

2024 Agility Trial Dates

- February 17-18 (*Wisconsin*)
- March 9-10 (*Fusion*)
- April 13-14 (*OTR*)
- June 29-30 (Duluth)
- August 3-4 (*Fusion*)
- September 7-8 (*Wisconsin*)
- November 9-10 (*Fusion*)
- December 7-8 (*Wisconsin*)



Sanctioned by the
Australian Shepherd Club of America®



Texas Blizzard Agility Trial

All Breeds including Mixed Breeds Welcome

January 20-21, 2024

JUDGE: Mark Buehl

Fusion Pet Retreat

(mats over concrete)
14901 Minnetonka
Industrial Rd
Minnetonka, MN 55345

Classes Offered Each Day:

Saturday: 2 Rounds of Jumpers, 2 Rounds of Gamblers, 2 Round of Regular
Sunday: 2 Rounds of Gamblers, 2 Round of Regular, 2 Rounds of Jumpers

Championship Divisions offered:

Standard, Veteran, Junior Handler, and FEO

ACE Divisions offered:

Standard, Senior Dog

Entries limited to 350 runs per day - MOVE-UPS Accepted

Entries open December 4, 2023

Pre-Entries close January 13, 2024

Day of Trial entries close 7:15am day of show. Any entry post-marked after January 13, 2024, will be considered a Day of Trial entry at the higher entry fee.

Training Runs (with a non-squeaky or food toy) are allowed and will run in order in the class.

Trial Chairperson	Trial Secretary
Jan Polys 5936 Washburn Avenue North Brooklyn Center, MN 55430 janpolys@yahoo.com (763) 561-4153	Lisa Merriam 12419 Elm Pkwy Rogers, MN 55374 NWASCagility@outlook.com

Entry Information:

Date of Trial (DOT) Entries:

Any entry postmarked after January 13, 2024, will be considered a DOT entry, and charged the higher-class entry fee. We will accept these entries after January 13 until 7:15am on each trial day, up to 350 runs per day.

DOT fees: \$20/class

Levels:

Exhibitors may, at their discretion, enter at a level higher than they have titled. If they are registered to receive titles, higher level scores will be applied to unearned lower-level titles. Once your dog Qs at a higher level they cannot return to the lower level.

Move-Ups:

Day-to-day move-ups will be accepted. Move-ups for Saturday must be received by Monday, January 15, 2024. Sunday move-ups must be received by end of trial day on Saturday.

Equipment:

Slatted A-frame & dogwalk and slatless teeter (all with rubber granules) will be used. Jumps (including double), tunnels, weave poles (24-inch spacing) and displaceable tire may be used at the judge's discretion. A-frame height will be 5'3" for all heights.

Prizes and Awards:

Qualifying and 1st through 4th place ribbons will be awarded in each class. Placements will be combined for 20+ and 24" dogs in all divisions.

HIT Rosettes Requirements:

Dogs must be entered in all runs, both days to be eligible for HIT awards. HIT calculations are based on scores from Jumpers/Gamblers/Regular in the Championship Program. HIT Level determined as level the dog was entered in Regular class. HIT Aussie and HIT Other Breed will be based on the total Q points for that dog, regardless of level(s). HIT must have an ASCA registration / QT number. Points for HIT are calculated as follows: Elite Q - 7 pts, Open Q - 6 pts, Novice Q - 5 pts. Each faulted Q run in Regular shall be given one-half the value of the equivalent level HITQ points. In the event of a tie, dog with the fastest combined YPS will be the winner.

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

- This trial will be held according to ASCA Agility regulations. Exhibitors, through submission of their entry, acknowledge that they are knowledgeable of ASCA rules and regulations, and agree to abide by all rules in effect at the time of this trial. The ASCA Agility Rulebook is available for viewing or download at: www.asca.org.
- ASCA, NWASC and Fusion Pet Retreat will not be responsible for the loss or damage to any dog exhibited, or for the possessions of any exhibitor.
- All dogs must be on leash or crated at all times except when using the warmup area or in the agility ring.
- Any ASCA members currently not in good standing with ASCA will not be allowed entry into the trial. No entry shall be accepted for a dog or handler disqualified from all ASCA programs.
- Any exhibitor whose dogs and/or children create unnecessary disturbances or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the Trial Committee, be asked to leave the show site. In such a case, no refund of fees will be paid.
- No refunds will be granted after the closing date. Refunds, less a \$25 administration fee, will be granted for bitches in season and injured dogs, if the request is accompanied by a veterinarian's letter and provided to the trial secretary no later than noon on Sunday.
- **FEO (For Exhibition Only)** – We will accept FEO entries for the Championship Program. Dogs entering FEO must be a minimum of 15-months of age. FEO entries may jump at a lower height but are not eligible for any prizes or awards. Any dog under 18-months must jump at a lower height. This is a non-qualifying division.
- Dogs showing threatening behavior will be subject to either disqualification or excusal, per the **ASCA Dog Aggression Rules**. All NWASC investigations and appropriate forms will be forwarded on to the ASCA Business office. Dogs excused or disqualified under said policy will be excused from the remainder of the event and asked to leave, without refunds of entry fees.

Please, please, please pick up after your dog at the show site and hotels.

We will be following all Federal, State, and local COVID guidelines. Additional information will be in your confirmation letter.

MEASURING - Dogs with a wither height of 20" or less will need to show an ASCA, AKC, or NADAC height card or be measured at the trial, unless they are jumping in the highest jump height in that category/division.

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")
Veteran Dog 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"
Senior Dog Division	Withers 11" & under Jump 4"	Withers 14" & under (>11" & ≤14") Jump 4"	Withers 18" & under (>14" & ≤18") Jump 8"	Withers 20" & under (>18" & ≤20") Jump 12"	Withers over 20" are in the 12"+ class Jump 12"

Hotel Information:

(Please confirm current dog policy when calling hotels)

LaQuinta Minneapolis – Minnetonka, 10420 Wayzata Blvd 952-541-1094

La Quinta Brooklyn Park – 7011 Northland Circle 763-971-8000

Super 8 Bloomington/Airport – 7800 2nd Ave South 952-888-8800

Eligibility:

ASCA agility trials are open to ALL breeds, including mixes. Your dog is not required to be registered with ASCA to enter ASCA agility trials or stock trials. However, to earn titles, you must have an ASCA QT Number (formerly tracking number) or an ASCA registration number.

QT Numbers or ASCA registration numbers are required to enter an Obedience Trial, Rally Trial or Tracking Test.

Below is the link for the QT Number form on the ASCA website. We will also have blank forms available at the trial.

<https://www.asca.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/qtsvcapp.pdf>

ACE Program

- Any dog 18 months or older will jump one height lower than their Championship Program - Standard Division height if entered in the Ace Program – Standard Division
- Any dog 7 years or older can jump two heights lower than their Championship Program - Standard Division height if entered in the ACE Program - Senior Dog division.

ENTRY PACKAGES – discounts are per dog.

Checks should be made out to **NWASC**

	Pre-Entry	AFTER January 13 Day of Show
Individual Class	\$15/per class	\$20 each
Full Package (12 runs/1 dog)	\$135	\$20 each
½ Package (6 runs/1 dog)	\$75	\$20 each
Junior Package (<18 yrs) Must be entered in the JH Division	50% off final total	



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No e-mail, fax or phone entries accepted. Make checks payable to **NWASC**.

Return completed form & fees to: Lisa Merriam, 12419 Elm Pkwy, Rogers, MN 55374

For questions email Lisa or Jan at NWASCagility@outlook.com

Owner: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Dog's Call Name: _____ Birth date: _____

Registered Name: _____

Breed: _____ Sex: _____

ASCA # / LEP # / Q # _____ Dog's Height at Withers _____

Program: **Championship** _____ **ACE** _____

Standard Jump Height:	8	12	16	20	20+	24			
Class Jump Height:	4	8	12	12+	16	16+	20	20+	24

CLASS	Division Circle One				Level Circle One also circle Nov A or B			Circle Day/s	
	Std	Vet	JH	Sr Dog	Novice	Open	Elite	Sat	Sun
Jumpers Rd 1	Std	Vet	JH	Sr Dog	Novice	Open	Elite	Sat	Sun
Jumpers Rd 2	Std	Vet	JH	Sr Dog	Novice	Open	Elite	Sat	Sun
Regular Rd 1	Std	Vet	JH	Sr Dog	Nov A or Nov B	Open	Elite	Sat	Sun
Regular Rd 2	Std	Vet	JH	Sr Dog	Nov A or Nov B	Open	Elite	Sat	Sun
Gamblers Rd 1	Std	Vet	JH	Sr Dog	Novice	Open	Elite	Sat	Sun
Gamblers Rd 2	Std	Vet	JH	Sr Dog	Novice	Open	Elite	Sat	Sun

Entry Fee Per Class: \$ _____ TOTAL ENTRY FEE: \$ _____

Emergency Contact Name & Number: _____

Exhibitor/Owner must read and sign reverse side of this form.

Parent or Guardian of Junior must sign as well. Entry form not valid without signature.

IMPORTANT LEGAL AGREEMENT—Please read the following carefully as it, among other things, may prevent you from suing ASCA® and persons/entities affiliated with it. This agreement could even require you to defend them from demands and suits by third parties that include an assertion of wrongdoing by you. (1) The person signing this Agreement represents being authorized to enter into it on behalf of him/herself, as well as (if different) the owner(s)/exhibitor(s)/handler(s) of the dog(s) for which an entry form is being submitted (all these parties collectively referred to herein as "Applicant"). (2) "Releasees" here collectively refers to the Australian Shepherd Club of America® (ASCA®); its affiliate clubs; and the officers and board of directors, staff, contractors, insurers, attorneys, and agents of ASCA® and of those clubs. (3) This Agreement voluntarily is entered into by Applicant in exchange for the acceptance of the associated entry form and permission to participate in related activities. (4) Applicant agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of ASCA® and any other rules and regulations applicable to this event. (5) Applicant certifies that the entered dog 13 will not pose a hazard to people, property, stock animals, or other dogs, and further that the dog is current with rabies shots along with any other vaccinations required by its state of residence. (6) Applicant acknowledges and assumes the risks to Applicant and Applicant's dog associated with participation in the event, among which could be ones associated with poor condition of the facilities and surrounding areas; security measures or lack of them; electrical appliances; fittings; show rings; the presence of unfamiliar persons; and the presence/involvement of other animals—whether stock, dogs, or otherwise. (7) Applicant further agrees to comply with all recommended and required health and safety precautions, among which may be those related to social distancing; quarantining; wearing of face coverings; and non-participation of persons exhibiting symptoms or for whom there otherwise has been a likelihood of recent exposure to COVID-19 or other contagious diseases. (8) Applicant additionally acknowledges and agrees to assume the risks associated with taking part in the event though others might neglect compliance with health and safety precautions/requirements or pose an undue risk of spreading disease. For example, as is true as to any public event, there is some risk that Applicant and/or those affiliated with Applicant may catch COVID-19 or another contagious disease at the event. (9) To the maximum extent permissible, this release is to be interpreted under Texas law, without application of its choice of law rules. (10) To the extent that Applicant—or another party suing on behalf of Applicant, or suing to recover based on injuries/death/damage to Applicant/Applicant's dog/Applicant's property—sues ASCA® (or a board member or staff member or agent of ASCA®) as a defendant, the sole appropriate forum (to the maximum extent permitted by law) for the suit shall be the state or federal courts serving Brazos County, Texas (where ASCA® has its headquarters). (11) Applicant hereby releases and waives any claims Applicant otherwise might assert against the Releasees as to any injury or damage claim connected in any way to any alleged act or omission arising out of, or occurring concurrent with, the event and related activities, interactions, communications, and even adjacent premises. (12) This release is made not only as to Applicant but also for anyone who might assert a claim on behalf of Applicant or based on purported injury or damage to Applicant/Applicant's dog/Applicant's property, as well as any heir, beneficiary, assignee, executor, trustee, agent, or survivor of Applicant. (13) Applicant further agrees to assume sole responsibility for and indemnify and hold Releasees harmless from related claims, demands, judgments, and settlement payments. (14) These waiver, release, and indemnification provisions extend even to claims or demands asserting that the acts or omissions resulted in bodily injury or death or from intentional wrongdoing, as well as to attorney fees and other costs of defense. (15) The duties of indemnification further extend to any claims or demands asserted against Releasees that are alleged to have arisen out of the acts or omissions of Applicant, Applicant's dog, or others affiliated with Applicant. Among other things, this means that Applicant would pay the legal defense of Releasees if someone sued them based on a claim Applicant carelessly exposed the claimant to COVID-19. (16) Applicant's promises in this agreement apply without regard to the type of claim or cause of action asserted against Releasees. (17) To the extent any provision of this agreement is unenforceable, the remainder of it nonetheless is to be enforced. (18) This agreement is to be interpreted to provide Releasees with the maximum permissible legal protection from—among other things—claims and suits pursued by Applicant (and/or those acting on behalf of Applicant or over injury/damage to Applicant), as well as from ones based on the purported wrongful acts or omissions of Applicant. (19) Nothing in this Agreement requires you to indemnify Releasees from claims by third parties that involve no allegations of improper acts or omissions by you, those affiliated with you, nor your dog(s). (20) Applicant acknowledges having read, understood, and had the opportunity for independent legal review of this document prior to signing it.

I have read, understood, and acknowledge the above Agreement.

Signature of Owner/Exhibitor

Date

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian of Minor

Date

(_____) _____

Telephone

Email