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ASCA Finals Judge Contract

1 General Explanations

1.1 Definition of National Specialty

The "National Specialty" is a show sanctioned by ~~an ASCA affiliate club or a consortium of clubs~~, which includes the following events: conformation, obedience, agility, rally, junior handling, a stockdog trial, a tracking test, Most Versatile Aussie competition and other events approved by the ASCA Board of Directors. **(Effective April 27, 2019)**

1.2 Governance

The National Specialty is governed by the ASCA Board of Directors.

1.2.1 Nationals Advisory Committee

ASCA will form a Nationals Advisory Committee, comprised of former Nationals Chairpersons from the last five and future ASCA Nationals, whose purpose will be to oversee ASCA's management and running of ASCA's annual National Specialty and Finals competition. **(Effective April 27, 2019)**

1.2.2 Nationals Advisory Committee Duties

The Nationals Advisory Committee's duties are as follows:

- A. To assemble the Nationals Committee for each year. This committee will be appointed and approved by the Board at least two years, and preferably three years, ahead of the event.
- B. To solicit, recommend and prepare the contracts for Board approval for pre-trials/post-trials and pre-shows/post-shows for Nationals. These will be awarded two years in advance of the event. (See Section 1.4 below.)
- C. To solicit, recommend and prepare the contracts for Board approval for the paid workers for each Nationals, in conjunction with the Nationals Chairperson, including the entry clerk, the agility data entry clerk, stewards, stock handlers, and set-up and tear-down laborers.
- D. To advise the Nationals Committee to ensure that the National Specialty operates in a manner that will provide members with an opportunity to have a pleasant experience at an efficiently run event.
- E. To advise the Nationals Committee to ensure that the National Specialty is both financially self-sustaining and cost-positive for ASCA.
- F. To work with ASCA's competitive program committees to ensure that rules are being followed with respect to Nationals and Finals competition. To work with other ASCA committees as needed to ensure a successful participant experience. **(Effective April 27, 2019)**

1.3 Date of Age Calculation

All competitive events at the National Specialty, except for Junior Handling, have specific age requirements for competing dogs; therefore, the first day of Nationals competition on the National Specialty schedule, usually Friday, will be used as the date for age calculation. The National Specialty is considered one show with multiple competitive events, therefore, using the first Nationals event day will not conflict with existing program rules.

1.4 Pre/Post-Shows/Trials

- a. Pre/post-shows/trials held in conjunction with the ASCA National Specialty may either be Sanctioned as Member Shows or Specialties. In either case, entries for pre/post-shows/trials shall be limited to ASCA Registered Australian Shepherds. **(Effective February 27, 2019)**
- b. The host affiliate(s) may choose to offer pre/post trials and pre/post shows as part of the National Specialty week. There will be pre/post-shows/trials organized for any ASCA Program held in conjunction with the ASCA National Specialty. **(Effective April 27, 2019)** If pre/post-shows/trials are offered, they will be considered part of the National Specialty for the purpose of age calculation, and they will be subject to the same age calculation date as the rest of the National Specialty events. **(Effective February 27, 2019)**

1.4.1 Selection of Affiliate Pre/Post-Show/Trial Hosts

Affiliates who are interested in holding a pre-trial, post-trial, pre-show, or post-show for a particular Nationals should submit their names to the Nationals Advisory Committee by the announced deadline. All names will be put into a lottery draw for their desired event(s). An Affiliate may only host one event every four years, unless no other Affiliates are interested in hosting. The purpose of the lottery draw is to give a fair chance to all Affiliates who wish to take part in the ASCA National Specialty by hosting a pre-show/trial. (Effective April 27, 2019)

1.4.2 Pre/Post-Show/Trial Fees

The fees for hosting a pre or post show or trial for the ASCA National Specialty shall be determined for each Nationals by the ASCA Board of Directors, upon recommendation of the Nationals Advisory Committee. (Effective April 27, 2019)

1.4.3 Pre/Post-Show/Trial Contracts

Affiliates selected to host a pre-show, post-show, pre-trial or post-trial shall sign a contract with ASCA and shall pay the required deposit by the required date or the next Affiliate on the selection list will be invited to host. (Effective April 27, 2019)

1.4.4 Non-ASCA-Sanctioned Events

Any competitive event not sanctioned by ASCA, which the Nationals Committee Consortium wishes to hold must be approved by the ASCA Board of Directors. (Effective April 27, 2019)

1.5 Finals

Finals are invitation-only events, and although they are part of the National Specialty week, each Finals is subject to its own additional set of program rules. Please refer to each program rule book for complete rules and regulations pertaining to Finals.

1.6 Site

- A. The site of the ASCA National Specialty will rotate on a yearly basis, based on the following rotation and continuing for ten years: 2020 – Georgia International Horse Park, 2021 – Brazos Expo Center, 2022 – Island Grove Park, 2023 – Deschutes County Fairgrounds, 2024 – Georgia International Horse Park, 2025 – Brazos Expo Center, etc.
- B. The ASCA Board will contract with the facility and will be financially responsible for the facility.

1.7 Nationals Committee Entry Clerk

~~Entries for the ASCA National Specialty will be processed by the Nationals Entry Clerk. The ASCA Board will hire, bond and pay the Nationals Entry Clerk to take the entries for the Nationals Specialty. (Effective April 27, 2019)~~

The Nationals Advisory Committee will assemble a Nationals Committee for each year, filling the following positions:

- Nationals Chairperson
- Nationals and Finals Stockdog Course Director (may be two separate people)
- Nationals and Finals Conformation Secretary (may be two separate people)
- Nationals and Finals Obedience Secretary (may be two separate people)
- Nationals and Finals Rally Secretary (may be two separate people)
- Nationals and Finals Juniors Secretary
- Nationals and Finals Agility Secretary (may be two separate people)
- Tracking Secretary
- MVA/MVJ Secretary
- Awards and Rosettes Chairperson
- Sponsorship Chairperson
- Vendors Chairperson
- Hotels and Travel Chairperson
- Banquets/Receptions/Nightly Dinners Chairperson
- Merchandise Chairperson (may be two people co-chairing)

- RV/Camping/Golf Carts Chairperson Grooming Spaces/Stalls Chairperson
- Hospitality Chairperson
- Parades Chairperson (if offered)
- Decorations Chairperson
- Signage Chairperson
- Dock Jumping Chairperson
- Bookkeeper Website, Facebook, Slideshows Chairperson
- Catalog Chairperson
- Education/Seminars/Health Clinics Chairperson
- Nationals Office Manager
- Welcome Bags/ Judges Gifts ASHGI Raffle/Auction Chairperson
- Local Liaison
- Other chairpersons as the Board approves

The Nationals Committee slate will be submitted to the Board for approval. (Effective April 27, 2019)

1.7.1

These Nationals Committee Chairpersons will have their transportation, room and board paid for Nationals, but they will not be paid any cash. (Effective April 27, 2019)

1.7.2

An ASCA employee (regular, part-time, contract or temp) and no ASCA Board member can serve as the Nationals Chairperson, unless that person has committed to that position prior to their employment or election. (Effective April 27, 2019)

1.8 Financial Arrangement for Nationals Not Hosted by ASCA (2020 – Conyers, Georgia)

Upon approval of the premium list, an advance of \$5000 will be sent to the Consortium. The Nationals Chairman shall have control of the Nationals bank account. After paying for the facility and the Nationals Entry Clerk and after subtracting out the \$5000 advance, the Board will forward all money collected from Nationals entries to the Consortium. The consortium will have the right to collect sponsorship money and to sell Nationals merchandise. The entry fees for all ASCA Program Finals will be forwarded to the Consortium Club after entries close and all entrants are confirmed. (Effective February 27, 2019) Entries for the ASCA National Specialty will be processed by the Nationals Entry Clerk. The ASCA Board will hire, bond and pay the Nationals Entry Clerk to take the entries for the Nationals Specialty. (Effective April 27, 2019)

1.8.1 Bank Account for Deposits

ASCA shall open a separate bank account for the purpose of depositing the Nationals entry fees and reservation fees. The bank needs to be a nationally-available bank so that the entry clerk is able to deposit the money collected easily. (Effective February 27, 2019)

1.8.2 Amount for Payment of Facility

The amount that ASCA keeps for payment of the facility will be the facility amount stated in the contract plus estimated fees for RV spaces for the entirety of the event plus the estimated fees for stalls or grooming spaces, if applicable, plus an estimated amount for other fees per the facility contract (chair fees, table fees, grounds preparation fees, vendor fees, etc.). If the amount owed the facility at the close of the event exceeds what has been kept back by ASCA, the Consortium will have to pay the difference. If the amount kept by ASCA is in excess of what is owed at the close of the event, ASCA will pay the excess amount to the Consortium. Only after subtracting the estimated amount owed to the facility and paying the Nationals Entry Clerk will ASCA forward the remaining amount collected from entry fees and reservations to the consortium. (Effective February 27, 2019)

1.8.3 Refunds

Refunds to be paid per the premium will be paid by the Consortium. (Effective February 27, 2019)

2 Dates Application

2.1 Dates

The ASCA National Specialty will be held between September 1 and December 1.

2.2 Application

Application to be part of a year's consortium is available from the Executive Secretary. Affiliates may apply to host one or more elements of the National Specialty. (Effective February 27, 2019)

2.3 Determination

The members of the National Specialty Consortium will be determined by the ASCA Board of Directors, up to three (3) years in advance of the event. Applications must be submitted to the Executive Secretary. Incomplete applications will be returned without consideration. (Effective February 27, 2019)

2.4 Notification

The applicant(s) will be notified within 7 days of the Board's decision by the Executive Secretary. (Effective February 27, 2019)

3 Agreement

- A. By acceptance of this privilege, the members of the Nationals Committee Consortium will agree to comply with and enforce all ASCA Rules, Regulations and directives of the ASCA Board of Directors. (Effective February 27, 2019)
- B. The Affiliates selected to be part of the Consortium will each provide \$500 seed money and sign a consortium agreement, outlining their mutual expectations and obligations. (Effective for 2019 and 2020 ASCA National Specialties.) (Effective February 27, 2019)

4 Selection of Judges

Judges for the various Nationals and Finals events shall be selected by ASCA's program committees. If a Committee does not currently have a procedure for selecting Nationals and Finals judges, the Committee will create such a procedure and follow it, beginning with the 2021 Nationals and Finals. (Effective April 27, 2019)

5 Accounting and Financial Procedures

5.1

ASCA will establish a Nationals checking account for each year's National Specialty. All proceeds generated by the Nationals and Finals events will be deposited into this account. The Nationals Chairperson will be the signer on this account. The ASCA Treasurer and the ASCA President will also be signers on the account, although approval for expenditures must come from the Nationals Chairperson. (Effective April 27, 2019)

5.2

The Nationals Bookkeeper and the Nationals Chairperson will maintain a ledger, documenting all deposits and expenditures. The ASCA Treasurer, members of the Nationals Advisory Committee, and any other interested ASCA Director will be able to view the ledger. (Effective April 27, 2019)

5.3

The Nationals Chairperson and the Nationals Entry Clerk will be bonded by ASCA for \$300,000, or an amount determined by the ASCA Board. (Effective April 27, 2019)

5.4

The Nationals Chairperson and the Nationals Advisory Committee will work together to prepare a budget for the National Specialty, which shall include the Finals expenditures. This budget will be approved by the Board of Directors. (Effective April 27, 2019)

6 Premium List

6.1 Premium Guide

The Nationals Committee Host Club is encouraged to use the previous year's Premium List as a guide in creating their Premium List. (Effective April 27, 2019)

6.2 Premium List in AT

An eighteen-page Premium List, including entry forms, will be printed in the March/April issue (for Sept/Oct National) or the May/June issue (for November National) of the Aussie Times at no expense to the Nationals Committee Host Club. Should the Nationals Committee Host Club require more than eighteen, the Nationals Committee Host Club must request Board of Director approval of additional pages when submitting the first draft. Approved additional pages are printed free of charge. If disapproved, the Aussie Times editor will bill the Nationals Committee Host Club, after entries close, for the additional pages at the advertising rate in force at the time of Premium list submission. (Effective April 27, 2019)

6.3 Premium List Due Dates

September 1	Judges Slate with applicable resumes and first draft of the Premium List due to the Executive Secretary
October 1	or thirty days after the draft was received by the Executive Secretary, Board comments and approval of the Judges slate will be due to the Nationals Committee Host Club
November 15	Final draft of the Premium List due to the Executive Secretary
December 15	or thirty days after the final draft was received by the Executive Secretary, final approval will be due to the Nationals Committee Host Club
January 1	for September/October Nationals, camera ready copy due to the Executive Secretary
January 15	for September/October Nationals, deadline for Executive Secretary to have camera ready copy to the Aussie Times Editor for March/April issue
March 1	for November Nationals, camera-ready copy due to the Executive Secretary
March 15	for November Nationals, deadline for Executive Secretary to have camera-ready copy to the Aussie Times Editor for May/June issue

6.4 First Draft of Premium

The first draft of the Premium List must be received by the Executive Secretary on or before September 1 of the preceding year. This information will be forwarded to the Board of Directors for review. Board approval of the Judges slate along with comments and recommendations will be returned to the Nationals Committee Host Club no later than thirty (30) days after receipt by the Executive Secretary. The Nationals Committee Host Club will contact Judges regarding their availability to judge only. The Board heavily considers prior judging experience of large entries. Please be certain that selected judges are well qualified in this respect. Official confirmation of judging assignments must not be given until the ASCA Board of Director's approval is granted. (Effective April 27, 2019)

6.5 Dog Changes for Junior Handling Classes/Finals

It is required that the deadline date for making dog changes for the regular Junior Handling classes and the Junior Handling Finals be published in the premium list (See the last paragraph of Chapter 2 Junior Handling Classes in the Junior Rules and Regulations).

6.6 Final Premium List

The Final Premium List must be sent to the Executive Secretary by November 15 of the preceding year. This draft will be forwarded to the Board of Directors. The Board will review the final draft of the Premium List and, if all is in order, will issue their approval within thirty (30) days of receipt by the Executive Secretary.

6.7 Camera Ready Premium List in AT

Camera ready copy of the Premium List must be received by the Executive Secretary no later than January first for Sept. /Oct. events or March 1 for November events. The Board of Directors will review the Premium List for compliance with the approved final draft. If all is in order, the Executive Secretary will forward the camera-ready Premium List to the Editor of the Aussie Times for publication in the March-April issue for September/October events or the May/June issue for November events.

WITHOUT EXCEPTION THESE DEADLINES MUST BE MET BY THE NATIONALS COMMITTEE HOST CLUB. (Effective April 27, 2019)

7 Sanctioning and Paperwork Required

7.1 Sanctioning Fee

No sanctioning fee will be required. The event membership dues as set by the Board of Directors will be paid by the Nationals Committee Host Club when show results are submitted to the ASCA Business Office. (Effective April 27, 2019)

7.2 Sanctioning Forms

All Sanctioning Forms (Agility, Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Stock and Tracking) must be correctly submitted to the Business Office by March 1 of the Specialty year for Sept. /Oct. events, by May 1 of the Specialty year for November events. Sanctioning Grant and all paperwork will be sent to the Nationals Chairperson thirty (30) days prior to opening of entries. Only ASCA Official forms will be used for the ASCA National Specialty.

7.3 Trademark Licensing

The Nationals Committee Host Club has the exclusive right to market ASCA National Specialty souvenir items for the year in which they host the ASCA National Specialty. When applying for sanctioning, the Nationals Committee Host Club must file a Trademark Licensing Form indicating their intent to use any ASCA trademarks for merchandise in conjunction with the words "year National Specialty". There will be no fee charged to the Nationals Committee Host Club for the use of ASCA's trademarks. (Effective April 27, 2019)

8 Show Committee

8.1 National Specialty Show Committee

The Consortium shall establish a National Specialty Show Committee that will organize and implement the various events described in these Rules and any others applicable to an ASCA National Specialty. (Effective April 27, 2019)

8.2 Nationals Chairman

The Board shall approve the Consortium's Nationals Chairman. (Effective April 27, 2019)

8.3 Nationals Board Liaison(s)

The National Chairperson will select a Board Director(s) to act as their Liaison between the National Specialty Show Committee and the Board. All changes in personnel, schedule or other plans should be shared with the Board Liaison.

8.4 Required Members

The following people are REQUIRED on the ASCA National Specialty Show Committee. Persons filling these positions shall not be paid a salary or hourly wage to perform these duties.

- A. National Chairperson
- B. Agility Secretary
- C. Conformation Secretary
- D. Obedience Secretary
- E. Rally Secretary
- F. Stockdog Trial Course Director
- G. Tracking Secretary

8.5 National Chairperson

The National Chairperson oversees all Secretaries and Course Director, acts as the ultimate authority over all **programs venues**, acts as liaison between the **Nationals Committee Consortium** and the ASCA Board.

9 Judges

9.1 Approval

Judges must be approved by the Board of Directors.

9.2 Judge Experience

All Judges must have experience with ASCA Australian Shepherds and large entries.

9.3 Agility Judges

Agility Judges must come from the ASCA Approved Agility Judges List.

9.4 Conformation Judges

The Regular Dog and Regular Bitch (Intact and Altered) Judges must be approved ASCA Senior Breeder Judges. Non-Regular classes must be judged by Approved Breeder Judges or Senior Breeder Judges. Provisional Breeder Judges are not eligible to judge any classes at the National Specialty. All entries in Best of Breed (Intact) must be judged by one (1) judge and all entries in Best of Breed (Altered) must be judged by one (1) judge. The Judge must come from the ASCA Senior Breeder Judge's List. A judge shall only judge at a National Specialty once every three (3) years.

9.5 Obedience Judges

Obedience Judges must come from the ASCA Approved Obedience Judges List.

9.6 Stock Dog Judges

Regular Stock Dog Judges must come from the ASCA Approved Stock Dog Judges List. National Stock Dog Finals Judges must come from a list of candidates provided by the Business Office taken from the ASCA Approved Stock Dog Judges List.

9.7 Tracking Judges

Tracking Judges must come from the ASCA Approved Tracking Judges List.

9.8 Rally Judges

Rally Judges must come from the ASCA Approved Rally Judges list.

9.9 Junior Handling Judges

Regular Junior Handling and Finals Junior Handling Judges must meet one of the following qualifications:

1. Previous ASCA Junior Handler over the age of twenty-one (21)
2. ASCA Breeder Judge

9.9.1 Junior Handling Finals Judge

The ASCA Board of Directors will approve the Junior Handling Finals Judge, preferably from the region where the event will be held. The **Nationals Committee Host Club** will submit resumes for proposed Junior Finals Judges with the first draft of the Premium List. **(Effective April 27, 2019)**

9.10 Standard Finals Judge Contract

As part of the hiring process for Finals Judges the ~~Nationals Committee Host Club~~ shall employ the Standard Finals Judge Contract on Page 20. The ~~Nationals Committee Host Club~~ is encouraged to use the standard contract when hiring all National Specialty Judges. (Effective April 27, 2019)

10 Catalog

The following information is required to be listed in the catalog for each dog entered in the National Specialty:

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| A. Armband number | E. Registered name of dam |
| B. Registered name of dog | F. Date of Birth |
| C. Call name of dog, for Agility only | G. Names of breeder and owner |
| D. Registered name of sire | H. Name of handler, for Agility only. |

11 Rings and Tracking Fields

Part 1: The conformation rings will be at least 50' x 50' or larger if the entry warrants. The obedience and rally rings will be 40' x 50'. The conformation rings should be placed so they can be combined for Best of Breed. The Obedience rings should be placed so that two rings can be combined for the Team class (if offered). The number of rings for both conformation and obedience will be dictated by the schedule of events and the need to accommodate bitches in season competing in obedience for Versatility, National obedience, and the Obedience Finals.

Part 2: TD sites must be open fields of consistent cover free of obstacles with at least 5-7 acres in each area for a TD track; TDU sites should be in urban or suburban areas with at least 4 acres for each TDU track. TDX sites must be of both open and mixed cover in an area with at least 20-27 acres for each TDX track. Judges must approve the sites of the Tracking Test and determine the number of tracks before the Premium goes to publication. Sites for the National Tracking Test cannot be changed once the Premium has gone to publication unless permission is given by both National Tracking Judges.

12 Meeting and Board Accommodations

12.1 Board Meeting Room

The ~~Nationals Committee Host Club~~ will make arrangements for a Board meeting room at the show grounds. (Effective April 27, 2019)

Requirements:

1. Chairs, table(s) and a room large enough to accommodate twenty-five (25) people.
2. Water, electricity and rest rooms available.

12.2 GMM/Affiliate/Committee Meeting Room

An additional meeting room at the show grounds needs to be arranged to accommodate the General Membership Meeting (Approximately 300 to 500 people), Affiliate Club Meeting/Committee Meetings, etc.

12.3 Hotel Rooms

The ~~Nationals Committee Host Club~~ shall also reserve a block of rooms at the Nationals Headquarters Hotel for the use of the ASCA Board of Directors. The Board Point of Contact will notify the ~~Nationals Committee Host Club~~ of the type and number of rooms required for Directors and any additional ASCA personnel attending the Nationals. (Effective April 27, 2019)

13 ASCA Promotional Space

Adequate spaces will be made available by the ~~Nationals Committee Host Club~~ for ASCA promotional display needs and ARPH display needs at no fee. Tables, chairs, electricity, etc. shall be available. The ~~Nationals Committee Host Club~~ can contact the ASCA Business Office for further details. (Effective April 27, 2019)

14 Junior Handling/Junior Handling Finals

14.1 Verify Eligibility

Be very explicit in the Premium List. Have the ASCA Business Office double check your information by verifying the eligibility of the Junior Finals Handlers and the ownership requirement of their dogs upon expiration of the entry deadline.

14.2 Scheduling of Finals

Junior Handling Finals will be scheduled by the ~~Nationals Committee~~ ~~host club~~, in consultation with the Juniors Committee, at a time that will best showcase the Junior Finalists. All other conformation show classes will cease during the Junior Handling Finals classes. (**Effective April 27, 2019**)

14.3 Scheduling of Nationals

Highlight the Regular Nationals Junior Handling during a prime time.

14.4 Finals Awards

ASCA will provide Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) to be used for Best Junior Handler and Reserve Junior handler prizes and rosettes for the ASCA Junior Handling Finals. ASCA will also provide Ten Dollars (\$10) per participant for placement and participant rosettes.

14.5 All-Around Junior

14.5.1 Transportation

ASCA offers transportation to the National Specialty for the All-Around Junior Handler for the year.

14.5.2 Stock Runs

~~The Nationals Committee~~ ~~Hosting clubs of the National Specialty~~ will hold open 1 stock run each in Cattle, Ducks and Sheep for the year-end All-Around Junior winner until the closing date of entries. (**Effective April 27, 2019**)

15 National Stockdog Trial

15.1 Minimum # of Runs

ASCA requires a minimum of 40 duck runs, 40 sheep runs, and 40 cattle runs.

15.2 Minimum Head of Stock

Five head of ducks and at least five head of sheep and cattle must be used in all classes of stock.

16 Stockdog Finals

Please see Chapter 24 of the Stockdog Rules and Regulations for complete Finals rules.

16.1 Finals Budget

The ~~Nationals Committee~~ ~~Host Club~~ shall submit a proposed budget to the Board and Stockdog Committee at least six (6) months prior to the Finals. The budget must state the total number of livestock to be used in each class of stock for all go-rounds of Finals. This number should reflect extra livestock on hand to be used in case of injury or illness, with a written breakdown of what is to be considered back-up or extra. (**Effective April 27, 2019**)

17 Obedience Finals

Please see Chapter 13 of the Obedience Rules and Regulations for complete rules.

17.1 Budget

The Nationals Committee Host Club shall submit a proposed budget to the Board and Obedience Committee at least six (6) months prior to the Finals. (Effective April 27, 2019)

17.2 Funds

Entry fees collected by the Office will be used to cover any expenses the Nationals Committee Host Club(s) may incur including awards. The Business Office will keep an accounting of all monies received for the Finals fund and is responsible for informing the Nationals Committee Host Club(s), the Board of Directors and the ASCA Obedience Committee as to the amount received by August 1st of the competition year. The Nationals Committee Host Club(s) will submit their expenses to the ASCA Board of Directors. When all expenses have been met any additional monies will be used for funding the next year's competition. (Effective April 27, 2019)

18 Agility Finals

Please see Chapter 12 of the Agility Rules and Regulations for complete rules.

18.1 Budget

The Nationals Committee Host Club shall submit a proposed budget to the Board and Agility Committee at least six (6) months prior to the Finals. (Effective April 27, 2019)

18.2 Funds

Entry fees collected by the Office will be used to cover any expenses the Nationals Committee Host Club(s) may incur including awards. The Business Office will keep an accounting of all monies received for the Finals fund and is responsible for informing the Nationals Committee Host Club(s), the Board of Directors and the ASCA Agility Committee as to the amount received by August 1st of the competition year. The Nationals Committee Host Club(s) will submit their expenses to the ASCA Board of Directors. When all expenses have been met any additional monies will be used for funding the next year's competition. (Effective April 27, 2019)

19 Conformation Finals

Please see Chapter 15 of the Conformation Show Rules and Regulations for complete rules.

19.1 Budget and Fees

The Nationals Committee Host Club shall submit a proposed budget to the Board and Conformation Committee at least six (6) months prior to the Finals. (Effective April 27, 2019)

19.2 Funds

Entry fees collected by the Office will be used to cover any expenses the Nationals Committee Host Club(s) may incur including awards. The Business Office will keep an accounting of all monies received for the Finals fund and is responsible for informing the Nationals Committee Host Club(s), the Board of Directors and the ASCA Agility Committee as to the amount received by August 1st of the competition year. The Nationals Committee Host Club(s) will submit their expenses to the Board of Directors. (Effective April 27, 2019)

20 Rally Finals

Please see Chapter 13 of the Rally Rules and Regulations for complete rules.

20.1 Budget and Fees

The Nationals Committee Host Club shall submit a proposed budget to the Board and Rally Committee at least six (6) months prior to the Finals. (Effective April 27, 2019)

20.2 Funds

Entry fees collected by the Office will be used to cover any expenses the ~~Nationals Committee Host Club(s)~~ may incur including awards. The Business Office will keep an accounting of all monies received for the Finals fund and is responsible for informing the ~~Nationals Committee Host Club(s)~~, the Board of Directors and the ASCA Rally Committee as to the amount received by August 1st of the competition year. The ~~Nationals Committee Host Club(s)~~ will submit their expenses to the Board of Directors. (**Effective April 27, 2019**)

21 Most Versatile Aussie Award

21.1 MVA Rules

Rules for this award are available from the ASCA Business Office.

21.2 MVA Rules Available on Show Grounds

Copies of the approved rules must be available upon request and on the Show Grounds.

21.3 Bitches in Season

- A. Bitches in season entered in Versatility must run last in Obedience or in a separate ring at the option of the ~~Nationals Committee Host Club~~. Qualifying scores received will count for Versatility only. (**Effective April 27, 2019**)
- B. Bitches in season entered in Versatility must run last in Tracking and will be kept away from the Tracking area until called.
- C. Bitches in season entered in Versatility must be accommodated in the Stock Dog Trial.
- D. Bitches in season are allowed to compete at the National Agility Trial. Please consult Chapter 9 Section 2 of the ASCA Agility Rules and Regulations for complete rules.

21.4 Memorial Trophies

These awards are in memory of these former Directors and are provided and awarded by ASCA when the Awards for MVA and MVJ are presented.

- A. ASCA Awards a memorial trophy in the name of Jean Carrillo each year at the ASCA National Specialty to the winner of Most Versatile Aussie. This award is in addition to the trophy offered by the ~~Nationals Committee Host Club~~. (**Effective April 27, 2019**)
- B. ASCA Awards a memorial trophy in the name of Sandy Tubbs each year at the ASCA National Specialty to the winner of Most Versatile Junior. This award is in addition to the trophy offered by the ~~Nationals Committee Host Club~~. (**Effective April 27, 2019**)

21.5 Versatility Record Keeper

One person will be solely responsible for Versatility record keeping from start to finish. The individual's name will be supplied to the ASCA Board with the first draft of the Premium List.

22 Additional Requirements

22.1 Tracking

Tracking must be offered at the ASCA National Specialty

22.2 Program Finals Reimbursement Request

The ~~Nationals Committee Host Club~~ shall submit a detailed reimbursement request to the ASCA Executive Secretary, who will distribute it to the Board of Directors. The Treasurer will evaluate, process, and recommend approval/rejection to the Board. (**Effective April 27, 2019**)

This request shall cover all ASCA Program Finals and be submitted within ninety (90) days of the last day of the National Specialty. The reimbursement request must include a complete set of all receipts documenting incurred expenses including but not limited to judges' expenses, ribbons/trophies, equipment, facilities, etc. and a listing of all income including entry fees, additional event membership dues, donations, and sponsorships. The complete package may be submitted electronically or via mail. It is important to match the reimbursement request to the Board-approved Program Finals budget. If there are questions about what information to include in the reimbursement request, contact the ASCA Treasurer.

22.3 Show Results

Each ~~Nationals Committee Host Club~~ is to provide Show Results to the ASCA Business Office and the Aussie Times Editor in the form of a marked catalog or computer disk file within 60-days post event. A set of properly labeled Nationals pictures for higher award winners, at the ~~Nationals Committee's Host Club's~~ expense, shall be sent to the Aussie Times Editor within 60-days post event. After the Aussie Times Editor is finished with the photos, they shall be forwarded to the Business Office for historical records and inclusion in future ASCA Yearbooks. (Effective April 27, 2019)

22.4 Alcoholic Beverages

On the day of the General Membership meeting, no alcoholic beverages are to be served by the ~~Nationals Committee Host Club~~ prior to or during the meeting. No one with alcoholic beverages will be allowed to attend this meeting. (Effective April 27, 2019)

23 Premier Ten Awards

23.1 Premier Ten Dogs & Bitches

Premier Ten Awards will be chosen from Specials only. There will be a Premier Ten in Dogs and a Premier Ten in Bitches.

23.1.1 Altered Premier Ten Dogs & Bitches

There will be a Premier Ten in the Altered Dogs and a Premier Ten in the Altered Bitches. These Premier Ten will be chosen from the Altered Specials only.

23.2 Not Eligible for Premier Ten

Best of Breed, Best of Winners, and Best of Opposite Sex, are not eligible to receive a Premier Ten Award.

20.2.1 Not Eligible for Altered Premier Ten

Altered Best of Breed, Altered Best of Winners, and Altered Best of Opposite Sex are not eligible to receive a Premier Ten Award.

24 Conclusion

24.1 Communication

Every National Specialty is going to develop its own unique situations, both good and bad, and it is extremely difficult to anticipate everything that might come up. Your Point of Contact(s) and ASCA Board of Directors are here to help in any way possible and it is vital that one person--The National Chairperson--be responsible for the communication between the Show Committee and Board. This avoids duplication and in the interest of clarity, we require that it be handled that way.

24.2 Input

These Rules will be amended from time to time and any suggestions or input your club may have would be appreciated.

25 Required Ribbons and Awards

25.1 Finals Rosettes

All Finals rosettes will be ordered by the Business Office and will adhere to the costs and specifications approved by the Board. Please see the chart in the appendix.

25.2 Stockdog Finals

ASCA sponsored if no outside sponsorship is obtained.

- A. Champion Duck Dog
- B. Reserve Champion Duck Dog
- C. 3rd-10th place Ducks
- D. "Duck Finalist" for all entrants below 10th place
- E. Champion Sheep Dog
- F. Reserve Champion Sheep Dog
- G. 3rd-10th place Sheep
- H. "Sheep Finalist" for all entrants below 10th place
- I. Champion Cattle Dog
- J. Reserve Champion Cattle Dog
- K. 3rd-10th place Cattle
- L. "Cattle Finalist" for all entrants below 10th place

25.3 Obedience Finals

ASCA sponsored if no outside sponsorship is obtained.

- A. (Year) ASCA Champion Novice Obedience Dog
- B. (Year) ASCA Champion Open Obedience Dog
- C. (Year) ASCA Champion Utility Obedience Dog
- D. (Year) ASCA Champion Super Dog Obedience Dog
- E. 1st place in all classes will be a blue ribbon
- F. 2nd place in all classes will be a red ribbon
- G. 3rd place in all classes will be a yellow ribbon
- H. 4th place in all classes will be a white ribbon
- I. 5th-10th will all be same color and will have placements on ribbon

25.4 Agility Finals

ASCA sponsored if no outside sponsors are obtained. Please consult Chapter 12 of the ASCA Agility Rules and Regulations for complete details of required ribbons.

25.5 Junior Handling Finals

ASCA sponsored if no outside sponsors are obtained.

ASCA will provide Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) to be used for Best Junior Handler and Reserve Junior Handler prizes and rosettes for the ASCA Junior Handling Finals. ASCA will also provide Ten Dollars (\$10) per participant for placement and participant rosettes.

- A. 8-12 Open--1st-4th place
- B. 13-17 Open--1st-4th place
- C. Best Junior Handler
- D. Reserve Best Junior Handler
- E. National Junior Handling Finals Participant (Ribbon to all entrants below 4th place)

25.6 Conformation Finals

ASCA sponsored if no outside sponsors are obtained. Please consult Chapter 15 of the Conformation Show Rules and Regulations for complete details of required ribbons.

25.7 Most Versatile

- A. Most Versatile Australian Shepherd (Sponsored by ASCA)
- B. Most Versatile Australian Shepherd Placements 2nd-10th
- C. Most Versatile Australian Shepherd Participant (ribbon for each contestant)

25.8 Regular Stockdog Trial

- A. High in Stockdog Trial (Sponsored by ASCA)
- B. High Combined in Stockdog Trial
- C. High Combined Started Trial Dog
- D. High Score Junior in Stockdog Trial
- E. High in Trial Junior Stockdog Handler
- F. High Score Cattle
- G. High Score Sheep
- H. High Score Ducks
- I. Qualifying Score Ribbons

25.9 Regular Obedience

- A. High in Trial Obedience (Sponsored by ASCA)
- B. High Combined Obedience
- C. High Score Junior in Obedience
- D. Qualifying Score Ribbons

25.10 Regular Agility

- A. High in Trial Agility (Sponsored by ASCA)
- B. Agility High Overall Junior
- C. Agility High Overall Veteran
- D. Agility High Overall Elite
- E. Agility High Overall Open
- F. Agility High Overall Novice
- G. Qualifying Score Ribbons

25.11 Regular Conformation

- A. Best of Breed (Sponsored by ASCA)
- B. Best of Opposite Sex (Sponsored by ASCA)
- C. Best of Winners
- D. Premier Dog (10 ribbons required)
- E. Premier Bitch (10 ribbons required)
- F. Winners Dog
- G. Reserve Winners Dog
- H. Winners Bitch
- I. Reserve Winners Bitch
- J. Best of Breed Puppy
- K. Best of Opposite Sex Puppy
- L. Altered Best of Breed (sponsored by ASCA)
- M. Altered Best of Opposite Sex (sponsored by ASCA)
- N. Altered Best of Winners
- O. Premier Altered Dog (10 ribbons required)
- P. Premier Altered Bitch (10 ribbons required)
- Q. Altered Winners Dog
- R. Altered Reserve Winners Dog
- S. Altered Winners Bitch
- T. Altered Reserve Winners Bitch

25.12 Regular Rally

- A. High Scoring Dog in the regular classes
- B. Highest Combined Score in Excellent B & Masters B
- C. Highest Scoring Jr. Handler in the regular classes
- D. Qualifying
- E. X Qualifying
- F. First through Fourth Placements

25.13 All-Around Junior

ASCA offers transportation to the National Specialty for the All-Around Junior Handler for the year.

25.14 Regular Junior Handling

- A. Best Junior Handler
- B. Reserve Junior Handler

25.15 Regular Tracking

- A. Pass Ribbons

25.16 Un-Sponsored Finals Costs

ASCA will cover all un-sponsored costs for all Finals awards.

25.17 DNA Blood Draw Kits

ASCA will donate one DNA blood draw kit with test paid for by ASCA, to the following winners of the ASCA Nationals each year:

- A. Best of Breed
- B. High in Working Trial
- C. High in Obedience Trial
- D. High in Rally Trial
- E. High in Trial Agility
- F. Best Junior Handler
- G. Tracking

The Tracking recipient will be chosen in the following manner:

1. New TDX title
2. New TD title
3. Previously titled TD dog passing the TD test

- H. In the case of a tie, the Tracking Judges would select a passing dog for the award. If there are no qualifiers, the award will not be presented.

National Specialty Document List

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sanction Grant 2. Gross Receipts 3. Judge Evaluation Form 4. Point Schedule 5. Breed Standard 6. Entry Form 7. Complaint Form 8. Check List 9. Insurance Form 10. Show Changes Report 11. Dishonored Checks List 12. Conformation Show Report 13. Conformation Judges Books: (Dogs and Bitches) 14. Non-Regular Conformation Judges Books: (Dogs and Bitches) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 15. Junior Showmanship 16. Obedience Show Report 17. Obedience Judges Book 18. Rally Judge's Books 19. Rally Score Sheets 20. Stockdog Score sheets 21. Tracking Chart 22. Tracking Judges Report 23. Junior Obedience Report 24. Junior Handling Report 25. Junior Working Report 26. Judges Cover Sheet 27. Agility 28. Scorekeepers Signature Form (see Agility Rules and Regulations) |
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Dates Checklist

September 1	Judges Slate with applicable resumes and first draft of the Premium List due to the Executive Secretary
October 1	or thirty days after the draft was received by the Executive Secretary, Board comments and approval of the Judges slate will be due to the Nationals Committee Host Club
November 15	Final draft of the Premium List due to the Executive Secretary
December 15	or thirty days after the final draft was received by the Executive Secretary, final approval will be due to the Nationals Committee Host Club ; \$1,500 due to Nationals Committee Host Club from ASCA Point of Contact chosen and Committee Club notified
January 1	for September/October Nationals, camera ready copy due to the Executive Secretary
January 15	for September/October Nationals, deadline for Executive Secretary to have camera ready copy to the Aussie Times Editor for March/April issue
March 1	Sanctioning due for September/October event
March 1	for November Nationals, camera-ready copy due to the Executive Secretary
March 15	for November Nationals, deadline for Executive Secretary to have camera-ready copy to the Aussie Times Editor for May/June issue
May 1	Sanctioning due for November event

[Closing date for entries]	Finals entries money sent to Nationals Committee Host Consortium
Within 14 days of [closing date]	List of Finals qualifiers due to Nationals Committee Club for ribbon ordering
[Opening date for Nationals entries]	
[Closing date for Nationals entries]	
At least 90 days prior to Nationals	Finals budgets due to Board
60 days post event	Show results due to Business Office (Judges' Books, marked catalog, membership dues per the most recent fee schedule)
60 days post event	Photos due to Aussie Times; Show results due to Aussie Times
90 days post event	Financial Report due to Executive Secretary for all Finals events (any extensions must be requested from the ASCA Board in writing)

Premium Checklist

Premium has an eighteen-page limit including entry forms. Anything over this limit must be paid advertising by the **Nationals Committee Host Club** or free with approval of the Board. All items listed below are required to be included in the Official Premium List. (**Effective April 27, 2019**)

- A. ~~Host Club ID~~
- B. Dates
- C. Location
- D. Specialty Headquarters
- E. ASCA Officer List
- F. **Nationals Committee Host Club** Officer List
- G. National Committee List: Chair, Conformation Secretary, Stockdog Trial Course Director, Agility Secretary, Obedience Secretary, Tracking Secretary
- H. National Judges List
- I. Show Photographer
- J. Veterinarian
- K. Medical Emergency Information
- L. Schedule of Events: Meetings (Affiliate and General), Judging, Special Events, Pre-Shows, Finals, Awarding of MVA Participant Ribbons
- M. Entry Info: Fees, Classes (Agility, Conformation, Obedience, Stockdog, Tracking, Juniors), Stockdog Finals, Obedience Finals, Junior Showmanship Finals (deadline date for dog changes), Parade of Veterans, Parade of Titleholders, Parade of Rescue, any additional approved competitive events
- N. Lodging
- O. Transportation
- P. Parking
- Q. Camping
- R. Directions to Site
- S. Map of Grounds
- T. Directions to the Tracking Site
- U. Date, Time, and place of the Draw for Tracks
- V. Grooming area set-up user requirements
- W. Catalog info: Fees for pre-orders, day of show purchase and marked
- X. Catalog afterwards, advertising requirements
- Y. Trophy Donation Requirements/Availability
- Z. Special Rules---Must include mention that all rules are available from the ASCA Business Office
- AA. Entry Forms
- BB. Order Forms: Catalogs, trophies, banquet, camping, vendors

Disclaimer

Entries will be accepted by postmark date. Entries postmarked before opening date, or postmarked after closing date, will not be accepted. Entries must be on official ASCA entry form with the agreement signed on the back. Copies, if complete, will be accepted. Include copy of ASCA registration for each dog six months of age and older. For conformation purposes, dog's age will be calculated as of. No entry shall be made, and no entry shall be accepted, which specifies any conditions as to its acceptance. Entrants are responsible for errors on entry forms and no entry fee will be refunded in the event of such errors. No entry fee will be refunded after the published closing date of. With the exception of a tracking entry that is pulled prior to the start of the test, and that track can be filled with an official alternate, a refund shall be made. Entry fees shall not be refunded in the event a dog is absent, disqualified, excused by veterinarian or judge, or barred from competition by action of the Show Committee. If, because of riots, civil disturbances, or other acts beyond the control of management, it is impossible to open or complete the show, refund of entry fees or other fees will be made at the option of the **Nationals Committee Host Club**. (**Effective April 27, 2019**) Any entries received without proper fees will not be accepted. Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry. No facsimile, telegraph, telephone, or computer entry will be accepted. Overnight mail is not necessary but if used please waive signature. For immediate confirmation of receipt, please enclose stamped, self-addressed postcard. Acknowledgement of entries will be made after close of entries. Use separate entry form for each class entered. Entry information will be used to create the national Catalog, please make sure entries are easily legible and correct.

ASCA Finals Prizes and Rosettes

FINALS	AWARD	ROSETTE	PRIZE - LEVEL/COST
Agility	1st in Division	A	Level 1 \$250
	2nd - 10th	B	Level 3 \$75
	Finalists Participants	B	None
	Rounds 1st - 10th	E	None
Conformation	1st	A	Level 1 \$250
	2nd - 10th	B	Level 3 \$75
	Finalists Participants	B	None
Juniors	Best Junior	A	Level 1 \$250
	Reserve Junior	A.5	Level 2 \$150
	1st - 4th	B	Level 4 \$75
	Finalists Participants	B	None
Obedience	1st	A	Level 1 \$250
	2nd - 10th	B	Level 3 \$75
	Finalists Participants	B	None
Rally	1st	A	Level 1 \$250
	2nd - 10th	B	Level 3 \$75
	Finalists Participants	B	None
Stockdog	Champion	A	Level 1 \$250
	Reserve Champion	A.5	Level 2 \$150
	3rd - 10th	B	Level 3 \$75
	Finalists Participants	B	None

Rosette Descriptions

LEVEL	COST PER ROSETTE	DESCRIPTION
A	\$21	8.5-inch head, 7 streamers, 24-inch streamers
A.5	\$20	8-inch head, 7 streamers, 22-inch streamers
B	\$18	7.5-inch head, 7 streamers, 18-inch streamers
D	\$12	6-inch head, 5 streamers, 14-inch streamers
E	\$1	2 layered, 10-inch flat ribbon
Name Streamers - \$5 – \$7.50 each, depending on length of name.		

All Finals Qualifiers will receive a rosette labeled "Finalist," with the qualifying dog's ASCA registered name and ASCA titles entered on a side streamer. Non-ASCA titles will not be included. The name streamer will be placed on the Finals participation rosette, not on the placement rosette. All rosettes will have the date and location of the Finals. Any qualifying team that is unable to participate in the Finals is responsible for the cost of shipping their Finals rosette or requesting that the rosette be entrusted to someone else for delivery. The Nationals Committee host club is not responsible for the cost of shipping rosettes. **(Effective April 27, 2019)**

Placements will be awarded 1st-10th place. Colors for the center streamer shall be as follows for placement rosettes:

1st - blue;

3rd - yellow;

2nd - red;

4th - white,

5th - 10th - same color (to coordinate with colors of host's rosette colors) and will have placements on rosette.



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Finals Judge Contract

Affiliate Club(s) Hosting the Nationals:			
Program Finals:		Date of Finals:	
Location of Finals:			

Name of Finals Judge:			
Address:			
Email:		Phone:	

The Australian Shepherd Club of America ("ASCA"), the above listed Affiliate Club(s) Hosting the Nationals ("Host Club(s)"), and the above listed Finals Judge ("Judge") enter into the following agreement:

1. Judge agrees to act as a Judge for the above listed Finals at the above specified date and location.
2. ASCA agrees to reimburse the Host Club(s) for only the following expenses or fees incurred by the judge:
 - a. Amount equal to coach airfare (obtained by the Host Club(s) no less than 30 days prior to the Date of Finals) or mileage from Judge's home to the Location of Finals (at the allowable deductible mileage rate set by the federal government) - whichever is less.
 - b. Mileage from Judge's home to the closest airport (at the allowable deductible mileage rate set by the federal government).
 - c. Meals during the period of travel and judging - not to exceed the rate of \$ _____ per day.
 - d. Airport parking - not to exceed \$ _____ per day.
 - e. Judging fee of \$ _____ per day.
 - f. Motel expenses from the night before judging begins through the night judging ceases.
 - g. Other prior approved expenses authorized by ASCA as follows:

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* Additional expenses incurred by the Judge for family members are not reimbursable.

Signature of ASCA Representative:	X	Date:	
Signature of Host Club(s) Representative:	X	Date:	
Signature of Judge:	X	Date:	