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July 2004 Secretarys Report

This report details the day to day activities of the ASCA Board of Directors and includes issues brought before the ASCA Board and communications done by mail, fax, e-mail and/or phone.

July 1 - 15, 2004

04:05 AGILITY COMMITTEE Chapter 6

Motion by Hellmeister.

I move to accept the following recommendation of the Agility committee. In order to get this into the next AT (deadline 07/15) I would like to pass this on as an emergency motion so that it can be published and used at the 2004 Nationals.

Voting was unanimous in favor. Sue Graham moved, Kristi Cetrulo seconded.

Here is the motion with amendments made by Pam Smith. The amendment went into Appendix A - Spread jump.

I, Sue Graham move to accept the changes for Chapter 6+ as posted by Ally on 6/22/04.

Section 2.4 Agility Obstacles

Add Double Bar Hurdle to the list of agility obstacles.

Chapter 6 section 6.1

Change the second sentence phrase It is suggested that the Novice level uses 14-16 obstacles to It is recommended that the Novice level uses 13-17 obstacles

Change and the Elite level to use 17 20 obstacles,

To and the Elite level to use 18 20 obstacles,

Second paragraph of that same section, put a period on the end of the sentence.

Chapter 6 Section 6.2 Gamblers Class-Obstacle Requirements

Replace the first sentence with the following sentence:

The gamblers course shall consist of a minimum of fourteen different obstacles, of which there shall be no more than four 5-point obstacles (if all three contact obstacles and a long set of weaves are being used), five 3-point obstacles and the remainder to consist of one point obstacles.

Chapter 6 Section 6.3

Replace the first paragraph with:

The Jumpers course shall consist of a minimum of 12 different obstacles, of which there can be one double bar hurdle.

Chapter 7 Section 7.1.1 Remove the sentences: Judges must be re-certified every two years (accomplished by attending and participating in a Judging Clinic). If a judge has been inactive for more than one year, then that judge must judge under supervision during their next assignment.

Section 7.1.2 Remove the sentence: Agility trial host clubs must get approval from the NADAC judging Clinic director of the proposed arrangements for supervision before they may use Judges who are approved to judge under supervision.

Section 7.1.3 In the first sentence, replace passing with the word attending.

Remove Sections 7.2, 7.3 and 7.4 in Chapter 7.

Renumber Section 7.5 Judges Responsibilities to be 7.2

In paragraph 2 of that same section, insert the word a before briefing. Insert a period at the end of the second sentence after the word trial.

In paragraph 6 of that same section, the second sentence, remove the words This is to say that and capitalize the J in the word judges to start the sentence.

Renumber Section 7.6 Course Design to be 7.3

Change the following:

The main focus at all levels is that of safety. The judge shall design courses which meet the criteria for each level while providing an environment of fun and safety for the dog and handler.

To read:

The main focus at all levels is that of safety, flow and fun. The judge shall design courses that meet the criteria for each level while providing an environment of fun, flow and safety for the dog and handler.

In the same section, Item #13, remove taking into account the direction of the setting sun. until the end of the sentence and remove the second sentence of #13 entirely.

In the same section, Remove item #15.

Renumber item #16 to be #15. Replace this item with:

For safety reasons, the obstacles should not be placed within six feet of the ring perimeter.

Renumber Section 7.6.1 Regular Agility Class to be number 7.3.1

In the first paragraph, change the sentence:

The closing sequence should consist of three(3) to five(5) obstacles which should highlight a fast, successful finish.

To read:

The closing sequence should consist of two to three obstacles which should highlight a fast, successful

finish.

In the second paragraph of the same section as above, remove the sentence The focus for the spectator should be on the dog, which should be moving far more than the judge or handler.

Renumber 7.6.1.1 Regular Agility Class Novice Level to be
7.3.1.1

Replace item a with the following: The course shall consist of 13-17 obstacles.

Replace item b with the following:
Chapter 5 defines the recommended maximum course times for the Novice Regular Agility Class.

Change item C to read: The distance between obstacles should be an average of 21 feet with the minimum distance between two obstacles being no less than 18 feet.

Change item D to read: There should be no 90 degree turns on the course without a minimum distance (shortest path) of 20 feet between the obstacles.

Remove item F and re-letter the rest.

Replace new item F (old letter g) with :
All double bar hurdles shall have top bars at the same height and have straight on approaches. A double bar hurdle shall never follow closed tunnel. There must be a minimum spacing of 21 feet from the next obstacle on the approach and landing side of the double bar hurdles.

In old item I (relettered to be h) remove the word sharp.

In old item j (relettered to be i) remove the words on the table.

In old item k (relettered to be j) change for both small dogs and large dogs.

To:
for all sizes of dogs.

Add new item L as follows:

L. The course design should encourage a beginning level of obstacle discrimination. The obstacles used for obstacle discrimination shall not be closer than four feet to each other if a tunnel is used under a contact obstacle.

Renumber 7.6.1.2 Regular Agility Class Open Level to be 7.3.1.2

Replace item b with:

Chapter 5 defines the recommended maximum course times for the Open Regular Agility Class.

Replace item C with:

The distance between obstacles should be an average of 21 feet with the minimum distance between two obstacles being no less than 18 feet.

Replace item E with: There shall be 10 12 weave poles on the course, which could be comprised of one long set of 10-12 poles or two short sets of 5-6 poles.

Remove item F and reletter the rest of the section.

Replace old item g (new letter f) with: All double bar hurdles shall have top bars at the same height and have straight on approaches. A double bar hurdle shall never follow closed tunnel. There must be a minimum spacing of 21 feet from the next obstacle on the approach and landing side of the double bar hurdles.

Replace old item j (new letter i) with: The course shall encourage at least two changes of handling sides that are visible to the dog (such as while the dog is performing a jumping sequence.) The course shall encourage at least three total changes of handling sides.

In old item k (new letter j) replace for all size dogs with for all sizes of dogs.

Replace old item m (new letter L) with: The course design should encourage an Open level of obstacle discrimination. If a tunnel is used under a contact obstacle for obstacle discrimination, then the edge of the tunnel shall be set 1 2 feet away from the contact obstacle.

Renumber item 7.6.1.3 Regular Agility Class Elite Level to be 7.3.1.3
Change Item A to read: The course shall usually consist of 18 20 obstacles.

Replace item b with:
Chapter 5 defines the recommended maximum course times for the Elite Regular Agility Class.

Replace the entire item C with: The distance between obstacles should be an average of 21 feet with the minimum distance between two obstacles being no less than 18 feet.

Replace item D with: There should be no 90 degree turns on the course without a minimum (shortest path) distance of 20 feet between those two obstacles.

Replace item E with: There shall be a line of weave poles consisting of 10 12 poles. An additional set of 5-6 poles is optional.

Remove item f and re-letter the rest of the items.

In letter f (old letter g) replace with the following:

All double bar hurdles shall have top bars at the same height and have straight on approaches. A double bar hurdle shall never follow closed tunnel. There must be a minimum spacing of 21 feet from the next obstacle on the approach and landing side of the double bar hurdles.

In old item k (new letter j) change for all size of dogs to for all sizes of dogs.

In old item m (new letter L) replace shall not be closer than two feet to each other with may be side by side.

Add new letter P: The Elite level course shall encourage at least three changes of handling sides that are visible to the dog (such as while the dog is performing a jumping sequence).

Chapter 8-Agility Finals, Section 1, item 2

Replace the entire item 2 with the following:

2. The Standard and Veterans division finals will consist of four rounds total 2 rounds of Regular, 1 round of Jumpers and 1 round of Gamblers. The Junior Finals will consist of three rounds total 2 rounds of Regular and 1 round of Jumpers. There are no elimination rounds. Dogs that qualify for the finals are eligible to compete in all rounds for their division. A dog may only compete in one division. All rounds for a division will take place on the same day.

Chapter 8, Section 2, Item 3

Remove (With the exception of Gamblers where the Junior handler must compete in the Elite Standard or Veterans division to earn qualifying points for the Junior Division.)

Item 4 Replace the entire item with the following:

For the Standard and Veterans division, a dog needs 7 points total to be eligible to compete at the Agility Finals. A minimum of 2 points must be from the Elite Jumpers class, 2 points from the Elite Gamblers class and 3 points from the Elite Regular class in the Standard or Veteran divisions respectively during the qualifying period. For the Junior division a dog needs 5 total points to be eligible to compete in the Junior Division of the Agility Finals. A minimum of 2 points must be from Elite Jumpers and 3 points from Elite Regular from the Junior Division during the qualifying period. Points from the Standard division can be transferred to the Junior or Veteran division as described in Chapter 3.2. Eligible points will be those received during the ASCA Agility Finals qualifying period. The ASCA Agility Finals qualifying period will be the twelve month period from June 1st of the previous year to May 31st of the year the ASCA Agility Finals are held.

Item 5 In the first sentence, remove the phrase: all four rounds of

Same item 5 - Replace the sentence Dogs with a V-ATCH are automatically eligible for the Veterans division but must qualify with points from the Standard division in order to compete in the Standard division at the Agility Finals.

With:

ATCH dogs handled by a junior may compete in the Junior Division.

Item 6 remove & V-ATCH from the first sentence.

Chapter 8, Section 3, item 1.

Append the following to the end of item 1:

ATCH dogs who did not qualify through earning points but would like to attend, by virtue of the automatic invitation for ATCH dogs, must notify the ASCA Business Office as described in item 2 below.

Chapter 8, Section 3, item 3.

Append of this chapter. to the end of as specified on section 3.2

Chapter 8, Section 4, Item 1.

Change the first four sentences to read, The entry fee charged for the Agility Finals will be \$80 for the Standard and Veteran Division and \$60 for the Junior Division. No entry fees will be refunded. Dogs will not be allowed to enter a portion of the rounds. If they enter the Finals, they must enter all rounds available for their division.

Chapter 8, Section 5, item 1:

Replace the first two sentences of this item with : Each round of Regular, Jumpers and Gamblers Agility will be placed one (1) through ten (10) for each division. Rosettes will be awarded for each placement in each division. [Note: All jump heights will be grouped together for placements within each division, as

specified in Section 6, item 2 of this Chapter.]

Chapter 8, Section 5, item 2.

Replace the entire item 2 with:

The first placing overall dog in each division (Standard, Veteran and Junior) shall receive a rosette with blue in it that states the date, location, placement and ASCA <division> Agility Finals Champion, e.g. 2002 ASCA Junior Agility Finals Champion. This rosette shall have a side streamer with the dogs full registered name and titles printed on it. A special award will be given to the first placing overall dog in each division.

Chapter 8, Section 5, item 3.

Replace the first three sentences with:

The second through tenth overall dogs in each division shall receive rosettes. Second through tenth place rosettes shall have the date, location, placement, Overall, and ASCA <division> Agility Finals. For example, 2002 ASCA Junior Agility Finals Overall Second Place.

Chapter 8, Section 5, item 4.

Replace the first sentence with:

All dogs not placing in the overall top ten in each division will receive a participation rosette printed with the date and location of the Agility finals, name of the host club and Agility Finalist printed on them.

Chapter 8, Section 5, item 7

Replace entire item 7 with Presentation of the overall awards for each division shall be done in a manner to showcase the event. The individual round placements may be awarded at a time and location deemed appropriate by the host club (for instance, following each round.)

Chapter 8, Section 6, Item 2:

Replace the entire item 2 with:

Each division (Standard, Junior and Veteran) will be scored separately. All dogs within each division will be grouped together for placements, regardless of jump height. There will be four rounds used to determine the champion for the Standard and Veteran Division: 1

Jumpers, 1 Gamblers and 2 Regular rounds. Three rounds will be used to determine the Junior champion: 1 Jumpers and 2 Regular.

Chapter 8, Section 6, Item 4:

Replace the entire item 4 with the following:

There will be a Standard Course Time set by the judge for each division for the two Regular and Jumpers classes. For the Regular and Jumpers classes all Standard Division dogs, regardless of jump height will use the Large Dog Standard Course Time. For the Regular and Jumpers classes the Veteran and Junior Division dogs, regardless of height will use the Large Dog Veteran or Junior Course Time (respectively). For the Gamblers class, all dogs, regardless of jump height or division will have 40 seconds for their opening sequence time. The closing sequence gamble time will be determined by the judge. All Standard Division gamble dogs will use Standard Division Large Dog gamble time and all Veteran Division dogs will use Veteran Division Large Dog gamble time. (There is no Gamble class for Junior handlers.)

Chapter 8, Section 6, Item 7

Replace the sentence: Each subsequent class will be run in reverse order of placement based on cumulative scores within each division, with the exception of bitches in heat, who will run last in each class.

With: Each subsequent class will be run in reverse order of placement based on cumulative scores within each division. In the event that two dogs are tied for placements, the dogs will run in alphabetical order of

call name. Bitches in heat will run last in each class.

Chapter 8, Section 7 Item 1 Replace with:

Once the host club, location and dates for the finals have been determined, the Host Club will select judges from the current list of ASCA approved agility judges.

Chapter 8, Section 7 Item 2 remove and NADAC. From the end of the sentence.

Add the following new section to the end of Chapter 8:

Section 9 Photographs of Finals Champions

The host club is responsible for photographing the three finals Champions (Standard, Veterans and Junior). The photographs will be clearly marked with the dogs registered name, owner name, breeder, sire and dam. The photographs MUST be submitted to the editor of the Aussie Times before the deadline for the Nationals issue.

Add the following table to the end of Chapter 8:

Sample Ribbon Order for Agility Finals

Ribbon Type	Qty# of Divisions	Total Quantity	Gamblers Individual Round Placements	102 (no junior)	
20Regular Round 1 Individual Placements (1st 10th)	10330	Regular Round 2 Individual Round Placements (1st 10th)	10330	Jumpers Individual Round Placements (1st 10th)	10330
Overall Division Champion	133	Overall Division 2nd 10th Placement	9327	Finalist (given to those not in the top 10 overall in each division)	20*360*

*Note: This table lists what types of ribbons are required. However, the actual amounts will vary depending on how many dogs are entered in each division. For example, if the Junior division only has three dogs in it, then 10 placements will not be required. In addition, remember that all dogs will be grouped together for placements within a division regardless of jump height, so 1st 10th in each division will encompass all dogs in that division.

Chapter 9

Add the following two new sections to the end of Chapter 9:

Section 3 Nationals Trial Results

In addition to the required trial paperwork, the host club is also responsible for submitting the results of the national trial to the editor of the Aussie Times before the deadline for the Nationals issue. The results must include the dogs registered name (not call name), owner and placement for each class. The results should include first through fourth place and any additional qualifying scores beyond fourth place for every class.

Section 4 Nationals Photographs

The host club is responsible for submitting photographs of the Nationals Agility Trial High In Trial winners. Each photograph should be labeled with the dogs registered name, owner and award won. Photographs must be submitted to the editor of the Aussie Times before the deadline for the nationals issue.

Section 5 Eligible Dogs

Only ASCA registered Australian Shepherds are eligible to compete at the ASCA Agility National Specialty. This rule supercedes Section 1.3.

Appendix A

Section 1 Contact Obstacles

In the first sentence, remove and table surfaces.

In the third paragraph, first sentence, remove the lower half of.

Prepend If used, to the beginning of the sentence The slats on the a-frame shall not.. so it now reads: If used, the slats on the a-frame shall not.

In Section 1 - In the contact obstacle specification table make the following changes:

Change the height of the A-frame to read: 5-56.

Change the height of the Dog Walk to read: 36-54

Change the Ramp Length of the Dog Walk to read: 8 or 12

Add the following immediately after the Contact Obstacle Specification Table:

Note: When using a dog walk with 8 foot planks, a lower dog walk height such as 36 inches should be used. When using a dog walk with 12 foot planks, a higher dog walk height such as 46-54 inches should be used.

Remove Section 3 Pause Table. Renumber the rest of the Sections in this chapter

In Section 4 (renumber to 3) Tunnels

Change: The rigid opening shall be no more than 30 in length

To: The rigid opening shall be no more than 36 in length.

Section 5 (renumber to 4) Hurdles/Jumps

Replace the first line: Tire Jump:

With Tire Jump: The tire jump can be constructed several different ways as follows:

Make the existing description (entire paragraph) of the tire jump construction item A.

Create a new Item B paragraph that reads:

B. The tire jump can consist of a circular object that resembles a tire suspended from a rectangular frame. The inner diameter of the tire should be 24 inches plus or minus one inch and the tire wall should be 3 to 8 inches thick. There must be at least 8 inches between the outside of the tire and the sides of the frame. The frame must be tall enough to accommodate the tire at all the ASCA jump heights. The uprights of the frame shall be secured to the base and the base weighted or secured properly to the running surface so as to discourage tipping. The jump height of the tire jump is measured from the ground to the lowest point of the inside of the tire opening.

Non-Winged Hurdles/Jumps:

Remove the sentence: It is advised to facilitate course design that at least two of the jumps have bars 54 to 60 wide.

Append the following sentence: The jump bars should have an outside diameter of 1 1/4 (e.g. 1 inside diameter Schedule 40 PVC).

Spread Jump:

Rename to Double Bar Hurdles

Replace the entire section with:

Two single bar hurdles may be placed together to form a double bar hurdle. Or a single obstacle may be constructed for a double bar hurdle. The double bar hurdle consists of two parallel bars positioned at the jump heights specified for the class. The distance between the top front bar and the top rear bar should be one-half the jump height (with a 1 inch tolerance). The lower bars shall be crossed to form an X below the top bars.

The crossed bars under the top parallel bars should be placed so that one of the crossed bars is against the front of the standard and the second crossed bar is against the back standard.

Replace the entire Appendix C with the following:

Until such time as ASCA develops an independent Judging Clinic program, individuals on the NADAC Approved Judges List shall constitute the ASCA Approved Judges List. However, any person who is not in good standing with ASCA shall be removed from the ASCA Approved Agility Judges List.

Chapter 7 Section 7.1.1 Remove the sentences: Judges must be re-certified every two years (accomplished by attending and participating in a Judging Clinic). If a judge has been inactive for more than one year, then that judge must judge under supervision during their next assignment.

Section 7.1.2 Remove the sentence: Agility trial host clubs must get approval from the NADAC judging Clinic director of the proposed arrangements for supervision before they may use Judges who are approved to judge under supervision.

Section 7.1.3 In the first sentence, replace passing with the word attending.

Remove Sections 7.2, 7.3 and 7.4 in Chapter 7.

Renumber Section 7.5 Judges Responsibilities to be 7.2

In paragraph 2 of that same section, insert the word a before briefing. Insert a period at the end of the second sentence after the word trial.

In paragraph 6 of that same section, the second sentence, remove the words This is to say that and capitalize the J in the word judges to start the sentence.

Renumber Section 7.6 Course Design to be 7.3

Change the following:

The main focus at all levels is that of safety. The judge shall design courses which meet the criteria for each level while providing an environment of fun and safety for the dog and handler.

To read:

The main focus at all levels is that of safety, flow and fun. The judge shall design courses that meet the criteria for each level while providing an environment of fun, flow and safety for the dog and handler.

In the same section, Item #13, remove taking into account the direction of the setting sun. until the end of the sentence and remove the second sentence of #13 entirely.

In the same section, Remove item #15.

Renumber item #16 to be #15. Replace this item with:

For safety reasons, the obstacles should not be placed within six feet of the ring perimeter.

Renumber Section 7.6.1 Regular Agility Class to be number 7.3.1

In the first paragraph, change the sentence:

The closing sequence should consist of three(3) to five(5) obstacles which should highlight a fast, successful finish.

To read:

The closing sequence should consist of two to three obstacles which should highlight a fast, successful finish.

In the second paragraph of the same section as above, remove the sentence The focus for the spectator should be on the dog, which should be moving far more than the judge or handler.

Renumber 7.6.1.1 Regular Agility Class Novice Level to be 7.3.1.1

Replace item a with the following: The course shall consist of 13-17 obstacles.

Replace item b with the following:

Chapter 5 defines the recommended maximum course times for the Novice Regular Agility Class.

Change item C to read: The distance between obstacles should be an average of 21 feet with the minimum distance between two obstacles being no less than 18 feet.

Change item D to read: There should be no 90 degree turns on the course without a minimum distance (shortest path) of 20 feet between the obstacles.

Remove item F and re-letter the rest.

Replace new item F (old letter g) with :

All double bar hurdles shall have top bars at the same height and have straight on approaches. A double bar hurdle shall never follow closed tunnel. There must be a minimum spacing of 21 feet from the next obstacle on the approach and landing side of the double bar hurdles.

In old item I (relettered to be h) remove the word sharp.

In old item j (relettered to be i) remove the words on the table.

In old item k (relettered to be j) change for both small dogs and large dogs.

To:

for all sizes of dogs.

Add new item L as follows:

L. The course design should encourage a beginning level of obstacle discrimination. The obstacles used for obstacle discrimination shall not be closer than four feet to each other if a tunnel is used under a contact obstacle.

Renumber 7.6.1.2 Regular Agility Class Open Level to be 7.3.1.2

Replace item b with:

Chapter 5 defines the recommended maximum course times for the Open Regular Agility Class.

Replace item C with:

The distance between obstacles should be an average of 21 feet with the minimum distance between two obstacles being no less than 18 feet.

Replace item E with: There shall be 10-12 weave poles on the course, which could be comprised of one long set of 10-12 poles or two short sets of 5-6 poles.

Remove item F and reletter the rest of the section.

Replace old item g (new letter f) with: All double bar hurdles shall have top bars at the same height and have straight on approaches. A double bar hurdle shall never follow closed tunnel. There must be a minimum spacing of 21 feet from the next obstacle on the approach and landing side of the double bar hurdles.

Replace old item j (new letter i) with: The course shall encourage at least two changes of handling sides that are visible to the dog (such as while the dog is performing a jumping sequence.) The course shall encourage at least three total changes of handling sides.

In old item k (new letter j) replace for all size dogs with for all sizes of dogs.

Replace old item m (new letter L) with: The course design should encourage an Open level of obstacle discrimination. If a tunnel is used under a contact obstacle for obstacle discrimination, then the edge of the tunnel shall be set 1-2 feet away from the contact obstacle.

Renumber item 7.6.1.3 Regular Agility Class Elite Level to be 7.3.1.3
Change Item A to read: The course shall usually consist of 18-20 obstacles.

Replace item b with:
Chapter 5 defines the recommended maximum course times for the Elite Regular Agility Class.

Replace the entire item C with: The distance between obstacles should be an average of 21 feet with the minimum distance between two obstacles being no less than 18 feet.

Replace item D with: There should be no 90 degree turns on the course without a minimum (shortest path) distance of 20 feet between those two obstacles.

Replace item E with: There shall be a line of weave poles consisting of 10-12 poles. An additional set of 5-6 poles is optional.

Remove item f and re-letter the rest of the items.

In letter f (old letter g) replace with the following:

All double bar hurdles shall have top bars at the same height and have straight on approaches. A double bar hurdle shall never follow closed tunnel. There must be a minimum spacing of 21 feet from the next obstacle on the approach and landing side of the double bar hurdles.

In old item k (new letter j) change for all size of dogs to for all sizes of dogs.

In old item m (new letter L) replace shall not be closer than two feet to each other with may be side by side.

Add new letter P: The Elite level course shall encourage at least three changes of handling sides that are

visible to the dog (such as while the dog is performing a jumping sequence).

Chapter 8-Agility Finals, Section 1, item 2

Replace the entire item 2 with the following:

2. The Standard and Veterans division finals will consist of four rounds total 2 rounds of Regular, 1 round of Jumpers and 1 round of Gamblers. The Junior Finals will consist of three rounds total 2 rounds of Regular and 1 round of Jumpers. There are no elimination rounds. Dogs that qualify for the finals are eligible to compete in all rounds for their division. A dog may only compete in one division. All rounds for a division will take place on the same day.

Chapter 8, Section 2, Item 3

Remove (With the exception of Gamblers where the Junior handler must compete in the Elite Standard or Veterans division to earn qualifying points for the Junior Division.)

Item 4 Replace the entire item with the following:

For the Standard and Veterans division, a dog needs 7 points total to be eligible to compete at the Agility Finals. A minimum of 2 points must be from the Elite Jumpers class, 2 points from the Elite Gamblers class and 3 points from the Elite Regular class in the Standard or Veteran divisions respectively during the qualifying period. For the Junior division a dog needs 5 total points to be eligible to compete in the Junior Division of the Agility Finals. A minimum of 2 points must be from Elite Jumpers and 3 points from Elite Regular from the Junior Division during the qualifying period. Points from the Standard division can be transferred to the Junior or Veteran division as described in Chapter 3.2. Eligible points will be those received during the ASCA Agility Finals qualifying period. The ASCA Agility Finals qualifying period will be the twelve month period from June 1st of the previous year to May 31st of the year the ASCA Agility Finals are held.

Item 5 In the first sentence, remove the phrase: all four rounds of

Same item 5 - Replace the sentence Dogs with a V-ATCH are automatically eligible for the Veterans division but must qualify with points from the Standard division in order to compete in the Standard division at the Agility Finals.

With:

ATCH dogs handled by a junior may compete in the Junior Division.

Item 6 remove & V-ATCH from the first sentence.

Chapter 8, Section 3, item 1.

Append the following to the end of item 1:

ATCH dogs who did not qualify through earning points but would like to attend, by virtue of the automatic invitation for ATCH dogs, must notify the ASCA Business Office as described in item 2 below.

Chapter 8, Section 3, item 3.

Append of this chapter. to the end of as specified on section 3.2

Chapter 8, Section 4, Item 1.

Change the first four sentences to read, The entry fee charged for the Agility Finals will be \$80 for the Standard and Veteran Division and \$60 for the Junior Division. No entry fees will be refunded. Dogs will not be allowed to enter a portion of the rounds. If they enter the Finals, they must enter all rounds available for their division.

Chapter 8, Section 5, item 1:

Replace the first two sentences of this item with : Each round of Regular, Jumpers and Gamblers Agility will be placed one (1) through ten (10) for each division. Rosettes will be awarded for each placement in each division. [Note: All jump heights will be grouped together for placements within each division, as specified in Section 6, item 2 of this Chapter.]

Chapter 8, Section 5, item 2.

Replace the entire item 2 with:

The first placing overall dog in each division (Standard, Veteran and Junior) shall receive a rosette with blue in it that states the date, location, placement and ASCA <division> Agility Finals Champion, e.g. 2002 ASCA Junior Agility Finals Champion. This rosette shall have a side streamer with the dogs full registered name and titles printed on it. A special award will be given to the first placing overall dog in each division.

Chapter 8, Section 5, item 3.

Replace the first three sentences with:

The second through tenth overall dogs in each division shall receive rosettes. Second through tenth place rosettes shall have the date, location, placement, Overall, and ASCA <division> Agility Finals. For example, 2002 ASCA Junior Agility Finals Overall Second Place.

Chapter 8, Section 5, item 4.

Replace the first sentence with:

All dogs not placing in the overall top ten in each division will receive a participation rosette printed with the date and location of the Agility finals, name of the host club and Agility Finalist printed on them.

Chapter 8, Section 5, item 7

Replace entire item 7 with Presentation of the overall awards for each division shall be done in a manner to showcase the event. The individual round placements may be awarded at a time and location deemed appropriate by the host club (for instance, following each round.)

Chapter 8, Section 6, Item 2:

Replace the entire item 2 with:

Each division (Standard, Junior and Veteran) will be scored separately. All dogs within each division will be grouped together for placements, regardless of jump height. There will be four rounds used to determine the champion for the Standard and Veteran Division: 1 Jumpers, 1 Gamblers and 2 Regular rounds. Three rounds will be used to determine the Junior champion: 1 Jumpers and 2 Regular.

Chapter 8, Section 6, Item 4:

Replace the entire item 4 with the following:

There will be a Standard Course Time set by the judge for each division for the two Regular and Jumpers classes. For the Regular and Jumpers classes all Standard Division dogs, regardless of jump height will use the Large Dog Standard Course Time. For the Regular and Jumpers classes the Veteran and Junior Division dogs, regardless of height will use the Large Dog Veteran or Junior Course Time (respectively). For the Gamblers class, all dogs, regardless of jump height or division will have 40 seconds for their opening sequence time. The closing sequence gamble time will be determined by the judge. All Standard Division gamble dogs will use Standard Division Large Dog gamble time and all Veteran Division dogs will use Veteran Division Large Dog gamble time. (There is no Gamble class for Junior handlers.)

Chapter 8, Section 6, Item 7

Replace the sentence: Each subsequent class will be run in reverse order of placement based on cumulative scores within each division, with the exception of bitches in heat, who will run last in each class.

With: Each subsequent class will be run in reverse order of placement based on cumulative scores within each division. In the event that two dogs are tied for placements, the dogs will run in alphabetical order of call name. Bitches in heat will run last in each class.

Chapter 8, Section 7 Item 1 Replace with:

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Chapter 8, Section 7 Item 2 remove and NADAC. From the end of the sentence.

Add the following new section to the end of Chapter 8:

Section 9 Photographs of Finals Champions

The host club is responsible for photographing the three finals Champions (Standard, Veterans and Junior). The photographs will be clearly marked with the dogs registered name, owner name, breeder, sire and dam. The photographs MUST be submitted to the editor of the Aussie Times before the deadline for the Nationals issue.

Add the following table to the end of Chapter 8:

Sample Ribbon Order for Agility Finals

Ribbon Type	Qty# of Divisions	Total Quantity	Gamblers Individual Round Placements	102 (no junior)	20Regular Round 1 Individual Placements (1st 10th)	10330Regular Round 2 Individual Round Placements (1st 10th)	10330Jumpers Individual Round Placements (1st 10th)	10330Overall Division Champion	133Overall Division 2nd 10th Placement	9327Finalist (given to those not in the top 10 overall in each division)	20*360*
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*Note: This table lists what types of ribbons are required. However, the actual amounts will vary depending on how many dogs are entered in each division. For example, if the Junior division only has three dogs in it, then 10 placements will not be required. In addition, remember that all dogs will be grouped together for placements within a division regardless of jump height, so 1st 10th in each division will encompass all dogs in that division.

Chapter 9

Add the following two new sections to the end of Chapter 9:

Section 3 Nationals Trial Results

In addition to the required trial paperwork, the host club is also responsible for submitting the results of the national trial to the editor of the Aussie Times before the deadline for the Nationals issue. The results must include the dogs registered name (not call name), owner and placement for each class. The results should include first through fourth place and any additional qualifying scores beyond fourth place for every class.

Section 4 Nationals Photographs

The host club is responsible for submitting photographs of the Nationals Agility Trial High In Trial winners. Each photograph should be labeled with the dogs registered name, owner and award won. Photographs must be submitted to the editor of the Aussie Times before the deadline for the Nationals issue.

Section 5 Eligible Dogs

Only ASCA registered Australian Shepherds are eligible to compete at the ASCA Agility National Specialty. This rule supercedes Section 1.3.

Appendix A

Section 1 Contact Obstacles

In the first sentence, remove and table surfaces.

In the third paragraph, first sentence, remove the lower half of.

Prepend If used, to the beginning of the sentence The slats on the a-frame shall not.. so it now reads: If used, the slats on the a-frame shall not.

In Section 1 - In the contact obstacle specification table make the following changes:

Change the height of the A-frame to read: 5-56.

Change the height of the Dog Walk to read: 36-54

Change the Ramp Length of the Dog Walk to read: 8 or 12

Add the following immediately after the Contact Obstacle Specification Table:

Note: When using a dog walk with 8 foot planks, a lower dog walk height such as 36 inches should be used. When using a dog walk with 12 foot planks, a higher dog walk height such as 46-54 inches should be used.

Remove Section 3 Pause Table. Renumber the rest of the Sections in this chapter

In Section 4 (renumber to 3) Tunnels

Change: The rigid opening shall be no more than 30 in length

To: The rigid opening shall be no more than 36 in length.

Section 5 (renumber to 4) Hurdles/Jumps

Replace the first line: Tire Jump:

With Tire Jump: The tire jump can be constructed several different ways as follows:

Make the existing description (entire paragraph) of the tire jump construction item A.

Create a new Item B paragraph that reads:

B. The tire jump can consist of a circular object that resembles a tire suspended from a rectangular frame. The inner diameter of the tire should be 24 inches plus or minus one inch and the tire wall should be 3 to 8 inches thick. There must be at least 8 inches between the outside of the tire and the sides of the frame. The frame must be tall enough to accommodate the tire at all the ASCA jump heights. The uprights of the frame shall be secured to the base and the base weighted or secured properly to the running surface so as to discourage tipping. The jump height of the tire jump is measured from the ground to the lowest point of the inside of the tire opening.

Non-Winged Hurdles/Jumps:

Remove the sentence: It is advised to facilitate course design that at least two of the jumps have bars 54 to 60 wide.

Append the following sentence: The jump bars should have an outside diameter of 1 1/4 (e.g. 1 inside diameter Schedule 40 PVC).

Spread Jump:

Rename to Double Bar Hurdles

Replace the entire section with:

Two single bar hurdles may be placed together to form a double bar hurdle. Or a single obstacle may be constructed for a double bar hurdle. The double bar hurdle consists of two parallel bars positioned at the

jump heights specified for the class. The distance between the top front bar and the top rear bar should be one-half the jump height (with a 1 inch tolerance). The lower bars shall be crossed to form an X below the top bars. The crossed bars under the top parallel bars should be placed so that one of the crossed bars is against the front of the standard and the second crossed bar is against the back standard.

Replace the entire Appendix C with the following:

Until such time as ASCA develops an independent Judging Clinic program, individuals on the NADAC Approved Judges List shall constitute the ASCA Approved Judges List. However, any person who is not in good standing with ASCA shall be removed from the ASCA Approved Agility Judges List.

Directors voting: Approve: Aufox, Davenport, Warren, Gray, Hellmeister, Hollen & DeChant. Non-Voting: Stevens & Berryessa. Motion is approved.

97:14 DNA COMMITTEE -

Motion by Gray.

I move to approve the following DNA and Genetics Committee recommendation:

Jo, please use the same date as the Agility motion comments (7/11) so this can get published if it passes. Thanks, Linda

Motion by Chris, second by Joan:

I move the requirement for sires to be DNA profiled with ASCA's designated lab(s) be lowered to the following:

DNA profiling will be required for all ASCA registered sires before the registration of their second litter in a calendar year and/or prior to the registration of their tenth litter in a lifetime.

Comment: The previous rule was 10 litters in a lifetime and/or 5 in a calendar year.

Yes: Devona, Linda M., Laura, Jamie, Kelli, Chris, Kim, Sally, Marilyn, Joan
Abstain: C.A. Non-voting: Susan and George

Effective 1/1/05 or 7/1/05: depending upon passage and publication in the September/October Times or later.

Directors voting: Approve: Warren, Davenport, Gray & Aufox. Disapprove:

Hollen, Berryessa, DeChant & Hellmeister. Non-Voting: Stevens. Motion is disapproved.

Approved:

Provisional Breeder Judges: Janet White and Kym Base