



**AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD
CLUB OF AMERICA**

NATIONAL SPECIALTY HOSTING RULES

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Section 1. APPLICATION

- 1.1 The ASCA National Specialty will be held between September 1 and December 1.
- 1.2 The Application to host the ASCA National Specialty is available from the Executive Secretary.
- 1.3 National Specialty Host Clubs 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.
- 1.4 The applicant(s) will be notified within 7 days of the decision by the Executive Secretary. The Host Club will be notified of their Point of Contact(s) with the Board.
- 1.5 By acceptance of this privilege, the Host Club will agree to comply with and enforce all ASCA Rules, Regulations and directives of the ASCA Board of Directors.
- 1.6 Any competitive event not sanctioned by ASCA, which the Host Club wishes to hold must be approved by the ASCA Board of Directors.

Section 2. PREMIUM LIST

- 2.1 The Host Club is encouraged to use the previous year's Premium List as a guide in creating their Premium List.
- 2.2 A fourteen page Premium List, including entry forms, will be printed in the March/April issue of the AUSSIE TIMES at no expense to the Host Club. Should the Host Club require additional pages, they must request Board approval of those pages when the first draft is submitted. If the Board approves the additional pages, they will be printed free of charge, if the Board disapproves the additional pages, the Host Club will be billed by the Editor of the AUSSIE TIMES after entries close at the rate of advertising when the Premium list was submitted.

2.3 PREMIUM LIST DUE DATES

- September 1 Judges Slate with applicable resumes and first draft of the Premium List due to the Executive Secretary. Premium list will not be approved until all resumes are received.
- 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 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 Host Club.
- January 1 For September/October Nationals, camera ready copy due to the Executive Secretary
- January 17 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 17 For November Nationals, deadline for Executive Secretary to have camera-ready copy to the AUSSIE TIMES Editor for May/June issue.

2.4 Upon approval of the final Premium List, the Host Club will receive \$1500 from ASCA as ASCA's sponsorship. The entry fees for all ASCA Program Finals will be forwarded to the Club after entries close and all entrants are confirmed.

2.5 ~~The first draft of the Premium List, as well as all Judges resumes, (except ASCA Breeder Judges and ASCA Stock Dog Judges), must be received by the Executive Secretary on or before September 1 of the preceding year.~~ 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 Host Club no later than thirty (30) days after receipt by the Executive Secretary. The 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.

2.6 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 page 5, Junior Handling rules, last section under Junior Handling classes).

2.7 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.

2.8 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 HOST CLUB

Section 3 SANCTIONING AND PAPERWORK REQUIRED

3.1 ~~No sanctioning fee will be required. The event membership dues of \$.50 per entry will be paid by the Host Club when show results are submitted to the ASCA Business Office.~~ No sanctioning fee will be required. The event membership dues as set by the Board of Directors will be paid by the Host Club when show results are submitted to the ASCA Business Office. Effective 12/31/2009

3.2 All Sanctioning Forms (Agility, Conformation, Obedience, 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.

3.3 The Nationals 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 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 Host Club for the use of ASCA's trademarks.

Section 4. SHOW COMMITTEE

4.1 The Host Club 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.

4.2 ~~The following people are REQUIRED on the ASCA National Specialty Show Committee: National Chairperson, Conformation Secretary, Stockdog Trial Course Director, Agility Secretary, Obedience Secretary, and Tracking Secretary.~~ The following people are REQUIRED on the ASCA National Specialty Show Committee: National Chairperson, Agility Secretary, Conformation Secretary, Obedience Secretary, Rally Secretary, Stockdog Trial Course Director, and Tracking Secretary.

4.3 The National Chairperson oversees all Secretaries and Course Director, acts as the ultimate authority over all venues, acts as liaison between the Host Club and the ASCA Board.

Section 5. JUDGES

5.1 ~~Judges must be approved by the ASCA Board of Directors except Stockdog and Senior Breeder Judges.~~ Judges must be approved by the Board of Directors.

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

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

5.4 ~~The Regular Dog and Regular Bitch Judges will be ASCA Senior Breeder Judges. Any other Judges required must still come from the ASCA Approved Conformation Judges List; however it is strongly recommended that Breeder Judges be used exclusively. Provisional Judges are not eligible.~~ 5.4 The Regular Dog and Regular Bitch (Intact and Altered) Judges will be approved ASCA Senior Breeder Judges. Approved Breeder Judges may only judge Non-Regular classes. Provisional Breeder Judges are not eligible to judge any classes at the National Specialty. Best of Breed may be judged by one (1) judge, or by the three (3) Judge System. In the event one (1) judge is used, such judge must come from the ASCA Senior Breeder Judges List. In the event the three (3) Judge System is used for Best of Breed competition, the two (2) Regular Dog and Bitch Judges will judge Best of Breed. The third Best of Breed Judge must come from the ASCA Approved Senior Breeder Judge's List. In all cases, a Lead Judge will be designated. The Lead Judge will be the one with the most years of service as a Senior Breeder Judge.

5.4.1 ~~Judges for Altered Classes: ASCA approved Conformation Judges must be used. Only Approved Breeder judges may be eligible to judge this event at the National Specialty~~

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

5.6 ~~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 recommended by the Stockdog Committee.~~ 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. Effective 11/30/2009

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

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

5.9 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

5.10 The ASCA Board of Directors will approve the Junior Handling Finals Judge, preferably from the region where the event will be held. The Host Club will submit resumes for proposed Junior Finals Judges with the first draft of the Premium List.

Section 6. CATALOG

The following information is required to be listed in the catalog for each dog entered in the National Specialty: Armband number; Registered name of dog; Call name of dog for Agility only; registered name of sire; registered name of dam; Date of Birth; Names of breeder and owner; Name of handler for Agility only.

Section 7. 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. (Effective 1-1-08)

Part 2:

TD fields must be open fields of consistent cover free of obstacles with at least 5-7 acres in area for each TD track TDX fields must be of both open and mixed cover in an area of at least 20-27 acres in area for each TDX track. Judges must approve the site of the tracking test and determine the number of tracks before the premium goes to publication. Fields for the National Tracking test cannot be changed once they have been published in the Premium unless permission is given by both National test judges.

Section 8. MEETING AND BOARD ACCOMMODATIONS

8.1 The Host Club 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.

8.2 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.

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

Section 9. ASCA PROMOTIONAL SPACES

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

Section 10. JUNIOR HANDLING/JUNIOR HANDLING FINALS

10.1 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.

~~10.2 Junior Handling Finals will be scheduled at 1 PM on the date of Best of Breed competition. All other conformation show classes will cease during the Junior Handling Finals classes.~~ Junior Handling Finals will be scheduled by the 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 12/31/2009

10.3 Highlight the Regular Nationals Junior Handling during a prime time.

10.4: 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.

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

10.6 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.

Section 11. NATIONAL STOCKDOG TRIAL

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

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

Section 12. NATIONAL STOCKDOG FINALS

12.1 The final budget for the Finals is due at least ninety (90) days prior to the Nationals. Budget must state the number of head of stock to be used in each go-round and final go-round.

12.2 The following positions need to be filled:

- a) ~~Assistants to the Judges-- Four assistants will need to be provided, one to each Judge. Each assistant will check to see all blanks on the score sheets are filled in, check for Judge's signature, check to be sure time is filled in, and add the total score or check to see if total score is correct if Judges have already totaled the score sheet.~~ Assistants to the Judges-- One assistant for each Judge for the elimination round and one assistant for each judge for the placement rounds. Each assistant will check to see all blanks on the score sheets are filled, check for the Judge's signature, check that run time is entered, and add the total score or check to see if total score is correct if the Judge has totaled the score. Effective 11/30/2009

- b) Two Scorekeepers--Each scorekeeper will recheck addition of score sheets and if an error is found, will contact the appropriate Judge for his/her correction and initials on such correction. Both scorekeepers will recheck all Finals Forms for errors prior to handing out awards.
- c) Two Timekeepers--Each timekeeper will be provided a stopwatch and will keep time on each run independently. At the end of each run, times from both watches will be compared and the time will be announced.
- d) One Score sheet Runner--This individual will pick up score sheets after each run is completed and deliver to scorekeepers.
- e) Stock Handlers--A minimum of two stock handlers for ducks, sheep and cattle.
- f) Equipment needed--Arm bands, chairs and tables for each arena, calculators (2), stopwatches (2), clipboards (2), stapler and staples, scotch tape, white-out, push pins, broad-tip markers, pads of lined paper (2), pens, medium 3/4" binder clips, scoreboard to post scores, case or box to carry everything in.
- g) Shade or covered areas for Judges
- h) Run order for each Judge.

It is recommended contacting the SDC and the ASCA BOD for volunteers for these positions. Please use individuals knowledgeable of their duties.

12.3 Finals Judges or a representative from the SDC will check the arenas prior to the start of Finals, preferably the day before.

12.4 The ASCA BOD will be responsible for selection of the first place trophies. The Host Club or ASCA SDC may make suggestions to the ASCA BOD. Funding for Championship trophies may be obtained by the Host Club, from funds raised for the Finals or from the ASCA General Fund.

12.5 The ASCA BOD and the ASCA SDC must approve the budget for the Stockdog Finals. The Host Club must provide a preliminary budget for the Finals at least 6 months prior to the Nationals and a copy of the sanctioning form must be provided. (This budget must include the anticipated cost of all livestock, including transportation, feed, handling, etc.) Contracts for the show grounds and stock providers must accompany the proposed budget.

12.6 Livestock provided must be suitable for trialing. The quality of the stock affects the quality of the Finals. Please obtain the best stock possible. After the stock has been delivered, they should be checked to make sure they are appropriately fed and watered. The livestock must be watered throughout each day while they are being used in all trials.

- a) The Host Club must have a Small and Large Animal Veterinarian on call and the phone numbers available at all times during the Nationals and Finals events.

12.7 The Host Club will provide the Aussie Times Editor with the Results of the Finals, to be published with the Show/Trial report for the National. Each dog will be listed, with the owner identified and all scores earned.

12.8 ASCA Business Office will mail Finals payback checks after the Finals

12.9 Ribbons: The Host Club will be responsible for obtaining the Finals ribbons. The Host Club will be provided with a list of the Finals Qualifiers within 14 days of verification of entries by the ASCA Business Office. Twelve dollars shall be budgeted for each Champion and Reserve Champion ribbon. Ten dollars shall be budgeted for each 3rd through 10th placing ribbon. The center streamer of every ribbon shall

have printed on it: ASCA (year) National Stockdog Finals, Hosted by (Host Club name). One side streamer shall have printed on it the dog's name. (Name streamers must be provided for all Finals qualifiers.) For the top ten placings, the other side streamer shall state the type of stock and the proper "Champion", "Reserve Champion" or the numerical placement. For the rest of the finalists, the second side streamer shall state the type of stock and "Qualifier". Final assembly of ribbons to attach proper name streamers to placement or Qualifier ribbons will be required of the Host Club.

12.10 The National Catalog will contain a list of all Finals Qualifiers by class of stock. The following information must be provided for each dog: sire, dam, owner, date of birth, sex, breeder, and handler.

Section 13: OBEDIENCE FINALS

Please see Obedience Rule Book for complete rules.

13.1 Budget: Host Club shall submit a proposed budget to the Board and Obedience Committee at least six (6) months prior to the Finals.

13.2 Funds: Entry fees collected by the Office will be used to cover any expenses the 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 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 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.

13.3 Positions necessary: 2 judges. 6 stewards.

13.4 Equipment necessary: 2 complete ring set-ups, 2 full sets of regulation jumps, arm bands, chairs and tables for each ring, calculators (2), stopwatches (2), clipboards (2), stapler and staples, scotch tape, white-out, push pins, broad-tip markers, pads of lined paper (2), pens, scoreboard to post scores, shade or covered areas for Judges, Run Order for each Judge, cards for exercises for Super Dog. If mats are required, the entire ring(s) should be matted.

13.5 Trophies and Ribbons: Costs for trophies and ribbons shall come from entry fees and/or donated monies. The Host Club(s) is responsible for procuring trophies and ribbons. All placements will be awarded including non-qualifying scores.

- a) Trophies: A special award or trophy will be given to the winner of each class (Novice, Open, Utility and Super Dog).
- b) Ribbons: Rosettes will be awarded for each class placement from 1st to 10th place. All exhibitors not placing in the top ten in each class will receive a participation rosette labeled "Finalist". All ribbons will have the date and location of the Obedience Finals printed on them. (Please see [new numbered] Section 21 for complete list of ribbons required.)

13.6 The National Catalog will contain a list of all Finals Qualifiers by class. The following information must be provided for each dog: sire, dam, owner, date of birth, sex, breeder, and handler.

13.7 The Host Club will provide the Aussie Times Editor with the Results of the Finals, to be published with the Show/Trial report for the Nationals. Each dog will be listed, with the owner identified and all scores earned.

Section 14: AGILITY FINALS

Please see Agility Rule Book for complete rules.

14.1 Budget: Host Club shall submit a proposed budget to the Board and Agility Committee at least six (6) months prior to the Finals.

14.2 Funds: Entry fees collected by the Office will be used to cover any expenses the 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 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 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.

14.3 Positions necessary

1 judge	3 jump setters 1 chute setter
2 timers	1 scorer (score table)
1 scribe	Ribbon preparers (can be the same people as above)
1 gate keeper	4 course builders (can be the same people as above)
1 score runner	

14.4 Equipment necessary: Regulation obstacles, arm bands, chairs and tables for each ring, calculators (2), stopwatches (2), clipboards (2), stapler and staples, scotch tape, white-out, push pins, broad-tip markers, pads of lined paper (2), pens, scoreboard to post scores, shade or covered areas for Judges, Run Order for Judge.

14.5 Trophies and Ribbons: Costs for trophies and ribbons shall come from entry fees and/or donated monies. The Host Club(s) is responsible for procuring trophies and ribbons. All placements will be awarded including non-qualifying scores.

- a) Trophies: A special award or trophy will be given to the winner of each class (Regular Round #1, Regular Round #2, Jumpers, and Gamblers).
- b) Ribbons: Rosettes will be awarded for each class placement and for Overall from 1st to 10th place. All exhibitors not placing in the top ten in each class will receive a participation rosette labeled "Finalist". The Champion Agility Dog shall receive a rosette. All ribbons will have the date, placement and location of the Agility Finals printed on them. (Please see [new numbered] Section 21 for complete list of ribbons required.) All class and Overall placement and Finalist ribbons shall have a side streamer with the dog's full registered name and titles printed on it.

14.6 The National Catalog will contain a list of all Finals Qualifiers by class. The following information must be provided for each dog: sire, dam, owner, date of birth, sex, breeder and handler.

14.7 The Host Club will provide the Aussie Times Editor with the Results of the Finals, to be published with the Show/Trial report for the Nationals. Each dog will be listed, with the owner identified and all scores earned.

Section 15. CONFORMATION FINALS

Please see the Conformation Shoe Rules and Regulations for complete rules

15.1 BUDGET AND FEES

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

15.2 Funds: Entry fees collected by the Office will be used to cover any expenses the 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 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 Host Club(s) will submit their expenses to the Board of Directors.

Section 16. MOST VERSATILE AUSSIE AWARD

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

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

16.3 Bitches in season entered in Versatility must run last in obedience or in a separate ring at the option of the Host Club. Qualifying scores received will count for Versatility only.

16.4 Bitches in season entered in Versatility must run last in Tracking and will be kept away from the Tracking area until called.

16.5 Bitches in season entered in Versatility must be accommodated in the Stock Dog Trial

16.6 Bitches in season are allowed to compete at the National Agility Trial. Please consult Chapter 9 Section 2 of the ASCA Agility rulebook for complete rules.

16.7 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 Host Club. 15.8 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.

Section 17. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

17.1 Tracking must be offered at the ASCA National Specialty

17.2 Detailed expense reports must be submitted to the ASCA Board of Directors for all ASCA Program Finals within ninety (90) days after the last day of the Nationals. Each report must include, but is not limited to, a complete accounting of all receipts including judges' expenses, ribbons/trophies, equipment, etc. If you are in doubt as to what information is to be included on your expense reports, contact the Executive Secretary.

17.3 Each 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 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.

17.4 On the day of the General Membership meeting, no alcoholic beverages are to be served by the Host Club prior to or during the meeting. No one with alcoholic beverages will be allowed to attend this meeting.

Section 18. PREMIER TEN AWARDS

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

18.1.1 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.

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

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

Section 19. CONCLUSION

19.1 Every National Specialty is going to develop it's 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.

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

Section 20. REQUIRED RIBBONS AND AWARDS

Stockdog Finals

(ASCA sponsored if no outside sponsorship is obtained--see also Sections 12.4, 12.8 and 12.9 of these rules)

Champion Duck Dog	Obedience Finals: (ASCA sponsored if no outside sponsorship is obtained)
Reserve Champion Duck Dog	(Year) ASCA Champion Novice Obedience Dog
3rd-10th place Ducks	(Year) ASCA Champion Open Obedience Dog
"Duck Finalist" for all entrants below 10th place	(Year) ASCA Champion Utility Obedience Dog
Champion Sheep Dog	(Year) ASCA Champion Super Dog Obedience Dog
Reserve Champion Sheep Dog	1st place in all classes will be a blue ribbon
3rd-10th place Sheep	2nd place in all classes will be a red ribbon
"Sheep Finalist" for all entrants below 10th place	3rd place in all classes will be a yellow ribbon
Champion Cattle Dog	4th place in all classes will be a white ribbon
Reserve Champion Cattle Dog	5th-10th will all be same color and will have placements on ribbon
3rd-10th place Cattle	
"Cattle Finalist" for all entrants below 10th place	

Agility Finals (ASCA sponsored if no outside sponsors are obtained)

Please consult Chapter 8 of the ASCA Agility Rules and Regulations for complete details of required ribbons.

National Junior Handling Finals (ASCA sponsored if no outside sponsors are obtained)

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

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.

Most Versatile

Most Versatile Australian Shepherd (Sponsored by ASCA--see Section 13.7 of these rules)

Most Versatile Australian Shepherd Placements 2nd-10th

Most Versatile Australian Shepherd Participant (ribbon for each contestant)

Regular Stockdog Trial

High In Stockdog Trial (Sponsored by ASCA)

High Score Cattle

High Combined in Stockdog Trial

High Score Sheep

High Combined Started Trial Dog

High Score Ducks

High Score Junior in Stockdog Trial

Qualifying Score Ribbons

High In Trial Junior Stockdog Handler

Regular Obedience

High In Trial Obedience (Sponsored by ASCA)

High Score Junior in Obedience

High Combined Obedience

Qualifying Score Ribbons

Agility

High In Trial Agility (Sponsored by ASCA)

Agility High Overall Open

Agility High Overall Junior

Agility High Overall Novice

Agility High Overall Veteran

Qualifying Score Ribbons

Agility High Overall Elite

Conformation

Best of Breed (Sponsored by ASCA)

Best of Opposite Sex Puppy

Best of Opposite Sex (Sponsored by ASCA)

Altered Best of Breed (sponsored by ASCA)

Best of Winners

Altered Best of Opposite Sex (sponsored by ASCA)

Premier Dog (10 ribbons required)

Altered Best of Winners

Premier Bitch (10 ribbons required)

Premier Altered Dog (10 ribbons required)

Winners Dog

Premier Altered Bitch (10 ribbons required)

Reserve Winners Dog

Altered Winners Dog

Winners Bitch

Altered Reserve Winners Dog

Reserve Winners Bitch

Altered Winners Bitch

Best of Breed Puppy

Altered Reserve Winners Bitch

Rally

High Scoring Dog in the regular classes

First through Fourth Placements

Highest Combined Score in Excellent B and

All Around Junior (Sandy Tubbs Memorial

Masters B

Trophy--sponsored by ASCA)

Highest Scoring Jr. Handler in the regular

Regular Junior Handling:

classes

Best Junior Handler

Qualifying

Reserve Junior Handler

X Qualifying

Tracking

Qualifying Score Pass Ribbons

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

ASCA will cover all un-sponsored costs for all 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.

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

- *Best of Breed
- *High in Working Trial
- *High in Obedience Trial
- *High in Trial Agility
- *Best Jr. Handler
- *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

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.

* High in Rally Trial

APPENDIX A

The following items will be sent to the Host Club by the ASCA Office

NATIONAL SPECIALTY DOCUMENT LIST

Sanction Grant	Junior Showmanship
Gross Receipts	Obedience Show Report
Judge Evaluation Form	Obedience Judges Book
Point Schedule	Rally Judge's Books
Breed Standard	Rally Score Sheets
Entry Form	Stockdog Score sheets
Complaint Form	Tracking Chart
Check List	Tracking Judges Report
Insurance Form	Junior Obedience Report
Show Changes Report	Junior Handling Report
Dishonored Checks List	Junior Working Report
Conformation Show Report	Judges Cover Sheet
Conformation Judges Books: (Dogs & Bitches)	Agility
Non-Regular Conformation Judges Books: (Dogs & Bitches)	Scorekeepers Signature Form (see Agility Rules and Regulations)

DATES CHECKLIST

- September 1 Judges slate with resumes and first draft of Premium list due to Ex. Sec.
- October 1 Board comments/approval of Premium due to the Executive Secretary
- November 1 Final draft of Premium due to Ex. Sec

- December 15 Final approval of Premium due to Club; \$1500 due Host Club from ASCA. Point of Contact chosen and Club notified.
- January 1 Camera ready copy of Premium due to Ex. Sec. for Sept/Oct National. (Ex. Sec. will submit to AT editor by Jan. 17)
- March 1 Camera ready copy of Premium due to Ex. Sec. for Nov. National. (Ex. Sec. will submit to AT editor by Mar. 17)
- March 1 Sanctioning due for Sept/Oct event
- May 1 Sanctioning due for Nov. event

_____ (Closing date for entries)---Finals entries money sent to Host Club.

_____ (Within 14 days of closing) ---List of Finals qualifiers due to Club for ribbon ordering.

_____ Opening date for Nationals entries

_____ Closing date for Nationals entries

_____ Finals budgets due to Board---At least 90 days prior to National

_____ 30 days post event---Show Results due to Business Office (judges books, marked catalog, 50 cents per entry)

_____ 60 days post event---Photos due to Aussie Times, show results due to Aussie Times

_____ 120 days post event---Financial Report due to Ex. Sec. for all Finals events (any extensions must be requested from the ASCA Board in writing)

PREMIUM CHECKLIST

Premium has a 14 page limit including entry forms. Anything over this limit must be paid advertising by the Host Club or free with approval of the Board. All items listed below are required to be included in the Official Premium List.

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| a) Host Club ID | j) Show Photographer |
| b) Dates | k) Veterinarian |
| c) Location | l) Medical Emergency Information |
| d) Specialty Headquarters | m) Schedule of Events---Meetings (Affiliate and General), judging, special event, pre-shows, Finals, awarding of MVA participant ribbons |
| e) ASCA Officer List | n) Entry info---Fees, Classes (Agility, Conformation, Obedience, Stockdog, Tracking, Juniors), Stockdog Finals, Obedience Finals, Jr. Showmanship |
| f) Host Club Officer list | |
| g) National Committee List---Chair, Conformation Secretary, Stockdog Trial | |
| h) Course Director, Agility Secretary, Obedience Secretary, Tracking Secretary | |
| i) National Judges List | |

- o) Finals (deadline date for dog changes), Parade of Veterans, Parade of
- p) Titleholders, Parade of Rescue, any additional approved competitive events
- q) Lodging
- r) Transportation
- s) Parking
- t) Camping
- u) Directions to Site
- v) Map of Grounds
- w) Directions to the Tracking Site
- x) Date, Time, and place of the Draw for Tracks
- y) Grooming area set-up user requirements
- z) Catalog info---fees for pre-orders, day of show purchase and marked
- aa) catalog afterwards, advertising requirements
- bb) Trophy Donation Requirements/Availability
- cc) Special Rules---Must include mention that all rules are available from the ASCA Business Office
- dd) Entry Forms
- ee) 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 Host Club. 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.

