



ASCA Nationals Agility Pre-Trial Saturday, October 12, 2024

Hosted by

North Woods Australian Shepherd Club

*Per 2024 ASCA Nationals Committee,
entries are open to Australian Shepherds Only*

Fonner Park

700 E Stolley Park Road
Grand Island, NE 68801

Two Rings on Dirt Inside, One Ring Outside on Grass

JUDGES

Lou Brannick - Phoenix, AZ
Pamela Bryant-Meeks - Burleson, TX
Mark Buehl - Splendora, TX

Opening Date: August 3, 2024

Closing Date: September 14, 2024

Limited to 350 runs per Judge

****JUMP HEIGHT CARD OR MEASUREMENT REQUIRED****

Notice To Exhibitors: Exhibitors, through submission of entries, acknowledge that they are knowledgeable of and agree to follow ASCA rules and regulations and NWASC's trial policies, including but not limited to the following:

- **This trial is open to Australian Shepherds only.**
- All healthy, trained dogs over eighteen (18) months of age are eligible to compete in ASCA agility trials with a valid Registration, LEP or Tracking Number. FEO entrants may be fifteen (15) months or older.
- Lameness or blind dogs are ineligible for entry.
- Any dog that demonstrates aggression towards any person or any other dog, whether inside or outside the ring, must be excused from the trial, as will any dog which the judge feels is not in enough control to perform all obstacles in a safe manner. Any owner, handler, or spectator exhibiting poor sportsmanship or abuse towards a dog or person will be required to leave the show site for the duration of the trial.
- As per National Specialty Rules section 13.3, bitches in heat wearing panties will be allowed to run at the end of the class. Owner will provide a rug for the start line. Please read section 13.3 of the ASCA Agility Rulebook for more information.
- This show will be held under the current rules and regulations of ASCA with the exception that per the ASCA 2024 Committee's requirements, only Australian Shepherds are allowed to enter this trial. A copy of the rulebook may be obtained from the ASCA web site at www.asca.org.
- No leads, collars, food, toys, etc. shall be permitted on the course at any time.
- All dogs must be on leash or securely crated when not competing in the ring.
- Safety shall always be the foremost consideration in actions by handlers at all times.
- The organizing committee may refuse any entry on the basis expressly provided through ASCA rules and regulations. Anyone not currently in good standing with ASCA will not be allowed entry into the trial.
- 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 office.
- Entries must be made on the enclosed entry forms. Copies may be made if entire form is copied. No other forms will be accepted. Entries must be signed to be valid.
- Make all checks and money orders payable to **NWASC**. Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry and there will be a \$50.00 service fee on all returned checks. Entry into and participation in this trial will not be allowed until all returned check fees are paid in cash or money order. Illegible or incomplete entry forms do not constitute a valid entry.
- NWASC, their board of directors, ASCA, management, and the property owner assume no responsibility for any loss, damage, or injury sustained by the exhibitors, handlers, or to any of their dogs, personal property, and/or children.

Classes Offered:

- 2 Rounds of Regular
- 2 Rounds of Jumpers
- 2 Rounds of Gamblers

Trial Secretary

Lisa Merriam
12419 Elm Pkwy
Rogers, MN 55374
NWASCagility@outlook.com
(612) 961-7838

Trial Chair

Jan Polys
(763) 229-0482
janpolys@yahoo.com

Check-In and Setup - Setup begins at 7 AM and dog measuring will begin at 7:30am for those who don't have a height card. All dogs needing measuring must be present at 7:30 AM

Walk-Throughs - The first course in each ring will be set and available for walk-through from 7 AM to 7:45 AM.

General Briefing - 7:45 AM with first dog on the line at 8 AM

Entries

- Entries postmarked before August 3, 2024, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- Entries sent requiring a signature at the Trial Secretary address WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- Entries must be postmarked by September 14, 2024.
- Entries will be accepted on the basis of date received.
- After the trial fills, a waiting list will be maintained in the order of date received.
- Confirmation of entry will be made via email after the closing date.
- *Entry checks/money orders will be deposited on a weekly basis after opening date.*
- Make checks/money orders (US funds only) payable to **NWASC** and mail to:

NWASC, c/o Lisa Merriam
12419 Elm Pkwy
Rogers, MN 55374
(612) 961-7838
nwascagility@outlook.com

Entry Fees - Entry per dog per run \$30 Six Pack (6 runs same dog) \$160
Juniors - \$15 per run / package \$80 per dog

Other Important Info

Date for Dog's Age Calculation – Age calculation for entries is October 10, 2024

Measuring - All dogs measuring 20" or less at the withers, not jumping in the highest jump height, must provide proof of measurement (ASCA, AKC, NADAC height cards or a copy of the USDAA Dog Information Page) or must be measured. Dogs in the 20"/24" Standard Division classes, Veteran Dogs or ACE Standard Division dogs entered in the 16"+ classes and ACE Senior dogs in the 12"+ classes do not need to provide proof of measurement. *Please mail a copy of an approved proof of measurement with the trial entry form.*

Catalogs/Run Orders - No catalogs will be printed. Running orders will be posted at the gates. Handlers with multiple dogs will be separated as much as the class allows. Schedule/running order will be determined after the closing date.

Cancellation of Entries - Cancellation of entries due to exhibitor request prior to the trial closing date will be subject to a processing fee of \$25. There will be no refund of any entry fees for cancellation requests made after trial closing with the exception of dog injury. Cancellation requests after the closing date due to injury must be accompanied by a veterinarian's letter and will be subject to a processing fee of \$25.

Move-Ups - All email/mail move-up requests must be received by the trial secretary by **October 7, 2024**. No other move-ups will be permitted. **No exceptions!**

Obstacle Specification – The obstacles that will be made available to the judges of the trial: Dog Walk, A-Frame set at 5'6", Teeter, Tunnel, Weave Poles (24" spacing), Double Bar Jumps, Non-Winged and Winged Jumps. All Contact Equipment is rubber-coated and slatless. Electronic Timing will be used.

No Toy Runs – toy runs will not be allowed at this trial.

Prizes and Awards - NWASC will award ribbons for 1st through 4th places and for each qualifying score in the titling classes, by jump height (20+ & 24 will be scored together).

HIT Awards - We will be offering the following High In Trial Awards: HIT Elite, Open, Novice, Veteran Dog, Junior Handler (eligible dogs must be entered in the same level in all classes).

We will also be offering HIT ACE Standard, ACE Senior, and Overall. HIT will be calculated as per the rules in section 2.6 of the rulebook.

FEO (For Exhibition Only) – We will accept FEO entries. FEO entries may jump any jump height but will not be eligible for any prizes or awards. Minimum age permitted is 15 months. Any dog younger than 18 months must jump at a lower height than their regular jump height. This is a non-qualifying division.

Worker's Raffle – As everyone knows, it takes a tremendous amount of work to run an agility trial. If you have some free time, we would love to have you volunteer to help! There is a volunteer section on the entry form if you'd like to sign up in advance of the trial, or feel free to jump in on the day of the trial itself. We will have a Worker's Raffle with some very nice prizes open only to those who volunteer to work at the trial. If you volunteer, be sure to request your raffle tickets from a club member. Thanks in advance to everyone who volunteers!!



**AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB OF AMERICA®
AGILITY ENTRY FORM**



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

Dog's ASCA Registration #: _____ **Sex:** Male Female

Registered Name: _____

Call Name: _____ **DOB:** _____

Owner(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ **Cell Phone:** (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Handler: _____

(If other than owner)

Membership #: _____ **JR DOB:** _____

(Please enter JR# if JR is handling dog)

(If JR is handling dog)

Dog's Height @ Withers: _____

Dog's Jump Height: 8 12 16 16+ 20 20+ 24

Program (Check One): **Championship (CH)** **ACE**

Class Entered	Division					Level		
	Std.	Vet. (CH)	Jr. (CH)	Sr Dog (ACE)	FEO	Nov	Open	Elite
Jumpers 1								
Jumpers 2								
Gamblers 1								
Gamblers 2								
Regular 1						A or B <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B		
Regular 2						A or B <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B		

Total Entry Fees = \$ _____

Volunteers are always needed, and gladly accepted! Please complete this form to volunteer. Thanks!!

Name: _____

Job willing to work, or want to learn (check selections):

Timer Scribe Gate Steward Leash Runner Ring Crew

Any notes about your availability?

IMPORTANT LEGAL AGREEMENT—Please read the following carefully as it, among other things, may prevent you from suing ASCA® and persons/entities affiliated with it. This agreement could even require you to defend them from demands and suits by third parties that include an assertion of wrongdoing by you. (1) The person signing this Agreement represents being authorized to enter into it on behalf of him/herself, as well as (if different) the owner(s)/exhibitor(s)/handler(s) of the dog(s) for which an entry form is being submitted (all these parties collectively referred to herein as "Applicant"). (2) "Releasees" here collectively refers to the Australian Shepherd Club of America® (ASCA®); its affiliate clubs; and the officers and board of directors, staff, contractors, insurers, attorneys, and agents of ASCA® and of those clubs. (3) This Agreement voluntarily is entered into by Applicant in exchange for the acceptance of the associated entry form and permission to participate in related activities. (4) Applicant agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of ASCA® and any other rules and regulations applicable to this event. (5) Applicant certifies that the entered dog will not pose a hazard to people, property, stock animals, or other dogs, and further that the dog is current with rabies shots along with any other vaccinations required by its state of residence. (6) Applicant acknowledges and assumes the risks to Applicant and Applicant's dog associated with participation in the event, among which could be ones associated with poor condition of the facilities and surrounding areas; security measures or lack of them; electrical appliances; fittings; show rings; the presence of unfamiliar persons; and the presence/involvement of other animals—whether stock, dogs, or otherwise. (7) Applicant further agrees to comply with all recommended and required health and safety precautions, among which may be those related to social distancing; quarantining; wearing of face coverings; and non-participation of persons exhibiting symptoms or for whom there otherwise has been a likelihood of recent exposure to COVID-19 or other contagious diseases. (8) Applicant additionally acknowledges and agrees to assume the risks associated with taking part in the event though others might neglect compliance with health and safety precautions/requirements or pose an undue risk of spreading disease. For example, as is true as to any public event, there is some risk that Applicant and/or those affiliated with Applicant may catch COVID-19 or another contagious disease at the event. (9) To the maximum extent permissible, this release is to be interpreted under Texas law, without application of its choice of law rules. (10) To the extent that Applicant—or another party suing on behalf of Applicant, or suing to recover based on injuries/death/damage to Applicant/Applicant's dog/Applicant's property—sues ASCA® (or a board member or staff member or agent of ASCA®) as a defendant, the sole appropriate forum (to the maximum extent permitted by law) for the suit shall be the state or federal courts serving Brazos County, Texas (where ASCA® has its headquarters). (11) Applicant hereby releases and waives any claims Applicant otherwise might assert against the Releasees as to any injury or damage claim connected in any way to any alleged act or omission arising out of, or occurring concurrent with, the event and related activities, interactions, communications, and even adjacent premises. (12) This release is made not only as to Applicant but also for anyone who might assert a claim on behalf of Applicant or based on purported injury or damage to Applicant/Applicant's dog/Applicant's property, as well as any heir, beneficiary, assignee, executor, trustee, agent, or survivor of Applicant. (13) Applicant further agrees to assume sole responsibility for and indemnify and hold Releasees harmless from related claims, demands, judgments, and settlement payments. (14) These waiver, release, and indemnification provisions extend even to claims or demands asserting that the acts or omissions resulted in bodily injury or death or from intentional wrongdoing, as well as to attorney fees and other costs of defense. (15) The duties of indemnification further extend to any claims or demands asserted against Releasees that are alleged to have arisen out of the acts or omissions of Applicant, Applicant's dog, or others affiliated with Applicant. Among other things, this means that Applicant would pay the legal defense of Releasees if someone sued them based on a claim Applicant carelessly exposed the claimant to COVID-19. (16) Applicant's promises in this agreement apply without regard to the type of claim or cause of action asserted against Releasees. (17) To the extent any provision of this agreement is unenforceable, the remainder of it nonetheless is to be enforced. (18) This agreement is to be interpreted to provide Releasees with the maximum permissible legal protection from—among other things—claims and suits pursued by Applicant (and/or those acting on behalf of Applicant or over injury/damage to Applicant), as well as from ones based on the purported wrongful acts or omissions of Applicant. (19) Nothing in this Agreement requires you to indemnify Releasees from claims by third parties that involve no allegations of improper acts or omissions by you, those affiliated with you, nor your dog(s). (20) Applicant acknowledges having read, understood, and had the opportunity for independent legal review of this document prior to signing it.

Date: _____

SIGNATURE OF OWNER/HANDLER OR PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN (IF JR IS UNDER 18)

PERSON SIGNING THIS FORM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ERRORS AND RULE VIOLATIONS AS USED HERE, "ASCA®" MEANS THE OWNER AND THE OPERATOR OF THE EVENT PREMISES, THE AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB OF AMERICA, ITS AFFILIATE CLUBS, AND EACH OF THEIR MEMBERS, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, SHOW CHAIRMEN, SHOW COMMITTEES AND AGENTS.
