

For the proposed courses C,D, E, F

Current rule:

3.3.2. The host organization is required to offer the following divisions without priority to any division with the exception of the Post Advanced Division.

h. Classes in Each Division: Each division may be divided by the following livestock classes: Ducks/Geese, Sheep/Goats, and Cattle. A dog may enter in multiple divisions in the same sanctioned trial. Example: Post Advanced sheep/goats, Open cattle and Advanced ducks/geese. A dog may only enter once in each class of livestock per sanctioned trial. Exception: Junior's Division (see Chapter 3, Sec.3.2.d.4).

i. Non-regular Classes: Non-regular classes may be offered to encourage beginners or promote the Advanced Trial Dog provided sufficient stock is available. Non-regular classes will not count towards the sanctioned trial entry limit. Non-regular classes should be run after the regular classes.

Proposed rule

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h. A Host club may sanction different courses per division of a class of stock per trial. For instance; Started and open sheep can be sanctioned to run on Course B, while Advanced sheep will run on Course C in the same trial, different arenas or the same arena.

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j. Non-regular Classes: Non-regular classes may be offered to encourage beginners or promote the Advanced Trial Dog provided sufficient stock is available. Non-regular classes will not count towards the sanctioned trial entry limit. Non-regular classes should be run after the regular classes.

Current rule:

3.6.2. Started Trial Dogs must earn 69% or more of the total points (69/100). Course points may be awarded for the take pen or gather in Course B, obstacle 1, obstacle 2 and the re-pen, for a total possible score of 100. The center chute or freestanding pen in Course B is not required for a Started Trial Dog and no course points will be awarded.

Proposed rule

3.6.2. Started Trial Dogs must earn 69 or more of 100 possible points. Course and control points may be awarded for the take pen or gather, obstacle 1, obstacle 2, and the re-pen for a total possible score of 100. The center chute or freestanding pen is not required for a Started Trial

Dog and no course or control points will be awarded.

Current rule:

3.6.3. Open Trial Dogs must earn 88 or more out of 125 possible points (*effective 06/01/2009*). Course points may be awarded for the take pen or gather in Course B, obstacle 1, obstacle 2, chute or free-standing pen in Course B and the re-pen, for a total possible score of 125. The handler in this division will not be permitted to step across an imaginary line drawn across the width of the arena, 26 feet from obstacle 1 in the sheep/goats and cattle arena and 6 feet from obstacle 1 in the duck arena. This line (see Appendix) is to be adequately marked on both side fences with something visible to both handlers and Judges and shall not interfere with the movement of the stock. This line may not be stepped across at any time during the run without a penalty of 15 points.

Proposed rule:

3.6.3. Open Trial Dogs must earn 88 or more out of 125 possible points to earn a qualifying score. Course and control points may be awarded for the take pen or gather, obstacle 1, obstacle 2, chute or free standing pen, and the re-pen, for a total possible score of 125. The handler in this division will not be permitted to step across an imaginary line drawn across the width of the arena; 26 feet from obstacle 1 in the sheep/goats and cattle arena and 6 feet from obstacle 1 in the duck arena for Courses A, B and C; 25 feet from obstacle 1b in the sheep/goats and cattle arena for Courses D, E and F. Note: Ducks cannot be run on courses D, E, and F. This line (see Appendix) is to be adequately marked on both side fences with something visible to both handler and Judges and shall not interfere with the movement of the stock. This line may not be stepped across at any time during the run without a penalty of 15 points.

Current rule:

3.6.4. Advanced Trial Dogs must earn 88 or more out of 125 possible points (*effective 06/01/2009*). Course points may be awarded for the take pen or gather in Course B, obstacle 1, obstacle 2, chute or free-standing pen in Course B and the re-pen, for a total possible score 125. The handler in this division will not be permitted to step across an imaginary line drawn across the entry wings of the center chute or the gate of the free-standing pen to the fences on either side of the arena. This line may not be stepped across during the run without a loss of 50% of the total points earned during the entire run.

EXCEPTION: While working the free-standing pen (see Chapter 3, Section 12.2g).

Proposed rule:

3.6.4. Advanced Trial Dogs must earn 88 or more out of 125 possible points to qualify. Course and control points may be awarded for the take pen or gather, obstacle 1, obstacle 2, chute, free standing pen or elbow obstacle and the re-pen for a total possible score of 125. The handler in this division will not be permitted to step across an imaginary line drawn across: the entry wings of the center chute or the gate of the free-standing pen to the fences on either side of the arena for courses A or B; or 125' from obstacle 1b down towards the re-pen end of the arena for courses D, E, or F; or 125' from the bottom corner of the panel obstacles 1 and 2 down to the exit end of the chute for Course C. This line may not be stepped across during the run without a loss of 50% of the total points earned during the entire run.

EXCEPTION: While working the free-standing pen in Course B, Course D and Course F (see Chapter 3, Section 12.2.g , 12.4.g, 12.6.g).

Current rule:

3.11.2. The arena size for a cattle or sheep/goats arena will be a minimum of 100 x 200 feet (plus or minus a total of five feet in combined directions). Ten minutes will be allotted for each run, with a three-minute warning. For arenas larger than 200 feet by 500 feet, 15 minutes will be allowed for each run, with a five-minute warning. The arena size for Course C, cattle and sheep/goats will be a minimum of 150 x 250 feet (plus or minus a total of five feet in combined directions). The number of runs permitted per head of stock will be a maximum of three runs for sheep/goats, and four runs for cattle and ducks/geese per day.

Proposed Rule:

3.11.2. The arena size for a Course A, B, D, E, or F cattle or sheep/goats arena will be a minimum of 100 x 200 feet (plus or minus a total of five feet in combined directions). Ten minutes will be allotted for each run, with a three-minute warning. For arenas larger than 200 feet by 500 feet, 15 minutes will be allowed for each run, with a five-minute warning. The arena size for Course C, cattle and sheep/goats will be a minimum of 150 x 225 feet (plus or minus a total of five feet in combined directions). The number of runs permitted per head of stock will be a maximum of three runs for sheep/goats, and four runs for cattle and ducks/geese per day.

Current rule:

3.11.4. Obstacles 1 and 2 must be attempted before attempting the free-standing pen or the center chute. No points can be earned for the center chute and free-standing pen for started dogs. Points for the re-pen may be earned after completing or attempting obstacle 1. No additional course

points will be awarded for repeating any obstacle, which has already been accomplished with one or more head of stock.

Proposed rule.

3.11.4. Obstacles 1 and 2 must be attempted before attempting the free-standing pen, center chute, chute or elbow. No points can be earned for the center chute, chute, free-standing pen and elbow for started dogs. Points for the re-pen may be earned after completing or attempting obstacle 1 for courses A, B, or C; or obstacle 1b for courses D, E or F. No additional points will be awarded for repeating any obstacle which has already been accomplished with one or more head of stock.

Current rule:

3.11.5. A maximum of two attempts are allowed at each obstacle in any of ASCA®'s approved Stockdog Courses. A handler may move on to the next obstacle after one attempt. It is up to each Judge to determine if part of the work a dog does near an obstacle is to be counted as an attempt at that obstacle. When the Judge has determined that two attempts have been made, the handler must move on to the next obstacle. In the following situations, the Judge **must** inform the handler of his decision or judgment call:

- a. A handler considers his first effort toward an obstacle an attempt and moves on. If the Judge does not feel that an attempt has been made, he must advise the handler immediately.
- b. The handler has not moved on after two attempts. The Judge must inform the handler that he feels two attempts have been made and the handler should move on to the next obstacle. The two attempts would be either:
 - i. The dog had twice moved the stock near the obstacle or
 - ii. More than one head of stock crossed a "runaway line" two different times.
- c. After a reasonable length of time with no progress being made toward an obstacle, the Judge must advise the handler to move to the next obstacle.
- d. **Runaway Lines:** The runaway line for Panels 1 and 2 will be the Advanced Handlers line and for the center obstacle it will be the back fence at the re-pen end of the arena. Each time two or more head of stock breaks back over a runaway line, it is considered an attempt for the obstacle that was being worked on. If more than one head break to the back fence twice while working for the center obstacle, the attempt is over and the dog must move on to the re-pen.

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 - i. The dog had twice moved the stock near the obstacle; or
 - ii. Two or more head of stock crossed a "runaway line" two different times.
- c. After a reasonable length of time with no progress being made toward an obstacle, the Judge **must** advise the handler to move to the next obstacle.
- d. **Runaway Lines:** The runaway line for obstacles 1 and 2 will be the Advanced Handlers line and for the center obstacle, chute, pen or elbow it will be the back fence at the re-pen end of the arena. Each time two or more head of stock breaks back over a runaway line, it is considered an attempt for the obstacle that was being worked on. If two or more head of stock breaks to the back fence twice while working for the center obstacle, the attempt is over and the dog must move on to the re-pen.

Current rule:

3.11.7. On Course A and Course C, the handler has the option of starting his/her run by sending the dog into the take-pen or stationing the dog out in the arena to take control of the stock as they run out of the pen.

Proposed rule:

3.11.7. On a course with a take pen, the handler has the option of starting his run by sending the dog into the take-pen or stationing the dog out in the arena to take control of the stock as they run out of the pen.

Current rule:

3.11.8. Time and scoring for all runs will begin when the handler opens the take pen gate in Course A and Course C or when the dog begins the gather in Course B. Time stops when the re-pen gate is closed at the completion of the run or when time has expired.

Proposed rule:

3.11.8. Time and scoring for all runs will begin when the handler opens the take pen gate or when the dog begins the gather on courses without a take-pen . Time stops when the re-pen gate is closed at the completion of the run or when time has expired.

SECTION 12 – ARENA AND OBSTACLES

3.12.3 Course C Arena

Current rule:

g. Chute: The chute consists of four panels. The duck/geese arena chute shall be two feet wide at the exit. The sheep/goats and cattle arena chute shall be four feet wide at the exit. The wing ends of the chute shall be positioned in a minimum size arena for the sheep/goats and cattle arena 35 from the side fence and in a larger arena up to 50 feet; 12 feet for a minimum size duck/geese arena and for larger duck/geese arenas up to 20 feet. From the bottom corner of the panel of Obstacle 2 down to the wings of the chute, with the wings positioned at a 45-degree angle to the center of the chute, the distance must be 100 feet for the sheep/goats and cattle arena, 35 feet for the duck/geese arena. Ability to control livestock points for this work will be subject to the manner in which movement through the obstacle was executed.

Note: The distance from the side fence to obstacle 1 and 2 will be the same as the distance from the side fence to the closest chute wing.

Proposed rule:

g. Chute: The chute consists of four panels. The duck/geese arena chute shall be two feet wide at the exit. The sheep/goats and cattle arena chute shall be four feet wide at the exit. The wing ends of the chute shall be positioned in a minimum size arena for the sheep/goats and cattle arena 35 from the side fence and in a larger arena up to 50 feet; 12 feet for a minimum size duck/geese arena and for larger duck/geese arenas up to 20 feet from the side fence. The chute is at a distance of 125 feet down from the bottom corner of the panel of Obstacle 2 exit end of the chute, for the sheep/goats and cattle arena, 45 feet for the duck/geese arena with the wings positioned at a 45-degree angle to the center of the chute. Ability to control livestock points for this work will be subject to the manner in which movement through the obstacle was executed.

Note: The distance from the side fence to obstacle 1 and 2 will be the same as the distance from the side fence to the closest chute wing.

Current rule:

h. Handler lines: The Advanced handler line shall be 150 feet for the sheep/goats and cattle arena, 45 feet for the duck/geese arena, from the bottom corner of the panel of obstacle 1 or obstacle 2 down to the take pen side of the arena. The Open handlers line shall be 35 feet for the sheep/goats and cattle arena, 12 for the duck/geese arena, from the bottom corners of Obstacle 1 and Obstacle 2 towards the take pen side of the arena.

Proposed rule:

h. Handler lines: The Advanced handler line shall be 125 feet for the sheep/goats and cattle arena from the bottom corner of the panel of obstacle 1 or obstacle 2 down to the exit end of the chute, and 45 feet to the exit end of the Chute for the duck/geese arena. The Open handler line shall be 25 feet for the sheep/goats and cattle arena, 6 for the duck/geese arena, from the bottom corners of Obstacle 1 and Obstacle 2 towards the take pen end of the arena.

3.12.4. Course D Arena

a. Set-up: The arenas will be set up with panels and pens positioned as outlined in Appendix X and described in this section.

b. Sequence (for a left hand pen): TAKE PEN/GATHER (5 course points and 15 control points); to DRIVE/FETCH THROUGH OBSTACLE 1 by driving or fetching the stock up the middle of the arena to the entrance of obstacle 1 (marked 1a) then drive or fetch the stock to the exit (marked 1b), (5 course points will be scored as: up to 5 points at entrance 1a plus up to 5 points at exit 1b; then add the points for 1a and 1b; then divide by 2 and 20 control points for the drive/fetch through obstacle 1); then CROSS-DRIVE/FETCH THROUGH OBSTACLE 2 by cross driving or fetching the stock in a counter-clock wise direction to the entrance of obstacle 2 (marked 2a) then continue to cross drive or fetch in a counter-clockwise direction to the exit of obstacle 2 (marked 2b), (5 course points will be scored as: up to 5 points at entrance 2a plus up to 5 points at exit 2b; then add the points for 2a and 2b; then divide by 2 and 25 control points); then SET-UP AND CONTROL AT CENTER OBSTACLE by setting up and controlling the stock towards the pen in a counter-clock wise direction, Advanced and Open will proceed to the pen (5 course points and 30 control points, not for STARTED); and then to the re-pen (5 course points and 10 control

points. Not for STARTED), Started will proceed from obstacle 2 exit (marked 2b) towards the re-pen (5 course points and 20 control points, STARTED only). The sequence of events shall be as follows: take pen or gather, obstacle 1, obstacle 2, pen (not for started) and re-pen. Obstacles 1 and 2 must be attempted before attempting the pen as described in Chapter 3, Section 11.4. No points will be awarded for the pen for started dogs.

EXCEPTION: (For a right hand pen) If the Course Director feels that there is too much interference with the pen on the left side of the arena, the course may be reversed by moving the pen to the right hand side of the arena and the obstacles marked 1b and 2b can be set from the left side of the arena and the obstacle marked 2a can be set from the right side of the arena; then the course may be run in the opposite direction.

c. Panels: Panels will be: 8 feet in length for arenas 100' to 124' in width; and 8-12 feet in length for arenas 125' or wider and will be at least 4 feet high.

d. Take Pen: The take pen does not have to be the same enclosure as the re-pen as long as the procedure is consistent for the entire trial and both take pen and re-pen are at the same end of the arena. The take pen gate must be closed after the stock is released into the arena. If the Judge, in consultation with the Course Director, decides that the take pen is not of adequate size and construction to be safe for the dog or the livestock, the cattle or sheep/goats will be released into the arena from the take pen. Advanced handlers must position themselves at the Advanced handler line on the re-pen side of the line where ever they feel it is best to take control of the stock to move them up the middle of the arena and may move after the dog has been sent as long as it is on the re-pen side of the advanced handler line. Open and Started handlers may position themselves where ever they feel it is best to take control of the stock to move it up the middle of the arena. Open handler line is in effect on the gather for the open division. The take pen and/or re-pen shall be placed on the outside of the arena on the fence. The take pen and/or re-pen size and location shall be stated in the sanctioning request form.

e. Obstacle 1: This obstacle set has an entrance and exit at two different locations. The exit of obstacle set 1 is marked obstacle 1b. There are two in-line panels that have a ten foot opening. The exit opening to obstacle 1 will be centered at 15% of the arena length measured from the top of the arena (opposite from the take pen) and 33% of the arena width measured from the right hand side. The entrance of obstacle set 1 is marked as obstacle 1a and consists of two in-line panels that have a ten foot opening. The entrance opening shall be centered in the middle of the width of the arena and 125 feet from the plane of the panels marked 1b. The stock must move through the entrance and exit from the take pen end of the arena towards the top of the arena. Once at least one head of stock moves through the exit, then no further course points can be counted at the entrance. To receive course points for obstacle 1, at least one head of livestock must pass the plane between the two in-line panels at the entrance and exit. If the stock passes through either the entrance or the exit from the wrong direction, then at least one head must be driven past the plane of the inline panels so that DAYLIGHT can be seen by the Judge between the line and the stock. The stock then must be turned around to attempt the obstacle in the correct direction. Ability to control livestock points for this work will be subject to the manner in which the movements around the obstacle were executed.

f. Obstacle set 2: This obstacle set has an entrance and exit at two different locations. The entrance of obstacle set 2 is marked as obstacle 2a and consists of one panel, positioned parallel to the panels marked 1b with a ten foot opening between the left end of the panel and the left hand side of the arena. The exit of obstacle set 2 is marked obstacle 2b. There are two in-line panels that have a ten foot opening. The exit opening to obstacle set 2 will be centered at 70 feet down from the plane of obstacle 1b and 20% of the arena width measured from the right hand side of the arena. The stock must move through the entrance from the top end of the arena towards the take pen end of the arena and from left to right for the exit. To receive course points at least one head of livestock must pass the entrance and the exit. Once at least one head of

stock moves through the exit, then no further course points can be counted at the entrance. If the stock pass through either the entrance or exit from the wrong direction, then at least one head must be driven past the plane of the in-line panels so that DAYLIGHT can be seen by the Judge between the line and the stock. The stock then must be turned around to attempt the obstacle in the correct direction. Ability to control livestock points for this work will be subject to the manner in which the movements around the obstacles were executed. Note: If attempting the exit of obstacle 1 (marked 1b) and one or more head pass through the panels marked obstacle 2b, this will not constitute an attempt to obstacle 2.

g. Free-Standing Pen: The free-standing pen is made up of three sides and a gate located so that the back wall of the pen is 12.5% of the arena length measured from the bottom (take pen end) and 20% of the arena width measured from the left side of the arena. The pen must be made of slatted material (no solid pens). The gate must be hinged to allow for free swinging. The dog is to put the stock into the pen and the handler is to close the gate in order to receive course points. Obstacles 1 and 2 must be attempted before attempting the free-standing pen as described in Chapter 3, Section 11.4. The handler may assist the dog in bringing the stock out of the free-standing pen. Handlers are not required to stay at the gate while penning. Advanced handlers must, while attempting the freestanding pen, **stay behind the Open Handler's Line, otherwise the 50% Advanced Handler's penalty will be applied.** Ability to control livestock points for this work will be subject to the manner in which this pen was completed.

h. Re-pen: The re-pen may be the same pen as the take pen. When the re-pen gate is opened, no further points can be earned on any other part of the course. Points for the re-pen may be earned after completing or attempting the exit for obstacle 1. Ability to control livestock points for this work will be subject to the manner in which movement through the obstacle was executed.

i. Handler lines: The Advanced handler line shall be 125 feet from the plane of the exit of obstacle 1, down towards the take pen end of the arena. The Open Handler line shall be 25 feet from the plane of the exit obstacle 1, down towards the take pen end of the arena.

3.12.5. **Course E Arena**

a. Set-up: The arenas will be set up with panels and pens positioned as outlined in Appendix XX and described in this section.

b. Sequence (for a left hand Elbow): TAKE PEN/GATHER (5 course points and 15 control points); to DRIVE/FETCH THROUGH OBSTACLE 1 by driving or fetching the stock up the middle of the arena to the entrance of obstacle 1 (marked 1a) then drive or fetch the stock to the exit of obstacle 1 (marked 1b), (5 course points will be scored as: up to 5 points at entrance 1a plus up to 5 points at exit 1b; then add the points for 1a and 1b; then divide by 2 and 20 control points); then CROSS-DRIVE/FETCH THROUGH OBSTACLE 2 by cross driving or fetching the stock in a counter-clock wise direction to the entrance of obstacle 2 (5 course points and 25 control points); then SET-UP AND CONTROL AT CENTER OBSTACLE by setting up and controlling the stock towards the entrance of the Elbow obstacle (marked 3a) and then enter the Elbow obstacle (marked as 3b) in a clock wise direction from the top end of the arena towards the take-pen end of the arena, Advanced and Open will proceed to the pen (5 course point will be scored as: up to 5 points at entrance 3a plus up to 5 points exiting chute 3b; then add the points for 3a and 3b; then divide by 2 and 30 control points, not for STARTED) and then to the re-pen (5 course points and 10 control points. Not for STARTED), Started will proceed from obstacle 2 towards the re-pen (5 course points and 20 control points, STARTED only). The sequence of events shall be as follows: take pen or gather, obstacle 1, obstacle 2, Elbow Obstacle (not for started) and re-pen. Obstacle 1 and obstacle 2 must be attempted before attempting the Elbow obstacle as described in Chapter 3, Section 11.4. No points will be awarded for the center obstacle (Elbow) for started dogs.

EXCEPTION: (Right hand Elbow obstacle) If the Course Director feels that there is too much interference with the Elbow on the left side of the arena, the course may be reversed by moving the Elbow to the right hand side of the arena and the obstacles marked 1b can be set from the left side of the arena and obstacle 2 can be set from the right side of the arena; then the course may be run in the opposite direction.

c. Panels: Panels will be: 8 feet in length for arenas 100' to 124' in width; and 8-12 feet in length for arenas 125' or wider and will be at least 4 feet high.

EXCEPTION: The panel length for the Elbow vertical chute shall be 12 feet long.

d. Take Pen: The take pen does not have to be the same enclosure as the re-pen as long as the procedure is consistent for the entire trial and both pens are at the same end of the arena. The take pen gate must be closed after the stock is released into the arena. If the Judge, in consultation with the Course Director, decides that the take pen is not of adequate size and/or construction to be safe for the dog or the livestock, the cattle or sheep/goats will be released into the arena from the take pen.

Advanced handlers must position themselves at the Advanced handler line on the take-pen side of the line, where ever they feel it is best to take control of the stock to move them up the middle of the arena and is free to move after the dog has been sent as long as it is on the take-pen side of the Advanced Handler line. Open and Started handlers may position themselves where ever they feel it is best to take control of the stock to move it up the middle of the arena. Open handlers line is in effect for the Open division. The take pen and/or re-pen shall be placed on the outside of the arena on the fence. The take pen and/or re-pen size and location shall be stated in the sanctioning request form.

e. Obstacle set 1: This obstacle set has an entrance and exit at two different locations. The exit of obstacle 1 is marked obstacle 1b. There are two panels that are in-line with each other that have a ten foot opening. The exit opening to obstacle 1 will be centered at 17.5% of the

arena length measured from the top of the arena (opposite from the take pen) and 33% of the arena width measured from the right hand side. The entrance of obstacle set 1 is marked obstacle 1a. There are two in-line panels that have a ten foot opening. The entrance opening shall be centered in the middle of the width of the arena and positioned above the Advanced Handler Line 22 feet. The stock must move through the entrance and exit from the take pen side of the arena towards the top of the arena. Once at least one head of stock moves through the exit, then no further course points can be counted at the entrance. To receive course points for obstacle 1, at least one head of livestock must pass the plane at the entrance and exit. If the stock passes through either the entrance or the exit from the wrong direction, then at least one head must be driven past the plane of the inline panels so that DAYLIGHT can be seen by the Judge between the line and the stock. The stock then must be turned around to attempt the obstacle in the correct direction. Ability to control livestock points for this work will be subject to the manner in which the movements around the obstacle were executed.

f. Obstacle 2: The entrance/exit of obstacle 2 consists of two in-line panels, positioned 45 degrees to the panels marked 1b with a ten foot opening. The top panel (top end of the arena) is set at 20% of the width of the arena measured from the left hand side. The bottom of the panel (top end of the arena) shall be placed on the Open Handler Line. The stock must move through the entrance/exit from the top end of the arena towards the take pen end of the arena. To receive course points, at least one head of livestock must pass the plane between the in-line panels. If the stock passes through the obstacle from the wrong direction, then at least one head must be driven past the plane of the in-line panels so that DAYLIGHT can be seen by the Judge between the line and the stock. The stock then must be turned around to attempt the obstacle in the correct direction. Ability to control livestock points for this work will be subject to the manner in which the movements around the obstacle were executed.

g. Elbow Chute Obstacle Set 3: This obstacle set has an entrance and

exit at two different locations. The Obstacle set 3 has an entrance (marked 3a) that is also the same panels as obstacle 1a. The exit is a chute (marked 3b) is two 12' panels parallel to each other with a 20 foot opening. The right hand side of the chute shall be: set 10' towards the take pen end of the arena from the plane of obstacle 1a/3a; perpendicular to the panels marked 1a/3a; and shall be even with the end of the left hand side of the panel which makes up the obstacle marked 1a/3a. The dog is to put the stock through the entrance from the top end of the arena towards the take pen end, then turn in a counter-clockwise turn and drive the stock to the opening of the chute, and turn the stock in a counter clock-wise turn through the chute and out the exit (bottom end of chute) to receive course points. Obstacles 1 and 2 must be attempted before attempting the chute as described in Chapter 3, Section 11.4. Ability to control livestock points for this work will be subject to the manner in which this obstacle 3 was completed.

h. Re-pen: The re-pen may be the same pen as the take pen. When the re-pen gate is opened, no further points can be earned on any other part of the course. Points for the re-pen may be earned after completing or attempting the exit for obstacle 1. Ability to control livestock points for this work will be subject to the manner in which movement through the obstacle was executed.

i. Handler lines: The Advanced handler line shall be 125 feet from the plane of the exit of obstacle 1 (marked 1b) towards the take pen end of the arena. The Open handler line shall be 25 feet from the plane of the exit of obstacle 1 (marked 1b) towards the take pen end of the arena and across the arena through the entrance of obstacle 2, bottom corner of top panel to the left side of the arena.

3.12.6. Course F Arena

a. Set-up: The arenas will be set up with panels and pens positioned as outlined in Appendix XXX and described in this section.

b. Sequence (for a left hand pen): TAKE PEN/GATHER (5 course points and 15 control points); to DRIVE/FETCH THROUGH

OBSTACLE 1 by driving or fetching the stock up the middle of the arena to the entrance of obstacle 1 (marked 1a) then drive or fetch the stock to the exit of obstacle 1 (marked 1b), (5 course points will be scored as: up to 5 points at entrance 1a plus up to 5 points at exit 1b; then add the points for 1a and 1b; then divide by 2 and 20 control points); then CROSS-DRIVE/FETCH THROUGH OBSTACLE 2 by cross driving or fetching the stock in a counter-clock wise direction to the entrance of obstacle 2 (marked 2a), then continue to cross drive or fetch in a counter-clockwise direction to the exit of obstacle 2 (marked 2b), (5 course points will be scored as: up to 5 points at entrance 2a plus up to 5 points at exit marked 2b; then add the points for 2a and 2b; then divide by 2 and 25 control points); then SET-UP AND CONTROL AT CENTER OBSTACLE by setting up and controlling the stock towards the pen in a counter-clock wise direction, Advanced and Open will proceed to the pen (5 course points and 30 control points, not for STARTED) and then to the re-pen (5 course points and 10 control points. Not for STARTED), Started will proceed from obstacle 2 exit towards the re-pen (5 course points and 20 control points, STARTED only). The sequence of events shall be as follows: take pen or gather, obstacle 1, obstacle 2, pen (not for started) and re-pen. Obstacles 1 and 2 must be attempted before attempting the pen as described in Chapter 3, Section 11.4. No points will be awarded for the pen for started dogs. **EXCEPTION:** (Right hand pen) If the Course Director feels that there is too much interference with the pen on the left side of the arena, the course may be reversed by moving the pen to the right hand side of the arena and the obstacles marked 1b can be set from the left side of the arena and the obstacles marked 2a and 2b can be set from the right side of the arena; then the course may be run in the opposite direction.

c. Panels: Panels will be: 8 feet in length for arenas 100' to 124' in width; and 8-12 feet in length for arenas 125' or wider and will be at least 4 feet high.

d. Take Pen: The take pen does not have to be the same enclosure as the re-pen as long as the procedure is consistent for the entire trial and both

pens are at the same end of the arena. The take pen gate must be closed after the stock is released into the arena. If the Judge, in consultation with the Course Director, decides that the take pen is not of adequate size and/or construction to be safe for the dog or the livestock, the cattle or sheep/goats will be released into the arena from the take pen.

Advanced handlers must position themselves at the Advanced handler line on the take-pen side of the line, where ever they feel it is best to take control of the stock to move them up the middle of the arena and is free to move after the dog has been sent as long as it is on the take-pen side of the Advanced Handler line. Open and Started handlers may position themselves where ever they feel it is best to take control of the stock to move it up the middle of the arena. Open Handlers Line is in effect for Open division. The take pen and/or re-pen shall be placed on the outside of the arena on the fence. The take pen and/or re-pen size and location shall be stated in the sanctioning request form.

e. Obstacle set 1: This obstacle set has an entrance and exit at two different locations. The exit of obstacle set 1 is marked obstacle 1b. There are two in-line panels that have a ten foot opening. The exit opening will be centered at 20% of the arena length measured from the top of the arena (opposite from the take pen) and 33% of the arena width measured from the right hand side. The entrance of obstacle set 1 marked obstacle 1a consists of two in-line panels that have a ten foot opening. The entrance opening shall be centered in the middle of the width of the arena and 85 feet from the plane of the panels marked 1b. The stock must move through the entrance and exit from the take pen end of the arena towards the top of the arena. Once at least one head of stock moves through the exit, then no further course points can be counted at the entrance. To receive course points, at least one head of livestock must pass the plane between the two in-line panels at the entrance and exit. If the stock passes through either the entrance or the exit from the wrong direction, then at least one head must be driven past the plane of the in-line panels so that DAYLIGHT can be seen by the Judge between the line and the stock. The stock then must be turned around to attempt the obstacle in the correct direction. Ability to control

livestock points for this work will be subject to the manner in which the movements around the obstacle were executed.

f. Obstacle set 2: This obstacle set has an entrance and exit at two different locations. The entrance of obstacle set 2 is marked obstacle 2a and consists of two in-line panels, positioned at a 45 degrees to the panels marked 1b with a ten foot opening. The bottom corner of the left hand panel of obstacle 2a is located 20% of the arena width from the left hand side of the arena and 20% of the arena length measured down from the top of the arena. The exit of obstacle set 2 marked obstacle 2b, consists of two in-line panels that have a ten foot opening. The exit opening will be centered at 70 feet down from the plane of obstacle 1b (measured from the top end of the arena) and 20% of the arena width measured from the left hand side of the arena. The stock must move through the entrance from the right side towards the left side of the arena and thru the exit from the left side towards the right side of the arena. To receive course points at least one head of livestock must pass the plane at the entrance and the exit. Once at least one head of stock moves through the exit, then no further course points can be counted at the entrance. If the stock passes through either the entrance or the exit from the wrong direction, then at least one head must be driven past the plane of the in-line panels so that DAYLIGHT can be seen by the Judge between the line and the stock. The stock then must be turned around to attempt the obstacle in the correct direction. Ability to control livestock points for this work will be subject to the manner in which the movements around the obstacle were executed. Note: If attempting the exit of obstacle 1 and one or more head pass through the panels for Obstacle 2, this will not constitute an attempt to obstacle 2.

g. Pen: The pen is made up of three sides and a gate located so that the back wall of the pen is 12.5% of the arena length measured from the bottom (take pen end) and 20% of the arena width measured from the left side of the arena. The pen must be made of slatted material (no solid pens). The gate must be hinged to allow for free swinging. The dog is to put the stock into the pen and the handler is to close the gate in order to

receive course points. Obstacles 1 and 2 must be attempted before attempting the pen as described in Chapter 3, Section 11.4. The handler may assist the dog in bringing the stock out of the pen. Handler is not required to stay at the gate while penning. **Advanced Handlers must, while attempting the free standing pen stay behind the Open handler's line, otherwise the 50% Advanced Handler's penalty will be applied.** Ability to control livestock points for this work will be subject to the manner in which this pen was completed.

Note: In a minimum size arena the pen sits on the Advanced handler line. In arenas longer than the minimum length the pen drops off the Advanced handler line according to the 12.5% of the arena length measured from the bottom of the arena to the bottom side of the pen.

h. Re-pen: The re-pen may be the same pen as the take pen. When the re-pen gate is opened, no further points can be earned on any other part of the course. Points for the re-pen may be earned after completing or attempting the exit for obstacle 1. Ability to control livestock points for this work will be subject to the manner in which movement through the obstacle was executed.

i. Handler lines: The Advanced handler line shall be 125 feet down from the plane of the exit of obstacle 1b towards the take pen end of the arena. The Open handlers line shall be 25 feet from the plane of obstacle marked 1b across the arena and 25 feet down from the bottom corner of the left panel of obstacle 2a down towards the take pen end of the arena.

Current rules

3.14.3. **Timekeepers:** There will be a minimum of two timekeepers for each arena. Timekeepers will be responsible for timing each trial run (which commences when the gate is opened in Course A or C or when the dog moves away from the handler in Course B), for giving the time warning before the end of each run, for calling "time" when the total allowed time has elapsed, the contestant has completed repenning (time stops when the gate is closed) or "called time" himself. The timekeeper will give the time to the scorekeepers and assure that the Judge(s) acknowledge the length of time

Proposed rule:

3.14.3. **Timekeepers:** There will be a minimum of two timekeepers for each arena. Timekeepers will be responsible for timing each trial run

which commences when either the gate is opened when a take-pen is used or when the dog moves away from the handler when the gather is used, and for giving the time warning before the end of each run, for calling "time" when the total allowed time has elapsed, the contestant has completed re-penning (time stops when the gate is closed) or "called time" himself. The timekeeper will give the time to the scorekeepers and assure that the Judge(s) acknowledge the length of time.

Current rule:

12.2.5. Qualifying points towards eligibility in the Stockdog Finals for each class of stock are earned in the following ways:

- a. One point for each score received of 100 or more.
- b. One point for each qualifying score that earns High In Trial in Class of Stock (Cattle, Sheep/goats, Ducks/geese) at a trial.
- c. A Post Advanced score of 100 points or greater will be awarded two points towards finals qualification and that High In Trial-Cattle and High In Trial-Sheep/Goats Post Advanced Aussie each receive an extra point towards finals qualification.

Examples:

- A sheep/goats score of 97 that goes High In Trial Aussie in Sheep/goats at a trial, that dog earns 1 point towards sheep/goats for the Finals.
- A dog scores 107 in Cattle but places second to High In Trial Aussie in Cattle; he earns 1 point towards cattle in the Finals.
- A dog scores 106 and High In Trial Aussie in Ducks/geese at a trial, he earns 2 points towards Ducks/geese for the Finals.
- A dog scores a 99 on sheep/goats and DOES NOT get High In Trial Aussie in Sheep/goats at a trial, he earns no points (0) towards the Finals.

Proposed Rule:

12.2.5. Qualifying points towards eligibility in the Stockdog Finals for each class of stock are earned in the following ways:

- a. One point for each score received of 100 or more on Course A or B.
- b. One and a half (1 1/2) points for each score received of 100 or more on Course C, D, E, F
- c. Two points for each score received of a 100 or more points on Post - Advanced A & B
- d. One point for each qualifying score that earns High In Trial Aussie in Class of Stock (Cattle, Sheep/goats, Ducks/geese) at a trial for Course A, B, C, D, E or F.
- e. HIT cattle and the HIT sheep/goat Post Advanced Aussie each receive an extra point towards finals qualification.

Examples:

- A sheep/goats score of 97 on Course B that goes High In Trial Aussie in Sheep/goats at a trial, that dog earns 1 point towards sheep/goats for the Finals.
- A dog scores 107 in Cattle on Course A but places second to High In Trial Aussie in Cattle; he earns 1 point towards cattle in the Finals.
- A dog scores 105 in Cattle on Course C but places second to High In Trial Aussie in Cattle; he earns 1.5 points towards cattle in the Finals.
- A dog scores 100 on Course F and High In Trial Aussie in Sheep/goats at a trial, he earns 2.5 points towards Sheep/goats for the Finals.
- A dog scores 106 on Course B and High In Trial Aussie in Ducks/geese at a trial, he earns 2 points towards Ducks/geese for the Finals.
- A dog scores a 99 on sheep/goats and DOES NOT get High In Trial Aussie in Sheep/goats at a trial, he earns no points (0) towards the Finals.
- A dog scores 101 in Cattle on Course D but places second to High In Trial Other Breed in Cattle; he earns 2.5 points towards cattle in the Finals.
- A dog scores a 117 in sheep on Post -Advanced A and is High In Trial sheep/goats ; he earns 3 points towards the sheep Finals.

Current rule:

3.13.4. The application for sanctioning of a trial by a Host Club will contain the following information:

- a. Host Club, location, and date(s) of trial(s).
- b. Course Director's name, address and ASCA® membership number.
- c. ASCA® Stockdog Judge(s) and their judging assignments. ASCA® Apprentice Judge(s) should be listed, if known.
- d. Number of Australian Shepherd or All-Breed entries, which will be accepted.
- e. Whether bitches in season will be allowed to run.
- f. How the draw for run order will be done (day of trial or prior to trial by trial committee).
- g. Total number of livestock and ducks/geese to be on hand, their breed, weight and/or age.
- h. Livestock and duck/geese arena size, fence type and height, and the location of watering equipment. The take pen size for the duck/geese arena must be given. All areas need to be sketched showing the exact location of the take pen and reopen.
- i. Which course(s) will be used.
- j. Opening and closing pre-entry dates.

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i. Which course(s) will be used. List whether all divisions will run the same course per trial or if different courses per division of a class of stock per trial will be used.