

This motion is to create a new program (called the ACE - Agility Competition Enthusiast). The current program will be called the Championship program. This motion is to create a Standard Division in the ACE program which will allow dogs to jump one height lower than their Standard division height in the Championship program.

Section 2.5.4 Jump Height Tables currently reads:

2.5.4 Jump Height Tables

The Standard Division jump heights are: 8", 12", 16", 20", 20+" and 24". Clubs must offer all ASCA Standard Division jump heights at trials. The 24" jump height is an optional jump height for the dog and class placements may be combined with the 20+" class. The Veterans Division shall offer separate classes and placements for dogs measuring over 18" (16" veterans class) and dogs measuring over 20" (16+" veterans class). A handler may not enter a dog in the Veterans Division at a jump height higher than the lowest height the dog is eligible for. Dogs entered in the Junior Handler Division classes may jump at the dog's standard jump height or 4" lower. The following table lists the maximum height required in each jump height category.

JUMP HEIGHT TABLE - Dog's Height at Withers for ASCA Sanctioned Trials

	Small Dogs		Medium Dogs	Large Dogs	
Standard Division	Withers 11" & under Jump 8"	Withers 14" & under (>11" & ≤14") Jump 12"	Withers 18" & under (>14" & ≤18") Jump 16"	Withers 20" & under (>18" & ≤20") Jump 20"	Withers over 20" are in the 20"+ class Jump 20" (may jump 24")
Jr. Handler Division	Withers 11" & under Jump 4" or 8"	Withers 14" & under (>11" & ≤14") Jump 8" or 12"	Withers 18" & under (>14" & ≤18") Jump 12" or 16"	Withers 20" & under (>18" & ≤20") Jump 16" or 20"	Withers over 20" are in the 16+" or 20"+ class Jump 16" or 20" (may jump 24")
Veterans Division	Withers 11" & under Jump 4"	Withers 14" & under (>11" & ≤14") Jump 8"	Withers 18" & under (>14" & ≤18") Jump 12"	Withers 20" & under (>18" & ≤20") Jump 16"	Withers over 20" are in the 16"+ class Jump 16"

Jump Ht Metric Conversion 4" (10.2 cm), 8" (20.3 cm), 12" (30.5 cm), 16" (40.6 cm), 20" (50.8 cm), 24" (61 cm) ~ shown to one decimal place to be more accurate

Proposed changes to Section 2.5.4 Jump Height Tables:

2.5.4 Jump Height Tables

The Standard Division jump heights are: 4" (ACE program), 8", 12", 16", 20", 20+" and 24". Clubs must offer all ASCA Standard Division jump heights at trials. The 24" jump height is an optional jump height for the dog in the Championship program and class placements may be combined with the 20+" class. Clubs shall offer separate classes and placements for each division in both the Championship and ACE programs for dogs measuring over 18" but under 20" and dogs measuring over 20".

Dogs entered in the Junior Handler Division classes may jump at the dog's standard jump height or 4" lower.

In the Standard Division in the Championship program, a handler may enter a dog at a jump height higher than the minimum height the dog is required to jump. A dog jumping at a higher jump height will be scored and have the course time of the jump height class in which the dog participates.

The following table lists the maximum height required in each jump height category.

JUMP HEIGHT TABLE - Dog's Height at Withers for ASCA Sanctioned Trials

Championship Program					
	Small Dogs		Medium Dogs	Large Dogs	
Standard Division	Withers 11" & under Jump 8"	Withers 14" & under (>11" & ≤14") Jump 12"	Withers 18" & under (>14" & ≤18") Jump 16"	Withers 20" & under (>18" & ≤20") are in the 20" class Jump 20"	Withers over 20" are in the 20"+ class Jump 20" (may jump 24")
Jr. Handler Division	Withers 11" & under Jump 4" or 8"	Withers 14" & under (>11" & ≤14") Jump 8" or 12"	Withers 18" & under (>14" & ≤18") Jump 12" or 16"	Withers 20" & under (>18" & ≤20") are in the 16" or 20" class Jump 16" or 20"	Withers over 20" are in the 16" or 20"+ class Jump 16" or 20" (may jump 24")
Veterans Division	Withers 11" & under Jump 4"	Withers 14" & under (>11" & ≤14") Jump 8"	Withers 18" & under (>14" & ≤18") Jump 12"	Withers 20" & under (>18" & ≤20") are in the 16" class Jump 16"	Withers over 20" are in the 16"+ class Jump 16"
ACE Program					
Standard Division	Withers 11" & under Jump 4"	Withers 14" & under (>11" & ≤14") Jump 8"	Withers 18" & under (>14" & ≤18") Jump 12"	Withers 20" & under (>18" & ≤20") are in the 16" class Jump 16"	Withers over 20" are in the 16"+ class Jump 16"

Jump Height Metric Conversion 4" (10.2 cm), 8" (20.3 cm), 12" (30.5 cm), 16" (40.6 cm), 20" (50.8 cm), 24" (61 cm) ~ shown to one decimal place to be more accurate.

The beginning of CHAPTER 3 – SANCTIONED CLASSES, DIVISIONS AND LEVELS currently reads:

CHAPTER 3 –SANCTIONED CLASSES, DIVISIONS AND LEVELS

Section 3.1 General Descriptions

The ASCA titling structure is based upon **classes**, divisions and *levels*. The **classes** are **Regular, Jumpers** and **Gamblers** (see the following chapter for detailed information on the classes). The Divisions offered are Standard, Veterans, and Junior Handlers. The three *levels* offered are *Novice, Open* and *Elite*.

In ASCA sanctioned trials, qualifying rounds executed at a level higher than that needed for a lower level ASCA requirement shall be credited for points needed at the lower level title.

‘Finals’ point accumulation for a particular class will not begin until the novice and open titles in that class are completed.

Proposed Changes to the beginning of CHAPTER 3 – SANCTIONED CLASSES, DIVISIONS AND LEVELS:

CHAPTER 3 – **CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM - SANCTIONED CLASSES, DIVISIONS AND LEVELS**

Section 3.1 General Descriptions

The ASCA **Championship Program** titling structure is based upon **classes**, divisions and *levels*. The **classes** are **Regular, Jumpers** and **Gamblers** (see **another** chapter for detailed information on the classes). The Divisions offered are Standard, Veterans, and Junior Handlers. The three *levels* offered are *Novice, Open* and *Elite*.

Each dog and handler team can only enter either the Championship program or ACE program on any one day of a trial. Points from the two programs will be separate and will not be combined except for certain elite titles from the Championship program that may be moved to the ACE program. The ‘transferring’ of points will only be made once and must be requested in writing and sent to the Business office.

In ASCA sanctioned trials, qualifying rounds executed at a level higher than that needed for a lower level ASCA requirement shall be credited for points needed at the lower level title. **Note: once a dog earns a qualifying score at a higher level, it can no longer return to compete at a lower level within the Championship Program.**

‘Finals’ point accumulation for a particular class will not begin until the novice and open titles in that class are completed.

Section 3.2.4 Moving to another Level – Class Entry Restrictions currently reads:

3.2.4 Moving to another Level - Class Entry Restrictions

Once a dog has completed the requirements in one level of a class on the first day of a show, the handler may choose to move the dog up to the next level for any rounds of that class offered the second day, if the club has offered second day move-ups. Clubs are not required to allow move-ups during a multiple day trial. Dogs shall not move up to a new level in between rounds on the same day.

A handler is **never** required to move a dog up to a higher level of competition after a title is completed.

When a dog moves on to the next level of competition, they may return to the previous level if they have not yet received a qualifying round at the new level.

Once a dog has earned a qualifying round at a level, they shall not return to a lower level.

Change to read:

Once a dog has completed the requirements in one level of a class on **one** day of a show, the handler may choose to move the dog up to the next level for any rounds of that class offered the **next** day, if the club has offered **next** day move-ups. Clubs are not required to allow move-ups during a multiple day trial. Dogs shall not move up to a new level in between rounds on the same day.

A handler is **never** required to move a dog up to a higher level of competition after a title is completed.

When a dog moves on to the next level of competition in the **Championship Program**, they may return to the previous level if they have not yet received a qualifying score/round at the new level.

Once a dog has earned a qualifying round at a level, they shall not return to a lower level.

This is a new chapter (All following chapters will be renumbered)

CHAPTER 4 – ACE PROGRAM (Agility Competition Enthusiast) - SANCTIONED CLASSES, DIVISIONS AND LEVELS

Section 4.1 General Descriptions

The ASCA ACE Program titling structure is based upon **classes**, divisions and *levels*. The **classes** are **Regular**, **Jumpers** and **Gamblers** (see another chapter for detailed information on the classes). The Division offered is Standard.

The three *levels* offered are *Novice*, *Open* and *Elite*.

The same ACE classes/divisions/levels must be offered as the Championship classes/divisions/levels. For example, if Elite Regular in the Championship program is offered on Friday, then Elite Regular in the ACE program must also be offered.

Each dog and handler team can only enter either the Championship program or ACE program on any one day of a trial. Points from the two programs will be separate and will not be combined except for certain elite titles from the Championship program that may be moved to the ACE program. The ‘transferring’ of points will only be made once and must be requested in writing and sent to the Business Office.

In ASCA sanctioned trials, qualifying rounds executed at a level higher than that needed for a lower level ASCA requirement shall be credited for points needed at the lower level title. Note: dogs moving from the Championship program to the ACE program will be allowed to compete at a lower level if a qualifying score at a higher level has been obtained in the Championship program. However, once a dog earns a qualifying score at a higher level in the ACE program, it can no longer return to compete at a lower level within the ACE Program.

The following lists the classes, divisions and levels of ASCA certified classes.

Class:	<u>Division:</u>	<i>Level:</i>	Class:	<u>Division:</u>	<i>Level:</i>	Class:	<u>Division:</u>	<i>Level:</i>
Regular	<u>Standard</u>	<i>Novice</i>	Jumpers	<u>Standard</u>	<i>Novice</i>	Gamblers	<u>Standard</u>	<i>Novice</i>
Regular	<u>Standard</u>	<i>Open</i>	Jumpers	<u>Standard</u>	<i>Open</i>	Gamblers	<u>Standard</u>	<i>Open</i>
Regular	<u>Standard</u>	<i>Elite</i>	Jumpers	<u>Standard</u>	<i>Elite</i>	Gamblers	<u>Standard</u>	<i>Elite</i>

Section 4.2 – Levels

4.2.1 Novice Level

The Novice level is the first entry level for every class. Dogs entered in the ACE program may enter the novice classes even if qualifying scores have been obtained at a higher level in the Championship program. The purpose of dividing any class level into A/B categories is in the fairness of competition. If the dog and handler are just beginning Agility competition, they should compete in the Novice A category. If the dog or handler has previously earned a Regular Agility – Novice title, a Gamblers Agility – Novice title, or a Jumpers Agility – Novice title or any of the equivalents from any international style agility association, then they must enter in the Novice B category for that particular class. All ASCA Agility Judges must compete in the B category if offered by the Host club. The Gamblers classes and Jumpers classes may or may not be divided into A/B categories at the discretion of the Host club, based upon the estimated number of entries. The Regular Agility class shall always be divided into A/B categories at the Novice Level.

4.2.2 Open Level

If the handler and dog are just beginning Open Agility competition, then they should compete in the Open A category for that class, if it is offered by the club. If the handler has previously earned any Open level title or their equivalents from any international style agility association, then they must enter in the Open B category for that class. All ASCA Agility Judges must compete in the B category if offered by the Host club. The Regular Agility class, Gamblers class and Jumpers class may or may not be divided into A/B categories at the discretion of the Host club, based upon the estimated number of entries.

4.2.3 Elite Level

If the handler and dog are just beginning Elite Agility competition, then they should compete in the Elite A category for that class, if it is offered by the club. If the handler has previously earned any Elite level title or their equivalents from any international style agility association, then they must enter in the Elite B category for that class. All ASCA Agility Judges must compete in the B category if offered by the Host club. The Regular Agility class, Gamblers class and Jumpers class may or may not be divided into A/B categories at the discretion of the Host club, based upon the estimated number of entries.

4.2.4 Moving to another Level - Class Entry Restrictions

Once a dog has completed the requirements in one level of a class on one day of a show, the handler may choose to move the dog up to the next level for any rounds of that class offered the next day, if the club has offered next day move-ups. Clubs are not required to allow move-ups during a multiple day trial. Dogs shall not move up to a new level in between rounds on the same day.

A handler is **never** required to move a dog up to a higher level of competition after a title is completed.

When a dog moves on to the next level of competition in the ACE Program, they may return to the previous level if they have not yet received a qualifying score/round at the new level.

Section 4.3 – Divisions

4.3.1 Standard Division

The Standard Division is open to any dog aged 18 months or older. The Standard jump height for all dogs entered in the ACE program will be 4” lower than in the Championship program. Course times for dogs in the ACE program will be 10% greater than the Standard Division dogs in the Championship program.

Current Section 4.5 Standard Course Time (in Chapter 4 Regular Class) currently reads:

Section 4.5 Standard Course Time

The officiating judge shall be responsible for establishing the Standard Course Time (SCT). The judge shall measure the course using a measuring wheel to determine the course distance and then calculate the Standard Course Time (SCT) according to the level of the class, the difficulty of the course and any environmental conditions which may exist. The table below lists the recommended MAXIMUM Yards per Second (YPS) for the different levels and height groups. Any deviation from the following table shall be reported along with the reasons, for the deviation below the recommended Maximum Yards per Second (YPS), in the after-trial Judge’s report. At no time may a judge ever ask a dog to exceed the recommended Maximum Yards Per Second (YPS).

Yards Per Second			
	Small	Medium	Large
Novice	2.25	2.5	2.75
Open	2.75	3.0	3.25
Elite	3.25	3.5	3.75

Judges should convert course distance from feet to yards by dividing the number of feet shown on the measuring wheel by three (3). The course yardage (# of feet shown on the measuring wheel divided by 3) should then be divided by the maximum YPS shown in the chart based on the class level and height division. This number should be carried out to the NEAREST 1/100th (i.e., two decimal places or xx.xx) of a second. For example, 34.246 should be used as 34.25 seconds; 34.243 shall be used as 35.24 seconds. The calculated SCT shall then be recorded on the judge’s yardage sheet and reported to the score table commencing the class. In every case, the arithmetic of the computation of SCT shall be independently checked by the Trial Chair, Trial Secretary, or score-table personnel PRIOR to posting and recording the trial results.

Once submitted to the score keeper, the Standard Course Time may not be changed except in the case of a mathematical error or if the incorrect yardage or yards per second was used for the class and level. These are the only instances where the judge may change the original Standard Course Time after the class has started and such changes must be noted in the Judge’s Show Report.

One fault point or part of a point will be assessed for each second or fraction of a second over the SCT. The time shall always be measured in 1/100ths of a second. A judge may establish a maximum course time (approximately 150% of the

Standard Course Time (SCT)), after which the dog and handler will be dismissed from the ring.

Course time for exhibitors eliminated for 'Training in the Ring' will be Standard Course Time (SCT). Once an exhibitor has been faulted for Training in the Ring, they have up until the Standard Course Time (SCT) before they are required to leave the ring.

Proposed changes to Section 4.5 Standard Course Time (in Chapter 4 Regular Class)

Section 5.5 Standard Course Time – Regular Classes **NOTE: RE-NUMBER ALL SECTIONS IN THIS CHAPTER WITH ‘5’**

Section 5.5

The officiating judge shall be responsible for establishing the Standard Course Time (SCT). The judge shall measure the course using a measuring wheel to determine the course distance and then calculate the Standard Course Time (SCT) according to the level of the class, the difficulty of the course and any environmental conditions which may exist. The table below lists the recommended MAXIMUM Yards per Second (YPS) for the different levels and height groups. Any deviation from the following table shall be reported along with the reasons, for the deviation below the recommended Maximum Yards per Second (YPS), in the after-trial Judge’s report. At no time may a judge ever ask a dog to exceed the recommended Maximum Yards per Second (YPS).

Regular Class - Yards Per Second			
Championship Program			
	Small	Medium	Large
Novice	2.25	2.5	2.75
Open	2.75	3.0	3.25
Elite	3.25	3.5	3.75

The Judge shall calculate the SCT for the Championship program classes and add 10% for the ACE program classes. For example, Standard division large dogs in Elite Regular with a course yardage of 156 will have a SCT of 41.60 seconds (156/3.75) and a judge shall add 10% for the Standard division large dogs in Elite Regular in the ACE program, or in this example, 45.76 seconds.

ACE Program SCT = Championship SCT + 10%

Judges should convert course distance from feet to yards by dividing the number of feet shown on the measuring wheel by three (3). The course yardage (# of feet shown on the measuring wheel divided by 3) should then be divided by the maximum YPS shown in the chart based on the class level and height division. This number should be carried out to the NEAREST 1/100th (i.e., two decimal places or xx.xx) of a second. For example, 34.246 should be used as 34.25 seconds; 34.243 shall be used as 34.24 seconds. The calculated SCT shall then be recorded on the judge's yardage sheet and reported to the score table commencing the class. In every case, the arithmetic of the computation of SCT shall be independently checked by the Trial Chair, Trial Secretary, or score-table personnel PRIOR to posting and recording the trial results.

Once submitted to the score keeper, the Standard Course Time may not be changed except in the case of a mathematical error or if the incorrect yardage or yards per second was used for the class and level. These are the only instances where the judge may change the original Standard Course Time after the class has started and such changes must be noted in the Judge's Show Report.

One fault point or part of a point will be assessed for each second or fraction of a second over the SCT. The time shall always be measured in 1/100ths of a second. A judge may establish a maximum course time (approximately 150% of the

Standard Course Time (SCT)), after which the dog and handler will be dismissed from the ring.

Course time for exhibitors eliminated for 'Training in the Ring' will be Standard Course Time (SCT). Once an exhibitor has been faulted for Training in the Ring, they have up until the Standard Course Time (SCT) before they are required to leave the ring.

Section 5.5 Standard Course Time (in Chapter 5 Jumpers Class) currently reads:

Section 5.5 - Standard Course Time

The officiating judge shall be responsible for establishing the Standard Course Time (SCT) for the Jumpers class. Standard Course Time (SCT) for Jumpers will be computed in accordance with Section 4.5 using the following table of MAXIMUM Yards per Second (YPS). Once submitted to the score keeper, the Standard Course Time may not be changed except in the case of a mathematical error or if the incorrect yardage or yards per second was used for the class and level. These are the only instances where the judge may change the original Standard Course Time after the class has started and such changes must be noted in the Judge's Show Report.

Jumpers Class - Yards Per Second			
	Small	Medium	Large
Novice	2.50	2.75	3.0
Open	3.25	3.5	3.75
Elite	4.0	4.25	4.5

One fault point or part of a point will be assessed for each second or fraction of a second over the SCT. The time shall always be measured in 1/100ths of a second. A judge may establish a maximum course time (approximately 150% of the Standard Course Time (SCT)), after which the dog and handler will be dismissed from the ring. Course time for exhibitors eliminated for 'Training in the Ring' will be Standard Course Time (SCT). Once an exhibitor has been faulted for Training in the Ring, they will have up until the Standard Course Time before they are required to leave the ring.

Proposed changes to Section 5.5 Standard Course Time (in Chapter 5 Jumpers Class)

Section 6.5 - Standard Course Time – Jumpers Class NOTE: RE-NUMBER ALL SECTIONS IN THIS CHAPTER WITH '6'

Section 6.5

The officiating judge shall be responsible for establishing the Standard Course Time (SCT) for the Jumpers class. Standard Course Time (SCT) for Jumpers will be computed in accordance with **Section 5.5** using the following table of MAXIMUM Yards per Second (YPS). Once submitted to the score keeper, the Standard Course Time may not be changed except in the case of a mathematical error or if the incorrect yardage or yards per second was used for the class and level. These are the only instances where the judge may change the original Standard Course Time after the class has started and such changes must be noted in the Judge's Show Report.

Jumpers Class - Yards Per Second			
Championship Program			
	Small	Medium	Large
Novice	2.50	2.75	3.0
Open	3.25	3.5	3.75
Elite	4.0	4.25	4.5

The Judge shall calculate the SCT for the Championship program Classes and add 10% for the ACE program classes. For example, Standard division large dogs in Elite Jumpers with a yardage of 140 will have a SCT of 31.11 seconds (140/4.5) and a judge shall add 10% for the large dogs (in all divisions) in Elite Jumpers in the ACE program, or in this example, 34.22 seconds.

ACE Program SCT = Championship SCT + 10%

Section 9.3 title reads: ASCA Agility Champion (ATCH)

Section 9.4 title reads: Outstanding Performance Titles

Section 9.5 title reads: Superior Performance Titles

Section 9.6 title reads: ASCA Agility Title Abbreviations

Proposed changes:

*** Renumber chapter & SECTIONS***

Section 10.3 CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM - ASCA Agility Trial Champion (ATCH)

Section 10.4 title reads: Outstanding Performance Titles – Championship Program

Section 10.5 title reads: Superior Performance Titles – Championship Program

Section 10.6 title reads: ASCA Agility Title Abbreviations – Championship Program

Add new sections:

Section 10.7 Agility Competitor Extraordinaire (ACE)

Section 10.8 Outstanding Performance Titles – ACE Program

Section 10.9 Superior Performance Titles – ACE Program

Section 10.10 ASCA Agility Title Abbreviations – ACE Program

*** Renumber chapter & SECTIONS***

10.7.1 Point Accumulation

A dog may begin earning points toward their ACE certificate as soon as they have completed the Elite certification requirements for any class in the ACE program, without first having completed the requirements for all three (3) classes. If a dog has completed the requirements for their Elite Agility Certificate ACE, then any subsequent qualifying rounds would be accumulated towards the requirements for their ACE title. That same dog may not have completed all of the requirements for their Elite Jumpers Certificate or their Elite Gamblers Certificate before accumulating ACE points for their qualifying rounds in the Regular Class (Elite level).

10.7.2 Requirements

The ACE Certificate will be awarded to dogs which have completed **all** of the following requirements:

1) Successfully earn a minimum of **two hundred (200) points in the Regular Classes** at the Elite Level in one of the three divisions in the ACE program **after earning** an Elite Agility Certificate.

- a. Ten (10) points: Completion of a Regular class at the Elite level with zero faults (no course faults & no time faults).
- b. Five (5) points: Completion of a Regular Class at the Elite Level with five faults or less.

AND

2) Successfully earn a minimum of **one hundred (100) points in the Gamblers Classes** at the Elite Level in one of the three divisions **after earning** an Elite Gamblers Certificate in the ACE program.

- a. Ten (10) Points: Completion of a Gambler Class-Elite Level with a qualifying round.

AND

3) Successfully earn a minimum of **one hundred (100) points in the Jumpers Classes** at the Elite Level in one of the three divisions **after earning** an Elite Jumpers Certificate in the ACE program.

- a. Ten (10) points: Completion of a Jumper Class at the Elite level with zero faults (no course faults & no time faults).

10.7.3 ACE Title Designation

Subsequent ACE titles will be followed by a Roman numeric designation reflecting the number of times that the dog has met the requirements of the ACE title as outlined below. The points listed are required in each class (**AFTER earning the Elite level title**):

Title	Regular	Gamblers	Jumpers	Title	Regular	Gamblers	Jumpers
ACE	200	100	100	ACE-XI	2200	1100	1100
ACE-II	400	200	200	ACE-XII	2400	1200	1200
ACE-III	600	300	300	ACE-XIII	2600	1300	1300
ACE-IV	800	400	400	ACE-XIV	2800	1400	1400
ACE-V	1000	500	500	ACE-XV	3000	1500	1500
ACE-VI	1200	600	600	ACE-XVI	3200	1600	1600
ACE-VII	1400	700	700	ACE-XVII	3400	1700	1700
ACE-VIII	1600	800	800	ACE-XVIII	3600	1800	1800
ACE-IX	1800	900	900	ACE-XIX	3800	1900	1900
ACE-X	2000	1000	1000	ACE-XX	4000	2000	2000

Section 10.8 Outstanding Performance Titles – ACE Program

The number of points required for Outstanding Performance titles **after earning the title at that level** (Novice, Open, or Elite) in Regular, Gamblers and Jumpers is as follows:

	Novice	Open	Elite
Regular	100	100	200
Gamblers	50	50	100
Jumpers	50	50	100

Section 10.9 Superior Performance Titles –ACE Program

The number of points required for Superior Performance titles **after earning title at that level** (Novice, Open, or Elite) in Regular, Gamblers and Jumpers is as follows:

	Novice	Open	Elite
Regular	200	200	400
Gamblers	100	100	200
Jumpers	100	100	200

Section 10.10 ASCA Agility Title Abbreviations – ACE Program

10.10.1 Basic Titles

The following chart lists the basic titles for all classes levels and division:

CLASS	DIVISION	LEVEL	TITLE
Regular	STANDARD	<i>Novice</i>	RSA-N
Regular	STANDARD	<i>Open</i>	RSA-O
Regular	STANDARD	<i>Elite</i>	RSA-E
Jumpers	STANDARD	<i>Novice</i>	JSA-N
Jumpers	STANDARD	<i>Open</i>	JSA-O
Jumpers	STANDARD	<i>Elite</i>	JSA-E
Gamblers	STANDARD	<i>Novice</i>	GSA-N
Gamblers	STANDARD	<i>Open</i>	GSA-O
Gamblers	STANDARD	<i>Elite</i>	GSA-E

10.10.2 Outstanding Performance Titles – ACE Program

Outstanding Performance titles are symbolized with-**OP** after the symbols for the basic titles, e.g. **GSA-N-OP** stands for Novice Gamblers Outstanding Performance in Standard Division.

10.10.3 Superior Performance Titles – ACE Program

Superior Performance titles are symbolized with –**SP** after the symbols for the basic titles, e.g. **GSA-N-SP** stands for Novice Gamblers Superior Performance in Standard Division.

Current Section 9.7 Combining Qualifying Scores/Points from Different Divisions currently reads:

9.7.1 Combining Qualifying Scores/Points from different Divisions for Novice, Open, Elite titles

A competitor may combine existing qualifying scores/points earned from any Division. For example, if 10 points have been earned toward the Open Jumpers title in the Standard division these points may be credited toward the Open Jumpers title in the Veterans Division. When the dog earns an additional 10 points in Veterans Open Jumpers, the 'Jumpers Veterans-Open' (JV-O) titling certificate will be awarded. Note, if a dog earns a qualifying score in the Veterans Division and returns to compete in the Standard division, any subsequent titles earned in that class will have the Veterans Division designation.

9.7.2 Combining Qualifying Scores/Points from different Divisions for Outstanding / Superior Titles

A competitor may combine existing qualifying scores/points earned from any Division. For example, qualifying scores/points earned in the Junior Handler or Standard Division may be combined with scores/points from the Veterans Division towards an Outstanding or Superior title in the Veterans Division. If a dog earns a qualifying score in the Veterans Division and returns to compete in the Standard Division, any titles earned in that class will have the Veterans Division designation.

9.7.3 Crediting Qualifying Scores/Points from different Division towards the ATCH title

A competitor may combine qualifying scores/points earned from any Division. Once the Elite title is earned in any one class, any additional points in that class in any Division will be combined and credited towards the ATCH title.

Proposed changes to Section 9.7 Combining Qualifying Scores/Points from Different Divisions:

Renumber Section numbers 9.7.1 – 9.7.3 to 10.11.1 – 10.11.3 (Also note, the chapter number will change).

Add new section:

9.12 Transferring points between the Championship and ACE Programs

Section 10.11 Combining Qualifying Scores/Points from Different Divisions – Championship Program

10.11.1 Combining Qualifying Scores/Points from different Divisions for Novice, Open, Elite titles

A competitor may combine existing qualifying scores/points earned from any Division **in the Championship program**. For example, if 10 points have been earned toward the Open Jumpers title in the Standard division **in the Championship program** these points may be credited toward the Open Jumpers title in the Veteran Division **in the Championship program**. When the dog earns an additional 10 points in Veteran Open Jumpers **in the Championship program**, the 'Jumpers Veteran Open (JV-O) titling certificate will be awarded. Note, if a dog earns a qualifying score in the Veteran Division **in the Championship program** and returns to compete in the Standard division **in the Championship program**, any subsequent titles earned in that class will have the Veteran Division designation **in the Championship program**.

10.11.2 Combining Qualifying Scores/Points from different Divisions for Outstanding / Superior Titles

A competitor may combine existing qualifying scores/points earned from any Division **in the Championship program**. For example, qualifying scores/points earned in the Junior Handler or Standard Division **in the Championship program** may be combined with scores/points from the Veteran Division **in the Championship program** towards an Outstanding or Superior title in the Veteran Division **in the Championship program**. If a dog earns a qualifying score in the Veteran Division **in the Championship program** and returns to compete in the Standard Division **in the Championship program**, any titles earned in that class will have the Veteran Division designation **in the Championship program**.

10.11.3 Crediting Qualifying Scores/Points from different Division towards the ATCH title

A competitor may combine qualifying scores/points earned from any Division **in the Championship program**.

Once the Elite title is earned in any one class **in the Championship program**, any additional points in that class in any Division **in the Championship program** will be combined and credited towards the ATCH title.

New section:

10.12 Transferring points between the Championship and ACE Programs

Points from the ACE program may not be transferred to the Championship program.

Elite points from the Championship program may be transferred to the ACE program, provided they have not already been used to obtain an RS-E, RV-E, RJ-E, JS-E, JV-E, JJ-E, GS-E, GV-E, GJ-E or an ATCH title. For example:

- If 50 points have been earned in Elite Jumpers Standard division, 20 of those points were used for the JS-E title. The remaining 30 points can be transferred to the Elite Jumpers Standard division in the ACE program, towards the ACE certificate.
- If 150 points have been earned in Elite Regular Standard division, 30 of those points were used for the RV-E title. The remaining 120 points can be transferred to the Elite Regular Standard division in the ACE program, towards the ACE certificate.
- If 300 points have been earned in Elite Regular Standard division, 150 points have been earned in the Elite Jumpers Standard Division and 150 points have been earned in the Elite Gamblers Standard Division, then 30 of the Regular points were used for the RS-E title, 20 of the Jumpers points were used for the JS-E title and 20 of the Gamblers points were used for the GS-E title. In addition, 200 Regular points, 100 Jumpers points and 100 Gamblers points were used for the ATCH title. So, the remaining 70 Regular points, 30 Jumpers points and 30 Gamblers points can be transferred to the ACE program.

Chapter 11 AGILITY FINALS –11.2 Eligibility currently reads:

Section 11.2 Eligibility

11.2.1 Eligible dogs

Eligible dogs will be ASCA or LEP registered Australian Shepherds whose owners are ‘Full’ ASCA members in good standing during the qualifying period for the finals as well as during the finals.

The list of Agility Finals Qualifiers as defined below will be published in the Aussie Times. Those finalists will be invited to compete at the Agility Finals.

Proposed changes to Section 11.1 Rounds and Section 11.2 Eligibility:

Renumber to chapter 12

Section 12.2 Eligibility

12.2.1 Program

The Finals is only for the Championship program.

12.2.2 (Renumber the rest of this section) Eligible dogs

Eligible dogs will be ASCA or LEP registered Australian Shepherds whose owners are ‘Full’ ASCA members in good standing during the qualifying period for the finals as well as during the finals.

The list of Agility Finals Qualifiers as defined below will be published in the *Aussie Times*. Those finalists will be invited to compete at the Agility Finals.

APPENDIX B - AGILITY MERIT PROGRAM currently reads:

1. Merit points can come from any level, any division and any class.
2. There will be nine Merit lists: one for Regular, one for Jumpers and one for Gamblers, within each level, Novice, Open, Elite. The divisions will be grouped together for each class/level. (i.e. The elite regular merit points can come from the Standard, Veterans or Juniors division).
3. Points will be earned by earning a qualifying score in the class. A '10 point' qualifying score will earn 1 point, a '5 point' qualifying score will earn ½ point. The points will only count towards the merit list for the class and level they were earned in. (Points do not transfer.)
4. Dogs can stay at a level and earn points indefinitely.
5. Eligible dogs will be ASCA registered or LEP Australian Shepherds whose owners are Full ASCA members in good standing during the qualifying period for the current merit program year.
6. The program will run from June 1st to May 31st of the following year.

Proposed changes to APPENDIX B – AGILITY MERIT PROGRAM:

Merit points can only come from the Championship program.

1. Merit points can come from any level, any division and any class.
2. There will be nine Merit lists: one for Regular, one for Jumpers and one for Gamblers, within each level, Novice, Open, Elite. The divisions will be grouped together for each class/level. (i.e. The elite regular merit points can come from the Standard, Veterans or Juniors division).
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4. Dogs can stay at a level and earn points indefinitely.
5. Eligible dogs will be ASCA registered or LEP Australian Shepherds whose owners are Full ASCA members in good standing during the qualifying period for the current merit program year.
6. The program will run from June 1st to May 31st of the following year.

Section 2.7.2 Awards for High in Levels (Novice, Open, Elite) and High in Trial currently reads:

2.7.2 Awards for High in Levels (Novice, Open, Elite) and High in Trial

Awards for high scoring in level (Novice, Open, Elite), and/or High in Trial (HIT) are not mandatory. However, such awards shall be given at the ASCA National Specialty and the National Specialty Pre or Post Trials. When such awards are given at the ASCA National Specialty and the National Specialty Pre or Post Trials, computation for these awards shall be done in the following manner:

- a) Separate awards will be given to each of the three Divisions. The Standard Division will award High in Trial to the Novice, Open and Elite levels. The High in Trial Veterans and Junior Handler awards may be calculated by combining scores from all class levels.
- b) Dogs must be at the same level in all classes to be eligible for the Standard Division awards (Novice, Open, Elite). Dogs entered in different class levels may be eligible for the High in Trial Overall, Veterans High in Trial and Junior High in Trial awards, or a High in Trial Combined Levels award, if offered. High in Trial Qualifying points (HITQ-points) earned shall be dependent upon the class level in which qualifying scores are earned (see item c below).
- c) Each faultless qualifying run in Regular Agility, Gamblers, or Jumpers shall be given the following HITQ-point value: runs in an Elite class shall be given 7 HITQ-points; runs in an Open class shall be given 6 HITQ-points; runs in a Novice class shall be given 5 HITQ-points. Each faulted (.01 to 5 faults) qualifying run in Regular Agility shall be given one-half the value of the equivalent level HITQ-points (runs in an Elite class shall be given 3.5 HITQ-points; runs in an Open class shall be given 3 HITQ-points; runs in a Novice class shall be given 2.5 HITQ-points).
- d) In the event of a tie for HITQ-points, the following procedures shall be used for breaking the tie. First tie breaker: The dog with the fastest combined YPS in all rounds of the regular classes in which qualifying scores were earned will be declared the winner. Second tie breaker: The dog with the highest number of gamble points and a qualifying score will be declared the winner.
- e) The computation for high scoring awards shall be posted for the competitors.

Proposed changes to 2.7.2 Awards for High in Levels (Novice, Open, Elite) and High in Trial:

2.7.2 Awards for High in Levels (Novice, Open, Elite) and High in Trial

Awards for high scoring in level (Novice, Open, Elite), and/or High in Trial (HIT) are not mandatory. However, such awards shall be given **for the Championship program** at the ASCA National Specialty and the National Specialty Pre or Post Trials. When such awards are given at the ASCA National Specialty and the National Specialty Pre or Post Trials, computation for these awards shall be done in the following manner:

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- e) The computation for high scoring awards shall be posted for the competitors.

Section 2.1.7 Official Entry Form currently reads:

2.1.7 Official Entry Form

Clubs that generate entry forms to send out in premiums, and/or clubs that post the entry form electronically (on server lists, web sites, etc.), must submit to the ASCA Business Office at the time that they are requesting sanctioning of the event, a copy of the entry form which they plan to use. The entry form must be approved by ASCA before sanctioning is granted. The entry will not be considered acceptable until all information has been completed and the entry form has been submitted with the proper entry fees.

All entry forms shall be 5-1/2" by 8-1/2" (i.e., the size of one-half of an 8-1/2" by 11" piece of paper) (14.85 cm by 21 cm, i.e., the size of one-half of an A4 paper (21 cm by 29.7 cm piece of paper). Entry forms put up at web sites by the hosting club must use .pdf format so that the front of the entry form is no larger than 5-1/2" by 8-1/2" (14.85 cm by 21 cm with A4 paper) when downloaded and printed and the site must have on the same web page (by the side of the front of the entry form), the agreement form which when downloaded is no larger than 5-1/2" by 8-1/2" (14.85 cm by 21 cm with A4 paper) such that both the front of the entry form and the agreement that normally is on the back of the entry form appear together on one 8-1/2" by 11" (14.85 cm by 21 cm with A4 paper) page when printed.

The entry form shall include the following information:

- Trial date(s)
- Name of Host club
- Dog's Registration #
- Dog's Full Name, Call Name, Breed, Birthdate, Sex
- Dog's Height at Withers, Jump Height Entered
- Owner's Name
- Handler's Name
- Owner/Handler's Address, City, State, Zip or Postal Code
- Owner/Handler's Phone Number
- Classes Entered, Division, and Level

<< See the current rulebook for the rest of this section >>

Proposed changes to section 2.1.7 Official Entry Form:

Clubs that generate entry forms to send out in premiums, and/or clubs that post the entry form electronically (on server lists, web sites, etc.), must submit to the ASCA Business Office at the time that they are requesting sanctioning of the event, a copy of the entry form which they plan to use. The entry form must be approved by ASCA before sanctioning is granted. The entry will not be considered acceptable until all information has been completed and the entry form has been submitted with the proper entry fees.

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- Owner's Name

- Handler's Name
- Owner/Handler's Address, City, State, Zip or Postal Code
- Owner/Handler's Phone Number
- Classes Entered, Program (CH/ACE), Division, and Level

<< See the current rulebook for the rest of this section >>

Section 2.8.1 Scoring and Results Report currently reads:

2.8.1 Scoring and Results Report

Clubs must submit a complete results report of all dogs entered in the Regular, Gamblers and Jumpers classes, including scratches, no-shows, eliminated and FEO runs. Results report shall be 8-1/2" by 11" (or 21 cm by 29.7 cm for A4 paper) in size; all information must be legible; either an original or a copy is acceptable. Multiple rounds of a class may not be listed in columns across a single page. Qualifying scores for registered Australian Shepherds and dogs with Tracking numbers shall be highlighted. The results report shall follow the format specified in sections 2.6.5.1 and 2.6.5.2 below. Sample pages of acceptable format are available from the ASCA Business Office. Corrections to the results report may be made by the host club during the trial. Competitors must have the opportunity to review any corrections made to the results. Once the trial has ended, the results report must be submitted to the ASCA Business Office as posted at the trial. Any scoring errors discovered after the close of the trial must be submitted to the ASCA Business Office who shall make the corrections to the results. An explanation must accompany the requested change to the results. Result reports must not be changed by anyone (with the exception of the ASCA Business Office) after the close of the trial.

2.8.1.1 Regular and Jumpers Classes

The header (or footer) of each page of the report must give the club/ affiliate, name, location, and state, date of trial, the class, the level, and the judge. Also, in the header of the page the course distance and the standard course time (in seconds) for small standard dogs, small veteran dogs, medium standard dogs, medium veteran dogs, large standard dogs, and large veteran dogs must be given. The dogs running in a Division (Standard, Veterans, Junior Handler) must be grouped together.

The columns of the report shall be in this order, from left to right (either the long or short orientation of the 8-1/2" by 11" page (or 21 cm by 29.7 cm for A4 paper) may be used as long as the same orientation is used throughout the results report; ASCA Registration number; Height dog jumps; Division (Note: the Division information may be put in the header rather than in the column when headers are used to separate classes); Identification of A or B class (for divided classes; leave blank for undivided classes) (Note: the identification of A or B class may be put in the header rather than in the column when headers are used to separate classes); Dog's call name; Breed; Owner/Handler's name; Dog's time (in seconds and hundredths); Time faults; Course faults; Total faults; Place; Qualifying (Q for qualifying dogs, leave blank for non-qualifying dogs).

2.8.1.2 Gamblers Classes

The header (or footer) of each page of the report must give the club/ affiliate, name, location, and state, date of trial, the class, the level, and the judge. Also, in the header of the page the gamble time (in seconds) for small standard dogs, small veterans/junior dogs, medium standard dogs, medium veterans/junior dogs, large standard dogs, and large veterans/junior dogs must be given. The dogs running in a Division (Standard, Veterans, Junior Handler) must be grouped together.

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Proposed changes to Section 2.8.1 Scoring and Results Report:

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The columns of the report shall be in this order, from left to right (either the long or short orientation of the 8-1/2" by 11" page (or 21 cm by 29.7 cm for A4 paper) may be used as long as the same orientation is used throughout the results report; ASCA Registration number; Height dog jumps; Program (CH/ACE), Division (Note: the Program and Division information may be put in the header rather than in the column when headers are used to separate classes); Identification of A or B class (for divided classes; leave blank for undivided classes) (Note: the identification of A or B class may be put in the header rather than in the column when headers are used to separate classes); Dog's call name; Breed; Owner/Handler's name; Dog's time (in seconds and hundredths); Time faults; Course faults; Total faults; Place; Qualifying (Q for qualifying dogs, leave blank for non-qualifying dogs). The results from the Championship program and the ACE program must be on separate pages.

2.8.1.2 Gamblers Classes

The header (or footer) of each page of the report must give the club/ affiliate, name, location, and state, date of trial, the program (CH/ACE), the class, the level, and the judge. Also, in the header of the page the gamble time (in seconds) for each gamble jump height must be given for both the Championship and ACE programs. The dogs running in a Division (Standard, Veterans, Junior Handler) must be grouped together within their program (Championship or ACE).

The columns of the report shall be in this order, from left to right (either the long or short orientation of the 8-1/2" by 11" page (or 21 cm by 29.7 cm for A4 paper) may be used as long as the same orientation is used throughout the results report): ASCA Registration number; Height dog jumps; Program (CH/ACE), Division (Note: the Program and Division information may be put in the header rather than in the column when headers are used to separate classes); Identification of A or B class (for divided classes; leave blank for undivided classes) (Note: the identification of A or B class may be put in the header rather than in the column when headers are used to separate classes); Dog's call name; Breed; Owner/Handler's name; Dog's time (in seconds and hundredths); Initial points; Gamble points; Total points; Place; Qualifying (Q for qualifying dogs, leave blank for non-qualifying dogs). The results from the Championship program and the ACE program must be on separate pages.