

Australian Shepherd Stockdog European Open (ASSEO)

General rules for organization and execution

The **Australian Shepherd Stockdog European Open (ASSEO) 2022** will be from
September 3 - 4, 2022 in Hösbach, Germany.

General Rules

The ASSEO 2022 is a championship, organized by the WEWASC European Championship committee. This is a committee formed out of all WEWASC e.V. board members plus one WEWASC member.

The European Championships will be held every 2 years from 2019 on, in the years without European MVA Championship. Exception: due to the Corona pandemic the ASSEO could not be organized in 2021. The MVA was postponed from 2020 to 2022. Therefore the ASSEO will be held in 2022 (and then again in 2023 to get back to the normal 2 year term.)

Rule changes and additions to the guidelines are possible. These will be reviewed according to the experiences before each ASSEO.

The location, rule changes and additions to the guidelines of the ASSEO need to be defined and published by May 31 of the previous year at the latest.

All ASCA registered Australian Shepherds with full registrations are approved to compete. That means, dogs with registry numbers that begin with the following letters: E, N, F, I.

The titles (see below) will be given to the dog.

ASSEO will be held on different classes of stock: cattle, sheep or goats, ducks or geese.

All ASCA rules regarding judging, heads of stock per run, how often stock is allowed to run etc will apply and used as they are written down in the ASCA Stockdog Rule Book.

Two ASCA stockdog judges will be judging the ASSEOs.

The ASSEOs will be held over 2 days, Saturday and Sunday. According to the number of stock at hand, it can be also on Friday.

On the first day, one of the ASCA Arena trial courses will be run. Other courses, like a created Farmtrial course or also a combination of both is possible. This course for the first day will be decided on and set by the judges, the course director and one member of the ASSEO committee who is not competing. The course director can not compete in the ASSEO.

The judges together with the course director and the ASSEO committee member will create a course for the last day (final day, Sunday). This course will be made public for all contestants and set on Saturday evening, after all runs have finished.

On both days, the courses need to have a center pen.

How many head of stock per run will be used and which arena will be used will be determined before the ASSEO. It will be acknowledged in the premium.

The Championship will be held in combination with an ASCA trial weekend, but is not an ASCA sanctioned event.

Judges

Judges for **ASSEO 2022** will be

Mr. John Knepper, Texas and **Mrs. Marti Parrish, Oregon.**

Qualification

Qualifiers will be determined from ASCA's Finals points list. A maximum number of 15 dogs per class of stock can participate in the ASSEO. The dog with the most finals points will be first on the list of top 15 dogs, counting down. Only dogs with at least 4 finals points are on ASCA's finals list. In the case, that there are not 15 dogs from this list eligible to compete in the ASSEO, also dogs with less than 4 points can enter (at least 1 point necessary) and will be informed if they can participate. These will be on the alternate list according to the published trial results.

Invitation letters will be sent to all qualifiers together with an entry form for the ASSEO.

For the ASSEO 2022

participants can, **due to the Corona situation**, add qualifying points from 2 years.

**These dogs will be therefore determined out of the timeframe
June 1st, 2020 - May 31, 2022.**

Titles and Prizes



Buckles will be given for the winners and reserve winners from each class of stock and for the high combined winner.

The **winner** in 2022 will be called:

"Australian Shepherd Stockdog European Open Champion `class of Stock` 2022"

The dog placed **second** in 2022 will be called:

"Australian Shepherd Stockdog European Open Reserve Champion `class of Stock` 2022"

The **High Combined Aussie** in 2022 will be called:

"Australian Shepherd Stockdog European Open High Combined 2022"

The HC title will be given to the dog with the highest combined score. The dogs need to be qualified in all three classes of stock from the qualification years (June 1st 2020 – May 31 2022, see below) for Saturday and needs to be in the final ASSEO round in at least 2 classes of stock on Sunday.

Ribbons and prizes will be given to the 3rd and 4th places ("Australian Shepherd Stockdog European Open 2019 „class of stock” 3rd Place and 4th Place / name of dog”).

An acknowledgement, with the name of the qualified dog printed on, will be given out for all ASSEO qualifiers.

WEWASC will put an advertisement about the ASSEO and its winners in the Aussie Times.

Saturday

On Saturday, each dog will run 2 times in the class of stock it is qualified for (judge 1 & judge 2 judge **separately**). Therefore, each dog will have **2 Scores** per class they were

qualified in. The 10 dogs with the highest total will run in the final rounds on Sunday (also 2 per class).

Note: Depending on the number of cattle at hand, it might be necessary to do some of the qualification runs on Friday.

If there is a tie in the combined score, the following rules apply:

1. the higher score for working the center pen from both runs added and
2. the faster time from both runs added

Should there be only 10 or less dogs qualified from the ASCA trial years (June 1st, 2020 till May 31st, 2022), all dogs still need to run the qualification rounds on Saturday.

Sunday

On Sunday, the 2 judges will be judging all ASSEO final runs together. All finals contestants will run 2 times per class of stock, resulting in 4 scores per class of stock for the top 10 dogs.

To determine the Champions, all scores from Saturday and Sunday will be considered, resulting in 6 scores. The highest and lowest score from all runs will be deleted. That means that for determine the winners, 4 scores will be added.

In case of a tie, there will be a runoff, judged by both judges. Scores will be added.

In case of another tie, the added higher score for the center pen from the runoff will then be counted.

The same rules apply for the reserve champion title.

Entry

The entry for the ASSEO September 3 & 4, 2022 is to be done **separately** from the entry for the regular ASCA Arena Trials (August 31 – September 2, 2022)!

There will be a separate entry form and a separate premium for the ASSEO.

An entry form will be sent to the qualifiers together with an invitation after May 31 of the year the ASSEO is held.

Information will be posted on the WEWASC e.V. website and on the WEWASC e.V. Facebook site.

See premium on www.wewasc.com

The ASSEO committee will determine the 15 best dogs out of the entries that were sent in and then publish the qualifiers on the WEWASC Home Page.

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entry (postmark) will be June 27-30, 2022.

Entry fee

For the ASSEO 2022, the entry fee is 150,00 € per class of stock (for example: if you have qualified and run on sheep, ducks and cattle, you have to pay 450 € once for both days)

Note

The next ASSEO will be in 2023.

So points can be earned from June 1st 2022 – May 31 2023

Depending on the place where the ASSEO 2023 will be run, there might be major changes to the way the cattle runs will be done. Since there might not be enough cattle available anymore to do it like 2019 and 2022.