

ASDA MISSION STATEMENT

Our goal is to preserve the qualities of the working stock dog and promote good Stockmanship. The ASDA will help promote, develop and grow the Handler and Dog through educational opportunities and competitions in the arena and field.

ARENA TRIALS

RULES AND CLASSES FOR DOG AND HANDLER

NOVICE: The novice class is for FIRST time and or inexperience handlers that are new to dog trialing. This class is based on the HANDLER and can run any dog. When a handler places more than 3 times in the top 20% the Handler shall move up to the Pro-Novice the following year.. If the handler chooses to move up to Pro-Novice they still qualify to run as a Novice at the ASDA Finals for that year. If the Handler chooses to run in an open class that handler forfeits their NOVICE status.

PRO-NOVICE: This class is based on a Dog/Handler Team. The Pro-Novice class is a place for a Open handler to run a novice dog and a class for a Novice Handler moving up a division before the Open. A Novice handler can run any dog. If a Trial host allows the Dog/Handler Team can cross enter into the Open. If a Dog/Handler team places 3 times in the top 20% that team moves up to the Open the following year. If a Dog/Handler Team chooses to move up to the Open within the year, that Team still qualifies to run in the Pro Novice at ASDA Finals for that year. If the Dog/Handler chooses to run in an Open class and or a major event (Calgary Stampede) and places in the top 20% of the trial, and or makes the Finals that Dog/Handler Team shall IMMEDIATELY MOVE up into the open.

OPEN: The Open Class is for any Dog/Handler Team. An OPEN HANDLER can enter the Pro-Novice and Nursery Classes with dogs that are eligible to run these classes. A OPEN DOG/HANDLER TEAM **CAN NOT** DROP DOWN TO A LOWER CLASS WITHIN THEIR CAREER TOGETHER.

NURSERY: Is a Class for Dogs Under 3 years of age. The dog **CAN NOT** turn 3 years of age on or before June 30th of the trial year. Example if your dog turns 3 on July 1st 2025 or later, that dog's Nursery year ends June 30th 2025. Nursery Dogs are still eligible to run in Finals, or any other trial that hosts a year end competition and specifies Nursery eligibility. Any Handler can run a Nursery Dog

FIELD TRIAL

RULES AND CLASSES FOR DOG AND HANDLER

NOVICE: The novice class is for FIRST time and or inexperience handlers that are new to dog trialing. This class is based on the HANDLER and can run any dog. When a handler places more than 3 times in the top 20% the Handler shall move up to the Intermediate / Pro Novice the following year.. If the handler chooses to move up a division they still qualify to run in the Novice ASDA Finals for that year. If the Handler chooses to run in an Open Field Trial the handler forfeits their Novice/Intermediate status.

INTERMEDIATE: The Intermediate class is for handlers that are moving from Novice to the Pro Novice. This class is based on the Handler and can run any dog. When the Handler has placed more than 3 times in the top 20% in the Intermediate Class they shall move up to the Pro Novice the following year. If the handler chooses to move up to Pro Novice they still qualify to run in the Intermediate ASDA Finals for that year. If the Handler chooses to run in an Open Field Trial they forfeit their Intermediate status.

PRO NOVICE: This class is based on a Dog/Handler Team. The Pro-Novice class is a place for a Open handler to run a novice dog and a class for a Novice Handler moving up a division before the Open. A Novice handler can run any dog. If a Trial Host allows the Dog/Handler Team can cross enter into the open. If a Dog/Handler team places 3 times in the top 20% that team moves up to the Open the following year. If a Dog/Handler Team chooses to move up to the Open within the year, that Team still qualifies to run in the Pro Novice ASDA Finals for that year. If the Dog/Handler chooses to run in an Open class and places in the top 20%, or makes a Double Lift Final that Dog/Handler Team shall IMMEDIATELY MOVE up into the open.

OPEN: The Open Class is for any Dog/Handler Team. An OPEN HANDLER can enter the Pro-Novice and Nursery Class with dogs that are

eligible to run in these classes. A OPEN DOG/HANDLER TEAM **CAN NOT** DROP DOWN TO A LOWER CLASS WITHIN THEIR CAREER TOGETHER.

NURSERY: Is a Class for Dogs Under 3 years of age. The dog **CAN NOT** turn 3 years of age on or before June 30th of the trial year. Example if your dog turns 3 on July 1st 2025 or later, that dog's Nursery year ends June 30th 2025. Nursery Dogs are still eligible to run in Finals, Canadian Championships, Western Canadian Championships or any other trial that hosts a year end competition and specifies Nursery eligibility. Any Handler can run a Nursery Dog.