

Checklist for Farm Trial

Refer to official ASCA Rulebook, Chapter 11 Farm Trial Program, for complete rules. This checklist is intended to assist you in preparation for your Farm Trial Sanctioning and is not an official document.

The ASCA rulebook is the only official document for the Farm Trial requirements.

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- Host Club, location, and date(s) of trial(s)
- Course Director and ASCA Judge(s) name
- Course description for each division
- Diagram of the course
- Maximum time for each division
- Warning times
- Points for each task
- When bitches in heat can run
- If a set out dog is to be used
- Maximum number of runs
- When run order is drawn
- Type of stock
- Pre-entry opening and closing dates
- Ties are broken by the score on a specified task(s). This task(s) must be specified on the score sheet and premium.
- Any other additional affiliate rules regarding entries

Course Requirements

- Minimum of 5 head of stock
- Time: The minimum time required for a Farm Trial Dog Course is 10 minutes. When running the course, each handler will be given a 3-minute warning before their time is expired. If the maximum time for the course is 20 minutes or longer a 10 minute warning should also be given.
- At least three tasks (including the gather) must have requirements increasing the difficulty between Open and Advanced
- Pen Work- **25 points**: Minimum of *four pens* needed. Exhausting the stock at the end of the course will not count towards the required pens
- Sorting-**25 points**: At least one gate sort, a sort of at least 3 marked animals
- Chute Work-**20 points**: This work must have a purpose. The chute for cattle/sheep must be a minimum of 16 feet long. The chute for ducks must be a minimum of 8 feet long. The chute for ducks must be a minimum of 8 feet. Wings may be used to assist loading the animals into the chute but will not count as part of the required length

- Gather- **20 points**: Minimum area must be large enough for a 150 foot gather (Sheep/Cattle), 75 foot gather for Poultry. Open Class, the handler may help their dog by positioning themselves up to 1/2 the distance between the dog and stock
- 2 Location Specific Task-**20 points** each
- Club generated scoresheet

Sanctioning Requirements

- No one Farm Trial course design may be sanctioned at the same facility more than once in a 10-day period
- A complete description of the course and the order in which the tasks must be performed for each division (OFTD, AFTD). A description of each task will be included. The description will define where the task begins and ends and may include but is not limited to the drive/fetch to or from the task
- A complete diagram of the course which includes the pens, chute, sorting area, gather layout, natural obstacles, and any additional tasks
- The size of the chutes, to include length and width, pens, gates, and gather areas
- A club generated score sheet

Other Regulations

- All original score sheets must be sent into the ASCA business office postmarked no later than 14 days after the trial. A copy must be given to the competitor
- The Course Director will ensure that the Judge has a copy of the Course description and map. All other rules and regulations listed in the ASCA Stockdog Rulebook will be enforced for the Farm Trial Dog Program where applicable.