned by the judge or any member of the judge's household. It is at the discretion of the host club as to whether or not FEO entries can be accepted. FEO entries may not compete for any prizes or awards (including any 'series', 'year-end', High in Trial, or merit awards).

Code of Ethics for ASCA Judges

5. A Judge may not judge any dog, which is owned or co-owned, by the Judge.

Proposed Wording:

Section 1.3 Eligibility for ~~Finals~~ Entry (By mistake the word finals is added in the June 2021 rulebook so it needs to be removed)

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These runs must be at the end of each class. The dogs owned or co-owned by the judge or handled by immediate family shall not be eligible for any prizes or awards (including any 'series', 'year-end', High in Trial or any High Combined or weekend awards for the trial).

Qualifying points should count toward titles, Finals, Merit and HOF.

As used in this rulebook, "Immediate Family" means spouse, parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, siblings, or any combination of the preceding by marriage, i.e., stepchildren or parents-in-law, or person residing in the same household.

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 person not in good standing with ASCA.

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Code of Ethics for ASCA Judges

5. A Judge may not judge any dog, which is owned or co-owned, by the Judge. **In case of an Agility Judge, the exception is made and it would follow the rules in Section 1.3.**

For reference only - no wording is being changed in the following sections:

Section 11.2 Judges Responsibilities

Section 11.5 Judge Restrictions

Judges may not compete in any classes (class and level) in which they are officiating. However, a judge may compete in a trial in which he is officiating with the following restrictions: 1. The judge must complete judging of all assigned runs for a day prior to competing that day. Or a judge must compete in all runs a day prior to judging for that day. The judge may not judge runs, take a break to compete and then judge more runs in one day. 2. The judge and/or any dogs owned or handled by the judge shall not be eligible for any High in Trial awards for any days while judging, or any High Combined or weekend awards for the trial they are judging.

Section 11.3 Emergency Judge

The Emergency Judge will abide by the restrictions listed in Section 1.3 The judge and/or any dogs owned or handled by the judge will not be eligible for any High in Trial awards for any days while judging, or any High Combined or weekend awards for the trial they are judging. The Emergency Judge must abide by all rules in the ASCA Agility Rulebook.

Comments/Rationale: This motion will make it easier to hire judges if family members or dogs that the judge co-owns or owns can still earn Qs at that trial. This motion was asked for and supported by the European Judges. It will make it easier to hire judges if this rule is approved.

Affected: Judges, Competitors, Clubs.

Effective Date: June 1, 2023.

Conformation Committee

CO.23.03 Clarifying Section 12.7.2 Points

Motion carried (5-4) - Approved: Byrne, Creelman, Gann, Gerken, Sims. Disapproved: Busquets, Larson, McCabe, Wesen. Abstained: None. Non-voting: None.

Dissent from Director Busquets: I agree that the points earned towards Intact SCCH can be transferred towards the equivalent Altered title. However, it is not clear whether the BO was

consulted and whether this change needs additional work from the office or can presently be done or not. This needs to be added to the rationale.

Dissent from Director Larson: I agree with the motion however an updated template needs to accompany this motion per 6.3 of the committee procedures.

Dissent from Director McCabe: Although I agree with the change in the rule, it is not clear if the appropriate template for the computer programming change has been completed.

Dissent from Director Wesen: The computer template is not included in this motion.

Motion by Liaison Creelman to approve the following recommendation from the Conformation Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Update 12.7.2.

Motion by Brandy Greenhagen to approve the following changes to Section 12.7.2 of the Conformation Rulebook. Second by Gail Karamalegos.

Results of Committee Vote: Approved: 14. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Non-Voting: None.

Current Wording:

12.7.2 Points

This program requires a dog to obtain a total of fifty points with six major wins to become a Supreme Conformation Champion. The major wins must be won under six different judges and at least two other judges must award the remaining points. At least one Champion of Record must be defeated at each show where SCCH points are awarded.

SCCH points will be awarded to ASCA Champions of Record who win BOB or BOS at ASCA Affiliate shows and Specialty shows including, but not limited to, the ASCA National Specialty and Pre-Shows.

A BOB win will be awarded five points, A BOS win will be awarded three points at shows with a major in either dogs or bitches. If there is not a major, the BOB win will be awarded three points, the BOS win will be awarded two points.

In the calculation of SCCH points, only dogs that were present and judged will count. Dogs that are disqualified, dismissed, excused, absentee or have all awards withheld do not count.

Proposed Wording:

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In the calculation of SCCH points, only dogs that were present and judged will count. Dogs that are disqualified, dismissed, excused, absentee or have all awards withheld do not count.

Points earned towards Intact SCCH title can be transferred over towards the equivalent Altered SCCH title.

Comments/Rationale: We have been asked to clarify that this was the intention when the SCCH section was written.

Affected: ASCA conformation exhibitors.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

CO.23.04 Drawings for Illustrated Breed Standard

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

Motion by Liaison Creelman to approve the following recommendation from the Conformation Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Drawings for Illustrated Breed Standard.

Motion by Gail Karamalegos to approve the new Australian Shepherd Illustrated Standard drawings by Shelly Hollen and color reference photos. Second by Shelby Shank.

Results of Committee Vote: Approved: 13. Disapproved: 1. Abstained: None. Non-Voting: None.

Current Wording: None.

Proposed Wording: None.

Comments/Rationale: The purpose is to approve the visual reference portion of the Australian Shepherd Illustrated Standard. Once this has been approved by the Conformation Committee and the Board, the accompanying narrative text will then be completed and will require additional approval.

Affected: ASCA members and conformation judges.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

CO.23.05 Adding Premier Awards to Additional Placements and Prizes

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

Motion by Liaison Creelman to approve the following recommendation from the Conformation Committee.

Committee Recommendation: 6.6 Additional Placements and Prizes.

Motion by Gail Karamalegos to approve the following changes to Section 6.6 of the Conformation Rule Book. Second by Mary Hellmeister.

Results of Committee Vote: Approved: 14. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Non-Voting: None.

Current Wording:

Section 6.6 Additional Placements and Prizes

Ribbons and/or Rosettes for outright award may also be offered for: Best of Novice Classes, Best in Bred by Exhibitor Classes, Best in American Bred Classes, Best in Open Classes and Best in any additional classes which the show giving club may offer in which the sexes are

divided. Additional prizes or trophies for the above placing are at the sole discretion of the show giving club.

Proposed Wording:

Section 6.6 Additional Placements, Prizes, and Premier Awards

Ribbons and/or Rosettes for outright award may also be offered for: Best of Novice Classes, Best in Bred by Exhibitor Classes, Best in American Bred Classes, Best in Open Classes and Best in any additional classes which the show giving club may offer in which the sexes are divided. Additional prizes or trophies for the above placing are at the sole discretion of the show giving club.

At any Conformation show in which Premier awards are offered in Best of Breed, it must be included in the premium, and the following formula shall be used to determine the number of Premier awards in each sex, in both Altered and Intact Best of Breed:

A. For all shows, the maximum number of Premier awards is 15% of the Best of Breed pre-entries, in each Intact sex and each Altered sex, received by the club and postmarked by the closing date in the premium or received by the club offering day of show or on site entries. The percentage used, and whether the count is by closing date or day of show, must be included in the show premium. If the resulting count is not a whole number, the count is to be rounded up. A lower percentage may be offered, as long as it's the same percentage for Altered and Intact and it's stated in the premium. The maximum number of Premier awards for each Intact and Altered sex shall be 10. Examples:

55 Intact dog specials at 15% = 8.25, to be rounded up to 9.

21 Altered bitch specials at 15% = 3.15, to be rounded up to 4.

B. The same ribbons and prizes are to be given for Altered and Intact Premiers.

Comments/Rationale: This change to the Conformation Rules is necessary to avoid the inconsistencies in Premier awards which have occurred over the years, primarily at the National Specialty and associated pre-shows. In order for the awarding of Premiers to be fair and equitable, a percentage formula needs to be implemented. This change does not affect the ASCA Business Office or the computer upgrade. A separate motion will be made to change the National Specialty number of premier awards to this formula.

Affected: Clubs offering Premier Awards.

Effective Date: June 1, 2023.

CO.23.06 Clarifying Exhibitor Identification Rules

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

Motion by Liaison Creelman to approve the following recommendation from the Conformation Committee.

Committee Recommendation: 13.3 Exhibitor Identification.

Motion by Brandy Greenhagen to approve the following change to section 13.3 of the Conformation Rule Book. Second by Michael McGuire.

Results of Committee Vote: Approved: 12. Disapproved: 1. Abstained: 1. Non-Voting: None.

Dissent from Committee Member Leah Swatko: I vote no based on vague wording.

Comment from Committee Member David Clayton: I have not found this to be a problem but apparently others have.

Current Wording:

Section 3.13 Exhibitor Identification

No badges, coats with kennel names, dog's names, or any advertisements, shall be worn or displayed, nor any other visible means of identification used, by an individual when exhibiting a dog in the ring.

Proposed Wording:

Section 3.13 Exhibitor Identification

No badges, coats with kennel names, dogs' names, or any dog-related advertisements, shall be worn or displayed, nor any other visible means of identification used, by an individual when exhibiting a dog in the ring.

Comments/Rationale: There have been instances this past year where this rule was incorrectly interpreted to mean that any clothing with logos/advertisements or even just simply words could not be worn in the ring (i.e., Nike logos, shirts with words that have nothing to do with advertising). We changed the wording to be consistent with the Obedience handbook which simply clarifies the "advertisement" portion.

Affected: Exhibitors.

Effective Date: June 1, 2023.

CO.23.07 Changes to Non-Regular Breeder Judge Requirements

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

Comment from Director Busquets: My main problem with this motion is point I (litters bred). I don't believe that this is necessary or advisable.

Comment from Director Byrne: While I appreciate the intent of this motion, I'm not confident tracking can be accurately managed. We are definitely dependent on the honesty and integrity of our breeders.

Comment from Director Creelman: This is a hard one. I agree with the intent but when the committee itself has so much variety in opinion, I think that more thought needs to go into ways to accomplish the intent.

Comment from Director Gann: I agree with the intent but the wording needs to be clarified.

Comment from Director Larson: I understand the problem this motion is trying to fix however I do not feel this motion is the answer. Just because a co owner is not the primary doesn't mean they were not actively involved with the decision making and raising of a litter.

Motion by Liaison Creelman to approve the following recommendation from the Conformation Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Appendix B Non-Regular Breeder Judge Requirements.

Motion by Shelby Shank to approve the following changes to Appendix B: Non-Regular Breeder Judge Requirements. Second by Gail Karamalegos.

Results of Committee Vote: Approved: 8. Disapproved: 6. Abstained: None. Non-Voting: None.

Dissent from Committee Member Leah Swatko: I agree in principal that this section must be clarified. I am just not confident this motion completely addresses this as it is worded. I know that all applicants are under strict guidelines to be completely honest. I just think the verbiage could be clearer as I addressed during the discussion period.

Dissent from Committee Member Ann DeChant: While I appreciate the intent, I don't think this is going to be enforceable. I also don't think tougher requirements are in order. Education and being familiar with Aussies as a working stockdog are more important to me.

Dissent from Committee Member Mary Hellmeister: Proposed C: I don't think that any member of the household where five litters have been bred should be eligible to claim any CH out of said litters without any proof of involvement of raising and evaluating these litters. There is no process in place on how ASCA could verify such information on a possible application of a household member.

Proposed I: Again, I don't think that any household member where five litters have been registered should be eligible to apply for Breeder Judge status simply only due to the fact that they live under the same roof as the Primary litter owner without any evidence of being involved in raising and/or evaluating these litters. ASCA cannot verify such claims on the application to become a Breeder Judge. Example: My husband owns/leases the bitch, breeds the litters, raises and places it, and all I do is sit in the recliner and I can claim those litters on my application.

Dissent from Committee Member David Clayton: I feel that using breeder judges is important to the conformation program. Often we are using other judges that are closer. These judges may not understand the breed standard as well as our conformation judges. Making it harder to become a breeder judge does not benefit the program as overall it will lead to fewer potential breeder judges.

Comment from Committee Member Brandy Greenhagen: I voted yes for this motion because I believe that the title of breeder judge means someone who has experience planning, whelping, raising, evaluating and showing litters. With today's trend towards having multiple breeders listed on litters, I don't think that the original intent is being honored anymore. I have researched many other breed/all breed clubs and their requirements for "breeder" judges and they are all much more strict with adding more time in the breed and all require that you be the one that is actually having the litter, not just signing onto papers. This motion was developed after extensive discussion with Misty and Ray at the office about what can be verified and what cannot and what needs to be worded a certain way for it to be enforceable. I fully understand that people can still cheat the system, but these updated requirements will help shore up the understanding that we are actually looking to promote the right people for the job.

Some of the other dissent comments have me confused.

-While I do understand that we trust applicants, we also currently allow for every and any breeder on a litter to use that litter for their qualifications, whether they did any of the "work" or not.

-Asking for 10 years of participation. Most other clubs require many more years of participation with the breed before judging and I fully support that clause. How are we to understand the weight of our decisions in the ring if we have never fully witnessed a dog of our breeding getting old and how the specific physical and mental traits that we chose to breed for will help/hinder their transition to old age/longevity?

-I also do not understand the analogy of a wife sitting on a couch not helping with a litter, but I just can't see a scenario where household members would not be involved in raising a litter.

Comment from Committee Member Shelby Shank: I think this motion is critical because it takes away the current co-breeder loophole that is being abused. Many individuals have never bred a litter themselves or experienced having to go through the steps to produce and raise a litter. Simply being signed on as Co-Breeder has qualified individuals to become a Breeder Judge with no experience being a breeder. Unfortunately, that defeats the purpose of the Breeder Judge. With the adjustments only the Primary Breeder will get credit which in theory will make those with desires to apply have to step up and take charge of doing a litter themselves if they want credit. The added additional breed experience will ask those applying to be more involved in the breed before applying. Providing more knowledge of conformation events, breed knowledge by attending seminars, and affiliate club involvement. These changes I feel are to better those applying for Breeder Judge, and uphold the integrity of the Breeder Judge.

Comment from Committee Member Michael McGuire: I vote yes on this motion. There have been too many loopholes that breeder judge applicants can use to circumvent the hard work they should be doing by simply adding their names as breeder on litters for their qualifications and NOT physically doing the work of breeding, whelping and watching stock growing which helps formulate and shape who you are as a breeder judge. It most certainly helps you make those decisions when you are standing in the middle of the ring and passing judgement. Breeding, whelping and watching puppies grow and go through structural changes helps you as a breeder. From where I started and where I am now as a breeder is so different, and that is all from learning, being hands on and having a central hand in the way I breed dogs today. I believe that this motion will compel breeder judge applicants to have more under the belt, real time hands on experience that we have now.

Current Wording:

Non-Regular Breeder Judge Requirements

Before applying for Non-Regular ASCA Breeder Judge status, the following requirements must be met:

- A. Must be a full adult member of ASCA in good standing for a minimum of eight continuous (without a lapse in Membership) years immediately preceding their application to become an ASCA Non-Regular Breeder Judge.
- B. Must be at least twenty-six years of age and must be a member of the sponsoring Affiliate Club for a minimum of two continuous (without a lapse in Membership) years immediately preceding their application to become an ASCA Non-Regular Breeder Judge.
- C. Must have bred five ASCA Champions of Record or be a breeder of three and handled two ASCA Champions of Record to their title. (The applicant must have placed all points and majors on each Champion.)
- D. Must have a thorough knowledge of the ASCA Australian Shepherd Breed Standard.
- E. Must have a thorough knowledge of the ASCA Approved Conformation Show Rules and Regulations.
- F. Must have evidence of a strong background and involvement in ASCA and its programs developed for the Australian Shepherd, such as membership and participation in Affiliate Clubs, and putting on ASCA events such as Show Secretary, Steward, Scorekeeper, Timekeeping, etc.
- G. Must have served as a steward in the conformation ring at five or more ASCA sanctioned events. Must have served as a Show Secretary at three or more ASCA sanctioned events.
- H. Must be willing to abide by the ASCA Conformation Judges Code of Ethics.

These are minimum requirements for applying and each applicant will be evaluated on an individual basis. Applicants may exceed these requirements for their benefit.

Proposed Wording:

Non-Regular Breeder Judge Requirements

Before applying for Non-Regular ASCA Breeder Judge status, the following requirements must be met:

A. Must be a full adult member of ASCA in good standing for a minimum of eight continuous (without a lapse in Membership) years immediately preceding their application to become an ASCA Non-Regular Breeder Judge.

B. Must be at least twenty-six years of age and must be a member of the sponsoring Affiliate Club for a minimum of two continuous (without a lapse in Membership) years immediately preceding their application to become an ASCA Non-Regular Breeder Judge.

C. Must ~~have bred~~ be a Primary Breeder/Litter Owner or member of the household that produced five ASCA Champions of Record or be ~~a breeder~~ the Primary Breeder/Litter Owner or member of the household that produced three and handled two ASCA Champions of Record to their title. (The applicant must have placed all points and majors on each Champion.)

D. Must have a thorough knowledge of the ASCA Australian Shepherd Breed Standard.

E. Must have a thorough knowledge of the ASCA Approved Conformation Show Rules and Regulations.

F. Must have evidence of a strong background and involvement in ASCA and its programs developed for the Australian Shepherd, such as membership and participation in Affiliate clubs, attending breed seminars, and putting on ASCA events such as Show Secretary, Steward, Scorekeeper, Timekeeping, etc. for 10 years prior to application.

G. Must have served as a steward in the conformation ring at five or more ASCA sanctioned events. Must have served as a Show Secretary at three or more ASCA sanctioned conformation events.

H. Must be willing to abide by the ASCA Conformation Judges Code of Ethics.

I. Must be the Primary Breeder/Litter Owner or member of the household where five litters have been registered. (Qualifying litters must have been registered under Primary Breeder/Owner/Primary Lessee address)

These are minimum requirements for applying and each applicant will be evaluated on an individual basis. Applicants may exceed these requirements for their benefit.

Comments/Rationale: To prevent excessive co-ownerships to achieve Breeder judge requirements. To add additional qualifications/experience for those applying to be a Non-Regular Breeder judge.

Affected: Those applying and interested in applying for Non-Regular Judge status. The ASCA Business Office (Ray and Misty) approved.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

CO.23.08 Clarifying Premier Awards at Nationals

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

Motion by Liaison Creelman to approve the following recommendation from the Conformation Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Section 22 National Specialty Premiers.

Motion by Gail Karamalegos to approve the following change to the National Specialty Rules.
Second by Mary Hellmeister.

Results of Committee Vote: Approved: 14. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Non-Voting: None.

Current Wording:

22 Premier Ten Awards

22.1 Premier Ten Dogs and 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 AND 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:

22 Premier ~~Ten~~ Awards

22.1 Premier ~~Ten~~ Dogs and Bitches

Premier ~~Ten~~ Awards in Altered and Intact will be chosen from specials only. ~~There will be a Premier Ten in dogs and a Premier Ten in bitches.~~ The number of Premier awards shall be calculated for each Intact sex and each Altered sex by using a 15% ratio, based on the number of entries postmarked by the deadline and received by the entry clerk. Percentages that are not whole numbers are to be rounded up. The maximum number of Premier awards for each Intact and Altered sex shall be 10. Example:

15% of 56 Intact Dogs entered = 8.4, which is to be rounded up to 9 Premier awards for Intact Dogs

15% of 21 Altered Bitches entered = 3.15, which is to be rounded up to 4 Premier awards for Altered Bitches.

22.2 Not Eligible for Premier ~~Ten~~

Intact and Altered 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.~~

Comments/Rationale: The purpose of this motion is to bring the National Specialty rules regarding Premier awards in line with the Conformation rules if the change in the Conformation rule regarding premiers passes.

Affected: None.

Effective Date: June 1, 2023.

CO.23.09 Required Premier Awards at Nationals

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

Comment from Director Creelman: The Board voted to take the wording “sponsored by ASCA” off of the list of awards as ASCA is the sponsor of all classes NOT sponsored by others.

Motion by Liaison Creelman to approve the following recommendation from the Conformation Committee.

Committee Recommendation: 24.11 Required Ribbons National Specialty.

Motion by Gail Karamalegos to approve the following changes to the National Specialty Rulebook. Second by Mary Hellmeister.

Results of Committee Vote: Approved: 14. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Non-Voting: None.

Current Wording:

24.11 Regular Conformation

1. Best of Breed (Sponsored by ASCA)
2. Best of Opposite Sex (Sponsored by ASCA)
3. Best of Winners
4. Premier Dog (10 ribbons required)
5. Premier Bitch (10 ribbons required)
6. Winners Dog
7. Reserve Winners Dog
8. Winners Bitch
9. Reserve Winners Bitch
10. Best of Breed Puppy
11. Best of Opposite Sex Puppy
12. Altered Best of Breed (Sponsored by ASCA)
13. Altered Best of Opposite Sex (Sponsored by ASCA)
14. Altered Best of Winners
15. Premier Altered Dog (10 ribbons required)
16. Premier Altered Bitch (10 ribbons required)
17. Altered Winners Dog

18. Altered Reserve Winners Dog
19. Altered Winners Bitch
20. Altered Reserve Winners Bitch

Proposed Wording:

24.11 Regular Conformation

1. Intact Best of Breed (Sponsored by ASCA)
2. Intact Best of Opposite Sex (Sponsored by ASCA)
3. Intact Best of Winners
4. Intact Premier Dog (~~10 ribbons required~~) (15% of Intact dog special entries, with a maximum of 10)
5. Intact Premier Bitch (~~10 ribbons required~~) (15% of Intact bitch special entries, with a maximum of 10)
6. Intact Winners Dog
7. Intact Reserve Winners Dog
8. Intact Winners Bitch
9. Intact Reserve Winners Bitch
10. Best of Breed Puppy
11. Best of Opposite Sex Puppy
12. Altered Best of Breed (Sponsored by ASCA)
13. Altered Best of Opposite Sex (Sponsored by ASCA)
14. Altered Best of Winners
15. Premier Altered Dog (~~10 ribbons required~~) (15% of Altered dog special entries, with a maximum of 10)
16. Premier Altered Bitch (~~10 ribbons required~~) (15% of Altered bitch special entries, with a maximum of 10)
17. Altered Winners Dog
18. Altered Reserve Winners Dog
19. Altered Winners Bitch
20. Altered Reserve Winners Bitch

Comments/Rationale: The purpose of this motion is to edit the number of required ribbons/awards for Premiers at Nationals.

Affected: None.

Effective Date: June 1, 2023.

CO.23.10 Sanctioning Application

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

Motion by Liaison Creelman to approve the following recommendation from the Conformation Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Section 3.2 Sanctioning Application.

Motion by Brandy Greenhagen to approve the following change to the Conformation Rule Book. Seconded by Michael McGuire.

Results of Committee Vote: Approved: 14. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Non-Voting: None.

Current Wording:

Section 3.2 Sanctioning Application

ASCA Affiliate Clubs that meet the requirements of ASCA and wish to hold a Conformation Dog Show, at which Championship points may be awarded, must make application to ASCA on the form provided for permission to hold such show. The Sanctioning form shall list date, location, Show Secretary/Chairman's name, address and phone number, all classes offered, judges names and addresses and assignments, unless as otherwise provided in Sections 4.13 and 5.2.H. Once an event has been sanctioned by the ASCA Business Office, additional classes may not be added to the event. Changes effective May 27, 2022.

Any ASCA Affiliated Club requesting ASCA sanctioning for any event(s) shall, when making application for said event(s), include any applicable county, state, country or any other bylaws, rules of conduct or associated restrictions regarding dogs, their exhibition, and the holding of said event(s) and shall include a list of such rules, bylaws or restrictions in the premium list. Such rules, restrictions, bylaws etc. shall be printed in English and the language of the country where said event(s) will be held, listing all pertinent information. This application must be submitted and postmarked no later than sixty days prior to the event. A sanction fee, as determined by the ASCA Board of Directors, per trial shall be submitted with the application.

All entries shall close prior to the judging of the first class. Pre-entry deadlines must be determined and set by "postmark date" of mailing. All Affiliate clubs must send a show flyer to the ASCA Business Office along with the sanctioning forms. Show Premium/Flyer Required Information:

- A. Name of Affiliate Club hosting the event.
- B. Sanctioning status (pending or approved).
- C. A statement that the trial will be held under the current rules and regulations of ASCA.
- D. Date and Location of show(s) including physical address.
- E. Number of conformation shows and other events.
- F. Day of show and/or on-site entry times and date (if applicable).
- G. Postmark dates for opening and/or closing of pre-entries. (if applicable).
- H. Show/trial secretary and show/trial chairperson's name and contact information. Other trial officials may also be listed.
- I. Judges' names, accompanied by their affiliation, including their judge's assignments.
- J. A listing of all classes offered for each day.
- K. Judging start times and order of classes.

- L. Fee amounts for pre-entry and day of show entries for classes offered (non-regular, regular, junior showmanship and additional classes).
- M. A statement that no entry shall be accepted from a dog or handler disqualified from the ASCA Conformation program; a dog or handler disqualified from all ASCA programs; or a person not in good standing with ASCA.
- N. A description of prizes and awards.
- O. Description of the show/trial's setting (indoor/out, electric or none, etc.) and the ring surfacing (grass, grass/dirt, sand, matting over concrete, carpet, sod, shavings, etc.).
- P. Time the entrance or show grounds will be open.
- Q. Late or early arrival contact information (list a contact number and person, if applicable).
- R. Local veterinarians for emergency contact.
- S. Rules of the club (including waivers to be signed, if applicable).
- T. Listing of any applicable local laws or show site regulations pertaining to the exhibition of dogs. (including waivers to be signed, if applicable).
- U. Grooming area information (electricity, tent, inside/outside, etc.).
- V. Local hotel(s) and pet accommodation information.
- W. RV hook up amenities and availability (RV Park Guide) (if applicable).
- X. Food Vendor information.
- Y. Show photographer information (if applicable).

The most current ASCA approved entry form must be included, or a link to the entry forms on the ASCA Website should be included.

Proposed Wording:

Section 3.2 Sanctioning Application

ASCA Affiliate Clubs that meet the requirements of ASCA and wish to hold a Conformation Dog Show, at which Championship points may be awarded, must make application to ASCA on the form provided for permission to hold such show. The Sanctioning form shall list date, location, Show Secretary/Chairman's name, address and phone number, all classes offered, judges names and addresses and assignments, unless as otherwise provided in Sections 4.13 and 5.2.H. Once an event has been sanctioned by the ASCA Business Office, and the sanctioning deadline has passed, additional classes may not be added to the event. Changes effective May 27, 2022.

Any ASCA Affiliated Club requesting ASCA sanctioning for any event(s) shall, when making application for said event(s), include any applicable county, state, country or any other bylaws, rules of conduct or associated restrictions regarding dogs, their exhibition, and the holding of said event(s) and shall include a list of such rules, bylaws or restrictions in the premium list. Such rules, restrictions, bylaws etc. shall be printed in English and the language of the country where said event(s) will be held, listing all pertinent information. This application must be submitted and postmarked no later than sixty days prior to the event. A sanction fee, as determined by the ASCA Board of Directors, per trial shall be submitted with the application.

All entries shall close prior to the judging of the first class. Pre-entry deadlines must be determined and set by "postmark date" of mailing. All Affiliate clubs must send a show flyer to

the ASCA Business Office along with the sanctioning forms. Show Premium/Flyer Required Information:

- A. Name of Affiliate Club hosting the event.
- B. Sanctioning status (pending or approved).
- C. A statement that the trial will be held under the current rules and regulations of ASCA.
- D. Date and Location of show(s) including physical address.
- E. Number of conformation shows and other events.
- F. Day of show and/or on-site entry times and date (if applicable).
- G. Postmark dates for opening and/or closing of pre-entries. (if applicable).
- H. Show/trial secretary and show/trial chairperson's name and contact information. Other trial officials may also be listed.
- I. Judges' names, accompanied by their affiliation, including their judge's assignments.
- J. A listing of all classes offered for each day.
- K. Judging start times and order of classes.
- L. Fee amounts for pre-entry and day of show entries for classes offered (non-regular, regular, junior showmanship and additional classes).
- M. A statement that no entry shall be accepted from a dog or handler disqualified from the ASCA Conformation program; a dog or handler disqualified from all ASCA programs; or a person not in good standing with ASCA.
- N. A description of prizes and awards.
- O. Description of the show/trial's setting (indoor/out, electric or none, etc.) and the ring surfacing (grass, grass/dirt, sand, matting over concrete, carpet, sod, shavings, etc.).
- P. Time the entrance or show grounds will be open.
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- T. Listing of any applicable local laws or show site regulations pertaining to the exhibition of dogs. (including waivers to be signed, if applicable).
- U. Grooming area information (electricity, tent, inside/outside, etc.).
- V. Local hotel(s) and pet accommodation information.
- W. RV hook up amenities and availability (RV Park Guide) (if applicable).
- X. Food Vendor information.
- Y. Show photographer information (if applicable).

The most current ASCA approved entry form must be included, or a link to the entry forms on the ASCA Website should be included.

Comments/Rationale: When the committee changed this rule last year, we neglected to include an important distinction which should not punish clubs that get their sanctioning paperwork in early, but have a change that needs to be made before the deadline.

Affected: Business office (Misty ok'd), Show Chairs, Clubs.

Effective Date: Immediately upon Board approval.

Junior Committee

JR.23.01 Addition to Approved Junior Judge Application Procedure

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

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

Committee Recommendation: Appendix A: Approved Junior Judge Requirements procedure addition.

Motion by Andrea Bair in accordance with the other adjustments the Junior Committee recently made. Seconded by Shelby Shank.

Results of Committee Vote: Approved: 11. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Non-Voting: 2.

Comment from Committee Member Andrea Bair: I also recommend that the ASCA BOD encourage other committees to do the same wherever different judges levels occur that may have recently changed or be in the process of making changes.

Current Wording:

Appendix A: Approved Junior Judge Requirements

Before applying for Approved Junior Judge Status, the following requirements must be met:

- A. Previously approved as an ASCA Junior Judge prior to 6/1/2021 or complete items B & C of this section.
- B. Must be an ASCA Provisional Junior Judge.
- C. Must have completed judging on a minimum of five (5) junior handling judging assignments with an entry of three (3) or more entrants from the regular classes at ASCA Sanctioned Conformation Shows.

These are minimum requirements for applying, and each applicant will be evaluated on an individual basis. The applicant may exceed these requirements for their benefit.

Procedure

Steps in applying for Approved Junior Judge:

- A. Junior judges who were approved prior to 6/1/2021 are automatically approved and have judged within the last 5 years, do not need to file anything. It is recommended that those judges confirm with the ASCA Business Office to make sure that their status gets updated accordingly.
- B. In letter format submit the following documentation to the ASCA Business Office:
 - 1. Judges books (legible copies are permitted) showing the completion of judging on a minimum of five (5) junior handling judging assignments with an entry of three (3) or more entrants from the regular classes at ASCA Sanctioned Conformation Shows.
 - 2. Documentation must include the name of the Affiliate club sponsoring the sanctioned show, the date of the judging assignment, the name of the show secretary, the classes judged and the number of entries judged.

C. Documentation may include any other additional educational steps taken or beneficial activity the applicant may have been involved in since approval as a Provisional Junior Judge.

D. The ASCA Business Office will verify the documentation is correct and minimum requirements have been met, upon receipt of the application letter.

E. Once the Office has determined that the applicant has met the minimum requirements, they will forward the judging assignment information and any comments made by the Affiliate Club on the judges review form from the sanctioning paperwork to the ASCA Board of Directors.

F. The ASCA Board of Directors will approve or deny the applicant within sixty (60) days.

G. If the application is approved, the applicant will receive notification in writing from the ASCA Business Office of appointment to Approved Junior Judge and, at that time, may then accept judging assignments as outlined above. Upon approval, the applicant's name, address and telephone number will also be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times and will be amended in the ASCA Approved Judges List as an Approved Junior Judge with the notation of "J" beside their name.

Proposed Wording:

Appendix A: Approved Junior Judge Requirements

Before applying for Approved Junior Judge Status, the following requirements must be met:

A. Previously approved as an ASCA Junior Judge prior to 6/1/2021 or complete items B & C of this section.

B. Must be an ASCA Provisional Junior Judge.

C. Must have completed judging on a minimum of five (5) junior handling judging assignments with an entry of three (3) or more entrants from the regular classes at ASCA Sanctioned Conformation Shows.

These are minimum requirements for applying, and each applicant will be evaluated on an individual basis. The applicant may exceed these requirements for their benefit.

Procedure

Steps in applying for Approved Junior Judge:

A. Junior judges who were approved prior to 6/1/2021 are automatically approved and have judged within the last 5 years, do not need to file anything. It is recommended that those judges confirm with the ASCA Business Office to make sure that their status gets updated accordingly.

1. Judges applying for Approved Junior Judge Status must adhere to the rules in effect at the time of the Approved Junior Judge application even if they were approved as a Provisional prior to 06/01/23 when the Approved Junior Judge requirements were modified.

B. In letter format submit the following documentation to the ASCA Business Office:

1. Judges books (legible copies are permitted) showing the completion of judging on a minimum of five (5) junior handling judging assignments with an entry of three (3) or more entrants from the regular classes at ASCA Sanctioned Conformation Shows.

2. Documentation must include the name of the Affiliate club sponsoring the sanctioned show, the date of the judging assignment, the name of the show secretary, the classes judged and the number of entries judged.

C. Documentation may include any other additional educational steps taken or beneficial activity the applicant may have been involved in since approval as a Provisional Junior Judge.

D. The ASCA Business Office will verify the documentation is correct and minimum requirements have been met, upon receipt of the application letter.

E. Once the Office has determined that the applicant has met the minimum requirements, they will forward the judging assignment information and any comments made by the Affiliate Club on the judges review form from the sanctioning paperwork to the ASCA Board of Directors.

F. The ASCA Board of Directors will approve or deny the applicant within sixty (60) days.

G. If the application is approved, the applicant will receive notification in writing from the ASCA Business Office of appointment to Approved Junior Judge and, at that time, may then accept judging assignments as outlined above. Upon approval, the applicant's name, address and telephone number will also be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times and will be amended in the ASCA Approved Judges List as an Approved Junior Judge with the notation of "J" beside their name.

Comments/Rationale: For clarification to alleviate confusion in the future for prospective judge applicants.

Affected: Future Junior Judge Applicants.

Effective Date: June 1, 2023.

JR.23.02 Clarification of Non-Regular Junior Classes

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

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

Committee Recommendation: Motion by Andrea Bair. Seconded by Shelby Shank.

Results of Committee Vote: Approved: 10. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Non-Voting: 3.

Current Wording:

Section 1.4 Age to Participate in ASCA Junior Program

To compete in the ASCA Junior Program, a junior must be at least eight (8) years of age, and no older than eighteen(18) years old. The two age divisions are 8-12 Years, and 13-17 Years.

Juniors who have not yet attained their eighth birthday are eligible for competition in non-regular Pee-Wee (3-5 Years) and Sub-Junior (6-7 Years) classes when they are offered at conformation shows but will not be eligible to compete for Best Junior Handler or for year-end awards in the ASCA Junior Program.

These are considered non-regular classes and are not mandatory. Ages are to be calculated as of June 1st of the current merit year. No junior under the age of 3 may exhibit in any non-regular class.

Proposed Wording:

Section 1.4 Age to Participate in ASCA Junior Program

To compete in the ASCA Junior Program, a junior must be at least eight (8) years of age, and no older than eighteen(18) years old. The two age divisions are 8-12 Years, and 13-17 Years.

Juniors who have not yet attained their eighth birthday are eligible for competition in non-regular Pee-Wee (3-5 Years) and Sub-Junior (6-7 Years) classes when they are offered at conformation

shows but will not be eligible to compete for Best Junior Handler or for year-end awards in the ASCA Junior Program.

These are considered non-regular classes and are not mandatory. Ages are to be calculated as of June 1st of the current merit year. No junior under the age of 3 may exhibit in any non-regular class. Judges are not to place these classes, all juniors are to receive equal placement ribbons or participation ribbons. As these are a non-regular class, non-regular placement ribbons are recommended.

Comments/Rationale: For clarification purposes only.

Affected: Non-Regular juniors, ASCA Junior and Conformation Judges, Affiliate clubs hosting Conformation shows (if offering these classes).

Effective Date: June 1, 2023.

JR.23.03 Clarification of Non-Regular Placement Ribbons

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

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

Committee Recommendation: Motion by Andrea Bair. Seconded by Shelby Shank.

Results of Committee Vote: Approved: 10. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Non-Voting: 3.

Current Wording:

Junior Showmanship Judging Guidelines (Appendix)

Tips and Pointers to Guide Your Way:

11. Make sure to use Non-Regular strip ribbons for the Pee-Wee and Sub Junior Divisions and Regular Strip Ribbons for the Novice and Open Class Divisions.

Proposed Wording:

Junior Showmanship Judging Guidelines (Appendix)

Tips and Pointers to Guide Your Way:

11. Use Non-Regular ribbons or Participation ribbons for the Pee-Wee and Sub Junior classes, whichever is available as provided by the hosting affiliate. All Competitors are to receive equal placement, for example all juniors in those classes get first place. Regular Ribbons are to be used for the Novice and Open classes and those classes should be placed according first thru fourth.

Comments/Rationale: For clarification purposes only.

Affected: ASCA Junior and Conformation Judges.

Effective Date: June 1, 2023.

JR.23.04 Additional Clarification of Non-Regular Placement Ribbons

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

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

Committee Recommendation: Motion by Andrea Bair. Seconded by Shelby Shank.

Results of Committee Vote: Approved: 10. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Non-Voting: 3.

Current Wording:

Chapter 2 Junior Handling Classes

PEE-WEE: 3-5 years old SUB-JUNIOR: 6-7 years old

1. Judges judging the pee-wee and sub-junior classes are not to give placements. The Affiliate Club is to be responsible for giving each pee-wee and sub-junior competitor a participation ribbon. Ages are to be calculated as of June 1st of the current merit year. No junior under the age of 3 may exhibit in any non-regular class.

Proposed Wording:

Chapter 2 Junior Handling Classes

PEE-WEE: 3-5 years old SUB-JUNIOR: 6-7 years old

1. Judges judging the pee-wee and sub-junior classes are not to give placements. The Affiliate Club is to be responsible for giving each pee-wee and sub-junior competitor an equal placement ribbon or a participation ribbon. Ages are to be calculated as of June 1st of the current merit year. No junior under the age of 3 may exhibit in any non-regular class.

Comments/Rationale: For clarification purposes only.

Affected: Non-Regular juniors, ASCA Junior and Conformation Judges, Affiliate clubs hosting Conformation shows (if offering these classes).

Effective Date: June 1, 2023.

JR.23.05 Participation Awards for Non-Qualifying Most Versatile Juniors

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

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

Committee Recommendation: Motion by Megan Sims Kennedy to approve the following changes to 8.7.1.1 Rules for Holding a Most Versatile Junior Competition pending approval of the following wording changes. Seconded by Shelby Shank.

Results of Committee Vote: Approved: 9. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Non-Voting: 4.

Comment from Committee Member Andrea Bair: I think the following statement should be clarified better:

In the event that no junior meets all of the requirements to win the MJV competition, participation placements will be given, but not the MVJ Award. Participating juniors will place in order of highest score and will receive placement ribbons and awards but no qualifying ribbons.

Current Wording:

8.7.1.1 Rules for Holding a Most Versatile Junior Competition

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 National Specialty Committee chooses to present the Awards for MVA and MVJ. The Award will be equal in value to the MVA Trophy.

Proposed Wording:

8.7.1.1 Rules for Holding a Most Versatile Junior Competition

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/participants 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 National Specialty Committee chooses to present the Awards for MVA and MVJ. The Award will be equal in value to the MVA Trophy. In the event that no junior meets all of the requirements to win the MVJ competition, participation placements will be given. Participating juniors will place in order of highest score and will receive placement ribbons and awards but no qualifying ribbons.

Comments/Rationale: To add placements for MVJ even if they don't qualify.

Affected: MVJ Participants.

Effective Date: June 1, 2023.

JR.23.06 Most Versatile Junior Competition Rules

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

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

Committee Recommendation: Motion by Megan Sims Kennedy to approve the following changes to 8.7.1.3 Most Versatile Junior Competition Rules. Pending approval of the following wording changes. Seconded by Shelby Shank.

Results of Committee Vote: Approved: 9. Disapproved: None. Abstained: None. Non-Voting: 4.

Current Wording:

8.7.1.3 Most Versatile Junior Competition Rules

A. Most Versatile Junior Handler Award is for the Junior who has the highest combined score in three areas:

1. Junior handling evaluation
2. Working
3. Any ONE of the following four performance events: agility, obedience, rally and tracking.

B. The Junior Handling Evaluation portion of the junior's total points will be comprised of a score that is awarded by the junior handling evaluator for skills demonstrated during the evaluation. The scoring will be performed based on the criteria outlined on the MVJ Evaluation Score Sheet. Each junior will be allowed to present only one dog in the Junior Handling Evaluation. Bitches in season will be allowed in the evaluation portion of the MVJ competition; they will be evaluated in order or may be placed at the end of the line, at the evaluator's preference. A Qualifying Score shall be comprised of a final score of one hundred seventy (170) or more points.

C. The Working portion of the junior's total points will be comprised of an adjusted score. The adjusted score will be the junior's single highest qualifying score from a regular class (Started, Open, Advanced), with point- adjustments based on the class entered:

Advanced: raw score + 6% Open: raw score Started: raw score

The qualifying score may be earned on ducks, sheep or cattle. In cases where a junior may have multiple qualifying scores from different classes, the score that is highest after accounting for the adjustment will be the one used for MVJ. Scores earned in non-regular classes (Working Junior Handler or Novice Handler) will not count for toward the MVJ competition. Bitches in season entered in the MVJ competition must be accommodated in the National Specialty Working Trial.

D. The Obedience portion of the junior's total points will be comprised of an adjusted score. The adjusted score will be the junior's single highest qualifying score from a regular class (Novice, Open, Utility), with point- adjustments based on the class entered:

Utility: raw score + 3% Open: raw score Novice: raw score - 3%

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E. The Rally portion of the junior's total points will be comprised of an adjusted score. The adjusted score will be the junior's single highest qualifying score from either A or B class (Advanced, Excellent and Masters), with point-adjustments based on the class entered:

Masters: raw score -5 Excellent: raw score -10 Advanced: raw score -20 Novice: does not count

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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

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G. The Tracking portion of the Junior's total points will be comprised of a base score, awarded for a "pass" rating on a single track, as follows:

TDX track: 195 points TD track: 190 points

In cases where a junior may have multiple qualifying tracks from different classes, the track that results in the highest score will be the one used for MVJ. Bitches in season entered in the MVJ competition must be accommodated in the National Specialty Tracking Test. They will run last in tracking and will be kept away from the tracking area until called. Qualifying scores received will count if the premium list specifically states that "bitches in season may participate".

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Definitions:

Q Points - Static number of points awarded for a Qualifying score in an event at a particular skill level.

Score Points - Variable number of points based on the actual score received by the dog compared to the score necessary to qualify in that event, at that particular level. In the case of Agility, Score Points will be based on a clean run, versus a faulted run.

1.3.1 Ties

Ties for awarding the Most Versatile Junior Award and placements will be broken using the highest Stockdog score as calculated for MVJ points. In the case that a tie still exists, the dog with the highest number of qualifying scores in all MVJ qualifying events will prevail. If the tie is still not broken, dual placements shall be awarded.

1.3.2 Scores

Computation of all scores for awarding the Most Versatile Junior Award will be handled by either the Most Versatile Aussie show committee, or by one identified member of the show committee. The Host Club may request assistance in the tabulation and auditing of the MVJ scores from the Versatility 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/handler's 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.

1.3.3 Participant Ribbon

All entrants shall be presented with a participant ribbon during the handling evaluation. The participant ribbon at Nationals is to be given immediately upon completion of the individual handling evaluation. Immediately thereafter the participant may be allowed to leave the ring. All entrants who successfully earned qualifying scores in the handling evaluation, stockdog trials and agility and/or obedience and/or rally and/or tracking events as required by these rules shall be presented with a qualifying strip ribbon at the MVJ awards presentation with the top ten qualifiers receiving placement ribbons.

1.3.4 Handling Evaluation

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 National Specialty Committee and shall be approved by the ASCA Board of Directors.

C. The evaluator for the handling portion of the MVJ competition must be an ASCA Breeder Judge, Senior Breeder Judge or ASCA Approved Junior Handling Judge. If they meet this requirement, Regular Junior Handling Judge or the evaluator hired to score the conformation portion of the Most Versatile Aussie (MVA) event may preside over this portion of the MVJ competition. If the MVJ evaluator is not presiding over any other classes or events at the Nationals, he or she will be allowed to enter and exhibit in the other Nationals events.

D. Each Junior Handler entering MVJ shall indicate such as an "additional class" on their entry form.

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 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.

F. this class will not be placed, and no awards will be given. The score given by the evaluator will be used. G. Only Australian Shepherds with full registration privileges will be allowed to compete in MVJ. No LEP registered dogs will be allowed in MVJ. This class is open to spayed and neutered animals as well as intact animals.

1.3.5 Stockdog

A. The dog will receive the Q Points for all qualifying scores received in Stock.

B. Score Points will be tabulated by taking the dog's actual score and subtracting either 69 (Started) points or 88 (Open & Advanced) points, to arrive at the number of points they earned above the necessary Q level. This will be tabulated for each qualifying score.

C. MVJ points will be computed as follows:

1. Advanced Q = 50 points + Score - 88

2. Open Q=35points+Score-88

3. Started Q = 20 points + Score - 69

D. Bitches in season entered in Versatility must be accommodated in the Stockdog Trials.

1.3.6 Performance Score

The dog must receive one MVJ score from one of the four performance choices of agility, obedience, rally, and tracking in order to qualify in MVJ. All Performance qualifying scores will be calculated and tabulated as noted and will be included in the total MVJ score for the handler.

1.3.7 Agility

A. Only Regular Agility, from the standard, veterans, or junior division, will be used for versatility.

B. Q points will be awarded to the dog for the first qualifying run. The second qualifying run will not be awarded Q Points, only Score Points will be awarded.

C. Score Points will be awarded for each qualifying run, 20 for a clean run and 10 for a faulted run.

D. Points for MVJ will be awarded as follows for the first Qualifying run. Only Score Points are awarded for the second Qualifying run in Agility.

1. Clean Elite run = 60 + 20

2. Faulted Elite run = 60 + 10

3. Clean Open run = 45 + 20

4. Faulted Open run = 45 + 10

5. Clean Novice run = 30 + 20

6. Faulted Novice run = 30 + 10

E. Bitches in heat will be allowed to run at the Nationals 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 x-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.

1.3.8 Obedience

A. Scores from the regular classes will be used to compute MVJ points. Scores from the Novice C class are not eligible for MVJ competition.

B. Q points will be awarded to the dog for a qualifying score. If the dog is competing in Utility and Open, the second qualifying run will be awarded Score Points only.

C. Score Points will be awarded to the dog by subtracting 170 from the actual score the dog received in competition. The difference will be the score points awarded to the dog.

D. Points will be computed as follows for the first Qualifying score. If the dog is competing in both Utility and Open, only Score Points are awarded for the second Qualifying score in Obedience.

1. Utility = 70 Q points + Actual score - 170 pts

2. Open (CDX or ODX) = 55 Q points + Actual score - 170 pts

3. Novice = 40 Q points + Actual score - 170 pts

E. Bitches in season entered in the MVJ competition must be accommodated in the Obedience Trials. They will either run last, or in a special ring. Bitches in season must wear pants in and around the ring.

1.3.9 Rally

A. Scores from A or B Advanced, Excellent or Masters class will be used to compute MVJ points. Scores from Novice or C classes are not eligible for MVJ competition.

B. Q points will be awarded to the dog for a qualifying score. If the dog is competing in Masters and Excellent, the second qualifying run will be awarded Score Points only.

C. Score Points will be awarded to the dog by subtracting 170 from the actual score the dog received in competition. The difference will be the score points awarded to the dog.

D. Points will be computed as follows for the first Qualifying score. If the dog is competing in both Masters and Excellent, only Score Points are awarded for the second Qualifying score in Rally.

1. Masters = 50 Q points + Actual score - 170 pts

2. Excellent = 35 Q points + Actual score - 170 pts

3. Advanced = 20 Q points + Actual score - 170 pts

E. Bitches in season entered in Versatility must be accommodated in the Rally Trial and will run last at the end of the day. Qualifying scores received will count for Versatility only.

1.3.10 Tracking

A. Points for MVJ will be awarded as follows:

1. 100 points for a qualifying TDX track.
2. 100 points for a qualifying UTX track.
3. 80 points for a qualifying TD track.
4. 80 points for a qualifying TDU track.

B. Bitches in season entered in Versatility must be accommodated in the Tracking Trials. They will run last in Tracking and will be kept away from the tracking area until called. Qualifying scores received will count if the premium list specifically states that “bitches in season may participate.”

Comments/Rationale: Aligns MVJ scoring with MVA scoring.

Affected: MVJ participants, MVA Nationals Secretary, Nationals Committee.

Effective Date: June 1, 2023.

Rally Committee

RA.23.01 New Signs for ASCA Rally

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

Motion by Liaison Sims to approve the following recommendation from the Rally Committee.

Committee Recommendation: RC Motion 23.01 New Signs for ASCA Rally.

Motion by Karen Black to add the signs listed below to the ASCA Rally program. Second by Corinne Shanks.

Results of Committee Vote: Approved: 10. Disapproved: None. Abstained: 1. Non-Voting: None.

Current Wording: There is no current wording for these exercises. These are additional signs.

Proposed Wording: These signs will be added to the current Rally signs and placed in the numerical order indicated on the chart below.

#	SIGN	LEVEL	S	NAME & DESCRIPTION
232		A,E,M		270 Left, Fast: Team makes a small <u>270-degree circle turn to the left</u> in heel position. Immediately after completing the turn, <u>team’s speed increases at a noticeably faster than normal pace</u> in heel position until the next sign, which must be a Normal Pace sign.
233		A,E,M		270 Right, Fast: Team makes a small <u>270-degree circle turn to the right</u> in heel position. Immediately after completing the turn, <u>team’s speed increases at a noticeably faster than normal pace</u> in heel position until the next sign, which must be a Normal Pace sign.
234		A,E,M		225 Loop Left, Fast:

				Team makes <u>a 225-degree turn to the left</u> in heel position. Immediately after completing the turn, <u>team's speed increases at a noticeably faster than normal pace</u> in heel position until the next sign, which must be a Normal Pace.
235		A,E,M		225 Loop Right, Slow: Team makes a <u>225-degree turn to the right</u> in heel position. Immediately after completing the turn, <u>team's speed increases at a noticeably faster than normal pace</u> in heel position until the next sign, which must be a Normal Pace.
328		E,M		270 Left, Slow: Team makes a small <u>270-degree circle turn to the left</u> in heel position. Immediately after completing the turn, <u>team's speed decreases at a noticeably slower than normal pace</u> in heel position until the next sign, which must be a Normal Pace or Finish sign.
329		E,M		270 Right, Slow: Team makes a small <u>270-degree circle turn to the right</u> in heel position. Immediately after completing the turn, <u>team's speed decreases at a noticeably slower than normal pace</u> in heel position until the next sign, which must be a Normal Pace or Finish sign.
330		E,M		225 Loop Left, Slow: Team makes <u>a 225-degree turn to the left</u> in heel position. Immediately after completing the turn, <u>team's speed decreases at a noticeably slower than normal pace</u> in heel position until the next sign, which must be a Normal Pace or Finish sign.
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417		M	S	Halt, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Stand Dog, Return: <u>Team halts and dog sits.</u> At handler's command and/or signal, <u>dog stays</u> in place <u>while the handler continues at least 3 steps forward.</u> <u>Handler turns and faces dog.</u> At handler's command and/or signal, <u>dog stands</u> in place. <u>Handler returns around the dog and pauses</u> in heel position. Team heels forward.
418		M	S	Halt, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Down Dog, Return:

				<p><u>Team halts and dog sits.</u> At handler's command and/or signal, <u>dog stays</u> in place <u>while handler continues at least three steps forward.</u></p> <p><u>Handler turns and faces dog.</u> At handler's command and/or signal, <u>dog downs</u> in place. <u>Handler returns around the dog and pauses</u> in heel position. Team heels forward.</p>
419		M	S	<p>Halt, Down, Walk 3 Steps, Face dog, Stand Dog, Return:</p> <p><u>Team halts and dog sits.</u> At handler's command and/or signal, <u>dog downs</u> in place <u>while handler continues at least three steps forward.</u></p> <p><u>Handler turns and faces dog.</u> At handler's command and/or signal, <u>dog stands</u> in place. <u>Handler returns around dog and pauses</u> in heel position. Team heels forward.</p>
420		M	S	<p>Halt, Down, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Sit Dog, Return:</p> <p><u>Team halts and dog sits.</u> At handler's command and/or signal, <u>dog downs</u> in place <u>while handler continues at least three steps forward.</u></p> <p><u>Handler turns and faces dog and pauses.</u> At handler's command and/or signal, <u>dog sits</u> in place. <u>Handler returns around dog and pauses</u> in heel position. Team heels forward.</p>
421		M	S	<p>Halt, Stand, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Sit Dog, Return:</p> <p><u>Team halts and dog sits.</u> At handler's command and/or signal, <u>dog stands</u> in place <u>while handler continues at least three steps forward.</u></p> <p><u>Handler turns and faces dog.</u> At handler's command and/or signal, <u>dog sits</u> in place. <u>Handler returns around dog and pauses</u> in heel position. Team heels forward.</p>
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423		M		<p>Cloverleaf Left, With Distraction:</p> <p>Three cones are placed in a triangle pattern with cones 6 feet apart. The judge will replace a single cone of their choice with a distraction (toy or securely covered food bowl). Cones and distractions for the purpose of this description are referred to as objects.</p> <p><u>Team enters in the center of the base objects and starting with the base object to their left, team heels a single</u></p>

			<p><u>complete figure eight around the base objects</u> in heel position. <u>Upon completing the loops around the base objects, team makes a loop clockwise around the third object at the top of the triangle</u> in heel position. <u>Team exits between the base objects</u> in heel position moving in the opposite direction they were traveling. This is a 180° change of direction exercise. Objects may not be used by any other exercise. Other sections of the course path may not pass through the objects.</p>
424	M	<p>Cloverleaf Right, With Distraction:</p> <p>Three cones are placed in a triangle pattern with cones 6 feet apart. The judge will replace a single cone of their choice with a distraction (toy or securely covered food bowl). Cones and distractions for the purpose of this description are referred to as objects.</p> <p><u>Team enters in the center of the two base objects and starting with the base object to their right, team heels a single complete figure eight around the base objects</u> in heel position. <u>Upon completing the loops around the base objects, team makes a loop counter clockwise around the third object at the top of the triangle</u> in heel position. <u>Team exits between the base objects</u> in heel position moving in the opposite direction they were traveling. This is a 180° change of direction exercise. Objects may not be used by any other exercise. Other sections of the course path may not pass through the objects.</p>	
425	M	<p>Right Turn, Back 3 Steps:</p> <p>Team makes a <u>90-degree turn to the right</u> in heel position. Immediately after completing the turn <u>and without hesitation, team takes at least three handler steps back</u>, dog maintains heel position. Team heels forward.</p>	
426	M	<p>Left Turn, Back 3 Steps:</p> <p>Team heels forward and <u>makes a 90-degree turn to the left and without hesitation team takes at least three steps back</u>. Dog remains in heel position. Team heels forward.</p>	
427	M	<p>Left About Turn, U Turn:</p> <p><u>Handler makes an about turn to the left. While handler turns left, the dog moves right and behind handler,</u> resuming heel position while moving forward. Upon completion of the left about turn, <u>without hesitation the team makes an about turn to the left in heel position.</u> Team heels forward. Up to two steps can be taken between turns for balance.</p>	
428	M	<p>Stand Stay:</p> <p>Immediately after passing the "Finish" sign, the team proceeds to this sign. The <u>dog is placed in a stand.</u> The <u>handler commands and/or signals the dog to stay.</u> The <u>handler proceeds to the leash</u> placed along the side of the ring where the exit is located, <u>retrieves it, and returns around behind the</u></p>	

				<p>dog to heel position. The dog must remain in a stand. After the Judge says, "Exercise Finished" the handler attaches the lead to the dog's collar and exits the ring. The leash shall be 20 feet away.</p>
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OTHER SECTIONS OF THE RULEBOOK AFFECTED BY THIS MOTION:

Current Wording:

4.5.2 Course Requirements

Rally Advanced A, B, and C courses must have between 16 and 19 stations (Finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of seven stationary exercises. Advanced level courses must also have the Start/Heeling and Conduct station and a minimum of four Advanced (not eligible for Novice) exercises. A Sit Stay or Down Stay exercise is optional at the Advanced level. Each sign will have a 10-point value except for the Star stations, which will have a 20 -point value. The total number of points per course must equal 200. Star stations will be determined by the Judge and marked with a Star designator. Maximum Total Score: 200 points

SIGNS FOR ADVANCED:

Finish

1 Start/Heeling & Conduct

2 Halt, Fast

3 Fast Pace

4 Slow Pace

5 Normal Pace

6 Halt, 1-2-3

7 Call Dog Front, 1-2-3 Backwards

8 360 Circle Right

9 360 Circle Left

10 Right Turn

11 270 Left

12 90 Pivot Right

13 Left Turn

14 270 Right

15 90 Pivot Left

16 About Turn

17 U Turn

18 Left About Turn

19 Spiral Right

20 Spiral Left

21 Serpentine Cones, One Way
22 Serpentine Cones, Down & Back
23 Sit Stay
24 Down Stay
25 Offset Serpentine Right
26 Offset Serpentine Left
27 45 Diagonal Right
28 45 Diagonal Left
29 225 Loop Right
30 225 Loop Left
120 Halt
121 Down
122 Moving Sidestep Right
123 Halt, Walk Around Dog
124 Halt, Down, Walk Around Dog
125 Off Set Figure 8
200 Halt, Stand, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Return **
201 Halt, Stand, Walk Around Dog **
202 Halt, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Call Front, Finish, Halt **
203 Stand **
220 Halt, Down, Sit **
221 Halt, About Turn **
222 Halt, U Turn **
223 Call Dog Front, Finish Right, Forward **
224 Call Dog Front, Finish Left, Forward **
225 Call Dog Front, Finish Right, Halt **
226 Call Dog Front, Finish Left, Halt **
227 About Turn, Sidestep Right **
228 About Turn, Fast **
229 U Turn, Fast **
230 Cloverleaf Right **
231 Cloverleaf Left **
** = Not eligible for Novice

5.5.4 Course Requirements

Rally Excellent A, B, and C courses must have between 16 and 19 stations (Finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of eight Stationary exercises per class. Excellent level courses must also have the Start/Heeling and Conduct station and a minimum of four Excellent (not eligible for Novice or Advanced) and three Advanced (not eligible for Novice) exercises, not including the jump. A Sit Stay or Down Stay exercise is optional at the Excellent level. Each sign will have a 10-point value except for Star stations, which will have a 20-point value. The total number of points per course must equal 200. Any other Star stations will be determined by the Judge and marked with a Star designator. Maximum Total Score: 200 points

SIGNS FOR EXCELLENT:

Finish

1 Start/Heeling & Conduct

2 Halt, Fast

3 Fast Pace

4 Slow Pace

5 Normal Pace

6 Halt, 1-2-3

7 Call Dog Front, 1-2-3 Backwards

8 360 Circle Right

9 360 Circle Left

10 Right Turn

11 270 Left

12 90 Pivot Right

13 Left Turn

14 270 Right

15 90 Pivot Left

16 About Turn

17 U Turn

18 Left About Turn

19 Spiral Right

39 20 Spiral Left

21 Serpentine Cones, One Way

22 Serpentine Cones, Down & Back

23 Sit Stay

24 Down Stay

25 Offset Serpentine Right

26 Offset Serpentine Left

27 45 Diagonal Right

28 45 Diagonal Left
29 225 Loop Right
30 225 Loop Left
200 Halt, Stand, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Return
201 Halt, Stand, Walk Around Dog
202 Halt, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Call Front, Finish, Halt **
203 Stand **
220 Halt, Down, Sit
221 Halt, About Turn
222 Halt, U Turn
223 Call Dog Front, Finish Right, Forward
224 Call Dog Front, Finish Left, Forward
225 Call Dog Front, Finish Right, Halt
226 Call Dog Front, Finish Left, Halt
227 About Turn, Sidestep Right
228 About Turn, Fast
229 U Turn, Fast
230 Cloverleaf Right
231 Cloverleaf Left
300 Halt, Slow ***
301 Halt, Stand, Sit ***
302 Halt, Stand, Down ***
303 Halt, Sidestep Right, Halt ***
304 Double Left About ***
305 Halt, Turn Right One Step, Call to Heel Halt ***
306 About Turn, Halt ***
307 U Turn, Halt ***
308 Halt, 180 Pivot Right, Halt ***
309 Halt, 180 Pivot Left, Halt ***
310 Halt, Call Front, Finish Right, Halt ***
311 Halt, Call Front, Finish Left, Halt ***
312 Moving Stand, Walk Around Dog ***
313 Moving Down, Walk Around Dog ***
314 Off Set Figure 8 with Distractions ***
315 Back 3 Steps ***

- 316 Send Over Jump ***
- 317 About Turn, Slow ***
- 318 U Turn, Slow ***
- 319 Spiral Right, with Distractions ***
- 320 Spiral Left, with Distractions ***
- 321 Moving Down, Call to Heel ***
- 322 Moving Stand, Walk 3 Steps, Call to Heel ***
- 325 Call Front, 1 Step Right, Finish, Forward ***
- 326 Call Front, 1 Step Left, Finish, Forward ***
- 327 Halt, Down, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Call Front, Finish, Halt ***

*** = Not eligible for Novice or Advanced

6.5.4 Course Requirements

Rally Masters courses must have between 16 and 19 stations (Finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of nine stationary exercises per class. Masters level courses must also have the Start/Heeling and Conduct station, the Sit/Stay or Down/Stay station, and a minimum of four Masters only and three Excellent (not eligible for Advanced or Novice) exercises, not including the jumps. Each sign will have a 10-point value except for Star stations that will have a 20- point value. The total number of points per course must equal 200. Any other Star stations will be determined by the Judge and marked with a Star designator.

Maximum Total Score: 200 points

SIGNS FOR MASTERS:

Finish

- 1 Start/Heeling & Conduct
- 2 Halt, Fast
- 3 Fast Pace
- 4 Slow Pace
- 5 Normal Pace
- 6 Halt, 1-2-3
- 7 Call Dog Front, 1-2-3 Backwards
- 8 360 Circle Right
- 9 360 Circle Left
- 10 Right Turn
- 11 270 Left
- 12 90 Pivot Right
- 13 Left Turn
- 14 270 Right
- 15 90 Pivot Left

16 About Turn
17 U Turn
18 Left About Turn
19 Spiral Right
20 Spiral Left
21 Serpentine Cones, One Way
22 Serpentine Cones, Down & Back
23 Sit Stay
24 Down Stay
25 Offset Serpentine Right
26 Offset Serpentine Left
27 45 Diagonal Right
28 45 Diagonal Left
29 225 Loop Right
30 225 Loop Left
220 Halt, Down, Sit
221 Halt, About Turn
222 Halt, U Turn
223 Call Dog Front, Finish Right, Forward
224 Call Dog Front, Finish Left, Forward
225 Call Dog Front, Finish Right, Halt
226 Call Dog Front, Finish Left, Halt
227 About Turn, Sidestep Right
228 About Turn, Fast
229 U Turn, Fast
230 Cloverleaf Right
231 Cloverleaf Left
300 Halt, Slow
301 Halt, Stand, Sit
302 Halt, Stand, Down
303 Halt, Sidestep Right, Halt
304 Double Left About
305 Halt, Turn Right One Step, Call to Heel Halt
306 About Turn, Halt
307 U Turn, Halt

308 Halt, 180 Pivot Right, Halt
309 Halt, 180 Pivot Left, Halt
310 Halt, Call Front, Finish Right, Halt
311 Halt, Call Front, Finish Left, Halt
312 Moving Stand, Walk Around Dog
313 Moving Down, Walk Around Dog
314 Off Set Figure 8 with Distractions
315 Back 3 Steps
316 Send Over Jump
317 About Turn, Slow ***
318 U Turn, Slow ***
319 Spiral Right, with Distractions ***
320 Spiral Left, with Distractions ***
321 Moving Down, Call to Heel ***
322 Moving Stand, Walk 3 Steps, Call to Heel ***
325 Call Front, 1 Step Right, Finish, Forward ***
326 Call Front, 1 Step Left, Finish, Forward ***
327 Halt, Down, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Call Front, Finish, Halt ***
400 Moving Stand, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Down, Return ****
401 Moving Stand, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Signals, Return ****
402 Sidestep, Forward Step, Halt ****
403 Halt, Pivot Left, Halt x 3 ****
404 270 Left, Halt ****
405 Halt, Pivot Right, Halt, x 3 ****
406 270 Right, Halt ****
407 Left About, Halt ****
408 Moving Stand, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Call to Heel ****
409 Moving Down, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Call Front, Finish ****
410 Serpentine One Way with Distractions ****
411 Serpentine Down & Back with Distractions ****
412 Halt, Back 1 Step, Halt ****
414 Halt, Leave Dog ****
415 Offset Recall RIGHT Over Jump ****
416 Offset Recall LEFT Over Jump ****

**** = Masters Only Exercises

19.4.3 Turns

A. Care should be taken to avoid too many consecutive turns, which can cause dizziness. An example might include spirals, 360 circles and 270s all run together in a sequence. Breaking up turn exercises with other exercises will help reduce the potential dizzy factor.

B. The following signs can be used to change the team's path on the course:

Signs 1-30

- 10 Right Turn
- 11 270 Left
- 12 90 Pivot Right
- 13 Left Turn
- 14 270 Right
- 15 90 Pivot Left
- 16 About Turn
- 17 U Turn
- 18 Left About Turn
- 19 Spiral Right
- 20 Spiral Left
- 22 Serpentine Down & Back
- 27 45 Diagonal Right
- 28 45 Diagonal Left
- 29 225 Loop Right
- 30 225 Loop Left

Signs 100-125

- 102 Halt, Front Dog, Finish Right, Halt
- 103 Halt, Front Dog, Finish Left, Halt
- 104 Call Dog Front, Return Right
- 105 Call Dog Front, Return Left
- 125 Offset Figure 8 - can be used to change direction based on set-up

Signs 200-231

- 202 Halt, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Call Front, Finish, Halt
- 221 Halt About Turn
- 222 Halt U Turn
- 227 About Turn, Sidestep Right
- 228 About Turn Fast
- 229 U Turn Fast

230 Cloverleaf Right

231 Cloverleaf Left

Signs 300-327

305 Halt, Turn Right One Step, Call to Heel, Halt

306 About Turn Halt

307 U Turn Halt

308 180 Pivot Right Halt

309 180 Pivot Left Halt

314 Off set Figure 8 With Distractions - can be used to change direction based on set-up

317 About Turn Slow

318 U Turn Slow

319 Spiral Right with Distractions

320 Spiral Left with Distractions

327 Halt, Down Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Finish, Halt

Signs 400-416

403 Halt Pivot Left Halt x 3

404 270 Left Halt

405 Halt Pivot Right Halt x 3

406 270 Right Halt

407 Left About Halt

408 Moving Stand Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Call to Heel

409 Moving Down, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Call to Front, Finish, Halt

411 Serpentine Down & Back with Distractions

415 Offset Recall Right Over Jump Finish, Halt

416 Offset Recall Left Over Jump, Finish Halt

C. Serpentine exercises are not designed to include a 90-degree turn at the first cone or a 90-degree turn out of the exercise. If a course requires the team to make a 90 degree turn to get into the serpentine, then a turn exercise must be used as the station before the serpentine so that the serpentine exercise can be approached straight. If the course requires a turn coming out of a serpentine, the turn must be made using a turn exercise following the serpentine rather than using the last cone as a turning mechanism.

D. 45 Diagonal and 225 Loop turns are considered a change of direction. 45 degree turns and 225 degree loops are used for moving a course into a diagonal course path and for moving a course out of a diagonal course path back into a traditional straight orientated course path. All signs between the first 45 degree or 225 degree turn and the second 45 degree or 225 will be located and performed on a diagonal path.

E. Care must be taken with all turns to assure the sign is placed appropriately to allow the team to make the correct angle turn as indicated on the sign.

F. Limit of 1 each on the Excellent and Masters courses - #10 Right Turn and #13 Left Turn.

Proposed Wording:

4.5.2 Course Requirements

Rally Advanced A, B, and C courses must have between 16 and 19 stations (Finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of seven stationary exercises. Advanced level courses must also have the Start/Heeling and Conduct station and a minimum of four Advanced (not eligible for Novice) exercises. A Sit Stay or Down Stay exercise is optional at the Advanced level. Each sign will have a 10-point value except for the Star stations, which will have a 20 -point value. The total number of points per course must equal 200. Star stations will be determined by the Judge and marked with a Star designator. Maximum Total Score: 200 points

SIGNS FOR ADVANCED:

Finish

1 Start/Heeling & Conduct

2 Halt, Fast

3 Fast Pace

4 Slow Pace

5 Normal Pace

6 Halt, 1-2-3

7 Call Dog Front, 1-2-3 Backwards

8 360 Circle Right

9 360 Circle Left

10 Right Turn

11 270 Left

12 90 Pivot Right

13 Left Turn

14 270 Right

15 90 Pivot Left

16 About Turn

17 U Turn

18 Left About Turn

19 Spiral Right

20 Spiral Left

21 Serpentine Cones, One Way

22 Serpentine Cones, Down & Back

23 Sit Stay

24 Down Stay

25 Offset Serpentine Right
26 Offset Serpentine Left
27 45 Diagonal Right
28 45 Diagonal Left
29 225 Loop Right
30 225 Loop Left
120 Halt
121 Down
122 Moving Sidestep Right
123 Halt, Walk Around Dog
124 Halt, Down, Walk Around Dog
125 Off Set Figure 8
200 Halt, Stand, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Return **
201 Halt, Stand, Walk Around Dog **
202 Halt, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Call Front, Finish, Halt **
203 Stand **
220 Halt, Down, Sit **
221 Halt, About Turn **
222 Halt, U Turn **
223 Call Dog Front, Finish Right, Forward **
224 Call Dog Front, Finish Left, Forward **
225 Call Dog Front, Finish Right, Halt **
226 Call Dog Front, Finish Left, Halt **
227 About Turn, Sidestep Right **
228 About Turn, Fast **
229 U Turn, Fast **
230 Cloverleaf Right **
231 Cloverleaf Left **
232 270 Left Fast **
233 270 Right Fast **
234 225 Loop Left Fast **
235 225 Loop Right Fast **

** = Not eligible for Novice

5.5.4 Course Requirements

Rally Excellent A, B, and C courses must have between 16 and 19 stations (Finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of eight Stationary exercises per class. Excellent level courses must also have the Start/Heeling and Conduct station and a minimum of four Excellent (not eligible for Novice or Advanced) and three Advanced (not eligible for Novice) exercises, not including the jump. A Sit Stay or Down Stay exercise is optional at the Excellent level. Each sign will have a 10-point value except for Star stations, which will have a 20-point value. The total number of points per course must equal 200. Any other Star stations will be determined by the Judge and marked with a Star designator.

Maximum Total Score: 200 points

SIGNS FOR EXCELLENT:

Finish

1 Start/Heeling & Conduct

2 Halt, Fast

3 Fast Pace

4 Slow Pace

5 Normal Pace

6 Halt, 1-2-3

7 Call Dog Front, 1-2-3 Backwards

8 360 Circle Right

9 360 Circle Left

10 Right Turn

11 270 Left

12 90 Pivot Right

13 Left Turn

14 270 Right

15 90 Pivot Left

16 About Turn

17 U Turn

18 Left About Turn

19 Spiral Right

39 20 Spiral Left

21 Serpentine Cones, One Way

22 Serpentine Cones, Down & Back

23 Sit Stay

24 Down Stay

25 Offset Serpentine Right

26 Offset Serpentine Left

27 45 Diagonal Right
28 45 Diagonal Left
29 225 Loop Right
30 225 Loop Left
200 Halt, Stand, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Return
201 Halt, Stand, Walk Around Dog
202 Halt, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Call Front, Finish, Halt **
203 Stand **
220 Halt, Down, Sit
221 Halt, About Turn
222 Halt, U Turn
223 Call Dog Front, Finish Right, Forward
224 Call Dog Front, Finish Left, Forward
225 Call Dog Front, Finish Right, Halt
226 Call Dog Front, Finish Left, Halt
227 About Turn, Sidestep Right
228 About Turn, Fast
229 U Turn, Fast
230 Cloverleaf Right
231 Cloverleaf Left
232 270 Left Fast
233 270 Right Fast
234 225 Loop Left Fast
235 225 Loop Right Fast
300 Halt, Slow ***
301 Halt, Stand, Sit ***
302 Halt, Stand, Down ***
303 Halt, Sidestep Right, Halt ***
304 Double Left About ***
305 Halt, Turn Right One Step, Call to Heel Halt ***
306 About Turn, Halt ***
307 U Turn, Halt ***
308 Halt, 180 Pivot Right, Halt ***
309 Halt, 180 Pivot Left, Halt ***
310 Halt, Call Front, Finish Right, Halt ***

311 Halt, Call Front, Finish Left, Halt ***
312 Moving Stand, Walk Around Dog ***
313 Moving Down, Walk Around Dog ***
314 Off Set Figure 8 with Distractions ***
315 Back 3 Steps ***
316 Send Over Jump ***
317 About Turn, Slow ***
318 U Turn, Slow ***
319 Spiral Right, with Distractions ***
320 Spiral Left, with Distractions ***
321 Moving Down, Call to Heel ***
322 Moving Stand, Walk 3 Steps, Call to Heel ***
325 Call Front, 1 Step Right, Finish, Forward ***
326 Call Front, 1 Step Left, Finish, Forward ***
327 Halt, Down, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Call Front, Finish, Halt ***
328 270 Left Slow ***
329 270 Right Slow ***
330 225 Loop Left Slow ***
331 225 Loop Right Slow ***

*** = Not eligible for Novice or Advanced

6.5.4 Course Requirements

Rally Masters courses must have between 16 and 19 stations (Finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of nine stationary exercises per class. Masters level courses must also have the Start/Heeling and Conduct station, the Sit/Stay or Down/Stay station, and a minimum of four Masters only and three Excellent (not eligible for Advanced or Novice) exercises, not including the jumps. Each sign will have a 10-point value except for Star stations that will have a 20- point value. The total number of points per course must equal 200. Any other Star stations will be determined by the Judge and marked with a Star designator.

Maximum Total Score: 200 points

SIGNS FOR MASTERS:

Finish

1 Start/Heeling & Conduct

2 Halt, Fast

3 Fast Pace

4 Slow Pace

5 Normal Pace

6 Halt, 1-2-3
7 Call Dog Front, 1-2-3 Backwards
8 360 Circle Right
9 360 Circle Left
10 Right Turn
11 270 Left
12 90 Pivot Right
13 Left Turn
14 270 Right
15 90 Pivot Left
16 About Turn
17 U Turn
18 Left About Turn
19 Spiral Right
20 Spiral Left
21 Serpentine Cones, One Way
22 Serpentine Cones, Down & Back
23 Sit Stay
24 Down Stay
25 Offset Serpentine Right
26 Offset Serpentine Left
27 45 Diagonal Right
28 45 Diagonal Left
29 225 Loop Right
30 225 Loop Left
220 Halt, Down, Sit
221 Halt, About Turn
222 Halt, U Turn
223 Call Dog Front, Finish Right, Forward
224 Call Dog Front, Finish Left, Forward
225 Call Dog Front, Finish Right, Halt
226 Call Dog Front, Finish Left, Halt
227 About Turn, Sidestep Right
228 About Turn, Fast
229 U Turn, Fast

230 Cloverleaf Right
231 Cloverleaf Left
232 270 Left Fast
233 270 Right Fast
234 225 Loop Left Fast
235 225 Loop Right Fast
300 Halt, Slow
301 Halt, Stand, Sit
302 Halt, Stand, Down
303 Halt, Sidestep Right, Halt
304 Double Left About
305 Halt, Turn Right One Step, Call to Heel Halt
306 About Turn, Halt
307 U Turn, Halt
308 Halt, 180 Pivot Right, Halt
309 Halt, 180 Pivot Left, Halt
310 Halt, Call Front, Finish Right, Halt
311 Halt, Call Front, Finish Left, Halt
312 Moving Stand, Walk Around Dog
313 Moving Down, Walk Around Dog
314 Off Set Figure 8 with Distractions
315 Back 3 Steps
316 Send Over Jump
317 About Turn, Slow ***
318 U Turn, Slow ***
319 Spiral Right, with Distractions ***
320 Spiral Left, with Distractions ***
321 Moving Down, Call to Heel ***
322 Moving Stand, Walk 3 Steps, Call to Heel ***
325 Call Front, 1 Step Right, Finish, Forward ***
326 Call Front, 1 Step Left, Finish, Forward ***
327 Halt, Down, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Call Front, Finish, Halt ***
328 270 Left Slow
329 270 Right Slow
330 225 Loop Left Slow

331 225 Loop Right Slow

- 400 Moving Stand, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Down, Return ****
- 401 Moving Stand, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Signals, Return ****
- 402 Sidestep, Forward Step, Halt ****
- 403 Halt, Pivot Left, Halt x 3 ****
- 404 270 Left, Halt ****
- 405 Halt, Pivot Right, Halt, x 3 ****
- 406 270 Right, Halt ****
- 407 Left About, Halt ****
- 408 Moving Stand, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Call to Heel ****
- 409 Moving Down, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Call Front, Finish ****
- 410 Serpentine One Way with Distractions ****
- 411 Serpentine Down & Back with Distractions ****
- 412 Halt, Back 1 Step, Halt ****
- 414 Halt, Leave Dog ****
- 415 Offset Recall RIGHT Over Jump ****
- 416 Offset Recall LEFT Over Jump ****
- 417 Halt, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Stand Dog, Return ****
- 418 Halt, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Down Dog, Return ****
- 419 Halt, Down, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Stand Dog, Return ****
- 420 Halt, Down, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Sit Dog, Return ****
- 421 Halt, Stand, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Sit Dog, Return ****
- 422 Halt, Stand, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Down Dog, Return ****
- 423 Cloverleaf Left with Distraction ****
- 424 Cloverleaf Right with Distraction ****
- 425 Right Turn, Back 3 Steps ****
- 426 Left Turn, Back 3 Steps ****
- 427 Left About Turn, U Turn ****
- 428 Stand Stay ****

**** = Masters Only Exercises

19.4.3 Turns

A. Care should be taken to avoid too many consecutive turns, which can cause dizziness. An example might include spirals, 360 circles and 270s all run together in a sequence. Breaking up turn exercises with other exercises will help reduce the potential dizzy factor.

B. The following signs can be used to change the team's path on the course:

Signs 1-30

- 10 Right Turn
- 11 270 Left
- 12 90 Pivot Right
- 13 Left Turn
- 14 270 Right
- 15 90 Pivot Left
- 16 About Turn
- 17 U Turn
- 18 Left About Turn
- 19 Spiral Right
- 20 Spiral Left
- 22 Serpentine Down & Back
- 27 45 Diagonal Right
- 28 45 Diagonal Left
- 29 225 Loop Right
- 30 225 Loop Left

Signs 100-125

- 102 Halt, Front Dog, Finish Right, Halt
- 103 Halt, Front Dog, Finish Left, Halt
- 104 Call Dog Front, Return Right
- 105 Call Dog Front, Return Left
- 125 Offset Figure 8 - can be used to change direction based on set-up

Signs 200-234 235

- 202 Halt, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Call Front, Finish, Halt
- 221 Halt About Turn
- 222 Halt U Turn
- 227 About Turn, Sidestep Right
- 228 About Turn Fast
- 229 U Turn Fast
- 230 Cloverleaf Right
- 231 Cloverleaf Left
- 232 270 Left Fast
- 233 270 Right Fast
- 234 225 Loop Left Fast

235 225 Loop Right Fast

Signs 300-327 331

305 Halt, Turn Right One Step, Call to Heel, Halt

306 About Turn Halt

307 U Turn Halt

308 180 Pivot Right Halt

309 180 Pivot Left Halt

314 Off set Figure 8 With Distractions - can be used to change direction based on set-up

317 About Turn Slow

318 U Turn Slow

319 Spiral Right with Distractions

320 Spiral Left with Distractions

327 Halt, Down Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Finish, Halt

328 270 Left Slow

329 270 Right Slow

330 225 Loop Left Slow

331 225 Loop Right Slow

Signs 400-416 426

403 Halt Pivot Left Halt x 3

404 270 Left Halt

405 Halt Pivot Right Halt x 3

406 270 Right Halt

407 Left About Halt

408 Moving Stand Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Call to Heel

409 Moving Down, Walk 3 Steps, Face Dog, Call to Front, Finish, Halt

411 Serpentine Down & Back with Distractions

415 Offset Recall Right Over Jump Finish, Halt

416 Offset Recall Left Over Jump, Finish Halt

423 Cloverleaf Left with Distraction

424 Cloverleaf Right with Distraction

425 Right Turn, Back 3 Steps

426 Left Turn, Back 3 Steps

C. Serpentine exercises are not designed to include a 90-degree turn at the first cone or a 90-degree turn out of the exercise. If a course requires the team to make a 90 degree turn to get into the serpentine, then a turn exercise must be used as the station before the serpentine so that the serpentine exercise can be approached straight. If the course requires a turn coming

out of a serpentine, the turn must be made using a turn exercise following the serpentine rather than using the last cone as a turning mechanism.

D. 45 Diagonal and 225 Loop turns are considered a change of direction. 45 degree turns and 225 degree loops are used for moving a course into a diagonal course path and for moving a course out of a diagonal course path back into a traditional straight oriented course path. All signs between the first 45 degree or 225 degree turn and the second 45 degree or 225 will be located and performed on a diagonal path.

E. Care must be taken with all turns to assure ensure the sign is placed appropriately to allow the team to make the correct angle turn as indicated on the sign.

F. Limit of 1 each on the Excellent and Masters courses - #10 Right Turn and #13 Left Turn.

Comments/Rationale: The Rally Committee has been contacted numerous times over the years to add more non-stationary exercises. We added new signs in 2018 and we would like to improve the ASCA Rally program further with the addition of these signs in 2023. We reviewed the four levels, identified where the program could best be helped with new signs and believe the signs in this motion will add to course design challenges, add interesting exercises, and maintain the Rally philosophy that rally signs are doodling exercises from obedience. These signs will not be used for Rally Finals in 2023 because they are not part of the Rally program during this competition year. They will be eligible for use in Finals in 2024.

Affected: Judges will be affected as they will have new signs to contribute to course design. Exhibitors will be affected as they will need to learn new signs. Affiliates will be affected as they will need to print new signs for trials.

Business Office notified: 1/24/23 - All is fine.

Webmaster notified: 1/24/23 - All is fine.

Effective Date: June 1, 2023.

RA.23.02 Scoring Finish Sign

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

Motion by Liaison Sims to approve the following recommendation from the Rally Committee.

Committee Recommendation: RC Motion 23.02 Scoring Finish Sign.

Motion by Karen Black to include more specific information regarding the scoring of the Finish sign. Second by Corinne Shanks.

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

Current Wording:

Section 2.23 Scoring and Minimum Penalties

F. Handler errors can be assessed 1 to 5 points for each handler error or up to an IP if the handler error is such that it prevents the exercise from being performed correctly. This is not an exhaustive list of possible handler errors but serves as examples of performances frequently observed at trials.

1. Once a handler has stopped at any halt station, the handler cannot move his feet to assist a dog.
2. Use of leash or hand to correct the dog.
3. Handler touching the dog after the Judge says, "Forward" and before the dog crosses the Finish line and is leashed. The exception to this is in Novice for sign #101, Halt, Stand; the handler may gently assist the dog to stand without receiving a deduction.
4. Exceeding the number of steps specified in the sign description between elements of an exercise (i.e., Sign #'s: 106, 107, 227, 304).
5. Performing an exercise in a location different than described in the current ASCA Rally Rulebook (i.e., finishing an exercise beyond the sign for exercises with more than two elements, traveling to the right of the sign for any exercise involving a sidestep to the right, starting a change of pace before or after the sign, performing a change of direction sign in a location other than directly in front of the sign, etc.).
6. Mis-performing an instruction in a sign description that is not bold and underlined, could be a handler error (i.e., On the 360 circles, making a large circle instead of a small circle).

Proposed Wording:

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6. Mis-performing an instruction in a sign description that is not bold and underlined, could be a handler error (i.e., On the 360 circles, making a large circle instead of a small circle).
7. Failing to maintain the handler path past the Finish sign before going to the stay exercise if one is present, or to retrieve a leash if the course does not have a stay exercise. The handler error will be assessed under Heeling and Conduct.

Comments/Rationale: A team who does not maintain the handler path to pass the Finish sign and travels from the last numbered station to either a stay exercise or to retrieve a leash shall be scored a handler error. The Finish is not one of the 16-19 numbered stations required on a course and therefore does not count as a 10-point or 20-point station. The sign description, and

numerous locations in the rulebook, does specify the sign must be passed to stop the timer. This handler error just like all handler errors that occur between stations, from the ring gate to the start sign and following the last sign on the course to the exit are to be scored under heeling and conduct.

Affected: Judges will be affected as they will have a clear reference for how to handle a team who does not pass the Finish sign. Exhibitors will be affected as they will have a clear understanding of how the penalty will be scored.

Business Office notified: 1/24/23 - All is fine.

Webmaster notified: 1/24/23 - All is fine.

Effective Date: June 1, 2023.

RA.23.03 Use of Directed Jumping Exercises

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

Comment from Director McCabe: While I like the option of having a course with 2 offset jumps, I see the issue with those exercises being worth such a large amount of points on one course.

Motion by Liaison Sims to approve the following recommendation from the Rally Committee.

Committee Recommendation: 23.03 Use of Directed Jumping Exercises.

Motion by Karen Black to limit the number of directed jumping exercises that can be used on a Masters Course. Second by Corinne Shanks.

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

Current Wording:

6.5.2 Jump Station

At least one Jump station must be used and starred in Masters, but two Jump stations may be used.

- A. If one jump is used, it must be a different jump than what is used in the Excellent level at the same trial.
- B. If two jumps are used, only one must be designated a Star station.
- C. The same physical jump may be used for two stations.
- D. There must be at least two stations performed between two jump exercises.
- E. If one jump is used, it may be either the offset jump (415 or 416) or the standard jump (316).
- F. The jumps may be any jumps outlined in Section 1.15 as standard equipment, with jump heights as outlined on the Reference Page of these Regulations.

19.4.1 Jump Exercises

- A. If only one physical jump is used in Masters, it must be different than the jump used in Excellent.

- B. If two jump exercises are used in Masters, there must be at least 2 exercises performed between the two jump exercises.
- C. For Sign #316, adequate space must be allowed before the jump and after the jump to ensure safe takeoff and landing zones. At least 10 feet are required before and after a bar jump or high jump. The broad jump needs at least 10 feet before the jump and at least 12 feet after the jump.
- D. The jump exercise in Excellent must be starred.
- E. At least one jump exercise in Masters must be starred.
- F. For Sign #414 there must be at least 10 ft before the jump.
- G. For sign #415 and #416 there must be at least 12 ft after the jump.

Proposed Wording:

6.5.2 Jump Station

At least one Jump station must be used and starred in Masters, but two Jump stations may be used.

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- D. There must be at least two stations performed between two jump exercises.
- E. If one jump is used, it may be either the offset jump (415 or 416) or the standard jump (316).
- F. If two jumps are used, one must be the standard jump exercise (316).

~~F.~~ G. The jumps may be any jumps outlined in Section 1.15 as standard equipment, with jump heights as outlined on the Reference Page of these Regulations.

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- D. The jump exercise in Excellent must be starred.
- E. At least one jump exercise in Masters must be starred.
- F. For Sign #414 there must be at least 10 ft before the jump.
- G. For sign #415 and #416 there must be at least 12 ft after the jump.
- H. If two jumps are used in Masters, one must be the #316 jump exercise.

Comments/Rationale: When signs #414/415 and #414/416 are used on the same course, they represent a minimum of 50 points (25%) of the points on a Rally Course. Together they can

count as much as 80 points if the course has 16 stations and all signs related to the two jump exercises are scored. That is nearly 50% of the points available on the course tied up in one type of exercise, directed jumping. This does not support the rally rules that courses be fair at all levels and does not support the requirement that a variety of stations be used to allow exhibitors to demonstrate a variety of behaviors.

Affected: Judges will be affected as they will have to more closely plan which type(s) of jump exercises they will use. Exhibitors will be affected as they will have a clear understanding of how many jumps and what type of jump exercises can be used on a course.

Business Office notified: 1/24/23.

Webmaster notified: 1/24/23.

Effective Date: June 1, 2023.

Stockdog Committee

SD.23.01 Competing Dogs in Competition Areas (Revised 2/9/2023)

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

Dissent from Director Creelman: The motion is not specific enough.

Motion by Liaison Sims to approve the following recommendation from the Stockdog Committee.

Committee Recommendation: Competing Dogs in Competition Areas.

Motion by Sue Kelly. Seconded by Devona Pierce.

Results of Committee Vote: Approved: 8. Disapproved: 1. Abstained: None. Non-Voting: 1.

Dissent from Committee Member Regina Buress: I agree that the current rule is too restrictive but I have concerns about a competing dog setting stock/pushing stock out. The motion doesn't define what an "appropriate" dog is and this could open the door to stock mishandling by a competing dog.

Current Wording:

4.11.1 Competing Dogs in the Arena or Pen Area

No competing dogs will be allowed in the trial arena during a trial day except during their run(s). The trial arena includes all areas where dogs are competing, and all areas used for handling, moving, or gathering trial livestock. A trial begins on the day of the scheduled sanction date and ends when awards and score sheets have been handed out. At any time, a noncompeting dog may be used to set or move stock in the trial arena at the discretion of the Course Director and Judge. When the trial ends, there will be no limitations or restrictions on any dogs or handlers.

Proposed Wording:

4.11.1 Competing Dogs in the Arena or Pen Area

Course Directors should make every effort to ensure appropriate non-competing dogs are available for set-up and set-out duties. If appropriate non-competing dogs are unavailable, the first choice would be for the stock and/or facility owners to use their personal dog to set up the stock for the trial, prior to the beginning of the trial, and/or to set out stock for the trial. If unavailable, an alternate dog may be chosen. Judges and/or course directors may require these dogs to run first or in run order. The judge may also select the pen of stock for that dog.

These dogs must be approved by the course director and judge prior to the start of the trial in order to compete. If they are not allowed to compete, entry fees are to be refunded.

A trial begins when the first team enters the competition area. A trial ends when the last team leaves the competition area. This applies for both am and pm trials if applicable.

Comments/Rationale: Small trials often find themselves short on volunteers. This rule change gives more options to those hosting small trials. We want to reduce the pressure on small clubs and trial hosts to encourage more trials by making hosting less onerous.

Affected: This change will affect small clubs and trial hosts, competitors and volunteers.

Effective Date: June 1, 2023.

Respectfully submitted by Kalla Jaco, Executive Secretary.