

# TNASC Spring Agility Trial



Tennessee Australian Shepherd Club  
March 23-24, 2024  
Play Dog Excellent  
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**Pre-Trial entries close March 19, 2024.**

**If trial does not fill, day of show entries will be accepted.**

Total runs limited to 350 each day.

This is a one-ring agility trial, held indoors on permanent mats.

Ring size is 80' x 108". Electronic timers will be used.

**Saturday 9:00 am: Low to High**

2 Jumpers, 2 Gamblers, 2 Regular

**Sunday 9:00 am: High to Low**

2 Gamblers, 2 Regular, 2 Jumpers

Equipment: 24" weave poles, tunnels, rubber-coated, slatted dog-walk and A Frame (5ft 4in), displaceable tire, teeter, winged & non-winged jumps may be used.

**ASCA agility - fast, flowing and fun!**

Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA) agility offers 3 classes:

- **Regular:** Obstacles may include jumps, tire, tunnels, teeter, A-frame, dog walk and weave poles (6 for novice: 12 for open & elite). There is no table. Complete the numbered course accurately and within time.
- **Gamblers:** Accumulate points for 30 seconds by completing the obstacles in a course of your choosing.; When the buzzer sounds, complete a numbered gamble of 4-5 obstacles from a distance.
- **Jumpers:** Complete a numbered course of jumps & tunnels accurately and within time. There are no weave poles in ASCA jumpers.

**ASCA agility is open to all breeds and mixes 18 months or older.** Dogs 15 months or older can enter FEO (for exhibition only) and jump a lower height. No points for titles in the FEO division. You don't have to register with ASCA. If you apply for a QT number, ASCA will keep track of your qualifying scores and titles. **The link to the Q tracking application is:**  
<https://asca.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/qtsvcapp.pdf>

**You may start at any level:** Qualifying scores will first be applied to titles for lower classes skipped. If you qualify at a higher level, you cannot go back to a lower level in that particular class.

**All dogs may enter elite classes.**

**Refusals are not faulted.** If your dog misses an obstacle, you may try again and might still qualify.

**For Exhibition Only (FEO) & Training With a TOY entries are offered both days. Dogs must be 15 months of age.**

**ASCA allows training in the ring and the judge will explain at briefing.**

**Declared Toys will be allowed in the ring for training purposes.**

These toys may not involve food or treats of any kind, may not make noise, or may not leave parts behind. All handlers declaring toys will mark the gate sheet with a "T" at the run check-in and will run **in order by jump height**. Upon entering the ring, handlers must declare to the judge that they have a toy. Handlers will have the specified time for training in the ring. If handlers bring a toy in the ring without declaring it, they will be asked to leave immediately.

**ASCA programs of competition: Championship and ACE**

- Championship (ATCH) classes- ASCA's traditional competition
  - Standard dogs
  - Veteran dogs  $\geq$  7 yrs old jump 4" lower
  - Junior Handlers  $\leq$  17 yrs old may jump their dogs 4" lower
- Agility Competitor Extraordinaire (ACE) Dogs jump 4" lower.
- **ACE Senior dogs (> 7 YRS OLD) jump 8" lower.**
- Titles: Jumpers and Gamblers you need 20 points (2 clean runs).
- Regular titles: 30 points (3 clean runs).

## NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

This event is sanctioned by the Australian Shepherd Club of America, hereinafter referred to as "ASCA". This trial will be held under the current rules and regulations of the Australian Shepherd Club of America. For a complete listing of the rules, visit <http://www.asca.org>

TnASC, its board of directors, ASCA, and the property owner assume no responsibility for any loss, damage, or injury sustained by the exhibitors, owners or to any of their dogs, personal property, or children.

Through submission of entry, the competitor acknowledges that they are knowledgeable of ASCA rules and regulations, including, but not limited to the following:

1. All ASCA Agility trials shall be open to purebred and mixed breed dogs.
2. All healthy, trained dogs over eighteen (18) months of age are eligible to compete in ASCA Agility Trials. Bitches in heat, lame, or blind dogs are ineligible for entry.
3. Any dog which demonstrates aggression towards any person or any dog, whether inside the ring or outside the ring, must be excused from the Agility trial. Any dog which the judge feels is not in control will be excused from the Agility trial.
4. Any owner, handler, or spectator exhibiting poor sportsmanship or abuse towards a dog or person will be required to leave the show site for the duration of the trial, will be reported to ASCA and may be banned from further TnASC events.
5. No collars, food, or toys (unless declared) will be allowed on the course. Leashes must comply with current ASCA COVID procedures.
6. No choke, pinch or prong collars are allowed on the trial grounds.
7. All dogs must be on lead or securely crated when not in the ring.
8. The organizing committee of this event reserves the right to refuse any entry based on suitable causes only. Anyone who is not in good standing with TnASC or ASCA will not be allowed entry.
9. Dog sales or puppies under eight weeks are not permitted on the trial grounds.

### RELEASE:

1. Handlers through entry at this event accept full responsibility for themselves, their guests and the actions of their dogs.
2. All competitors through entry at this event waive any and all rights relative to video broadcast of this event. Competitors shall have the right to videotape portions of this event for their personal use only but may not videotape any portion of this event for commercial or other purposes. All video, broadcast and telecast rights for this event are the exclusive property of ASCA.
3. Portions of this event may be taped for television. Through entry at this event, ALL COMPETITORS AND HANDLERS HEREBY GRANT TO ASCA and its representatives, agents and assigns, all rights and permission to use or appropriate his/her and their dog's name, biography, likeness, photograph, voice, performing persona, or other indicia of identity for broadcast, telecast, cable cast, transmission or distribution in any format or media known. All competitors and handlers hereby release ASCA and its representatives, agents and assigns from any claims or cause of action for invasion of rights of privacy, right of publicity, right of personality, or any similar right.

### BEHAVIOR:

1. Competitors are responsible for the behavior of their dogs & children. Any competitor whose dogs or children create unnecessary disturbances or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may be asked to leave the show site. No refund will be made.
2. Handlers caught not picking up after their dog may be asked to leave the show site and no refund will be made.

**Leashes:** During Covid 19, exhibitors may choose to wear or pocket the leash as long as it is attached tightly or completely inside the pocket. If the leash falls out or the dog grabs the leash to play, it will be considered a toy & the run will be eliminated. ASCA assumes no responsibility if the handler chooses to wear or pocket their leash should it catch on obstacles and/or cause the handler to trip.

### AWARDS:

All qualifiers will receive qualifying ribbons as well as placement ribbons for 1<sup>st</sup> - 4th by jump height. Rosette and Commemorative Bar will be awarded for each team completing an ATCH. **Please inform Awards Chairperson of the possibility prior to running!**

### HIGH IN TRIAL AWARDS:

**HIT Novice, Open and Elite** (eligible dogs must be entered in the same level all classes), **Veteran Dog & Junior**. Overall awards for **HIT Aussie & HIT non-Aussie** will also be presented (eligible dogs do not have to be entered in same level all classes). A **HIT ACE Overall** rosette will be awarded each day.

\*High in Trial qualifying points are dependent on class level of qualifying scores earned.

Faultless qualifying runs in each class are given the following HIT Q point values:

Elite regular = 10 points. Elite jumpers and gamblers = 7 points.

Open regular = 9 points. Open jumpers and gamblers = 6 points.

Novice regular = 8 points. Novice jumpers and gamblers = 5 points. A faulted (.01 to 5 faults) qualifying run HIT Q points: Elite 5 pts, Open 4.5 pts, Novice 4 pts.

In the event of a tie, the highest total of the YPS from all regular qualifying runs will determine the winner. The 2nd tie breaker will be the highest number of gambler points earned in qualifying rounds. In the event a 3<sup>rd</sup> tie breaker is needed it will be the dog with the highest total of YPS from all qualifying jumper rounds.

All Ribbons, Rosettes, and Prizes must be picked up by end of day Sunday. None will be mailed. All unclaimed Ribbons, Rosettes, and Prizes remain the property of the awarding club.

### JUMP HEIGHT TABLE

Refer to the Rule for List of Breeds that receive height exemptions.

	Small Dogs		Medium Dogs	Large Dogs	
Standard Division	Withers 11" & under Jump 8"	Withers >11 - < 14" Jumps 12"	Withers >14"- < 18" Jumps 16"	Withers >18" - < 20" Jumps 20"	Withers >20" in the 20"+ class Jumps 20" (may jump 24")
Jr. Handler Division	Withers 11" & under Jumps 4" or 8"	Withers >11 - < 14" Jumps 8" or 12"	Withers >14"- < 18" Jumps 12" or 16"	Withers over 18" Jump 16" or 20"*	
Veterans Division/ ACE Std	Withers 11" & under Jump 4"	Withers >11 - < 14" Jumps 8"	Withers >14"- < 18" Jumps 12"	Withers >18" - < 20" Jumps 16"	Withers over 20" Jump 16" in the 16+ class

## HEIGHT CARDS - CHECK IN OPTIONS

All dogs except those in the 20+"; Vets/Jr.H/ACE Std in the 16"+ or ACE Sr. Dogs in the 12"+ classes must show an ASCA, AKC or NADAC Height Card or be measured at trial before running.

## Pre-Trial Entry & Fee Information

Entries open February 9, 2024 and close March 19, 2024. Email confirmations will be sent. Day of entries will be accepted if the trial does not fill. Dogs receiving titles after the closing date may move-up by providing the trial secretary with the owner's full name, dog's name, ASCA (or other) number, class entered and from and to level. Day to day move ups are allowed.

It is your responsibility to check your confirmation and contact the trial secretary with any corrections to avoid delays on the morning of the trial. Please contact the trial secretary if you do not receive a confirmation email.

**PRICING:** The more you enter, the cheaper it gets!

1 - 4 runs: \$13/run 5 - 10 runs: \$12/run  $\geq$ 11 runs: \$11/run  
Price is based on **total** number of runs entered by owner, not the number of dogs. Junior Handler \$8/run regardless of total runs.

## ALL DAY OF SHOW ENTRIES \$14/RUN

Make checks payable to: TNASC Day-of cash or checks acceptable.

Send entries: Nan Payne, 8222 Providence Road Ooltewah TN 37363

## TRIAL SCHEDULE

**Saturday: Walk-thru 8:45 am Judging starts at 9:00 am.**

Order: Jumpers 1 & 2 (EE, OO, NN) Gamblers 1 (E, O, N)  
Gamblers 2 (E, O, N) Regular 1 & 2 (EE, OO, NN)

**Sunday: Walk-thru 8:45 am Judging starts at 9:00 am.**

Order: Gamblers 1 (E, O, N) Gamblers 2 (E, O, N)  
Regular 1 & 2 (EE, OO, NN) Jumpers 1 & 2 (EE, OO, NN)

**CHECK IN AND MEASUREMENT:** Check-in, Day of Entry and official measurements for Saturday and Sunday will be from 8:15 - 8:45 am. Walk-thru starts at 8:45 am. Judging begins at 9:00 am.

## WE APPRECIATE VOLUNTEERS!

Volunteers are the best part of the trial and help in keeping the trial running smoothly. Volunteers have an opportunity to be nourished and to win prizes in the worker's raffle.

## DIRECTIONS TO PLAY DOG EXCELLENT

[www.playdogexcellent.com](http://www.playdogexcellent.com)

**From Atlanta take I-75 North to I-24 W.** Take US 27N to Morrison Springs Road toward Red Bank. Turn right onto Morrison Springs Road. Follow it to Dayton Blvd. (red light and must turn left or right). Turn left onto Dayton Blvd.

Play Dog Excellent will be on your left approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile, just past Walgreens, across from Subway.

**From Nashville take I-24W.** Take US 27N to Morrison Springs Road toward Red Bank. Turn right onto Morrison Springs Road. Follow it to Dayton Blvd. (red light and must turn left or right). Turn left onto Dayton Blvd. Play Dog Excellent will be on your left approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile, just past Walgreens, across from Subway.

**From Knoxville take I-75 South to I-24 W, as if going to Nashville.** Take US 27N to Morrison Springs Road toward Red Bank. Turn right onto Morrison Springs Road. Follow it to Dayton Blvd. (red light and must turn left or right). Turn left on to Dayton Blvd. Play Dog Excellent will be on your left approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile, just past Walgreens, across from Subway.

## FOOD CONCESSIONS

There are several fast-food restaurants in the area.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

PLEASE CHECK THE CURRENT PET POLICY WHEN MAKING RESERVATIONS!

*Please clean up after your dog!*

**La Quinta Inn:** 5000 New Country Drive, Hixson TN - (423) 308-2333

**La Quinta Inn:** I-24 100 West 21st St, Chattanooga - (423) 265-3151

**Baymont Inn and Suites:** I-24 3540 Cummings Highway, Chattanooga #7419

**Days Inn:** I-24 3540 Cummings Highway, Chattanooga 37419

**Quality Inn:** Parker Lane, Chattanooga, 37419

## RV HOOK-UPS

There are no RV hook-ups. You may park in the very back of the parking lot.

## VET SERVICES

The River 24 Hour Service Animal Hospital  
2132 Amnicola Highway, Chattanooga, TN 37406-2305  
(423) 698-4612



**AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB OF AMERICA®**

**Agility Entry Form**

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION

<b>Host Club</b>	
<b>Trial Dates</b>	

Use one entry form per dog. Print or type all of the following information.

Dog's ASCA® Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_ (LEP/Tracking/Regular)

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex:  Male  Female

Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Owner Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Handler: \_\_\_\_\_

(If other than owner)

Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_ JR DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please enter JR # if JR is handling dog)

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Dog's Height @ Withers: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed Jump Height Exempt? Yes No

Standard Jump Height: 8" 12" 16" 20" 20+"

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

Program:  Championship (CH)  ACE

Class Entered	Division				Level			Day(s) Entered		
	Std	Vet (CH)	Jr (CH)	Sr Dog (ACE)	Nov	Open	Elite	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
Regular 1					A B <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>					
Regular 2					A B <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>					
Jumpers 1										
Jumpers 2										
Gamblers 1										
Gamblers 2										

Entry Fee Per Class: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Package (all classes) Entry Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENTRY FEE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBITOR/OWNER OR PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN (IF JR IS UNDER 18) MUST READ AND SIGN THIS FORM

**AGREEMENT**

**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 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.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE OF OWNER/HANDLER OR PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN (IF JR IS UNDER 18)  
PERSON SIGNING THIS FORM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ERRORS AND RULE VIOLATIONS**

AS USED HERE, "ASCA®" MEANS THE OWNER AND THE OPERATOR OF THE EVENT PREMISES, THE AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB OF AMERICA, ITS AFFILIATE CLUBS, AND EACH OF THEIR MEMBERS, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, SHOW CHAIRMEN, SHOW COMMITTEES AND AGENTS. October 8, 2020