NATIONAL SPECIALTY
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1 General Explanations

1.1 Definition of National Specialty
The "National Specialty" is a show sanctioned by ASCA, 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.

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.

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.

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.
   b. There will be pre/post-shows/trials organized for any ASCA Program held in conjunction with the ASCA National Specialty. 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.

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 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 provide an opportunity to all Affiliates who wish to take part in the ASCA National Specialty by hosting a pre-show/trial.
1.4.1.1 Request for Affiliates
In February, in the year prior to the National Specialty, the Nationals Advisory Committee will send notice via ASCA’s electronic media outlets, inviting Affiliates to apply to host a National pre-show or pre-trial.

1.4.1.2 Determining Qualifications of Affiliates to Host
Interested Affiliates will complete the online questionnaire by the designated date, indicating that they would like to host. These applications will be reviewed by the Nationals Advisory Committee to ensure the Affiliate has the expertise and workers to host the event they are volunteering for. Information provided to the National Advisory Committee will be assumed to be correct. The Committee will not be required to verify the information. The responding, qualified Affiliates will be placed in a pool of Affiliates for random selection.

1.4.1.3 Failure to Secure Enough Affiliates to Host
If not enough Affiliates apply to host a pre-show or pre-trial in all competitive programs, the Nationals Committee will host at least one pre-show / trial per competitive program.

1.4.1.4 The Procedure for the Draw
a. The random draw will be done by the Board at their Spring Meeting. The selection process will be completed at one time in full view of any who wish to attend the draw.
  b. All Affiliate names will be shown in the order of the draw, and then posted to the ASCA Website and any ASCA approved e-mail list.
  c. After the Nationals schedule and the pre-show and pre-trial contracts have been approved, the Affiliates will be asked, in order drawn, to select the pre-show / trial they wish to host. For example, number 1 will choose the date they want, followed by two, etc., until all pre-shows / trials have been spoken for.

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.

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.

1.4.4 Non-ASCA-Sanctioned Events
Any competitive event not sanctioned by ASCA, which the Nationals Committee wishes to hold must be approved by the ASCA Board of Directors.

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
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.

1.7.1 Accommodations for Nationals Chairperson
These Nationals Committee Chairpersons will have their transportation, room and board paid for Nationals, but they will not be paid any cash.

1.7.2 Ineligible to Serve as Nationals Chairperson
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.

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 Chairperson 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 after entries close and all entrants are confirmed. 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.

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.
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.

1.8.3  Refunds
Refunds to be paid per the premium will be paid by the Consortium.

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

3  Agreement
A. By acceptance of this privilege, the members of the Nationals Committee will agree to comply with and enforce all ASCA Rules, Regulations and directives of the ASCA Board of Directors.
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 2020 ASCA National Specialty.)

4  Selection of Judges
The Program Committees will develop procedures to hire Judges for the various Nationals and Finals events. 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.

5  Accounting and Financial Procedures

5.1  Checking Account
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.

5.2  Ledger
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.

5.3  Bonding of Chairperson and Entry Clerk
The Nationals Chairperson and the Nationals Entry Clerk will be bonded by ASCA for $300,000, or an amount determined by the ASCA Board.

5.4  Budget
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.

6  Premium List

6.1  Premium Guide
The Nationals Committee is encouraged to use the previous year’s Premium List as a guide in creating their Premium List.
6.2 Premium List in AT
A fifteen-page 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. Should the Nationals Committee require more than fifteen pages eighteen, the Nationals Committee must request Board of Director approval for 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 after entries close, for the additional pages at the advertising rate in force at the time of Premium list submission.

6.3 Premium List Due Dates

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<td>November 15</td>
<td>Final draft of the Premium List due to the Executive Secretary</td>
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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 no later than thirty (30) days after receipt by the Executive Secretary. The Nationals Committee 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.

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.

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 when show results are submitted to the ASCA Business Office.
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 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 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 for the use of ASCA's trademarks.

8 Show Committee

8.1 National Specialty Show Committee
The National Specialty Show Committee will organize and implement the various events described in these Rules and any others applicable to an ASCA National Specialty.

8.2 Nationals Chairperson
The Board shall approve the Nationals Chairperson.

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, acts as liaison between the Nationals Committee 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 will submit resumes for proposed Junior Finals Judges with the first draft of the Premium List.

9.10 Standard Finals Judge Contract
As part of the hiring process for Finals Judges the Nationals Committee shall employ the Standard Finals Judge Contract on Page 20. The Nationals Committee is encouraged to use the standard contract when hiring all National Specialty Judges.

10 Catalog
The following information is required to be listed in the catalog for each dog entered in the National Specialty:
A. Armband number
B. Registered name of dog
C. Call name of dog, for Agility only
D. Registered name of sire
E. Registered name of dam
F. Date of Birth
G. Names of breeder and owner
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 will make arrangements for a Board meeting room at the show grounds.

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 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 of the type and number of rooms required for Directors and any additional ASCA personnel attending the Nationals.

13  ASCA Promotional Space
Adequate spaces will be made available by the Nationals Committee for ASCA promotional display needs and ARPH display needs at no fee. Tables, chairs, electricity, etc. shall be available. The Nationals Committee can contact the ASCA Business Office for further details.

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, 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.

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 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.

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 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.

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

17.1 Budget
The Nationals Committee shall submit a proposed budget to the Board and Obedience Committee at least six (6) months prior to the Finals.

17.2 Funds
Entry fees collected by the Office will be used to cover any expenses the Nationals Committee 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, the Board of Directors and the ASCA Obedience Committee as to the amount received by August 1st of the competition year. The Nationals Committee 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.

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

18.1 Budget
The Nationals Committee shall submit a proposed budget to the Board and Agility Committee at least six (6) months prior to the Finals.

18.2 Funds
Entry fees collected by the Office will be used to cover any expenses the Nationals Committee 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, the Board of Directors and the ASCA Agility Committee as to the amount received by August 1st of the competition year. The Nationals Committee 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.

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 shall submit a proposed budget to the Board and Conformation Committee at least six (6) months prior to the Finals.

19.2 Funds
Entry fees collected by the Office will be used to cover any expenses the Nationals Committee 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, the Board of Directors and the ASCA Agility Committee as to the amount received by August 1st of the competition year. The Nationals Committee will submit their expenses to the Board of Directors.
20 Rally Finals
Please see Chapter 13 of the Rally Rules and Regulations for complete rules.

20.1 Budget and Fees
The Nationals Committee shall submit a proposed budget to the Board and Rally Committee at least six (6) months prior to the Finals.

20.2 Funds
Entry fees collected by the Office will be used to cover any expenses the Nationals Committee 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, the Board of Directors and the ASCA Rally Committee as to the amount received by August 1st of the competition year. The Nationals Committee will submit their expenses to the Board of Directors.

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. Qualifying scores received will count for Versatility only.
   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.
   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.

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 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.
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 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 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.

22.4 Alcoholic Beverages
On the day of the General Membership meeting, no alcoholic beverages are to be served by the Nationals Committee prior to or during the meeting. No one with alcoholic beverages will be allowed to attend this meeting.

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.

23.2.1 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 Paw Print Genetics Gift Certificate DNA Blood Draw Kits
ASCA will donate one Paw Print Genetics gift certificate in the amount of $49.00 DNA blood draw kit with test paid for by ASCA to the following winners of the ASCA Nationals each year: (Effective September 1, 2020)
A. Best of Breed - Intact & Altered
B. High in Working Trial
C. High in Obedience Trial
D. High in Rally Trial
E. High in Agility Trial
F. Best Junior Handler
G. Tracking
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

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)
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
26. Judges Cover Sheet
27. Agility
28. Scorekeepers Signature Form (see Agility Rules and Regulations)

Dates Checklist

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Premium Checklist

Premium has a fifteen-page eighteen-page limit including entry forms. Anything over this limit must have be paid advertising by the Nationals Committee or free with approval of the Board approval. All items listed below are required to be included in the Official Premium List. (Effective June 27, 2020)

A. Dates
B. Location
C. Specialty Headquarters
D. ASCA Officer List
E. National Committee List including: Chair, Agility Secretary, Conformation Secretary, Obedience Secretary, Rally Secretary, Stockdog Trial Course Director, Tracking Secretary
F. Agility Finals Secretary, Conformation Finals Secretary, Obedience Finals Secretary, Rally Finals Secretary, Stockdog Finals Course Director
G. National Specialty Judges List
H. Finals Judges List
I. Show Photographer
J. Veterinarian
K. Medical Emergency Information
L. Schedule of Events: Meetings (Affiliate and General), Judging, Special Events, Pre-Show, Finals, Awarding of MVA Participant Ribbons
M. Entry Info: Fees, Classes (Agility, Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Stockdog, Tracking, Juniors), Agility Finals, Conformation Finals, Obedience Finals, Rally Finals, Stockdog 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. RV Reservations/Rentals
S. Directions to Site
T. Map of Grounds
U. Directions to the Tracking Site
V. Date, Time, and place of the Draw for Tracks
W. Grooming area set-up user requirements
X. Catalog info: Fees for pre-orders, day of show purchase and marked
Y. Catalog afterwards, advertising requirements
Z. Trophy Donation Requirements/Availability
AA. Special Rules---Must include mention that all rules are available from the ASCA Business Office
BB. Entry Forms
CC. 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. 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

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<td>8.5-inch head, 7 streamers, 24-inch streamers</td>
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<td>7.5-inch head, 7 streamers, 18-inch streamers</td>
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<td>D</td>
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<td>6-inch head, 5 streamers, 14-inch streamers</td>
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<td>E</td>
<td>$1</td>
<td>2 layered, 10-inch flat ribbon</td>
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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 is not responsible for the cost of shipping rosettes.

Placements will be awarded 1st-10th place. Colors for the center streamer shall be as follows for placement rosettes:
1st - blue;
2nd - red;
3rd - yellow;
4th - white,
5th - 10th - same color (to coordinate with colors of host's rosette colors) and will have placements on rosette.