

Secretary's Report

These reports detail the day-to-day activities of the ASCA Board of Directors. It includes issues brought before the Board of Directors through mail, fax, e-mail, and/or telephone communications.

ASCA Board of Directors Email Motions

February 2014

09:28 History: Lifetime Achievement Award Plaque

Approve: Bryant, DeChant, Gann, Gray, Hardin, King, Kissman, Roberts, Silveira

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Motion carries.

Motion: Gray

I move to approve the following from the History Committee:

Motion by Jeanne

2nd by Kay

To present the ASCA Lifetime Achievement Award Winner with a Plaque not to exceed 6 x 9 inches nor \$100.00.

Approve: 4

Non voting: 1

04:05 Agility: Tracking Number/Service Membership Form

Approve: Bryant, DeChant, Gann, Gray, Hardin, King, Kissman, Roberts, Silveira

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Motion carries.

Motion: Roberts

I make a motion to approve the below motion from the Agility Committee:

This motion passed the committee with

12 yes

0 no

1 non voting

Motion 3-2014

Motion by Sue

Second by Andrea

Effective date June 1, 2014

Motion to allow clubs to provide either a link to the Tracking Number and Service Membership Application or the 'Application' in the premium.

Section 2.1.6, 2nd paragraph currently reads:

The premium must include all of the information listed in Section 2.1.6.1 below. An Entry Form and a Tracking Number and Service Membership Application must be included with the premium. These forms can be downloaded from the ASCA website.

Change to read:

The premium must include all of the information listed in Section 2.1.6.1 below. An Entry Form and a Tracking Number and Service Membership Application, or a link to the 'Application' on the ASCA website, must be included with the premium. These forms can be downloaded from the ASCA website.

Currently Section 2.1.6.1 Premium - Required Information, final bullet reads:

A copy of the current Service Membership and Tracking Number Application (not required for the ASCA Nationals and per/post trial premiums).

Change to read:

A copy of the current Tracking Number and Service Membership Application or a link to the current 'Application' available on the ASCA website. (This information is not required for the ASCA Nationals and per/post trial premiums.)

Section 2.1 Trial Officials and Staff, 2.4.1 Trial Officials, 2nd paragraph currently reads:

Show Secretary. The show secretary shall mail prepared premium lists to potential exhibitors, be responsible for the preparation of the show catalog and verify the final show reports which are sent to the ASCA office with the official marked catalog. Both the ASCA Agility Trial Secretary and the Trial Chair should be on the grounds during the agility trial. The Trial Secretary is responsible for the preparation and completion of all paperwork that must be returned to ASCA. See Section 2.1.5.

Change to read:

Show Secretary. The show secretary shall mail prepared premium lists to potential exhibitors, be responsible for the preparation of the show catalog, be familiar with the paperwork in the show sanctioning packet, provide Tracking Number and Service Membership forms and verify the final show reports which are sent to the ASCA office with the official marked catalog. Both the ASCA Agility Trial Secretary and the Trial Chair should be on the grounds during the agility trial. The Trial Secretary is responsible for the preparation and completion of all paperwork that must be returned to ASCA. See Section 2.1.5.

Rationale:

I'd like to propose a change to the rules to allow for a link to the Tracking Number/Service Membership Form on the premium and on any club's web site instead of requiring it to be included in the premium. I'd like to stipulate that the trial secretaries shall have a supply of the forms on hand at the trials.

Rationale for this motion:

Most exhibitors are receiving the entry forms electronically and a link to the application would allow them to fill out the form online and use a credit card for payment. The form adds an additional half page to the premium and isn't widely used but wastes paper. The form is also only available in a pdf and clubs that utilize MS word for their premiums sometimes have trouble adding the form to the premium.

94:01 Stockdog: Change 12.9.4 and 12.9.7 in Stockdog Rulebook

Approve: Bryant, DeChant, Gann, Gray, Hardin, King, Kissman, Roberts, Silveira

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Motion carries.

Motion: Kissman

I make a motion to change Stockdog Rule 12.9.4 and 12.9.7 as described below. This change corrects the wording so that the number of Finals judges used is not specified in these two rules.

01-04-2014 - 12.9.4 and 12.9.7 in Stockdog Rule book

Pete Dolan move and second by Lindy Epperly to change sections 12.9.4 and 12.9.7 of the Stockdog Rule Book.

Change section 12.9.4 which reads:

12.9.4 Judges will score and total score sheets separately from each other-the idea is to have four "individual scores".

to read:

12.9.4 Judges will score and total score sheets separately from each other-leading to an "individual score" from each judge during each round.

Change section 12.9.7 which reads:

12.9.7 Time and/or warning can and will be called by any of the four Judges for violations of ASCA Stockdog Rules, lack of progress, gripping, or abuse of stock. Judges will respect each other's calls.

To read:

12.9.7 Time and/or warning can and will be called by any judge for violations of ASCA Stockdog Rules, lack of progress, gripping, or abuse of stock during each round. Judges will respect the calls of other judges.

Effective date: June 1, 2014

Rationale: This change makes these sections independent of any future Stockdog Finals format changes.

Passed

Yes 7

Non-voting 4

94:01 Stockdog: 12.8.2 Minimum of 5 Head

Approve: Bryant, DeChant, Gann, Gray, Hardin, King, Kissman, Roberts, Silveira

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Motion carries.

Motion: Kissman

I make a motion to change Stockdog Rule 12.8.2 to allow for more than 5 ducks to be used at Finals. The number of Cattle, Sheep and Ducks that can be used will now all be the same.

01-03-2014 -12.8.2 Minimum of 5 head

Pete Dolan move and seconded by Lindy Epperly to change section 12.8.2 which reads:

12.8.2 A minimum of 5 head of cattle/sheep per run must be used. Five head are used for ducks.

to read:

12.8.2 A minimum of 5 head of cattle, sheep or ducks per run must be used.

Rationale: This change aligns the stock use requirements of 12.8.2 with the requirements of 3.10 2 contained in the June 1, 2013 Rulebook.

Effective date June 1, 2014.

Passed

Yes 7

Non-voting 4

94:01 Stockdog: Add 12.1.4 to Stockdog Finals

Approve: Bryant, Hardin, Silveira

Disapprove: DeChant, Gray, King, Kissman, Roberts

Abstain: Gann

Non-Voting: 0

Motion fails.

Motion: Kissman

I make a motion to change Stockdog Rule Book by adding 12.1.4 which requires the Host Club at Finals to at least require one go-round to use either C, D, E, F or PATD courses for cattle and sheep. For ducks, either courses C, D, E or F would be required to be used for at least one go-round at Finals.

01-02-2014 Add 12.1.4 to Stockdog Finals.

Dan Sanderson make a motion and Maxine Schvaneveldt seconded to add 12.1.4 to the Stockdog Finals Chapter. The effective date of this rule will be June 1, 2014 and will apply to all Stockdog Finals after the 2014 Bryan, TX event.

12.1.4 For each class of stock, at least one go-round must use either C, D, E, F, or PATD. Ducks are not eligible for PATD. It is recommended that this course choice be used on the second elimination go-round, prior to the final go-round. The same course does not have to be used for the different classes of livestock.

This rule is for Finals only and will offer the opportunity for the best dogs in the ASCA trialing program to demonstrate another skill. It is recommended one of these courses be used in the second go-round so everyone has the opportunity to show the dogs ability to work livestock off a fence as well as on the fence. This will allow both types of work to be demonstrated before the final cut.

Passed

Yes 5

No 2

Abstain 1

Non-voting 3

Comments

Sanderson: This will apply only to Finals and will allow our dogs to demonstrate another skill and ability. Colorado has used course C with great success twice, and now Texas is using course D this year. It appears those who wish to challenge the contestants are raising the bar. This rule will make the Finals consistently more challenging each and every year, encouraging all to train and develop further.

Manley: For the following reasons

-it is an unnecessary rule, these courses are starting to be used in finals and this process is likely to continue at the rate that membership is ready for. There is no need for the SDC to push this.

-it is important for the finals course director to be able to choose the courses that will best showcase our dogs abilities given the stock and facility available. There is a wide range of stock used at different finals and I think it is important to leave all options open to the course director.

-courses D E and F are not being widely run in some areas especially where they do not have access to stock that are accustomed to being worked by dogs, cattle in particular.

-there are issues around the scoring of the new courses and the balance of control and course points. I think it would be best to wait until these issues are dealt with in the new computer system before requiring the use of these courses at finals.

Respectfully submitted, Irene

Wesen: let the clubs decide if they are going to offer these courses. I want to see the other courses but this is not the time. After judges training and reworking of the score sheet I will be for this motion.

94:01 Stockdog: Post Advanced

Approve: Bryant, Gann, Hardin, Kissman, Silveira
Disapprove: DeChant, Gray, King, Roberts
Abstain: 0
Non-Voting: 0
Motion carries.

Dissent from DeChant: I disapprove as I think this is a Division and that it needs to stay where it is. The parts of Post Advanced that has to do with the Arena and Obstacles can be added to that part of the Rules, but I think PA is and needs to stay a Division.

Dissent from Gray: If the Post Advanced is a division, it should be listed as such in the Trial Division and Classes.

Dissent from Roberts: Only because of wording. For instance, when I read this: b. The Post-Advanced Division may not share sanctioning with any type of trial except an Arena Trial.

To me it reads that you can't have a RTD or FTD with a PATD. That you can only have PATD with a regular trial.

I checked with many of our members and most folks felt that they were no longer able to sanction the PATD as a stand alone event with a RTD or FTD because of the wording. I wish I had caught this during the discussion phase. Sorry.

Dissent from King: I agree with the intent but I think it needs more clarity. Maybe examples of sanctioning scenarios including arena, farm and ranch trials.

Motion: Kissman

I make a motion to move Stockdog Rule 3.3 to 3.12 and to make some changes and additions to the rules for running the Post Advanced Course.

01-1-2014 Post Advanced
Maxine Schvaneveldt seconded by Dan Sanderson

The following motion involves two parts: Moving the placement of the description of the Post Advanced Course in the rule book and clarifying the rules surrounding Post Advanced.

description of rules concerning Post Advanced from Chapter 3, Section 3 (Trial Divisions and Classes) to Chapter 3, Section 12 (Arena and Obstacles), creating a new category 3.12.7. This motion also clarifies the rules for Post Advanced.

I make a motion to change the following
Maxine Schvaneveldt

Change the following description and location from:

Chapter 3, Section 3

g. Post-Advanced Trial Dog is for dogs that have been certified or have qualified for the Advanced Trial Dog for the class being entered.

i. The Post Advanced Division is an OPTIONAL division for sheep/goats and cattle classes. Host clubs do not have to offer this division if no facilities are available. Advanced titled dogs do not have to compete in this division if they feel unprepared for it. The Post-Advanced Division may be run independently from the other divisions if there are no arena facilities available.

ii. Qualifying scores can be earned according to Chapter 3, Section 6. The title earned shall be PATD-class used at the end of the dog's name.

iii. Scores from this division are eligible for the National Stockdog Finals (See Chapter 12).

iv. The same dog may enter in either Advanced or Post-Advanced Division in the same sanctioned Trial but not both.

- v. The Post-Advanced Division will be run in a minimum area of 415 x 600 feet (approximately 6 acres). Panels in both Course A and Course B must be at least 100 feet off any fence or perimeter. The distance of the cross drive from opening of panel 1 to the opening of panel 2 AND the distance from the openings of panels 1 and 2 to the center obstacles must be equal for Course A or Course B. The equal distances of the cross drive between the openings of obstacles 1 and 2 AND the distance to the center obstacle from panels 1 and 2 must be a minimum of 150 feet, but may be up to but no more than 300 feet. Whatever the distances are between the three obstacles, panels 1 and 2 must still be at least 100 feet off any perimeter fences. The distance from the take/re-pen end of the pasture to the Post Advanced Handlers line must be a minimum of 350 feet, but can be up to but no more than 500 feet. The distance from the take/re-pen end of the pasture to panel 1 and panel 2 must be a minimum of 500 feet but no more than 800 feet (see Appendix 3 for all of the above dimensions).
- vi. All obstacles shall be made up of 12-16 foot panels including the chute and free-standing pen. Obstacles 1 & 2 are made up of two panels each, parallel to each other with a 20-foot opening. Obstacle 1 and 2 shall be parallel to each other with the cross drive measured from the inside of both inside panels (see Appendix).
- vii. The stock for Course B will be dropped and spotted at a minimum distance of 300 feet but not more than 500 feet from, and in line with, the center obstacle AND at least 50 feet but not more than 100 feet from the take/re-pen end of the pasture for the gather.
- viii. Obstacles 1 and 2 shall be negotiated in a figure 8 for both Course A and B (see Appendix). Course B will have a left hand drive and Course A will have a right hand drive.
- ix. Each obstacle will be allowed only two attempts then the handler must move on to the next obstacle. Only course points will be lost on the failed obstacle. There will be no on course rule for this division.
- x. If the dog loses the stock from the designated Course area he will be excused and stock handlers will retrieve the stock.
- xi. Time limit will be 15 minutes.
- xii. Post Advanced Handler may not step across an imaginary line drawn across the entry wings of the chute or the gate of the free-standing pen without a loss of 50% of the total points. Exception: While working the free-standing pen (see Chapter 3, Section 12.2g).

Move and change to:

Chapter 3, Section 12

3.12.7

- a. The Post-Advanced Division is an OPTIONAL division for sheep/goats and cattle classes. Host clubs do not have to offer this division if no facilities are available. Advanced titled dogs do not have to compete in this division. The Post-Advanced Division may be offered as an individually sanctioned trial, or it may be offered as a division within a sanctioned Arena Trial.
- b. The Post-Advanced Division may not share sanctioning with any type of trial except an Arena Trial.
- c. When sanctioning is shared with an arena trial, the arena and PATD course are not required to be the same course.
- d. The Post-Advanced Division will be scored and placed separately from all other divisions of a sanctioned trial.
- e. Any dog entering the Post-Advanced Division must have earned an Advanced Title on the class of stock entered.
- f. Time limit will be 15 minutes.
- g. Qualifying scores can be earned according to Chapter 3, Section 6. The title earned shall be PATD-class used at the end of the dog's name.
- h. Scores from this division are eligible for accruing National Stockdog Finals points. When sanctioned with an arena trial, only the highest scoring Australian Shepherd from the sanctioned trial is eligible for the additional finals point as described in Chapter 12. The HIT point is awarded to the highest scoring Australian Shepherd from all eligible divisions. When sanctioned alone, an additional finals point, if eligible, is awarded to the HIT from the PATD division as described in Chapter 12. Merit points will also be earned for the PATD division as described in Chapter 13.
- i. The same dog may not enter both Advanced and Post-Advanced Division on the same class of stock in the same sanctioned trial.

- j. The Post-Advanced Division will be run in a minimum area of 415 x 600 feet (approximately 6 acres). Panels in both Course A and Course B must be at least 100 feet off any fence or perimeter. The distance of the cross drive from opening of panel 1 to the opening of panel 2 AND the distance from the openings of panels 1 and 2 to the center obstacles must be equal for Course A or Course B. The equal distances of the cross drive between the openings of obstacles 1 and 2 AND the distance to the center obstacle from panels 1 and 2 must be a minimum of 150 feet, but may be up to but no more than 300 feet. Whatever the distances are between the three obstacles, panels 1 and 2 must still be at least 100 feet off any perimeter fences. The distance from the take/re-pen end of the pasture to the Post Advanced Handlers line must be a minimum of 350 feet, but can be up to but no more than 500 feet. The distance from the take/re-pen end of the pasture to panel 1 and panel 2 must be a minimum of 500 feet but no more than 800 feet (see Appendix 3 for all of the above dimensions).
- k. All obstacles shall be made up of 12-16 foot panels including the chute and free-standing pen. Obstacles 1 & 2 are made up of two panels each, parallel to each other with a 20-foot opening. Obstacle 1 and 2 shall be parallel to each other with the cross drive measured from the inside of both inside panels (see Appendix).
- l. The stock for Course B will be dropped and spotted at a minimum distance of 300 feet but not more than 500 feet from, and in line with, the center obstacle AND at least 50 feet but not more than 100 feet from the take/re-pen end of the pasture for the gather.
- m. Obstacles 1 and 2 shall be negotiated in a figure 8 for both Course A and B (see Appendix). Course B will have a left hand drive and Course A will have a right hand drive.
- n. Each obstacle will be allowed only two attempts then the handler must move on to the next obstacle. Only course points will be lost on the failed obstacle. There will be no on course rule for this division.
- o. If the dog loses the stock from the designated Course area he will be excused and stock handlers will retrieve the stock.
- p. Post Advanced Handler may not step across an imaginary line drawn across the entry wings of the chute or the gate of the free-standing pen without a loss of 50% of the total points. Exception: While working the free-standing pen (see Chapter 3, Section 12.2g).

Rationale: This change will provide the user of the rule book one location to find the course descriptions for all courses, simplifying the process. The clarification of the rules addresses clubs who wish to offer a Post Advanced Class only on a day of competition. Currently, a club must offer an arena trial if they intend to offer a Post Advanced class and have an arena facility available. This change allows the Post Advanced class to be a separately sanctioned event or a division of a sanctioned arena trial. It may be used as an am or pm event, sanctioned separately, or included with the sanctioning of an am/pm arena trial. This allows clubs more flexibility when offering a trial.

Passed
Yes 8
Non-voting 3

14.10 Policy Book: Remove Section 15.4.3

Approve: Bryant, DeChant, Gann, Gray, Hardin, King, Kissman, Roberts, Silveira
Disapprove: 0
Abstain: 0
Non-Voting: 0
Motion carries.

Motion: Silveira
Second: DeChant

I move that Section 15.4.3 be removed from the ASCA Policy Book.

Effective with the next publication of the Policy Book. March 31, 2014

Now in the Policy Book.
15.4.3. Update Schedule

As a minimum, program rule books shall be updated and reprinted January 1 and June 1 of each calendar year.

This policy shall cancel any previous policy, memo or Board of Directors decision that regulates effective dates. Effective: 01/30/97

Now in the By - Laws

ARTICLE XIII

ADOPTION OF ALL SHOW, TRIAL, TESTING PROGRAMS

AND/OR REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CLUB

The Board of Directors may adopt, amend, cancel or supplement all show, trial, testing programs or other rules/and or regulations for the operation of the Club. All such rules shall be in writing. Rules and regulations as adopted by the Board shall become effective no sooner than thirty days after publication in the Club Newsletter; or in the event an emergency situation exists that would be detrimental to ASCA and/or it's programs the effective date will be determined by the Board of Directors.

Only those program rules that are contained in the latest version of each rule book shall be enforceable. Program rulebooks will be updated and reprinted June 1 of each calendar year. Individual program rulebooks may be updated and reprinted January 1 of the same calendar year if deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

The new By - Law rewrite approved by the Membership, 08/2013 is in the ASCA By-Laws. A section in the Policy Book is redundant.

04:05 Agility: Ace Standard Program

Approve: Bryant, DeChant, Gann, Gray, Hardin, King, Kissman, Roberts, Silveira

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Motion carries.

Motion: Roberts

I make a motion to approve the following from the Agility Committee.

This motion passed with

10 yes

2 no

1 non voting

This motion is for a lower jump height program, much like AKC Preferred or USDAA Performance. It allows dogs of any age to jump one height lower than their Standard jump height. These titles will not count for HOF, Merit lists or Finals.

There has been a call for this type of program for several years. We believe it will increase participation in ASCA

Motion 1-2014

Motion by Sherry

Second by Carol

Effective 6-2014

Please see the attached for the complete motion. This is for the ACE Standard Program.

SEE ATTACHMENT #1

04:05 Agility: Clarify Section 3.3 Divisions

Approve: Bryant, DeChant, Gann, Gray, Hardin, King, Kissman, Roberts, Silveira

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0
Motion carries.

Motion: Roberts

I move to approve the below motion from the Agility Committee.

This motion passed with
10 yes
1 no
2 non voting

Motion 2-2014
Motion by Sherry
Second by Sue

I'd like to make the following motion. This clarifies the intent of the current rule.
It will take effect June 1, 2014.

Section 3.3 - Divisions currently reads:

Section 3.3 – Divisions

A handler may not enter a dog in more than one division of the same class on any one day of a trial. If a dog is entered in the Veterans Division of the Jumpers Class, then that dog could not also be entered in the Standard Division of the Jumpers Class on the same day at the same show. However, if a dog is entered in the Veterans Division of the Jumpers Class on Saturday, that dog could be entered in the Standard or Junior Handler Division of the Jumpers Class on Sunday. If a dog is entered in a specific Division for one class, it is not required that the dog be entered in the same Division for all other classes for that day. For example: A handler might enter an eight (8) year old dog in the Veterans Division of the Regular Agility Class, and the Standard Division of the Gamblers Class.

Change to:

Section 3.3 – Divisions

A handler may not enter a dog in more than one division of the same class round on any one day of a trial. If a dog is entered in the Veterans Division of the first round of a Jumpers Class, then that dog could not also be entered in the Standard Division of the same round of the Jumpers Class on the same day at the same show. However, if a dog is entered in the Veterans Division of the first round of a Jumpers Class, that dog could be entered in the Standard or Junior Handler Division of the second round of a Jumpers Class. If a dog is entered in a specific Division for one class, it is not required that the dog be entered in the same Division for all other classes for that day. For example: A handler might enter a seven (7) year old dog in the Veterans Division of the Regular Agility Class, and the Standard Division of the Gamblers Class. If six classes are offered on one day (i.e. two regular, two gamblers, two jumpers), the dog may only be entered in each class once.

Note, if the ACE program is approved, these changes will also be made to the corresponding section in the ACE chapter.

04:05 Agility: Change Section 2.5.5 Jump Height Exemptions

Approve: Bryant, DeChant, Gann, Gray, Hardin, King, Kissman, Roberts, Silveira

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Motion carries.

Motion: Roberts

I move to approve the below motion from the Agility Committee.

This motion passed with
10 yes
2 no
1 non voting

Motion 5-2014
Motion by Sherry
Second by Sue

I'd like to make the following motion.
It will take effect June 1, 2014.

Section 2.5.5 – Jump Height - Exemptions currently reads:

2.5.5 Jump Height – Exemptions

The following dogs 'may' jump 4" (10.2 cm) lower than indicated for their wither height if their breed is listed below: Am. Staffordshire Terrier, Australian Terrier, Basset Hound, Bulldog, Bull Terrier, Cairn Terrier, Cardigan & Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Clumber Spaniel, Dachshund, Dogue de Bordeaux "DDB", French Bulldog, Glen of Imaal Terrier, Miniature Bull Terrier, Petite Basset Griffon Vendeen, Pug, Scottish Terrier, Shar-Pei, Skye Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Swedish Vallhund, West Highland White Terrier.

Please note that all large dogs (over 20" (50.8 cm)) formerly listed on the Jump Height Exemption List are now eligible to compete in the 20"+ height. These dogs will NOT receive an additional reduction in their jump heights. For example: a German Shepherd Dog measuring 21" (53.3 cm) at the withers will now be eligible to jump in the 20"+ height in the Standard Division. He will NOT receive a jump height exemption to jump 16" (40.6 cm). He may jump 16" (40.6 cm) only if he is a veteran, or is handled by a veteran, junior handler or disabled handler.

A handler may enter a dog in Standard Division classes at a jump height higher than the minimum height the dog is required to jump. A dog jumping at a higher jump height will be scored and have the course time of the jump height class in which the dog participates.

Change to:

2.5.5 Jump Height – Exemptions

The following dogs 'may' jump 4" (10.2 cm) lower than indicated for their wither height if their breed is listed below: Am. Staffordshire Terrier, Australian Terrier, Basset Hound, Bulldog, Bull Terrier, Cairn Terrier, Cardigan & Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Clumber Spaniel, Dachshund, Dogue de Bordeaux "DDB", French Bulldog, Glen of Imaal Terrier, Miniature Bull Terrier, Petite Basset Griffon Vendeen, Pug, Scottish Terrier, Shar-Pei, Skye Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Swedish Vallhund, West Highland White Terrier.

Move the third paragraph to Section 2.5.4 Jump Height Tables:

A handler may enter a dog in Standard Division classes at a jump height higher than the minimum height the dog is required to jump. A dog jumping at a higher jump height will be scored and have the course time of the jump height class in which the dog participates.

Remove the second paragraph -> Rational: We never had a Jump Height Exemption list for large dogs and this paragraph doesn't need to be in here.

98:15 Obedience: General Stewarding Guidelines

Approve: Bryant, DeChant, Gann, Gray, Hardin, King, Kissman, Roberts, Silveira

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Motion carries.

Motion: Miller

I move to approve the below motion from the Obedience Committee.

Motion to add General Stewarding Guidelines as an appendix to the Obedience rulebook and as a separate download from the website. Text can be found in the attached file 2014 Jan 24 General guidelines for obed stewards v4.doc.

Purpose: This document will help inexperienced obedience ring stewards learn what to do when working in an obedience trial.

Moved by Katie Van de Sandt. Seconded by Hilary Hines.

Approve: 10

Disapprove: 0

Not voting: 1

SEE ATTACHMENT #2

98:15 Obedience: Beginner Novice

Approve: DeChant, Gray, Hardin, Kissman, Roberts, Silveira

Disapprove: Bryant, Gann, King

Abstain: 0

Non-Voting: 0

Motion carries.

Motion: Roberts

I make a motion to approve the following motion from the Obedience Committee.

Motion to add a Beginner Novice Optional Titling Class to the ASCA Obedience Program. Complete text of the rules in the attached file 2014 February 2 Beginner Novice class.

Purpose: The Beginner Novice class serves as a bridge between rally and obedience. Clubs will have the option of offering this class. It should increase entries at obedience trials, help clubs cover expenses, and bring new participants into the ASCA obedience program.

Moved by Laurie Rubin. Seconded by Katie Van de Sandt.

Approve: 10

Disapprove: 0

Abstain: 1 (I am for the class, but don't like the idea of having Beginner Novice & Sub-Novice. I would like to see more optional titling classes...but we run the chance of having too many classes. If we add a class a non-regular class should go.)

SEE ATTACHMENT #3

14.12 Bylaw Statement in Program Rulebooks

Approve: Bryant, DeChant, Gann, Gray, Hardin, King, Kissman, Silveira

Disapprove: Roberts
Abstain: 0
Non-Voting: 0
Motion carries.

Dissent from Roberts: I feel this is unnecessary.

Motion: Gray
Second: Silveira

I move to print the following on the inside cover of all Program Rulebooks.

"Program rulebooks will be updated and reprinted June 1 of each calendar year. Individual program rulebooks may be updated and reprinted January 1 of the same calendar year if deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

Only those program rules contained in the latest version of each rule book shall be enforceable."

Effective when passed.

ASCA Board of Directors Teleconference Meeting

Thursday, February 13, 2014

Present: President Ann DeChant, 1st Vice President Preston Kissman, Secretary Ken Silveira, Director Rick Gann, Director Linda Gray, Director Allison Bryant, Director Cindy King, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco.

There is a quorum, with 7 voting members of the Board present.

President DeChant called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

- 2nd Vice President Rick Hardin joined the meeting at 7:04 PM.

Request from Judge Applicant

The Board discussed a request, from a recently denied applicant to the Apprentice Stockdog Judge program, to see a comment letter submitted with the Stockdog Committee's recommendation to the Board on their application. The contents of the letter were part of the summary stating the Board's reasons for denial sent to the applicant.

- Treasurer Jean Roberts joined the meeting at 7:07 PM.

The Board discussed being consistent with actions and the privacy of communications made during ASCA's course of business. ASCA's Policy Book covers the sharing of complaint letters sent in during the allowed comment period while a judge's name is published in the Aussie Times; the letter received by the Board regarding this judge does not fit that criteria. Consensus from the Board was not to allow the applicant to see the letter.

Ratification of January Email Votes

I move to approve the January email votes.

Motion: DeChant
Second: Roberts

All present approve; Motion passes.

Review of January Financial Reports

Treasurer Roberts reported on ASCA's financials. There is \$144,938.77 in the checking account, \$284,558.79 in the savings account, and \$178.00 in the wire account. Roberts explained the differences in amounts from 2013 to 2014, which are due to the timing of the invoice payments. Costs will be comparable for February.

The Board briefly discussed the recommendations from the audit company's management letter and the follow-up conducted by DeChant, Roberts, and Kissman.

The Board will discuss investing some of ASCA's money with the club's financial consultant at the Spring Meeting. Quarterly financial reports will also be available for Directors at the meeting.

I move to approve the January Treasurer's Report as read.

Motion: Gann

Second: DeChant

All present approve; Motion passes.

Farm Trial Sanctioning

The Board discussed a letter received from a member regarding the sanctioning of a ranch trial. This brought up questions about certain aspects of the farm trial and the process of sanctioning. DeChant will work with Kissman to list out the Board's issues/questions in a request for clarification and send to the Stockdog Committee.

Kissman will also request from the Stockdog Committee an update on the status of the score sheets.

2013 Finals Expenses to CASA

Gann reported that he has not heard back from CASA regarding the Board's requested changes to their bill to ASCA for the 2013 Finals. Gann will send a reminder to the chairpersons.

Change to Committee Procedures

Gray presented a motion to change Voting Procedure 6 and 7 in the Committee Procedures for vote. The Board discussed the proposed changes, which were in response to the committees' requests for shorter discussion/voting timeframes, but felt that this motion did not properly address their requests. Gray withdrew the motion, and Silveira withdrew his second.

Disqualified Dog Reinstatement Request Fee

The Board came to a consensus to charge a fee of \$50 to the applicant requesting reinstatement for their disqualified dog.

Rally Judge Applicant

The Board discussed a request from a member for the Board to waive a portion of the Rally Judges examination due to malfunctioning videos not allowing her to complete her requirements before sanctioning is due for a club looking to hire her to judge Rally for them. The Board is not interested in waiving any step of the process for a judge applicant and consensus was to deny the request.

At 8:18 PM, all present approved adjournment of the meeting.

This report is respectfully submitted by Kalla Jaco, ASCA Executive Secretary.

This motion is to create a new program (called the ACE - Agility Competition Enthusiast). The current program will be called the Championship program. This motion is to create a Standard Division in the ACE program which will allow dogs to jump one height lower than their Standard division height in the Championship program.

Section 2.5.4 Jump Height Tables currently reads:

2.5.4 Jump Height Tables

The Standard Division jump heights are: 8", 12", 16", 20", 20+" and 24". Clubs must offer all ASCA Standard Division jump heights at trials. The 24" jump height is an optional jump height for the dog and class placements may be combined with the 20+" class. The Veterans Division shall offer separate classes and placements for dogs measuring over 18" (16" veterans class) and dogs measuring over 20" (16+" veterans class). A handler may not enter a dog in the Veterans Division at a jump height higher than the lowest height the dog is eligible for. Dogs entered in the Junior Handler Division classes may jump at the dog's standard jump height or 4" lower. The following table lists the maximum height required in each jump height category.

JUMP HEIGHT TABLE - Dog's Height at Withers for ASCA Sanctioned Trials

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

Jump Ht Metric Conversion 4" (10.2 cm), 8" (20.3 cm), 12" (30.5 cm), 16" (40.6 cm), 20" (50.8 cm), 24" (61 cm) ~ shown to one decimal place to be more accurate

Proposed changes to Section 2.5.4 Jump Height Tables:

2.5.4 Jump Height Tables

The Standard Division jump heights are: 4" (ACE program), 8", 12", 16", 20", 20+" and 24". Clubs must offer all ASCA Standard Division jump heights at trials. The 24" jump height is an optional jump height for the dog in the Championship program and class placements may be combined with the 20+" class. Clubs shall offer separate classes and placements for each division in both the Championship and ACE programs for dogs measuring over 18" but under 20" and dogs measuring over 20".

Dogs entered in the Junior Handler Division classes may jump at the dog's standard jump height or 4" lower.

In the Standard Division in the Championship program, a handler may enter a dog at a jump height higher than the minimum height the dog is required to jump. A dog jumping at a higher jump height will be scored and have the course time of the jump height class in which the dog participates.

The following table lists the maximum height required in each jump height category.

JUMP HEIGHT TABLE - Dog's Height at Withers for ASCA Sanctioned Trials

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

Jump Height Metric Conversion 4" (10.2 cm), 8" (20.3 cm), 12" (30.5 cm), 16" (40.6 cm), 20" (50.8 cm), 24" (61 cm) ~ shown to one decimal place to be more accurate.

The beginning of CHAPTER 3 – SANCTIONED CLASSES, DIVISIONS AND LEVELS currently reads:

CHAPTER 3 –SANCTIONED CLASSES, DIVISIONS AND LEVELS

Section 3.1 General Descriptions

The ASCA titling structure is based upon **classes**, divisions and *levels*. The **classes** are **Regular, Jumpers** and **Gamblers** (see the following chapter for detailed information on the classes). The Divisions offered are Standard, Veterans, and Junior Handlers. The three *levels* offered are *Novice, Open* and *Elite*.

In ASCA sanctioned trials, qualifying rounds executed at a level higher than that needed for a lower level ASCA requirement shall be credited for points needed at the lower level title.

‘Finals’ point accumulation for a particular class will not begin until the novice and open titles in that class are completed.

Proposed Changes to the beginning of CHAPTER 3 – SANCTIONED CLASSES, DIVISIONS AND LEVELS:

CHAPTER 3 – **CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM - SANCTIONED CLASSES, DIVISIONS AND LEVELS**

Section 3.1 General Descriptions

The ASCA **Championship Program** titling structure is based upon **classes**, divisions and *levels*. The **classes** are **Regular, Jumpers** and **Gamblers** (see **another** chapter for detailed information on the classes). The Divisions offered are Standard, Veterans, and Junior Handlers. The three *levels* offered are *Novice, Open* and *Elite*.

Each dog and handler team can only enter either the Championship program or ACE program on any one day of a trial. Points from the two programs will be separate and will not be combined except for certain elite titles from the Championship program that may be moved to the ACE program. The ‘transferring’ of points will only be made once and must be requested in writing and sent to the Business office.

In ASCA sanctioned trials, qualifying rounds executed at a level higher than that needed for a lower level ASCA requirement shall be credited for points needed at the lower level title. **Note: once a dog earns a qualifying score at a higher level, it can no longer return to compete at a lower level within the Championship Program.**

‘Finals’ point accumulation for a particular class will not begin until the novice and open titles in that class are completed.

Section 3.2.4 Moving to another Level – Class Entry Restrictions currently reads:

3.2.4 Moving to another Level - Class Entry Restrictions

Once a dog has completed the requirements in one level of a class on the first day of a show, the handler may choose to move the dog up to the next level for any rounds of that class offered the second day, if the club has offered second day move-ups. Clubs are not required to allow move-ups during a multiple day trial. Dogs shall not move up to a new level in between rounds on the same day.

A handler is **never** required to move a dog up to a higher level of competition after a title is completed.

When a dog moves on to the next level of competition, they may return to the previous level if they have not yet received a qualifying round at the new level.

Once a dog has earned a qualifying round at a level, they shall not return to a lower level.

Change to read:

Once a dog has completed the requirements in one level of a class on **one** day of a show, the handler may choose to move the dog up to the next level for any rounds of that class offered the **next** day, if the club has offered **next** day move-ups. Clubs are not required to allow move-ups during a multiple day trial. Dogs shall not move up to a new level in between rounds on the same day.

A handler is **never** required to move a dog up to a higher level of competition after a title is completed.

When a dog moves on to the next level of competition in the **Championship Program**, they may return to the previous level if they have not yet received a qualifying score/round at the new level.

Once a dog has earned a qualifying round at a level, they shall not return to a lower level.

This is a new chapter (All following chapters will be renumbered)

CHAPTER 4 – ACE PROGRAM (Agility Competition Enthusiast) - SANCTIONED CLASSES, DIVISIONS AND LEVELS

Section 4.1 General Descriptions

The ASCA ACE Program titling structure is based upon **classes**, divisions and *levels*. The **classes** are **Regular**, **Jumpers** and **Gamblers** (see another chapter for detailed information on the classes). The Division offered is Standard.

The three *levels* offered are *Novice*, *Open* and *Elite*.

The same ACE classes/divisions/levels must be offered as the Championship classes/divisions/levels. For example, if Elite Regular in the Championship program is offered on Friday, then Elite Regular in the ACE program must also be offered.

Each dog and handler team can only enter either the Championship program or ACE program on any one day of a trial. Points from the two programs will be separate and will not be combined except for certain elite titles from the Championship program that may be moved to the ACE program. The ‘transferring’ of points will only be made once and must be requested in writing and sent to the Business Office.

In ASCA sanctioned trials, qualifying rounds executed at a level higher than that needed for a lower level ASCA requirement shall be credited for points needed at the lower level title. Note: dogs moving from the Championship program to the ACE program will be allowed to compete at a lower level if a qualifying score at a higher level has been obtained in the Championship program. However, once a dog earns a qualifying score at a higher level in the ACE program, it can no longer return to compete at a lower level within the ACE Program.

The following lists the classes, divisions and levels of ASCA certified classes.

Class:	<u>Division:</u>	<i>Level:</i>	Class:	<u>Division:</u>	<i>Level:</i>	Class:	<u>Division:</u>	<i>Level:</i>
Regular	<u>Standard</u>	<i>Novice</i>	Jumpers	<u>Standard</u>	<i>Novice</i>	Gamblers	<u>Standard</u>	<i>Novice</i>
Regular	<u>Standard</u>	<i>Open</i>	Jumpers	<u>Standard</u>	<i>Open</i>	Gamblers	<u>Standard</u>	<i>Open</i>
Regular	<u>Standard</u>	<i>Elite</i>	Jumpers	<u>Standard</u>	<i>Elite</i>	Gamblers	<u>Standard</u>	<i>Elite</i>

Section 4.2 – Levels

4.2.1 Novice Level

The Novice level is the first entry level for every class. Dogs entered in the ACE program may enter the novice classes even if qualifying scores have been obtained at a higher level in the Championship program. The purpose of dividing any class level into A/B categories is in the fairness of competition. If the dog and handler are just beginning Agility competition, they should compete in the Novice A category. If the dog or handler has previously earned a Regular Agility – Novice title, a Gamblers Agility – Novice title, or a Jumpers Agility – Novice title or any of the equivalents from any international style agility association, then they must enter in the Novice B category for that particular class. All ASCA Agility Judges must compete in the B category if offered by the Host club. The Gamblers classes and Jumpers classes may or may not be divided into A/B categories at the discretion of the Host club, based upon the estimated number of entries. The Regular Agility class shall always be divided into A/B categories at the Novice Level.

4.2.2 Open Level

If the handler and dog are just beginning Open Agility competition, then they should compete in the Open A category for that class, if it is offered by the club. If the handler has previously earned any Open level title or their equivalents from any international style agility association, then they must enter in the Open B category for that class. All ASCA Agility Judges must compete in the B category if offered by the Host club. The Regular Agility class, Gamblers class and Jumpers class may or may not be divided into A/B categories at the discretion of the Host club, based upon the estimated number of entries.

4.2.3 Elite Level

If the handler and dog are just beginning Elite Agility competition, then they should compete in the Elite A category for that class, if it is offered by the club. If the handler has previously earned any Elite level title or their equivalents from any international style agility association, then they must enter in the Elite B category for that class. All ASCA Agility Judges must compete in the B category if offered by the Host club. The Regular Agility class, Gamblers class and Jumpers class may or may not be divided into A/B categories at the discretion of the Host club, based upon the estimated number of entries.

4.2.4 Moving to another Level - Class Entry Restrictions

Once a dog has completed the requirements in one level of a class on one day of a show, the handler may choose to move the dog up to the next level for any rounds of that class offered the next day, if the club has offered next day move-ups. Clubs are not required to allow move-ups during a multiple day trial. Dogs shall not move up to a new level in between rounds on the same day.

A handler is **never** required to move a dog up to a higher level of competition after a title is completed.

When a dog moves on to the next level of competition in the ACE Program, they may return to the previous level if they have not yet received a qualifying score/round at the new level.

Section 4.3 – Divisions

4.3.1 Standard Division

The Standard Division is open to any dog aged 18 months or older. The Standard jump height for all dogs entered in the ACE program will be 4” lower than in the Championship program. Course times for dogs in the ACE program will be 10% greater than the Standard Division dogs in the Championship program.

Current Section 4.5 Standard Course Time (in Chapter 4 Regular Class) currently reads:

Section 4.5 Standard Course Time

The officiating judge shall be responsible for establishing the Standard Course Time (SCT). The judge shall measure the course using a measuring wheel to determine the course distance and then calculate the Standard Course Time (SCT) according to the level of the class, the difficulty of the course and any environmental conditions which may exist. The table below lists the recommended MAXIMUM Yards per Second (YPS) for the different levels and height groups. Any deviation from the following table shall be reported along with the reasons, for the deviation below the recommended Maximum Yards per Second (YPS), in the after-trial Judge's report. At no time may a judge ever ask a dog to exceed the recommended Maximum Yards Per Second (YPS).

Yards Per Second			
	Small	Medium	Large
Novice	2.25	2.5	2.75
Open	2.75	3.0	3.25
Elite	3.25	3.5	3.75

Judges should convert course distance from feet to yards by dividing the number of feet shown on the measuring wheel by three (3). The course yardage (# of feet shown on the measuring wheel divided by 3) should then be divided by the maximum YPS shown in the chart based on the class level and height division. This number should be carried out to the NEAREST 1/100th (i.e., two decimal places or xx.xx) of a second. For example, 34.246 should be used as 34.25 seconds; 34.243 shall be used as 35.24 seconds. The calculated SCT shall then be recorded on the judge's yardage sheet and reported to the score table commencing the class. In every case, the arithmetic of the computation of SCT shall be independently checked by the Trial Chair, Trial Secretary, or score-table personnel PRIOR to posting and recording the trial results.

Once submitted to the score keeper, the Standard Course Time may not be changed except in the case of a mathematical error or if the incorrect yardage or yards per second was used for the class and level. These are the only instances where the judge may change the original Standard Course Time after the class has started and such changes must be noted in the Judge's Show Report.

One fault point or part of a point will be assessed for each second or fraction of a second over the SCT. The time shall always be measured in 1/100ths of a second. A judge may establish a maximum course time (approximately 150% of the

Standard Course Time (SCT)), after which the dog and handler will be dismissed from the ring.

Course time for exhibitors eliminated for 'Training in the Ring' will be Standard Course Time (SCT). Once an exhibitor has been faulted for Training in the Ring, they have up until the Standard Course Time (SCT) before they are required to leave the ring.

Proposed changes to Section 4.5 Standard Course Time (in Chapter 4 Regular Class)

Section 5.5 Standard Course Time – Regular Classes **NOTE: RE-NUMBER ALL SECTIONS IN THIS CHAPTER WITH '5'**

Section 5.5

The officiating judge shall be responsible for establishing the Standard Course Time (SCT). The judge shall measure the course using a measuring wheel to determine the course distance and then calculate the Standard Course Time (SCT) according to the level of the class, the difficulty of the course and any environmental conditions which may exist. The table below lists the recommended MAXIMUM Yards per Second (YPS) for the different levels and height groups. Any deviation from the following table shall be reported along with the reasons, for the deviation below the recommended Maximum Yards per Second (YPS), in the after-trial Judge's report. At no time may a judge ever ask a dog to exceed the recommended Maximum Yards per Second (YPS).

Regular Class - Yards Per Second			
Championship Program			
	Small	Medium	Large
Novice	2.25	2.5	2.75
Open	2.75	3.0	3.25
Elite	3.25	3.5	3.75

The Judge shall calculate the SCT for the Championship program classes and add 10% for the ACE program classes. For example, Standard division large dogs in Elite Regular with a course yardage of 156 will have a SCT of 41.60 seconds (156/3.75) and a judge shall add 10% for the Standard division large dogs in Elite Regular in the ACE program, or in this example, 45.76 seconds.

ACE Program SCT = Championship SCT + 10%

Judges should convert course distance from feet to yards by dividing the number of feet shown on the measuring wheel by three (3). The course yardage (# of feet shown on the measuring wheel divided by 3) should then be divided by the maximum YPS shown in the chart based on the class level and height division. This number should be carried out to the NEAREST 1/100th (i.e., two decimal places or xx.xx) of a second. For example, 34.246 should be used as 34.25 seconds; 34.243 shall be used as 34.24 seconds. The calculated SCT shall then be recorded on the judge's yardage sheet and reported to the score table commencing the class. In every case, the arithmetic of the computation of SCT shall be independently checked by the Trial Chair, Trial Secretary, or score-table personnel PRIOR to posting and recording the trial results.

Once submitted to the score keeper, the Standard Course Time may not be changed except in the case of a mathematical error or if the incorrect yardage or yards per second was used for the class and level. These are the only instances where the judge may change the original Standard Course Time after the class has started and such changes must be noted in the Judge's Show Report.

One fault point or part of a point will be assessed for each second or fraction of a second over the SCT. The time shall always be measured in 1/100ths of a second. A judge may establish a maximum course time (approximately 150% of the

Standard Course Time (SCT)), after which the dog and handler will be dismissed from the ring.

Course time for exhibitors eliminated for 'Training in the Ring' will be Standard Course Time (SCT). Once an exhibitor has been faulted for Training in the Ring, they have up until the Standard Course Time (SCT) before they are required to leave the ring.

Section 5.5 Standard Course Time (in Chapter 5 Jumpers Class) currently reads:

Section 5.5 - Standard Course Time

The officiating judge shall be responsible for establishing the Standard Course Time (SCT) for the Jumpers class. Standard Course Time (SCT) for Jumpers will be computed in accordance with Section 4.5 using the following table of MAXIMUM Yards per Second (YPS). Once submitted to the score keeper, the Standard Course Time may not be changed except in the case of a mathematical error or if the incorrect yardage or yards per second was used for the class and level. These are the only instances where the judge may change the original Standard Course Time after the class has started and such changes must be noted in the Judge's Show Report.

Jumpers Class - Yards Per Second			
	Small	Medium	Large
Novice	2.50	2.75	3.0
Open	3.25	3.5	3.75
Elite	4.0	4.25	4.5

One fault point or part of a point will be assessed for each second or fraction of a second over the SCT. The time shall always be measured in 1/100ths of a second. A judge may establish a maximum course time (approximately 150% of the Standard Course Time (SCT)), after which the dog and handler will be dismissed from the ring. Course time for exhibitors eliminated for 'Training in the Ring' will be Standard Course Time (SCT). Once an exhibitor has been faulted for Training in the Ring, they will have up until the Standard Course Time before they are required to leave the ring.

Proposed changes to Section 5.5 Standard Course Time (in Chapter 5 Jumpers Class)

Section 6.5 - Standard Course Time – Jumpers Class NOTE: RE-NUMBER ALL SECTIONS IN THIS CHAPTER WITH '6'

Section 6.5

The officiating judge shall be responsible for establishing the Standard Course Time (SCT) for the Jumpers class. Standard Course Time (SCT) for Jumpers will be computed in accordance with **Section 5.5** using the following table of MAXIMUM Yards per Second (YPS). Once submitted to the score keeper, the Standard Course Time may not be changed except in the case of a mathematical error or if the incorrect yardage or yards per second was used for the class and level. These are the only instances where the judge may change the original Standard Course Time after the class has started and such changes must be noted in the Judge's Show Report.

Jumpers Class - Yards Per Second			
Championship Program			
	Small	Medium	Large
Novice	2.50	2.75	3.0
Open	3.25	3.5	3.75
Elite	4.0	4.25	4.5

The Judge shall calculate the SCT for the Championship program Classes and add 10% for the ACE program classes. For example, Standard division large dogs in Elite Jumpers with a yardage of 140 will have a SCT of 31.11 seconds (140/4.5) and a judge shall add 10% for the large dogs (in all divisions) in Elite Jumpers in the ACE program, or in this example, 34.22 seconds.

ACE Program SCT = Championship SCT + 10%

Section 9.3 title reads: ASCA Agility Champion (ATCH)

Section 9.4 title reads: Outstanding Performance Titles

Section 9.5 title reads: Superior Performance Titles

Section 9.6 title reads: ASCA Agility Title Abbreviations

Proposed changes:

*** Renumber chapter & SECTIONS***

Section 10.3 CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM - ASCA Agility Trial Champion (ATCH)

Section 10.4 title reads: Outstanding Performance Titles – Championship Program

Section 10.5 title reads: Superior Performance Titles – Championship Program

Section 10.6 title reads: ASCA Agility Title Abbreviations – Championship Program

Add new sections:

Section 10.7 Agility Competitor Extraordinaire (ACE)

Section 10.8 Outstanding Performance Titles – ACE Program

Section 10.9 Superior Performance Titles – ACE Program

Section 10.10 ASCA Agility Title Abbreviations – ACE Program

*** Renumber chapter & SECTIONS***

10.7.1 Point Accumulation

A dog may begin earning points toward their ACE certificate as soon as they have completed the Elite certification requirements for any class in the ACE program, without first having completed the requirements for all three (3) classes. If a dog has completed the requirements for their Elite Agility Certificate ACE, then any subsequent qualifying rounds would be accumulated towards the requirements for their ACE title. That same dog may not have completed all of the requirements for their Elite Jumpers Certificate or their Elite Gamblers Certificate before accumulating ACE points for their qualifying rounds in the Regular Class (Elite level).

10.7.2 Requirements

The ACE Certificate will be awarded to dogs which have completed **all** of the following requirements:

1) Successfully earn a minimum of **two hundred (200) points in the Regular Classes** at the Elite Level in one of the three divisions in the ACE program **after earning** an Elite Agility Certificate.

- a. Ten (10) points: Completion of a Regular class at the Elite level with zero faults (no course faults & no time faults).
- b. Five (5) points: Completion of a Regular Class at the Elite Level with five faults or less.

AND

2) Successfully earn a minimum of **one hundred (100) points in the Gamblers Classes** at the Elite Level in one of the three divisions **after earning** an Elite Gamblers Certificate in the ACE program.

- a. Ten (10) Points: Completion of a Gambler Class-Elite Level with a qualifying round.

AND

3) Successfully earn a minimum of **one hundred (100) points in the Jumpers Classes** at the Elite Level in one of the three divisions **after earning** an Elite Jumpers Certificate in the ACE program.

- a. Ten (10) points: Completion of a Jumper Class at the Elite level with zero faults (no course faults & no time faults).

10.7.3 ACE Title Designation

Subsequent ACE titles will be followed by a Roman numeric designation reflecting the number of times that the dog has met the requirements of the ACE title as outlined below. The points listed are required in each class (**AFTER earning the Elite level title**):

Title	Regular	Gamblers	Jumpers	Title	Regular	Gamblers	Jumpers
ACE	200	100	100	ACE-XI	2200	1100	1100
ACE-II	400	200	200	ACE-XII	2400	1200	1200
ACE-III	600	300	300	ACE-XIII	2600	1300	1300
ACE-IV	800	400	400	ACE-XIV	2800	1400	1400
ACE-V	1000	500	500	ACE-XV	3000	1500	1500
ACE-VI	1200	600	600	ACE-XVI	3200	1600	1600
ACE-VII	1400	700	700	ACE-XVII	3400	1700	1700
ACE-VIII	1600	800	800	ACE-XVIII	3600	1800	1800
ACE-IX	1800	900	900	ACE-XIX	3800	1900	1900
ACE-X	2000	1000	1000	ACE-XX	4000	2000	2000

Section 10.8 Outstanding Performance Titles – ACE Program

The number of points required for Outstanding Performance titles **after earning the title at that level** (Novice, Open, or Elite) in Regular, Gamblers and Jumpers is as follows:

	Novice	Open	Elite
Regular	100	100	200
Gamblers	50	50	100
Jumpers	50	50	100

Section 10.9 Superior Performance Titles –ACE Program

The number of points required for Superior Performance titles **after earning title at that level** (Novice, Open, or Elite) in Regular, Gamblers and Jumpers is as follows:

	Novice	Open	Elite
Regular	200	200	400
Gamblers	100	100	200
Jumpers	100	100	200

Section 10.10 ASCA Agility Title Abbreviations – ACE Program

10.10.1 Basic Titles

The following chart lists the basic titles for all classes levels and division:

CLASS	DIVISION	LEVEL	TITLE
Regular	STANDARD	<i>Novice</i>	RSA-N
Regular	STANDARD	<i>Open</i>	RSA-O
Regular	STANDARD	<i>Elite</i>	RSA-E
Jumpers	STANDARD	<i>Novice</i>	JSA-N
Jumpers	STANDARD	<i>Open</i>	JSA-O
Jumpers	STANDARD	<i>Elite</i>	JSA-E
Gamblers	STANDARD	<i>Novice</i>	GSA-N
Gamblers	STANDARD	<i>Open</i>	GSA-O
Gamblers	STANDARD	<i>Elite</i>	GSA-E

10.10.2 Outstanding Performance Titles – ACE Program

Outstanding Performance titles are symbolized with-**OP** after the symbols for the basic titles, e.g. **GSA-N-OP** stands for Novice Gamblers Outstanding Performance in Standard Division.

10.10.3 Superior Performance Titles – ACE Program

Superior Performance titles are symbolized with –**SP** after the symbols for the basic titles, e.g. **GSA-N-SP** stands for Novice Gamblers Superior Performance in Standard Division.

Current Section 9.7 Combining Qualifying Scores/Points from Different Divisions currently reads:

9.7.1 Combining Qualifying Scores/Points from different Divisions for Novice, Open, Elite titles

A competitor may combine existing qualifying scores/points earned from any Division. For example, if 10 points have been earned toward the Open Jumpers title in the Standard division these points may be credited toward the Open Jumpers title in the Veterans Division. When the dog earns an additional 10 points in Veterans Open Jumpers, the 'Jumpers Veterans-Open' (JV-O) titling certificate will be awarded. Note, if a dog earns a qualifying score in the Veterans Division and returns to compete in the Standard division, any subsequent titles earned in that class will have the Veterans Division designation.

9.7.2 Combining Qualifying Scores/Points from different Divisions for Outstanding / Superior Titles

A competitor may combine existing qualifying scores/points earned from any Division. For example, qualifying scores/points earned in the Junior Handler or Standard Division may be combined with scores/points from the Veterans Division towards an Outstanding or Superior title in the Veterans Division. If a dog earns a qualifying score in the Veterans Division and returns to compete in the Standard Division, any titles earned in that class will have the Veterans Division designation.

9.7.3 Crediting Qualifying Scores/Points from different Division towards the ATCH title

A competitor may combine qualifying scores/points earned from any Division. Once the Elite title is earned in any one class, any additional points in that class in any Division will be combined and credited towards the ATCH title.

Proposed changes to Section 9.7 Combining Qualifying Scores/Points from Different Divisions:

Renumber Section numbers 9.7.1 – 9.7.3 to 10.11.1 – 10.11.3 (Also note, the chapter number will change).

Add new section:

9.12 Transferring points between the Championship and ACE Programs

Section 10.11 Combining Qualifying Scores/Points from Different Divisions – Championship Program

10.11.1 Combining Qualifying Scores/Points from different Divisions for Novice, Open, Elite titles

A competitor may combine existing qualifying scores/points earned from any Division **in the Championship program**. For example, if 10 points have been earned toward the Open Jumpers title in the Standard division **in the Championship program** these points may be credited toward the Open Jumpers title in the Veteran Division **in the Championship program**. When the dog earns an additional 10 points in Veteran Open Jumpers **in the Championship program**, the 'Jumpers Veteran Open (JV-O) titling certificate will be awarded. Note, if a dog earns a qualifying score in the Veteran Division **in the Championship program** and returns to compete in the Standard division **in the Championship program**, any subsequent titles earned in that class will have the Veteran Division designation **in the Championship program**.

10.11.2 Combining Qualifying Scores/Points from different Divisions for Outstanding / Superior Titles

A competitor may combine existing qualifying scores/points earned from any Division **in the Championship program**. For example, qualifying scores/points earned in the Junior Handler or Standard Division **in the Championship program** may be combined with scores/points from the Veteran Division **in the Championship program** towards an Outstanding or Superior title in the Veteran Division **in the Championship program**. If a dog earns a qualifying score in the Veteran Division **in the Championship program** and returns to compete in the Standard Division **in the Championship program**, any titles earned in that class will have the Veteran Division designation **in the Championship program**.

10.11.3 Crediting Qualifying Scores/Points from different Division towards the ATCH title

A competitor may combine qualifying scores/points earned from any Division **in the Championship program**. Once the Elite title is earned in any one class **in the Championship program**, any additional points in that class in any Division **in the Championship program** will be combined and credited towards the ATCH title.

New section:

10.12 Transferring points between the Championship and ACE Programs

Points from the ACE program may not be transferred to the Championship program.

Elite points from the Championship program may be transferred to the ACE program, provided they have not already been used to obtain an RS-E, RV-E, RJ-E, JS-E, JV-E, JJ-E, GS-E, GV-E, GJ-E or an ATCH title. For example:

- If 50 points have been earned in Elite Jumpers Standard division, 20 of those points were used for the JS-E title. The remaining 30 points can be transferred to the Elite Jumpers Standard division in the ACE program, towards the ACE certificate.
- If 150 points have been earned in Elite Regular Standard division, 30 of those points were used for the RV-E title. The remaining 120 points can be transferred to the Elite Regular Standard division in the ACE program, towards the ACE certificate.
- If 300 points have been earned in Elite Regular Standard division, 150 points have been earned in the Elite Jumpers Standard Division and 150 points have been earned in the Elite Gamblers Standard Division, then 30 of the Regular points were used for the RS-E title, 20 of the Jumpers points were used for the JS-E title and 20 of the Gamblers points were used for the GS-E title. In addition, 200 Regular points, 100 Jumpers points and 100 Gamblers points were used for the ATCH title. So, the remaining 70 Regular points, 30 Jumpers points and 30 Gamblers points can be transferred to the ACE program.

Chapter 11 AGILITY FINALS –11.2 Eligibility currently reads:

Section 11.2 Eligibility

11.2.1 Eligible dogs

Eligible dogs will be ASCA or LEP registered Australian Shepherds whose owners are ‘Full’ ASCA members in good standing during the qualifying period for the finals as well as during the finals.

The list of Agility Finals Qualifiers as defined below will be published in the Aussie Times. Those finalists will be invited to compete at the Agility Finals.

Proposed changes to Section 11.1 Rounds and Section 11.2 Eligibility:

Renumber to chapter 12

Section 12.2 Eligibility

12.2.1 Program

The Finals is only for the Championship program.

12.2.2 (Renumber the rest of this section) Eligible dogs

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APPENDIX B - AGILITY MERIT PROGRAM currently reads:

1. Merit points can come from any level, any division and any class.
2. There will be nine Merit lists: one for Regular, one for Jumpers and one for Gamblers, within each level, Novice, Open, Elite. The divisions will be grouped together for each class/level. (i.e. The elite regular merit points can come from the Standard, Veterans or Juniors division).
3. Points will be earned by earning a qualifying score in the class. A '10 point' qualifying score will earn 1 point, a '5 point' qualifying score will earn ½ point. The points will only count towards the merit list for the class and level they were earned in. (Points do not transfer.)
4. Dogs can stay at a level and earn points indefinitely.
5. Eligible dogs will be ASCA registered or LEP Australian Shepherds whose owners are Full ASCA members in good standing during the qualifying period for the current merit program year.
6. The program will run from June 1st to May 31st of the following year.

Proposed changes to APPENDIX B – AGILITY MERIT PROGRAM:

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Awards for high scoring in level (Novice, Open, Elite), and/or High in Trial (HIT) are not mandatory. However, such awards shall be given at the ASCA National Specialty and the National Specialty Pre or Post Trials. When such awards are given at the ASCA National Specialty and the National Specialty Pre or Post Trials, computation for these awards shall be done in the following manner:

- a) Separate awards will be given to each of the three Divisions. The Standard Division will award High in Trial to the Novice, Open and Elite levels. The High in Trial Veterans and Junior Handler awards may be calculated by combining scores from all class levels.
- b) Dogs must be at the same level in all classes to be eligible for the Standard Division awards (Novice, Open, Elite). Dogs entered in different class levels may be eligible for the High in Trial Overall, Veterans High in Trial and Junior High in Trial awards, or a High in Trial Combined Levels award, if offered. High in Trial Qualifying points (HITQ-points) earned shall be dependent upon the class level in which qualifying scores are earned (see item c below).
- c) Each faultless qualifying run in Regular Agility, Gamblers, or Jumpers shall be given the following HITQ-point value: runs in an Elite class shall be given 7 HITQ-points; runs in an Open class shall be given 6 HITQ-points; runs in a Novice class shall be given 5 HITQ-points. Each faulted (.01 to 5 faults) qualifying run in Regular Agility shall be given one-half the value of the equivalent level HITQ-points (runs in an Elite class shall be given 3.5 HITQ-points; runs in an Open class shall be given 3 HITQ-points; runs in a Novice class shall be given 2.5 HITQ-points).
- d) In the event of a tie for HITQ-points, the following procedures shall be used for breaking the tie. First tie breaker: The dog with the fastest combined YPS in all rounds of the regular classes in which qualifying scores were earned will be declared the winner. Second tie breaker: The dog with the highest number of gamble points and a qualifying score will be declared the winner.
- e) The computation for high scoring awards shall be posted for the competitors.

Proposed changes to 2.7.2 Awards for High in Levels (Novice, Open, Elite) and High in Trial:

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Clubs that generate entry forms to send out in premiums, and/or clubs that post the entry form electronically (on server lists, web sites, etc.), must submit to the ASCA Business Office at the time that they are requesting sanctioning of the event, a copy of the entry form which they plan to use. The entry form must be approved by ASCA before sanctioning is granted. The entry will not be considered acceptable until all information has been completed and the entry form has been submitted with the proper entry fees.

All entry forms shall be 5-1/2" by 8-1/2" (i.e., the size of one-half of an 8-1/2" by 11" piece of paper) (14.85 cm by 21 cm, i.e., the size of one-half of an A4 paper (21 cm by 29.7 cm piece of paper). Entry forms put up at web sites by the hosting club must use .pdf format so that the front of the entry form is no larger than 5-1/2" by 8-1/2" (14.85 cm by 21 cm with A4 paper) when downloaded and printed and the site must have on the same web page (by the side of the front of the entry form), the agreement form which when downloaded is no larger than 5-1/2" by 8-1/2" (14.85 cm by 21 cm with A4 paper) such that both the front of the entry form and the agreement that normally is on the back of the entry form appear together on one 8-1/2" by 11" (14.85 cm by 21 cm with A4 paper) page when printed.

The entry form shall include the following information:

- Trial date(s)
- Name of Host club
- Dog's Registration #
- Dog's Full Name, Call Name, Breed, Birthdate, Sex
- Dog's Height at Withers, Jump Height Entered
- Owner's Name
- Handler's Name
- Owner/Handler's Address, City, State, Zip or Postal Code
- Owner/Handler's Phone Number
- Classes Entered, Division, and Level

<< See the current rulebook for the rest of this section >>

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- Owner/Handler's Address, City, State, Zip or Postal Code
- Owner/Handler's Phone Number
- Classes Entered, Program (CH/ACE), Division, and Level

<< See the current rulebook for the rest of this section >>

Section 2.8.1 Scoring and Results Report currently reads:

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Clubs must submit a complete results report of all dogs entered in the Regular, Gamblers and Jumpers classes, including scratches, no-shows, eliminated and FEO runs. Results report shall be 8-1/2" by 11" (or 21 cm by 29.7 cm for A4 paper) in size; all information must be legible; either an original or a copy is acceptable. Multiple rounds of a class may not be listed in columns across a single page. Qualifying scores for registered Australian Shepherds and dogs with Tracking numbers shall be highlighted. The results report shall follow the format specified in sections 2.6.5.1 and 2.6.5.2 below. Sample pages of acceptable format are available from the ASCA Business Office. Corrections to the results report may be made by the host club during the trial. Competitors must have the opportunity to review any corrections made to the results. Once the trial has ended, the results report must be submitted to the ASCA Business Office as posted at the trial. Any scoring errors discovered after the close of the trial must be submitted to the ASCA Business Office who shall make the corrections to the results. An explanation must accompany the requested change to the results. Result reports must not be changed by anyone (with the exception of the ASCA Business Office) after the close of the trial.

2.8.1.1 Regular and Jumpers Classes

The header (or footer) of each page of the report must give the club/ affiliate, name, location, and state, date of trial, the class, the level, and the judge. Also, in the header of the page the course distance and the standard course time (in seconds) for small standard dogs, small veteran dogs, medium standard dogs, medium veteran dogs, large standard dogs, and large veteran dogs must be given. The dogs running in a Division (Standard, Veterans, Junior Handler) must be grouped together.

The columns of the report shall be in this order, from left to right (either the long or short orientation of the 8-1/2" by 11" page (or 21 cm by 29.7 cm for A4 paper) may be used as long as the same orientation is used throughout the results report; ASCA Registration number; Height dog jumps; Division (Note: the Division information may be put in the header rather than in the column when headers are used to separate classes); Identification of A or B class (for divided classes; leave blank for undivided classes) (Note: the identification of A or B class may be put in the header rather than in the column when headers are used to separate classes); Dog's call name; Breed; Owner/Handler's name; Dog's time (in seconds and hundredths); Time faults; Course faults; Total faults; Place; Qualifying (Q for qualifying dogs, leave blank for non-qualifying dogs).

2.8.1.2 Gamblers Classes

The header (or footer) of each page of the report must give the club/ affiliate, name, location, and state, date of trial, the class, the level, and the judge. Also, in the header of the page the gamble time (in seconds) for small standard dogs, small veterans/junior dogs, medium standard dogs, medium veterans/junior dogs, large standard dogs, and large veterans/junior dogs must be given. The dogs running in a Division (Standard, Veterans, Junior Handler) must be grouped together.

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Proposed changes to Section 2.8.1 Scoring and Results Report:

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2.8.1.2 Gamblers Classes

The header (or footer) of each page of the report must give the club/ affiliate, name, location, and state, date of trial, the program (CH/ACE), the class, the level, and the judge. Also, in the header of the page the gamble time (in seconds) for each gamble jump height must be given for both the Championship and ACE programs. The dogs running in a Division (Standard, Veterans, Junior Handler) must be grouped together within their program (Championship or ACE).

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Obedience Steward Guidelines

Introduction

Stewarding at obedience trials can be both rewarding and enjoyable. Not only are stewards giving back to the sport that they love, but they can learn a lot by watching the trial and working under a judge. Some even find stewarding helps them overcome ring nerves, by being present in the ring with a judge but without the pressure of performing. By being well prepared and responsive, stewards help the judge make the ring run smoothly. Good stewards can help to make a long day a little less prolonged.

Besides reading these guidelines, it is helpful if stewards are familiar with the obedience rules and/or if they are mentored by someone with ring experience. A prepared steward knows what might happen in a class and when the judge might need assistance.

General Procedures

ALL activities in an obedience ring are carried out at the direction of the judge. Please listen to the judge's instructions and be prepared to follow them. Each judge has different ring procedures; some judges rely on stewards more heavily than others for various tasks.

Steward Requirements

- Three stewards are generally required per ring: one table steward who serves as the judge's secretary and two ring/gate stewards. (In a pinch, a ring could get by with two stewards.)
- Stewards may compete in classes other than those in which they are stewarding. Generally the fewer staffing changes there are, the more efficiently the judge can run the ring. It is especially helpful if the table steward remains the same throughout the trial.
- Stewards should arrive at least 45 minutes prior to the start of the first class to help the judge set up the ring and to receive the judge's instructions.

Table Steward Duties At the judge's discretion the table steward will:

- Handle class conflicts. Prior to the start of the trial, ask the judge how he or she would like to handle competitors with class time conflicts.
- Check in entries (pre-entries plus day-of-trial entries if applicable). Verify jump heights. Give out armbands and rubber bands. Coordinate with the ring stewards to set up a gate board visible to competitors, which lists in run order each dog's number and jump height/s (for classes with jumps). Place a check next to or a slash across the number when the handler checks in (a second mark will be added when the team enters the ring).
- Set up paperwork for the judge (if so instructed). The judge may delegate or choose to fill in the preliminary information on the Judge's Score Sheets. Check that the Judge's Book for each class has listed the numbers for each entered dog. For any classes with jumps, double check that the Trial Secretary has marked "V" on the Judge's Book next to the number of each dog eligible to jump veteran heights. (This is determined by checking the dates of birth on the entry forms.) Make sure the Judge's Score Sheets are reordered to reflect any changes in running order due to conflicts. Enter the start time into the Judge's Book for each class.
- Plan group stays. Consult with the judge on whether the CDX A & B and/or the Novice A & B classes will be combined for group stays. For larger classes ask the judge how he or she would like to split the competitors into groups. (When more than ten dogs are to be judged, more than one group is needed for group exercises.) Communicate the group stay plan to competitors.
- Set up Group Exercise Sheets. Fill out the preliminary information prior to the group stays, listing the entries in catalog order. Above each dog's number, write its breed. For Aussies, write each dog's color instead of its breed. When group exercises are held after individual exercises, ask the judge whether to denote non-qualifying teams or to mark any team that has

not returned for the group exercises on the sheet.

- Continue class paperwork (if so instructed). After each team works, double-check the judge's math. Enter the scores from the Judge's Score Sheets into the Judge's Book. Be neat, write firmly (because you are making duplicate copies), and do not make unauthorized changes. After completing each entry into the Judge's Book, be sure to turn the sheets upside down on the table so that people cannot see the scores before they are announced at the end of the class. Judge's scores are confidential until after the judge gives out the awards or concludes a class in which no one qualified for an award.
- Correct errors. If you notice an error in the judge's paperwork, bring it to the judge's attention when he or she is free, before you or the judge enter it into the Judge's Book. The judge must initial any corrections in the Judge's Book.
- Prepare class ribbons and awards. While the judge finalizes paperwork at the conclusion of each class, gather the needed placement ribbons, qualifying ribbons and awards. Check if the judge wants competitors from the A and B classes to enter the ring together or separately for awards. Bring the ribbons and awards into the ring. Hand them to the judge as he or she announces each placement.
- Fill out Unofficial Score Sheets. Copy the scores for each exercise from the Judge's Book onto the sheets for the handlers. Hand out Unofficial Score Sheets to handlers following class awards.
- Enter the end time. When each class is completed, write the end time into the Judge's Book, if requested.
- Prepare end of trial awards. At the completion of the regular classes, assist the judge (if requested) in determining the winners of these awards: Highest Scoring Dog in the Regular Classes (aka High in Trial), Highest Combined Score in Open and Utility (aka High Combined), High Score Junior Handler, High Scoring Aussie (optional) and High Scoring Other Breed (optional). Gather the ribbons and prizes. Bring them into the ring. Hand them to the judge as he or she announces each award.

General Ring Steward Duties At the judge's discretion the ring stewards will:

- Assist the judge with setting up the ring. Set up jumps where directed. Help remove anything littering the surface of the ring. If needed, remind exhibitors that setting up crates within 10' of the ring is not allowed.
- Set jumps for each dog. Use the height specified when the handler checked in, which should be written close to their number on the gate board. The judge will verify that heights are correct. If in doubt about jump heights, use a tape measure before the first dog enters to confirm that the highest portion of the jump is set to the correct height.
- Walk heeling patterns. Before each class, demonstrate the heeling pattern called by the judge, if requested.
- Help with refreshments. Coordinate with the Trial Secretary to provide snacks and beverages for the judge.
- Maintain an accurate gate board. Mark "C" next to the numbers of teams with conflicts. Remember conflicts are handled according to the judge's directions. Write "Abs" next to the numbers of teams that are verified to be absent. As a team enters the ring, draw a line through that armband number to keep other handlers informed. On the gate board indicate when groups will be held, if the A & B classes will be combined for group exercises, when breaks will start and end, etc.

- Escort exhibitors into the ring (if requested). As soon as the judge calls for the next competitor, walk the team to the judge's chosen set up position. Take the leash, if applicable. Place the leash in the designated spot (for example, a table corner or a chair by the gate designated for leashes). Be subtle when picking up or moving with the leash, so as not to distract the dog.
- Get competitors ready. Ensure that each team is near the ring and prepared to enter as soon as the judge calls for them. As each team enters the ring, seek out the next competitor.
- Pay attention to the ring. Be ready to carry out ring duties as needed. Refrain from having food or gum of any type in your mouth, hands, pockets, or bait bag when you go into the ring.
- Return the leash. Promptly bring the leash to the handler in the ring as soon as the judge commands "Exercise Finished" for the last individual exercise.
- Line up teams for group exercises. Get the competitors in line in the order on the Group Exercise Sheet (usually catalog order) just before the group stay exercises. When the groups take place after individual exercises, coordinate the line up during the last competitor's individual exercises. Lead the line into the ring when the judge is ready, following the route indicated by the judge.
- Assist with group exercises. Stand where the judge indicates during group stays. Be prepared if requested, to quietly take a dog that strays from its location during the group stays by the collar or to calmly place a slip lead around its neck. If needed, move the dog away from the other dogs. Stand quietly with the dog until the judge directs the handler to move the dog.
- At the completion of a trial, if there are to be more trials on that or the next day, block the ring entrance to keep out anyone.

Utility Class Ring Steward Duties

- Preparation for the Utility class: Set the jumps. It is helpful to designate two locations (such as two chairs) near the ring entrance for handlers' gloves and articles: one for the items of the team currently in the ring and one for the items belonging to the next team. This will make it clear which articles and gloves to take into the ring for each team.
- Preparation for each Utility competitor: Adjust the jump heights. Before judging each dog, the judge will have two articles removed from the article bag for the scent discrimination exercise. A ring steward may be asked to hold the bag while the judge or the handler takes out one metal and one leather article. A judge may ask a steward to remove the articles. Remove the articles carefully with tongs. Be sure that no one except the handler touches these two articles. Place the articles where the judge has directed. Check that there are four metal and four leather articles left in the bag to be placed out during the scent discrimination exercise. Remove the three gloves from the handler's bag (if the handler has not already done this) and place them where a steward can quickly pick them up for the directed retrieve exercise..
- Signals: There are no steward requirements during this exercise.
- Scent Discrimination: Bring the bag of articles into the ring immediately after the judge says "Exercise Finished" at the completion of the previous exercise. When the team is set up and facing toward where the article pile will be placed, remove the articles from the bag as directed. (Some judges want stewards to dump them with noise, while others prefer that they be removed quietly.) Touch each article and place it 6" away from the other articles. When done, take the bag and leave the ring. When the judge says "Exercise Finished" at the completion of the second scent discrimination exercise, return, pick up the articles, and place the unscented ones back in the bag. Do not put the two scented articles or any incorrectly retrieved article in the bag with the unscented articles; rather place them in a separate compartment, on top or beside the bag.
- Directed Retrieve: Bring the gloves to a corner at the far end of the ring immediately after the

judge says “Exercise Finished” at the completion of the previous exercise. After the team sets up in a position between the jumps, the judge might nod or otherwise indicate that you put the gloves out. The gloves should not be placed before the handler and dog are set up facing away. Drop one glove in each corner and one directly behind the handler. Each glove should be 3’ away from any ring barrier. After dropping the gloves, move away from the glove area to stand where the judge has directed. (Often this is just outside the ring barrier or beside a jump.) When the judge says “Exercise finished,” return to pick up the gloves on the ground and to take the retrieved glove from the judge or handler. Place the gloves in a separate compartment of the article bag or on top or beside the bag.

- Moving Stand: The judge might ask you to hold the clipboard during this exercise. Once the judge says “Exercise finished,” return the clipboard to the judge.
- Directed Jumping: There are no steward requirements during this exercise.

CDX Open Class Ring Steward Duties

- Preparation for the CDX class: Set the jumps. Place the broad jump boards, as directed by the judge, spaced evenly from lowest to highest. The lowest board will be closest to the handler’s set up position. Typically the board ends are aligned on the side of the jump where the handler will end up after leaving the dog (This will be the right side as viewed from the set up location.) It is helpful to designate two locations near the ring entrance for dumbbells: one for the team currently in the ring and one for the next team
- Preparation for each CDX competitor: Adjust the jumps. When adjusting the broad jump distance, if fewer than four boards are needed, remove the tallest board first. The measuring stick can be tucked underneath the first or last board, as long as it is not visible to the dog.

Number of boards Distance jumped

1	8” to 12”
2	16” to 24”
3	28” to 44”
4	48” to 72”

- Heel Free and Figure 8: Two stewards will enter the ring for the figure eight exercise immediately after the judge says “Exercise Finished” at the completion of the previous exercise. (Generally the Heel Free exercise precedes the Figure 8, however in the Open B classes the Retrieve on the Flat or the Drop on Recall exercise may precede the Figure 8.) The two stewards will stand about 8’ apart in the location designated by the judge. Be sure to not make eye contact with either the dog or the handler, to have your hands out of the dog’s way (crossing your arms is a good way to stand), and to not have food on your person. When the judge says “Exercise Finished,” promptly leave the ring.
- Drop on Recall: There are no steward requirements during this exercise.
- Retrieve on the Flat and Retrieve over the High Jump: Before the first retrieve exercise, bring the dumbbell to the judge immediately after the judge says “Exercise Finished” at the completion of the previous exercise. Then leave the ring. After the judge says “Exercise Finished” at the completion of the second retrieve exercise, take the dumbbell from either the judge or the handler, as directed by the judge. Return the dumbbell to the designated area outside the ring. When handing the dumbbell to the competitor, it might be safer to approach from the side away from the dog.
- Broad Jump: There are no steward requirements during this exercise.
- Group exercises: See the General Ring Steward Duties Group Exercise paragraphs. CDX group exercises are done with the handlers out of sight for a 3-minute sit and a 5-minute down. For the CDX class, one steward will lead the handlers to a designated out-of-sight location.

Make sure that all handlers are hidden from all dogs. Watch the judge to see if the judge wants a specific handler to return and for the signal for all handlers to return. Once the judge indicates that it is time to return, be prepared to immediately lead the handlers back to the ring or to stand aside as the exhibitors return, depending on the judge's directions. Handlers will line up in reverse order to return. Be ready to lead handlers out again for the second part of the group exercises.

ODX Open Class Ring Steward Duties

- See the CDX Open Class Ring Steward Duties. The first five individual exercises are the same for both classes. There are no group exercises in this class.
- Additional Preparation for the ODX class: Locate the cone needed for the Directed Open Exercises and designate a location for it near the ring entrance.
- Preparation for each ODX competitor: After adjusting the jumps, remove the cone if needed and place it near the ring entrance.
- Directed Open Exercises: These always follow the common five Open individual exercises. Immediately after the judge says "Exercise Finished" at the completion of the previous exercise, pick up the cone. After the handler leaves the dog and walks to the opposite side of the ring, either hand the cone to the judge or place the cone at the designated, marked spot, as directed by the judge.

Novice Class Ring Steward Duties

- Heel on Leash and Figure 8: Steward duties are the same as for the CDX Open Class Heel Free and Figure 8. Exceptions: the Figure 8 always follows the Heel on Leash and one steward will take the handler's leash after the Figure 8.
- Stand for Exam: Be prepared to hold the judge's clipboard during this exercise. Once the judge says "Exercise finished," return the clipboard to the judge.
- Heel Free: There are no steward requirements during this exercise.
- Recall: There are no steward requirements during this exercises
- Group exercises: See the General Ring Steward Duties Group Exercise paragraphs. Novice group exercises are done with the handlers inside the ring for a 1-minute sit and a 3-minute down. Both stewards usually stay in the ring to assist the judge.

Non-Regular **And Optional Titling** Classes

- The non-regular classes, when offered, begin after the trial's regular classes are completed and the major awards such as High in Trial and High Combined have been given (unless there are multiple obedience rings running simultaneously). Steward duties are similar to those in the regular classes.
- **Beginner Novice Optional Titling Class:** Prior to the start of the Beginner Novice class, assist the judge in gathering and setting up the signs needed for the heeling pattern.

Note: Sections in green are dependent on the Board approving the BN class in its February meeting

NEW CHAPTER 8: BEGINNER NOVICE OPTIONAL TITLING CLASS

SECTION 1: BEGINNER NOVICE CLASS

The Beginner Novice Class is an optional titling class that clubs may choose to offer at obedience trials. The Beginner Novice Class shall be for dogs not less than six (6) months of age that have not earned an ASCA® CDX or ODX title. Dogs in this class may also be entered at the same trial in the Regular Novice class and in any Non-Regular classes for which they are eligible as defined in these regulations.

Scores and titles from Optional Titling classes shall not be applicable to High in Trial awards, Merit standings, Finals standings or Hall of Fame determinations.

SECTION 2: BEGINNER NOVICE A CLASS

A dog entered in Beginner Novice A must be handled by someone who has never previously handled or regularly trained a dog that has earned a BN title or a CD title from any registry. The dog must be owned by the handler or by a member of the handler's household or immediate family. A person may handle more than one (1) dog in this class.

A dog may continue to be shown in Beginner Novice A for 180 days following notification by three (3) judges, two (2) of whom are different, that the requirements for a BN have been completed. After the 180-day grace period is over the team must move out of Beginner Novice A.

SECTION 3: BEGINNER NOVICE B CLASS

A dog entered in the Beginner Novice B class may be handled by the owner or any other person. A person may handle more than one (1) dog in this class. No dog may be entered in both Beginner Novice A and Beginner Novice B classes at any one (1) trial. A dog that earns the BN title may continue to be shown in Beginner Novice B until it earns the ASCA® CDX or ODX title.

SECTION 4: BEGINNER NOVICE TITLE

ASCA® will issue a Beginner Novice certificate to a dog with an ASCA® registration, LEP number or an ASCA® tracking number, and will permit the use of BN after its name, when it has received three (3) qualifying scores awarded by at least two (2) judges.

SECTION 5: BEGINNER NOVICE EXERCISES AND SCORES

The exercises and maximum scores in the Beginner Novice classes:

1. Heel on Leash	40 points
2. Figure Eight	40 points
3. Sit for Exam	40 points
4. Sit Stay	40 points
5. Recall	40 points
Maximum Total Score	200 points

SECTION 6: HEEL ON LEASH

The principal feature of this exercise is the ability of the dog and handler to work as a team. Orders for the exercise are "Forward" and "Exercise Finished." Rally signs will be used for this exercise and will be placed to the right of the handler's path except for those indicating a change in direction, in which case the sign will be directly in front of the team to aid in that change.

Signs to be used are "Right turn," "Left turn," "About turn," "Slow," "Normal," "Fast" and "Halt/Sit." The "Start" sign is optional. "Fast" signifies that the handler must run, and the handler and dog must move forward at a noticeably accelerated speed. Turn signs will be used only when the handler is to be moving at the normal pace. In executing the About turn, the handler will always do a right about turn.

Turn signs may be placed in any sequence and may be repeated. Two of each turn sign, as well as two "Normal" signs, must be available for the judge's use. The "Halt/Sit" sign will be used only once at the end of the exercise. The judge shall standardize the heeling pattern for all dogs in the class.

The dog must be on a six (6) foot leash. The leash may be held in either hand or both hands, providing the hands are held in a natural position. However, any tightening or jerking of the leash or any act, signal or command which in the judge's opinion gives the dog assistance shall be penalized with the exception that there will be no penalty for one time verbal praise or encouragement.

The handler shall enter the ring with his dog on a loose leash and stand with the dog sitting in the Heel position. The judge shall ask if the handler is ready before giving the order, "Forward." The handler may give a command or signal to Heel and shall walk briskly and in a natural manner with his dog on a loose leash. The dog shall walk close to the left side of the handler without swinging wide, lagging, forging or crowding. Whether heeling or sitting, the dog must not interfere with the handler's freedom of motion at any time. At the "Halt/Sit" sign, the handler will stop, and the dog shall sit straight and promptly in the Heel position without command or signal. The judge shall say, "Exercise finished," after this portion of the exercise.

SECTION 7: HEEL ON LEASH, SCORING

If a dog is unmanageable, or if its handler constantly controls its performance by tugging on the leash or adapts pace to that of the dog, the dog must be scored non-qualifying (NQ).

Minor deductions shall be made for additional commands or signals to heel and for failure of dog or handler to noticeably accelerate forward for the Fast or to noticeably decelerate speed forward for the Slow. Minor deductions shall be made for such things as lagging, heeling wide, forging, crowding, poor sits, handler failing to walk at a brisk pace, occasional guidance with leash and other imperfections in heeling.

One time verbal praise or encouragement during this exercise will not be discouraged or penalized. Some examples of allowable praise include "Good dog," "Yes," "Atta-boy," "Atta-girl," or "Nice work."

SECTION 8: FIGURE EIGHT

The principal feature of this exercise is the ability of the dog and handler to work as a team. Orders for the exercise are "Forward," "Halt" and "Exercise finished."

The handler and dog will start from a position about equidistant from the two (2) stewards and facing the judge, with the dog sitting in heel position. Before starting the Figure Eight the judge shall ask if the handler is ready. Figure Eight signifies that on specific orders from the judge to "Forward" and "Halt", the handler shall walk briskly twice completely around and between the two (2) stewards, who shall stand eight (8) feet apart. The Figure Eight in the Beginner Novice classes shall be done on leash. The handler may choose to go in either direction. There shall be no About turn, Fast or Slow in the Figure Eight, but the judge must order at least one (1) Halt during and another Halt at the end of this portion of the exercise. After the final halt, the judge shall say, "Exercise finished."

SECTION 9: FIGURE EIGHT, SCORING

Figure eight scoring is the same as for the Heel on Leash exercise.

SECTION 10: SIT FOR EXAM

The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog sits in position before and during the examination without displaying shyness or resentment. Orders are: "Sit your dog and leave when you are ready," "Back to your dog," and "Exercise finished."

This exercise is to be performed with the dog on a six foot leash.

On order from the judge, the handler may command and/or signal to the dog to stay in the sit position. The handler will walk forward about six (6) feet to the end of the leash, turn around and stand facing the dog.

The judge shall approach the dog from the front and shall touch only the dog's head using the fingers and palm of one hand only. The judge shall then order, "Back to your dog," whereupon the handler shall walk around behind the dog and return to heel position. The handler may gather the leash at any time while returning to the dog. The dog must remain sitting until after the judge has said, "Exercise finished."

SECTION 11: SIT FOR EXAM, SCORING

The scoring of this exercise will not start until the handler has given the command and/or signal to stay, except for such things as rough treatment of the dog by its handler or active resistance by the dog to sitting. Either of these shall be penalized substantially.

A dog shall be scored non-qualifying (NQ) if it displays shyness or resentment, growls or snaps at any time, or stands or lies down before or during the examination.

Substantial deductions shall be made for any extra command or signal to stay.

Minor or substantial deductions, depending on the circumstance, shall be made for a dog that moves its feet at any time or stands or moves away after the examination has been completed.

Minor deductions shall be made for any tightening of the leash during the exercise.

SECTION 12: SIT STAY – HANDLER WALKS A T-PATTERN

The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog remains in the sit position until the handler has returned to the dog. Orders for this exercise are “Sit your dog,” “Leave your dog,” and “Exercise finished.”

Judges will indicate prior to the start of this class whether handlers are to turn left or right after leaving their dog and walking to the opposite side of the ring. All competitors in a class shall turn in the same direction.

The handler and dog will set up for this exercise as for the Novice Sit Stay, positioned four feet from the ring barrier behind them and approximately midway along it. The handler will stand with the dog sitting or standing in heel position. The leash shall remain attached to the dog’s collar and will be dropped or placed on the ground between the dog and the handler. The judge will ask, “Are you ready?” Upon command from the judge to “Sit your dog,” the handler will command and/or signal the dog to sit. Upon command from the judge to “Leave your dog,” the handler will command and/or signal the dog to stay and walk a T-pattern as described below.

The handler shall walk to the opposite side of the ring, turning 90° either right or left as indicated by the judge at the outset of the class. The handler will then walk to the corner of the ring, make an about-turn, walk to the opposite corner of the ring, make another about-turn, and continue walking until reaching a position opposite their dog. The handler will then turn 90° and return to their dog, walking around behind the dog counterclockwise to heel position. Once the handler has returned to heel position, the judge will give the command “Exercise Finished.” The dog will remain in position until the judge commands, “Exercise Finished.”

SECTION 13: SIT STAY, SCORING

Scoring of this exercise will not start until after the judge has ordered the handler to leave their dog, except for such things as rough treatment of a dog by its handler or resistance by a dog to its handler’s attempts to make it sit. Either of these shall be penalized substantially. In extreme cases, the dog may be excused.

A score of non-qualifying (NQ) is required for the following: the dog’s moving a substantial distance away from the place where it was left at any time during the exercise, for the dog not remaining in the sit position until the handler has returned to the heel position, or for repeated barking or whining.

A substantial deduction shall be made for a dog that moves even a minor distance away from the place where it was left, or that barks or whines only once or twice, or that changes its position after the handler has returned to the heel position and before the judge has given the order "Exercise finished."

Minor or substantial deductions, even to the point of a non-qualifying (NQ) score, will be made for any additional commands or signals to the dog after the handler has commanded and/or signaled the dog to stay.

SECTION 14: RECALL

The principal features of this exercise are that the dog stays where left until called by its handler and that the dog responds promptly to the handler's command or signal to come. Orders are: "Leave your dog," "Call your dog," and "Exercise finished." The leash is removed for this exercise and kept by the handler.

On order from the judge, the handler may command and/or signal to the dog to stay in the sit position. The handler will then walk forward about twenty-five (25) feet to a location specified by the judge where he/she shall turn and stand in a natural manner facing the dog. On judge's order or signal, the handler will command and/or signal for the dog to come. The dog must come directly in at a brisk trot or gallop and sit close enough that the handler could readily touch its head without moving either foot or having to stretch forward. The dog will not be required to finish. After the judge orders "Exercised finished," the handler will reattach the leash to the dog's collar.

One time verbal praise or encouragement while the dog is coming to the handler will not be discouraged or penalized.

SECTION 15: RECALL, SCORING

A dog must receive a score of non-qualifying (NQ) for the following: not staying without additional command or signal, moving from the place where left before being called or signaled, not coming to the handler, coming to the handler after more than two commands and/or signals to come, or not coming close enough so that the handler could readily touch its head without stretching or moving either foot.

Minor or substantial deductions will be made for the handler's extra command or signal to come or to sit, for the dog's failure to come at a brisk trot or gallop, or for the dog's failure to sit.

Minor deductions will be made for slow or poor sits.

SECTION 16: TIES

In case of ties for any prize in the Beginner Novice class, each dog shall be tested again, individually, by having it perform again the Beginner Novice Heel on Leash exercise. Should a tie not be broken by this method, each tied dog shall perform the entire Novice Heel on Leash exercise as performed in the Regular Novice class. The original score and

any leg the team won shall not be changed regardless of the outcome of the run off. This includes, but is not limited to, events such as a dog fouling the ring.