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Executive Secretary's Report

Judge Approvals

Provisional Rally Judge **Cindy Ruth** (California)
Non-Regular Breeder Judge **Myrjam Langen** (Germany)
Provisional Breeder Judge **Corey Norman** (Michigan)

Affiliate Approvals

Erie Shores ASC (New York)
President: Pat Zapf; Affiliate Rep: Jacklynn Gingerich
Lakeside ASC (California)
President: Guy Leemhuis; Affiliate Rep: Kathy Usher

Board of Directors Motions

BD.18.28 Revised Stockdog Judge Applicant Procedure (Revised)

Approve: Busquets, Creelman, Gibson, Silveira, Vest

Oppose: DeChant, King, Roberts

Abstain: Gray

Motion carries.

Dissent from DeChant: I favor having the program committees work on motions for their rulebook. The Board can send suggestions to the Committee.

Dissent from King: I'd like this to go to the committee, I'd rather have committee input prior to a vote.

Dissent from Roberts: I feel that this edit to the current rule went beyond a clarification and as such needs to be reviewed by the committee prior to a Board vote.

Motion by Vest

Second by Gibson

I move to approve the revised Stockdog Judge Applicant procedure. After Board approval, this motion will be sent to the SDC for review and recommendation. Such review and recommendation will be returned to the Board within six weeks.

Current wording:

28.2.2 Acceptance of an Apprentice Judge

Applicant is made by the ASCA Board of Directors upon receipt of the verified application from the Business Office, recommendation of the Stockdog Committee, and comments from the general membership in the allowed period.

A. Applications will be verified by the Business Office for accuracy before being forwarded to the Board of Directors and to the Stockdog Committee.

B. Applicants for Apprentice Stockdog Judge will have their names published in the Aussie Times for comments. The Business Office is responsible for the accuracy and completion of each application.

1. Once the application has been determined to be complete and accurate, the application submitted to the business office will be forwarded to the Stockdog Committee for review and consideration.

2. At the time of this submission, the Business Office will include the proposed issue of the Aussie Times in which the name of the Applicant will appear. The Business Office will submit the name and intent of the Applicant in the indicated publication of the Aussie Times.

3. Comments from ASCA members regarding the Applicant must be submitted to the ASCA Executive Secretary within 45 days of the publication date to be considered.

- a. Any letters or written comments received within 45 days by the Executive Secretary will be forwarded to the Stockdog Committee within 10 business days of receipt.
 - b. Any letters or comments received during this 45-day period will be considered by the Stockdog Committee when evaluating the application into the Apprenticeship Program.
 - c. Voting by the committee will not take place until after the 45-day period and all letters have been received and reviewed by the Stockdog Committee.
 - d. No letters regarding the Applicant's history, character, or behavior prior to entry into the Apprenticeship Program will be accepted or forwarded to the Stockdog Committee after this 45-day period.
- C. The Stockdog Committee shall review the application and return any questions, comments, or concerns to the Business Office within 14 days of receipt.
1. The Stockdog Committee shall notify the Business Office and Executive Secretary if there are no objections to the application.
 2. If concerns or questions are raised by the Stockdog Committee, they shall be forwarded by the Business Office then the Applicant for clarification. Clarification/explanations from the Applicant must be received by the Business Office within 45 days of the request.
- D. The Business Office will notify the Applicant of their acceptance or denial as an Apprenticeship Judge. If the application is denied, the reason(s) for denial shall be summarized by the Board of Directors and forwarded to the applicant by the Business Office.

Proposed wording:

28.2.2 Acceptance of an Apprenticeship Judge

Upon receipt of the verified application from the Business Office, recommendation of the Stockdog Committee, and comments from the general membership during the allowed period, the ASCA Board of Directors will vote to accept/deny Applicant's request.

A. Applications will be verified by the Business Office to be complete and accurate before being forwarded to the Aussie Times for publication and Member comment.

B. At the time of this submission, the Business Office will include the proposed issue of the Aussie Times in which the name of the Applicant will appear and will forward that information as well as the application to the Stockdog Committee for review and consideration. The Business Office will follow up with the Stockdog Committee to provide the actual publication date of the Applicant in the Aussie Times.

C. The Stockdog Committee shall review the application and return any questions, comments, or concerns to the Business Office within 14 days of receipt. If concerns or questions are raised by the Stockdog Committee, they shall be forwarded by the Business Office to the Applicant for clarification. Clarification/explanations from the Applicant must be received by the Business Office within 45 days of the request.

a. Comments/letters from ASCA members regarding the Applicant must be submitted to the ASCA Executive Secretary within 45 days of the Aussie Times publication date to be considered. The ASCA Executive Secretary will forward the comments to the Stockdog Committee within 10 business days of receipt.

b. Any letters or comments received during this 45-day period will be considered by the Stockdog Committee when evaluating the Applicant for the Stockdog Apprenticeship Program.

c. Voting by the Stockdog Committee will not take place until after the 45-day period and a full review of comments, clarifications, and explanations.

d. No letters regarding the Applicant's history, character, or behavior prior to entry into the Apprenticeship Program will be accepted or forwarded to the Stockdog Committee after this 45-day period.

D. The Stockdog Committee shall notify the Business Office and Executive Secretary if there are no objections to the application.

E. The ASCA Board of Directors shall receive and consider the Stockdog Committee's recommendation before making the final vote to accept or deny the applicant.

F. The Business Office will notify the Applicant of their acceptance or denial as an Apprenticeship Judge. If the application is denied, the reason(s) for denial shall be summarized by the Board of Directors and forwarded to the applicant by the Business Office.

Comments/rationale: To clarify and add chronological steps to the SD Applicant procedure. The current SD Applicant procedure is not clearly written in regards to the timelines for each step in the process. This has resulted in significant delays in the process for some Applicants.

Proposed revision has been approved by ASCA's Business Office Manager and Executive Secretary.

Effective date: The next publication of the Stockdog Rulebook.

Committee Recommendations

Conformation Committee

CO.18.02 Changes to Non-Regular Breeder Judge Test Procedures

Approve: Busquets, Gray, Silveira

Oppose: Creelman, DeChant, Gibson, King, Roberts, Vest

Abstain: 0

Motion fails.

Dissent from Busquets: This reaffirmation of three opportunities to take the test is appropriate. Rather than more opportunities to take the test, we need better education that will increase success, not only in passing the test, but in performing the duties expected of a conformation judge.

Comment from Creelman: I appreciate the work of the conformation committee to tighten up the language of this motion and close up loopholes. I do not agree that there is a lifetime denial to reapply. I would agree to it if there was a long wait period (3-5 years) with extra learning involved in order to reapply one more time.

Comment from DeChant: I would like to see a further chance to take a test in the future (if the applicant fails a third time) with a timeframe and educational requirements to be met for the subsequent test to be taken. I am not in favor of the option to reapply and start over.

Comment from Gibson: I would like to see a provision where an applicant could reapply after a set number of years and after additional educational requirements.

Comment from Roberts: The committee needs to clarify whether they want the test returned within 45 days or postmarked by day 45, (which would then mean another 3-10 days for it to reach the office). "within forty-five (45) days from the postmark date or electronic date/time stamp and must be postmarked or electronic date/time stamped on or before day forty-five (45)."

Comment from Vest: I appreciate the effort made by the CC but cannot see where the permanent exclusion of ASCA members who wish to become a Conformation Judge is a positive for ASCA. My concern is that AKC Judges...which can be approved without taking a test will become more prevalent in the venue. The CC should provide an education/mentorship program for Conf Judge applicants that have issues with the test versus permanent removal from the program.

Motion by Busquets

I move to approve the changes to Appendix II of the Show Rules, Section 1, Breeder Judge Requirements, Steps in Applying for Non-Regular Breeder Judge.

Committee recommendation:

Motion by Liz Gibson

Second by Mary Hellmeister

I, Liz Gibson make the following motion.

Current wording:

PROCEDURE

Steps in applying for Non-Regular Breeder Judge:

A. Obtain an application and Affiliate sponsorship form from the ASCA Business Office.

B. Both the application and the Affiliate sponsorship form must be completed and returned to the ASCA Business Office by the sponsoring Affiliate Club.

C. Upon receipt of the application and the Affiliate sponsorship form, the ASCA Business Office will verify the documentation is correct and minimum requirements have been met.

D. When the Office determines the minimum requirements have been met they will send the applicant a judge's test. This test must be completed and returned to the ASCA Business Office within two (2) months. A score of 100% is required to pass. An applicant may attempt the test twice without penalty. Failure after the second attempt would result in a six (6) month waiting period. A failure after the third attempt would result in denial of his/her Breeder Judge Application. The office will also send out, with the Judges test a one page statement with the following to be signed and filled out by the Judge applicant and returned with the Judges test to the office; I _____ (the applicant) understand that I am forbidden from accepting assignments or any offer of future assignments at the non-regular level until I receive notification in writing from the ASCA Business Office via email, USPS or FAX of my appointment to Non-Regular Judge Status and I have been assigned a Judges number in writing. I will inform any club that attempts to hire me prematurely, that I am unable to Judge for their club. Failure to follow this rule will incur an additional forty-five (45) day penalty extension before I can be approved. Signed: _____. (the applicant).

E. Upon passing the judges' test, the applicant's name will be published in the Aussie Times for comments from the membership. The membership will have forty-five (45) days to respond. The ASCA Business Office will forward the application, sponsorship form; judges' test results and comments from the membership to the ASCA Board of Directors. The ASCA Board of Directors will approve or deny the applicant within sixty (60) days.

F. Any properly documented negative comments will be investigated by the ASCA Board of Directors. If this investigation indicates there is probable cause that the applicant should not be approved, the application will be denied. If denied, the applicant will be given an explanation as to the reasons for the denial and may include suggestions or tasks that will help the applicant to be successful in a second application process. If denied, the applicant will have thirty (30) days to appeal the decision. If an appeal has been submitted, the Board will respond within thirty (30) days. If an applicant has been denied approval at the non-regular level, the applicant may reapply after a waiting period of two (2) years and after having satisfied any additional tasks assigned by the ASCA Board of Directors.

G. If the application is approved, the applicant will receive notification in writing from the ASCA Business Office of appointment to Non-Regular Judge and, at that time, will be an ASCA Non-Regular Breeder Judge. The applicant may then accept non-regular level judging assignments. Upon approval, the applicant's name, address and telephone number will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times and will be added to the ASCA Approved Judges List as a Breeder Judge with the notation of "NR" beside their name.

Proposed wording:

PROCEDURE

Steps in applying for Non-Regular Breeder Judge:

A. Obtain an application and Affiliate sponsorship form from the ASCA Business Office.

B. Both the application and the Affiliate sponsorship form must be completed and returned to the ASCA Business Office by the sponsoring Affiliate Club.

C. Upon receipt of the application and the Affiliate sponsorship form, the ASCA Business Office will verify the documentation is correct and minimum requirements have been met.

D. When the Office determines the minimum requirements have been met they will send the applicant a judge's test and the Conformation and Junior Handling Rulebooks. This test must be completed and returned to the ASCA Business Office within forty-five (45) days from the postmark date or electronic date/time stamp and must be postmarked or electronic date/time stamped on or before day forty-five (45). A score of 100% is required to pass. An applicant may attempt the test twice without penalty. The second test must be returned to the ASCA Business Office within forty-five (45) days from the postmark date or electronic date/time stamp and must be postmarked or electronic date/time stamped on or before day forty-five (45). Failure after the second attempt would result in a six (6) month waiting period. The third test must be returned to the ASCA Business Office within forty-five (45) days from the postmark date or electronic date time stamp and must be postmarked or electronic date/time stamped on or before day forty-five (45). If the applicant fails the third test, the application will not be approved, and no further applications will be accepted from the applicant. After each test has been graded, if necessary, the office will return a copy to the applicant with the incorrect answers highlighted.

The office will also send out, with the Judges test a one page statement with the following to be signed and filled out by the Judge applicant and returned with the Judges test to the office; I _____ (the applicant) understand that I am forbidden from accepting assignments or any offer of future assignments at the non-regular level until I receive notification in writing from the ASCA Business Office via email, USPS or FAX of my appointment to Non-Regular Judge Status and I have been assigned a Judges number in writing. I will inform any club that attempts to hire me prematurely,

that I am unable to Judge for their club. Failure to follow this rule will incur an additional forty-five (45) day penalty extension before I can be approved. Signed: _____. (the applicant).

E. Upon passing the judges' test, the applicant's name will be published in the Aussie Times for comments from the membership. The membership will have forty-five (45) days to respond. The ASCA Business Office will forward the application, sponsorship form; judges' test results and comments from the membership to the ASCA Board of Directors. The ASCA Board of Directors will approve or deny the applicant within sixty (60) days.

F. Any properly documented negative comments will be investigated by the ASCA Board of Directors. If this investigation indicates there is probable cause that the applicant should not be approved, the application will be denied. If denied, the applicant will be given an explanation as to the reasons for the denial and may include suggestions or tasks that will help the applicant to be successful in a second application process. If denied, the applicant will have thirty (30) days to appeal the decision. If an appeal has been submitted, the Board will respond within thirty (30) days. If an applicant has been denied approval at the non-regular level, the applicant may reapply after a waiting period of two (2) years and after having satisfied any additional tasks assigned by the ASCA Board of Directors.

G. If the application is approved, the applicant will receive notification in writing from the ASCA Business Office of appointment to Non-Regular Judge and, at that time, will be an ASCA Non-Regular Breeder Judge. The applicant may then accept non-regular level judging assignments. Upon approval, the applicant's name, email address, and telephone number will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times and will be added to the ASCA Approved Judges List as a Breeder Judge with the notation of "NR" beside their name.

Comments/rationale: To clear up the language for the Judge Test Procedure. This closes the loophole in the judge test procedure and brings it in line with the original intent of the procedure. It also clears up the language of what info can be posted in the Judge directory on the ASCA website.

Who is affected: New judge applicants and those in process.

Effective date: Immediately upon approval by the Board of Directors

Results of committee vote:

Approve: 7

Oppose: 2

Abstain: 1

Non-voting: 2

Comment from Joyce Charron: I'm going to abstain on this vote since all the discussion happened before I joined the committee.

Comment from Liz Gibson: I believe this motion fixes the debate once and for all on the judge test procedure. The CC did make a motion to allow another opportunity but listened when the membership did not agree with that option. Therefore, the CC made this motion after many weeks of discussion.

Dissent from Svenja Hagedorn: I vote no as I am not fine with a lifetime denial after the 3rd failure of the test. I am still for putting additional things in the process.

Dissent from Betty Jaco: I vote No. No other ASCA program has a permanent denial of an application (loop hole or not). Some have a wait period with additional requirements. Even a 2 year wait period to petition the BOD for another test would be better than a permanent denial. With some of the vague, and strangely worded questions, and opinion type answers, with unclear diagrams, I would like to see there be at least one more option.

Comment from Kathy Peycke: I would have liked to see the allotted time stay at 2 months, that would have been best in my opinion. Other than that, I think this should clear up the matter of additional applications and more than 3 tries at the open book test.

Obedience Committee

OB.18.03 Obedience Excellence Title

Approve: Creelman, Silveira

Oppose: Busquets, DeChant, Gibson, King, Vest

Abstain: Gray, Roberts

Motion fails.

Dissent from Silveira: I also request the Committee to review and answer the concerns raised by some Members during the Boards discussion period.

Comment from Busquets: The idea is good, but the level in which the high scores are obtained needs to be specified.

Comment from DeChant: I would like to see this option but would like to see it follow the same process as the X leg in Rally.

Comment from Vest: Comments from the membership and a lack of full support from the OC has resulted in my inability to support this motion.

Motion by Busquets

I move to approve the creation of the Obedience Excellence title (OE).

Committee recommendation:

Motion by Laurie Rubin

Second by Pat Pierce

I move we create an Obedience Excellence (OE) title that can be earned through 3 scores ≥ 195 in each Regular and Optional Titling class.

Current wording:

None.

Proposed wording:

New 1.12 to follow 1.11 When Titles are Won

1.12 Obedience Excellence Title

When a dog earns three (3) scores of ≥ 195 in any Regular or Optional Titling class, ASCA will issue an OE (Obedience Excellence) title certificate and permit the use of OE after the dog's name. The scores need not be earned consecutively and may come from either the A or B class or from both.

When a dog has earned three scores of ≥ 195 in an additional class, the applicable number following the title may be added (such as OE2, OE3, and so forth). Only one OE may be earned per class. The OE will not specify from which class or classes the high scores were earned. It will be placed after all the other obedience titles. For example, a dog with a CDX, BN and GN that had earned an OE in both Novice and Beginner Novice would have these titles – CDX, BN, GN OE2. If the dog went on to earn a UD, it would have these titles – UD, BN, GN OE2. If the dog then completed earning three scores of ≥ 195 in the CDX Open B class, it would have these titles -- UD, BN, GN OE3.

When an OE qualifying score is earned, clubs need not award special ribbons, nor shall judges be required to make special announcements of these scores.

When any obedience title is earned, all historic OE titles will be calculated and added to the titles behind the dog's name. Owners of dogs that have completed their obedience titling careers may send a letter to the ASCA Business Office requesting issuance of a new title certificate to include any OE titles earned by the dog via previous scores ≥ 195 .

Comments/rationale: A competitor had contacted the Obedience Committee suggesting that recognition be offered for titles earned with high scores. This title will grant additional recognition to teams that have met a very high standard of performance. It will increase entries for some clubs as handlers compete additional times after earning a title, in order to achieve the three scores needed in a class. It might also increase the numbers of supportive, friendly faces around the obedience ring by motivating more handlers to attend more ASCA obedience trials.

This motion went through many months of discussion and change over the course of several years. The Obedience Committee chose not to attach the OE as a hyphenated suffix to any class title, as originally proposed. While other ASCA performance programs have suffixes (i.e. X and -OP) attached to titles, the Committee wanted to maintain the traditional obedience titles (i.e. CD, not CD-OE) and the traditional method of deleting lower Regular class titles when higher Regular class titles are earned (i.e. UD, OE3; not CD-OE, CDX-OE, UD-OE).

Who is affected: Dog owners will have a new title to earn and to add after the other obedience titles. The Business Office will have a new title to calculate and new certificates to send out. The Business Office reviewed the original

version of this motion, as well as the next to the last draft of this motion. Language for this final draft was adjusted to meet the BO concerns. The ASCA Manager gave his support for the final motion.

Effective date: The Effective Date of the motion will be the date that the next Rule Book is printed following approval by the Board of Directors and subsequent publication in the Aussie Times.

Results of committee vote:

Approve: 8

Disapprove: 2

Abstain: 0

Non-voting: 1

Dissent from Marilyn Cherry: ASCA already has in place many ways to reward excellence in Obedience achievements, including Finals qualification, Merit qualification, and Honor Dog. I do not feel that the OE title would add significantly to our program or bring in more entries. Current obedience titles are meaningful and demonstrate teamwork and training; handlers are proud when these titles are earned. Based on feedback from the ASCA obedience community, I am not sure that the proposed title would be supported by many ASCA obedience participants.

Dissent from Penny Jameson: I have two objections, one minor, one major. I have said all along that the OE seems redundant with the honors designations already in place - Honor dog, Merit, and finalist, with the exception that it becomes part of the dog's title list. That is my minor objection. My other objection is that as it stands, the OE makes no distinction between the dog that gets the OE in BN and the dog that gets it in Utility. It simply says that for at least one title, the dog obtained 3 scores above 195. That is my major objection.

Tracking Committee

TR.18.01 Clarification of Judges Requirements for Tracking

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Gray

I move to approve the Tracking Committee motion.

Committee recommendation:

Motion by Jan Wesen

Second by Maia Halvorsen

I move to move the judge requirement to the Rulebook instead of an Appendix and align them with the application.

Current wording:

APPENDIX B: Judge Approval

1 Outside Registry Judges

Judges in good standing with the following organizations may judge ASCA Tracking Trials after they complete and send a Qualification Form (see Appendix E) to the ASCA Office, and provided they are in good standing with ASCA:

1. Schutzhund Judges approved to judge through Schutzhund III,
2. Canadian Kennel Club Tracking Judges,
3. American Kennel Club Tracking Judges.

Judging an ASCA Tracking Trial is a privilege not a right. Approval to judge Tracking Tests for other organizations is not a guarantee of approval to judge any ASCA Tracking Test. Judges must follow ASCA Tracking Regulations and adhere to ASCA's Code of Ethics. Any documented failure to perform on this level may result in the revocation of judging privileges by the ASCA Board of Directors without regard to any other qualifications or for former service.

2 ASCA Tracking Judge Applicants

Applicants who wish to apply to become an ASCA Tracking Judge, without affiliations other than ASCA, should fill out the Qualification Form, (See Appendix E), and send it to the ASCA Office.

The Form will be forwarded to the Tracking Committee for review. If approved, Applicants will become Provisional Judges for a minimum of two assignments per test level. After the Provisional Judge's assignments are completed, the Applicant can petition the Board to be moved to regular status by sending the Board the copies of the Co-judge reviews. His/her name will be published in the Times and the ASCA Board of Directors will vote on his/her status.

Proposed wording:

7 Judge Requirements

7.1 Outside Registry Judges

Judges in good standing with the following organizations may judge ASCA Tracking Trials after they complete and send a Qualification Form (see Appendix C) to the ASCA Office, and provided they are in good standing with ASCA:

1. IPO Judges approved to judge through IPO III,
2. Canadian Kennel Club Tracking Judges, to the level they are approved to judge in CKC.
3. American Kennel Club Tracking Judges, to the level they are approved to judge in AKC.

Judging an ASCA Tracking Trial is a privilege not a right. Approval to judge Tracking Tests for other organizations is not a guarantee of approval to judge any ASCA Tracking Test. Judges must follow ASCA Tracking Regulations and adhere to ASCA's Code of Ethics. Any documented failure to perform on this level may result in the revocation of judging privileges by the ASCA Board of Directors without regard to any other qualifications or for former service.

7.2 ASCA Tracking Judge Applicants

Applicants who wish to apply to become an ASCA Tracking Judge, without affiliations other than ASCA, should fill out the Qualification Form, (See Appendix C), and send it to the ASCA Office.

The Form will be forwarded to the Tracking Committee for review. If approved, Applicants will become Provisional Judges for a minimum of two assignments per test level. After the Provisional Judge's assignments are completed, the Applicant can petition the Board to be moved to regular status by sending the Board the copies of the Co-judge reviews. His/her name will be published in the Times and the ASCA Board of Directors will vote on his/her status.

7.3 Requirements

The ASCA Business Office will review that all information is in the application.

Resume:

- 1 TD/TDU for TD/TDU level
 - 1 TDX for TD and TDX level
 - 3 Tracking maps for a tracking test (not needed for those judges with Full Status Other Registry)
 - 2 Recommendations of Tracking experience (not needed for those judges with Full Status Other Registry)
- Application Appendix C

7.4 Approval Process

All levels need Approval of the ASCA Business Office and the ASCA Board of Directors.

1. Other Registry that are full status TDX can be approved by ASCA Business Office then ASCA Board of Directors.
2. Other Registry provisional status – Approval by ASCA Tracking Committee, then ASCA Business Office, then ASCA Board of Directors.
3. ASCA Tracking Application – Approval by ASCA Tracking Committee, then ASCA Business Office, then ASCA Board of Directors.

7.5 Moving from Provisional Status

1. Fill out Part 1 and Part 5 of the application – Approval by ASCA Tracking Committee, then ASCA Business Office, then ASCA Board of Directors.

Appendix C: Tracking Judge Qualification Form

Please mail a copy of this application with any required attachments to the Business Office.

Part One

Applicant Information (*All Applicants must fill out this section.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip/Postal: _____
Phone Number: _____ ASCA Membership # _____ (If applicable)
Email address: _____

Do you wish your email to be listed on the ASCA Tracking Judge's list? Yes No (Note there are two judges lists, one is public with just email, the other is members only with street address.)

Note: Applicants who satisfy the criteria for TD and TDX judging may apply concurrently for both test levels.

If you are an approved Tracking Judge with the AKC, the CKC or a IPO approved Excellent Level and if you wish to have your affiliation listed on the ASCA Tracking Judges list, please skip to Part Three.

Part Two

Applicants who wish to become an ASCA Tracking Judge and who have no tracking judging affiliation with other tracking titling organization; and/or, do not wish to have an affiliation with another tracking titling organization listed on the ASCA Tracking Judges' list, please fill out Part Two and Part Four.

Applicants in this category will be considered Provisional Judges until they have completed the minimum two judging assignments and have applied in writing for Regular status.

Note: All Regular co-judges are required to submit performance review forms for any Provisional Judge with whom they have an assignment.

Please indicate which level you are applying to judge: TD TDU TDX

Do you currently have an ASCA Judge's number? Yes No

If yes, what is your number?

For TD Applicants

1) Please list ALL the TD Tracking titles you have earned by breed, registered name of dog, organization, type of title, and date. (Minimum requirement is ONE tracking dog title.)

2) How often have you served as a tracklayer at a tracking test? (Minimum requirement is FIVE times.)

Please list the name of the Clubs and dates of the tracking tests:

If your experience is with other than ASCA Clubs, with which tracking titling organization is the club affiliated?

State/Province/Country:

Date and place of test/match:

Type of track:

3) How long have you been involved in tracking? (Minimum requirement is THREE years):

4) Have you apprenticed at a Tracking Test or a Tracking Match? Yes No (Suggested, but not required, minimum is ONE time.)

If yes, please list by date and location the test(s) or match(es) where you apprenticed and the names of the Judges who officiated at the event.

For TDU Applicants

1) Please list ALL the TD Tracking titles you have earned by breed, registered name of dog, organization, type of title, and date. (Minimum requirement is ONE tracking dog title.)

2) How often have you served as a tracklayer at a tracking test? (Minimum requirement is FIVE times.)

Please list the name of the Clubs and dates of the tracking tests:

If your experience is with other than ASCA Clubs, with which tracking titling organization is the club affiliated?

State/Province/Country:

Date and place of test/match:

Type of track:

3) How long have you been involved in tracking? (Minimum requirement is THREE years)

4) Have you apprenticed at a Tracking Test or a Tracking Match? Yes No

(Suggested, but not required, minimum is ONE time.)

If yes, please list by date and location the test(s) or match(es) where you apprenticed and the names of the Judges who officiated at the event.

For TDX Applicants

1) Please list ALL the TDX Tracking titles you have earned by breed, registered name of dog, organization, type of title and date.

(*Suggested minimum is ONE TDX title. If the candidate does not have a TDX title, the breadth of any other tracking experience will be considered in lieu of the title alone.)

2) Please list your provisional TD assignments and other TD assignments if applicable:

Club/Date:

Club/Date:

Please complete the following:

a) Have you served as Test Secretary at a Tracking Test? Yes No

Date(s) and location(s):

b) Have you served as any of the following:

Chief tracklayer: Yes No

Cross-track layer: Yes No

Test chair: Yes No

Date(s) and location(s):

c) Have you trained others to track? Yes No

If yes, please describe:

Please list on another page any other tracking history you feel may help qualify you as a Tracking Judge (also see 4 below).

Please include the following with this application: (Note: Requirements may be waived if the applicant has sufficient experience.)

1. Your resume

2. Three (3) copies of your own completed maps of tracks that you have laid at a tracking event. Each map must be signed and dated by both judges.

3. Two (2) written recommendations from experienced tracking people or tracking judges.

4. Please add a paragraph listing any other tracking experience you feel may help qualify you as a Tracking Judge.

Part Three

Judges who are approved to judge for one or more of the following tracking titling organizations and who wish to have their affiliation listed on the ASCA Tracking Judges' list, please fill out Part Three and Part Four.

Please indicate ALL other organizations and levels for which you are approved to judge tracking. Also indicate if you are a Provisional judge.

a) American Kennel Club, level(s): Yes No Level(s):

Judge's Number:

Provisional judge for AKC please fill out Part Two

b) Canadian Kennel Club, level(s): Yes No Level(s):

Judge's Number:

c) IPO, level(s): Yes No Level(s):

Judge's Number _____

Please list the date, location and sponsoring Club for your last two assignments:

Please list the name and contact information for either the co-judge or secretary for the above tests:

Are you an ASCA Member: Yes No Membership Number:

Check the tests you are applying to judge: TD TDU TDX

Part Four

All applicants: Please read the following carefully, then sign and date below.

1. Judges affiliated with approved outside tracking titling organizations will have their applications processed at the office. The office will send the Committee the names of these applicants.
2. New, unaffiliated, Tracking Judge applications will be reviewed by the Tracking Committee, and the Committee will send recommendations to the ASCA Board for approval. (Note: The Regular co-judge at each assignment will be required to submit a written review to the ASCA Tracking Committee regarding a Provisional Judge's performance. The Committee reserves the right to send a representative of the Committee to review a Provisional Judge at any test.)
3. Applicants who meet with Board approval will be on Provisional status for TD and/or TDX until they have completed the minimum two (2) tracking judging assignments at each level. Once a Provisional Judge has met the assignments requirement, he/she may petition the ASCA Board, in writing, to change from Provisional to Regular status for TD and/or TDX. When the Board is petitioned to move a judge to regular status, the name will be published in the Aussie Times for each level. The Board will move to approve or decline an applicant within thirty days after publication.
4. Judging an ASCA Sanctioned Event is an honor and a privilege, not a right. While applicants must satisfy ASCA's stated minimal eligibility requirement to become an approved Tracking Judge, merely satisfying the requirements does not entitle an applicant to become or remain an ASCA Judge once approved. It is expected all ASCA Judges must consistently display the highest level of ethical and professional conduct, impartial demeanor and dedication to upholding ASCA's codes, rules, decisions, and the Statement of Purpose in ASCA's Bylaws. Any documented failure to perform may result in a denial of Application or revocation of judging privileges by ASCA's Board of Directors without regard to any other qualification or prior service.
5. I have read and understand the current ASCA Tracking Rules and Regulations and accept all Judges' responsibilities described in the above documents.
6. I also understand although I meet the minimum requirements of an ASCA Provisional Tracking Judge there could be other factors or circumstances causing my application to be denied. I further understand if my application is denied, I will receive a letter from ASCA explaining the reasons for the denial. If my application is denied, I realize I must wait (2) years before I can reapply for admission to ASCA's Tracking Judge program.
7. I hereby hold harmless ASCA's Directors, officers, employees and the ASCA Tracking Committee members from any liability, causes of actions, and damages I may incur as a result of the processing and investigating related to this application. I further certify by affixing my name to this application all of the information I have supplied in, or attached to this document is true and correct in all aspects.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Part Five

For Provisional Judges wishing to move into regular status.

Please submit Part Five and Part One of this application, along with the name of the Clubs, the dates of the tests where you completed your provisional assignments and the reviews written by the co-judge at each provisional assignment, to the Executive Secretary of the Board of Directors.

(Note: Names of applicants petitioning the Board for Regular status will be published in the Aussie Times prior to a decision by the Board.)

Provisional judges may choose to judge MORE than 2 assignments before requesting to move out of Provisional status to Regular status.

I have met the minimal requirements and request to be moved from Provisional to Regular status for the following test level(s): TD TDU TDX

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Comments/rationale: Clarification of the Judge requirements for tracking and align them with the application.

Who is affected: Judge applicants for minor new requirements and clarification of rules.

Effective date: The Effective Date of the motion will be the date that the next Rule Book is printed following approval by the Board of Directors and subsequent publication in the Aussie Times.

Results of committee vote:

Approve: Unanimous

TR.18.02 Change Distance Between Tracks from 75 to 50 yds

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

Motion by Gray

I move to approve the Tracking Committee motion.

Committee recommendation:

Motion by Jan Wesen

Second by Joyce Charron

I move to approve that anywhere in the rules where it states that there should be 75 yards between tracks it be changed to 50. See sections affected below.

Current wording:

2.4 Plotting

At a Tracking Trial, a track that is plotted within three (3) days in the same site may not cross or be within 75 yards of a previously used track unless prior approval has been obtained from the ASCA Office.

2.10.3 Tracklayers Duties on Test Day

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No Tracklayer, after laying the track, should return within 75 yards of any unused part of the track. Under no circumstances should a Tracklayer cross or walk over any portion of the track once it has been laid until the team running that track has completed their run.

3.4 Requirements for the TD Track

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i. No part of any track shall be laid within 75 yards of another track. However, with two (2) tracks going in opposite directions from the same area, the starting flags may be as close as 50 yards from each other.

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4.4 Requirements for the TDU Track

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9. No part of any track shall be laid within 75 yards of another track. However, with two (2) tracks going in opposite directions from the same area, the starting flags may be as close as 50 yards to each other.

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5.3 Requirements for the TDX Track

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g. No part of the track shall be within 75 yards of any other track.

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5.5 Cross-tracks for the TDX Track

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8. The cross-track may not be within 75 yards of any other track.

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6. No legs shall be less than 50 yards in length or come within 75 yards of another track.

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Proposed wording:

2.4 Plotting

At a Tracking Trial, a track that is plotted within three (3) days in the same site may not cross or be within 50 yards of a previously used track unless prior approval has been obtained from the ASCA Office.

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Comments/rationale: The purpose of this to allow judges and clubs to utilize land more efficiently. Other organizations have used the 50 yards distance with no difficulty.

Who is affected: Clubs hosting tracking tests.

Effective date: The Effective Date of the motion will be the date that the next Rule Book is printed following approval by the Board of Directors and subsequent publication in the Aussie Times.

Results of committee vote:

Approve: Unanimous

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 8, 2018

Present: President Ann DeChant, 1st Vice President Liz Busquets, 2nd Vice President Cindy King, Treasurer Jean Roberts, Secretary Linda Gray, Director Denise Creelman, Director Laura Gibson, Director Ken Silveira, Director Rachel Vest, Counsel Chuck Carnese, Executive Secretary Kalla Jaco

There is a quorum with 9 voting members of the Board present.

- DeChant called the meeting to order in Executive Session at 6:01 pm Central Time.

Executive Session

The Board started their meeting in Executive Session to discuss six topics.

February Treasurer's Report

The Board approved the Treasurer's Report for February 2018. Ending balance is \$175,889.81.

Breeder Judge Qualification Test

The Board voted to allow an applicant an additional attempt at the Breeder Judge Qualification Test.

Directive to Stockdog Committee

The Board followed-up on a directive sent to the Stockdog Committee in November.

2018 Election Candidates

The Board reviewed the qualifications required to become a candidate for the ASCA Board of Directors and determined the ineligibility of one applicant.

Pipeline Easement

The Board has been discussing and reviewing documents related to a proposed pipeline through ASCA's property.

Article 16 of the Bylaws

Discussion of this topic has been added to the Spring Meeting agenda.

Open Session

The remainder of the meeting was conducted in open session. The recording can be listened to on YouTube (<https://youtu.be/EtvTRGOEYCU>) or downloaded from the ASCA Website (<http://www.asca.org/home/news/bod-meetings-audio/>).

February Email Business

The Board voted to ratify all business conducted over email in February 2018.

BD.18.33 February Email Business

Motion by Roberts to ratify all February email business. Second by Gray.

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

System Upgrade Report

Vest reported on the ongoing status of the ASCA computer system upgrade. ASCA is looking for a vendor to handle maintenance and future services. ASCA is seeking members for the newly established System Upgrade Committee.

Communicable Disease Rule

The subcommittee for the revision of ASCA's communicable disease rule consisted of three Directors - Liz Busquets, Laura Gibson, and Rachel Vest, and one member - Joan Cunningham. Their goal was to bring ASCA's rules in line with current knowledge of canine disease, to provide the Board with flexibility in handling such cases, and to provide procedures and protection for Affiliate and owners. There are two forms - the first is for Affiliates to report any illnesses, the second is for owners to self-report their dog's illness. Any quarantine decisions would be made by the Board.

Survey Request

The Board received a request from Dr. Stephen Cai and Dr. Rebecka Hess, at the University of Pennsylvania, to publicize a survey on canine diabetes. All dog owners can complete the survey, regardless of health status and whether the dog has diabetes. The survey has a tentative end-date this Fall; however, they will continue collecting data and will notify

everyone when the survey is no longer available. They will also keep everyone updated on results of their finding (if they can acquire enough data).

The survey can be found here: <https://www.vet.upenn.edu/veterinary-hospitals/ryan-veterinary-hospital/services/internal-medicine/diabetes-program>

BD.18.34 Canine Diabetes Survey from University of Pennsylvania

Motion by Vest to approve the request from Dr. Stephen Cai and Dr. Rebecka Hess regarding the diabetes survey from the University of Pennsylvania, to be placed on all ASCA social media sites. Second by Creelman.

Approve: Unanimous

Motion carries.

- DeChant adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.