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This report is a summary of the motions/changes from the governing board of the Australian Shepherd Club of America. For the unabridged notes on current or past motions, you can review the text, in depth, at the website www.asca.org, under ASCA News.

News regarding proposed revisions to the breed standard: The ASCA Board of Directors has unanimously approved the revisions to go to a membership vote section by section in 2012. To view the proposed revisions, please go to the following link:
<http://www.asca.org/aboutaussies/breedstandard/proposedrevisionsofbreedstandard>

GENERAL

Judges List: A complete ASCA judges list is now online at [asca.org](http://www.asca.org) to members only.

Current Policy Book: Effective 2/1/2012

Program rule changes/updates will be completed only once yearly, for cost savings. This change will allow the program committees to have a static date when rule changes/updates must be submitted in order to meet the June 1 update/publication schedule.

AGILITY

Agility: Improper contact performance rule in Section 8.2

Adjustment of verbiage to better illustrate the improper contact rule consists of the removal of the words "incidental contact" in order to simplify the rule. Additionally, within the same rule, changing the word "safety" to "contact" makes the verbiage match when referring to the contact zone, rather than a safety zone.

CONFORMATION

Conformation Sanctioning Form has been amended to include the judge's number for non-regular judging assignments. This change ensures that only approved judges with a judge's ID number are accepting assignments and eliminates judges not yet fully approved to judge at ASCA sanctioned events.

Requirements and Procedures for becoming an ASCA Approved Other Person Conformation Judge: The Provisional and Senior levels have been eliminated in order to bring the procedures in line with the Conformation Show Rules and Regulations and the National Specialty Hosting Rules, which prohibit any judges other than ASCA Breeder and Senior Breeder Judges from judging at the National Specialty. There now are only Non-Regular and Approved levels.

OBEDIENCE

Section 11: New Language regarding the Announcement of Scores

The judge shall not disclose any score or partial score to contestants or spectators until he has completed the judging of the entire class or, in the case of a split class, until he has completed the judging of his division; nor shall he permit anyone else to do so. Immediately following the final exercise for any class, the judge shall inform all handlers whether or not they qualified.