

ASCA Agility FAQs

1. What dogs can enter?

Any purebred or mixed breed dogs 18 months or older can enter. Dogs 12 months or older can enter the Pre-Novice classes. No bitches in heat, lame or blind dogs.

2. Does my dog have to be registered with ASCA®?

No. However, if you want to have qualifying scores tracked and applied to titles, dogs must have an ASCA tracking or ASCA registration number. Visit the ASCA website www.asca.org and download a "Service Membership and Tracking Number Application".

3. Can I train in the ring?

YES! Gentle training in the ring is allowed (but the run will be non-qualifying.)

4. What classes are offered?

Three types of official classes are offered: Regular, Jumpers, and Gamblers (the "Old-Style Gamblers" with point accumulation period, immediately followed by a gamble sequence.)

5. What divisions are offered?

ASCA offers the following divisions within each class: Standard, Junior Handler, and Veterans (dogs 7 years or older, any handler 60 or older, or any handler with a certificate of disability). The ASCA trials put on by TRWASA in Yamhill, Oregon also offer an FEO (For Exhibition Only) division. Dogs entered in the FEO division may jump at a lower height than their regular jump height. No points towards titles can be earned in the FEO division.

6. What levels are offered?

ASCA has three levels for each class: Novice, Open, and Elite. The ASCA trials put on by TRWASA in Yamhill, Oregon will also offer Pre-Novice classes for dogs over 12 months old. The Pre-Novice class will not have weave poles or a teeter, and dogs must jump 4" lower than their normal height class. No points towards titles will be earned in Pre-Novice classes.

7. Can I enter at any level?

Yes. Qualifying rounds executed at a level higher than that needed for a lower level title requirement shall be credited for points needed at the lower level title.

8. What equipment will be used?

Equipment may include the following: Dog walk, A-frame, teeter-totter, open tunnel, weave poles, non-winged and winged jumps, tire jump, double jump and closed tunnel. The contact equipment may be slatted or slatless. The ASCA trials put on by TRWASA in Yamhill, Oregon have rubber matting on the contact equipment with no slats. The traction is incredible! Only the downside of the contacts will be judged.

9. Will ASCA grandfather other agility titles?

No. However ASCA will accept qualifying scores from any ASCA only or dual-sanctioned ASCA/NADAC trials from 1/1/2003 until submission of the tracking number application. All ASCA legs received prior to 1/1/2003 were tracked by the office, whether the dog had an ASCA number or not. Handlers applying for an ASCA tracking number that wish to apply qualifying scores from dual sanctioned trials may do so if they list the trials and scores on their tracking application.

**For more information on ASCA trials, go to the ASCA website: www.asca.org
For information on ASCA agility trials in Yamhill, OR, go to the TRWASA website:
www.trwasa.org or contact Sherry Butler at
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