

MASCA Dock Diving

Distance Titles: Introductory (DD-I), Novice (DD-N), Open (DD-O), Advanced (DD-A), Post Advanced (DD-PA)

Speed Titles: Introductory (DDS-I), Novice (DDS-N), Open (DDS-O), Advanced (DDS-A), Post Advanced (DDS-PA)

MASCA Dock Diving Rules and Regulations

Purpose: The purpose of dock diving trials is to jump, fly, splash, compete and have fun! Dock diving is a sport and, as such, should be governed by the principles of good sportsmanship in and out of the ring. The dog will jump from the end of the dock and into the pool. The dog that jumps the farthest distance (any round) wins. The dog does not need to retrieve the object.

Dock/Pool Size: Ideal dock size is 40' long X 8' wide, and ideal pool size is 40' long X 20' wide. Minimum dock size is 20' long X 8' wide, and minimum pool size is 21' long X 9' wide. Indoor and outdoor pools, ponds and lakes may be used. The dock shall be between 12" and 26" above the water surface. Dock surface shall be nonslip when wet. A 40' long measuring tape is recommended to measure for pools. When using a pond or lake, "noodles" with measurements must be used as markers. Ideally, the vantage point of the judge would be perpendicular to the dogs jumping path. For pond and lakes, a boat should be on hand to adjust markers, recover toys, etc.

Holding a trial: A trial may be a stand alone event or may be held along with any other dog event. Clubs or groups wishing to hold a trial must submit a request to the MASCA board 30 days in advance of the trial. Please submit the MASCA Sanctioning Form.

Dock Diving level: All dogs will enter the same class, however, jumps will be qualifying legs for Introduction, Novice, Open or Advanced depending on the length of jump.

Eligible dogs: All dogs at least 6 months old at the date of the trial are eligible to compete. Any dog registered with MASCA may compete. Clubs may elect to open trials to dogs not registered with MASCA. Any dog not registered with MASCA may compete in a MASCA dock diving trial and receive points and titles through MASCA, if the handler completes the form to request a tracking number and submits it with a \$5 fee to MASCA (see form below). Clubs may also offer Exhibition Only classes, where a MASCA registration number or MASCA tracking number is not required, but no titles will be granted for these entries.

Female dogs in season will not be permitted to compete.

Judging Criteria: When using one judge, the judge must have experience judging in other dock diving venues. When using multiple judges, an average of all distances will be used for the official jump distance. If inexperienced judges are used, more than one judge must be used.

Judges may show their own dogs at MASCA dock diving trials at which they are judging, after the completion of jumps by other dogs. However, they must show in a special judges class and be judged by another judge on that day. They may receive a qualifying ribbon or certificate; however, they will not be eligible for dock diving placement ribbons or prizes.

Double Handling: Double handling is allowed. The person holding the dog, may not give commands or move past the position where they are holding the dog. The person tossing the toy may move any where on the dock.

Starting Line: The dog may be placed anywhere on the dock (within 40' of the edge of the dock), before making

their approach.

Jump Distance: Jump distance will be measured by the place in which the dog's nose enters the water. Jumps where the dog touches or bounces off of the ramp do not count.

DISTANCE JUMPING

Number of Jumps: The club will determine the number of jumps to be offered. At least 2 jumps must be offered in a trial, with a maximum of 5 jumps per trial. There is a maximum of one distance jumping event per day. The judge will choose day of trial whether to run all jumps in a row for each dog, or if only one or two jumps will be done at a time.

Time: The judge will give the contestant the "jump when ready" command. Time begins when the judge says "jump when ready". The dog has 90 seconds to jump. If the dog does not jump in 90 seconds, the timer will call "time", and the handler will put a leash on the dog and exit the dock.

Qualifying Scores (Jump Distance Level):

0'-4.99' - Introductory (DD-I)

5'-9.99' - Novice (DD-N)

10'-14.99' - Open (DD-O)

15'-19.99' - Advanced (DD-A)

20'+ - Post-Advanced (DD-PA)

Titles: Titles will be awarded to dogs with 5 qualifying jumps at that level or higher.

Placements: Certificates, prizes or ribbons may be given for each dog and handler team who receives a qualifying score. The longest jumps from all rounds will be used to determine placement. A dog may only place once, using their longest jump. However, all jumps may be used to qualify for a title. In the event of a tie, the 2nd longest jump will be used as the tie breaker.

Placement certificates, prizes, ribbons, or awards will be given for dogs and handlers for first, second, third, and fourth places. The hosting club will have the option of offering High in Trial. Dogs and handlers who do not receive a qualifying score will not receive placement certificates, prizes, ribbons, or awards. New title ribbons may be given at the club's discretion.

SPEED JUMPING EVENT

One to three Speed Jumping events may be offered per day.

Time: The judge will give the contestant the "jump when ready" command. Time begins when the judge says "jump when ready". The dog has 60 seconds make as many jumps as possible. Points will be awarded by the "Zone" the dog lands in. A 1 point bonus will be given when the dog catches the ball while in the air. Dog must bring the object up the ramp to the handler to make the next jump. Dog must jump more than once to qualify.

Zones: 0'-4.99' – 1 point 5'-9.99' – 2 points 10'-14.99' – 3 points 15'-19.99' – 5 points 20'+ - 7 points Bonus = 1 point for catching object in the air.	Qualifying Scores (Speed Jumping Level): Introductory (DDS-I) – 3+ points and more than one jump Novice (DDS-N) – 5+ points and more than one jump Open (DDS-O) – 12+ points Advanced (DDS-A) – 18+ points Post-Advanced (DDS-PA) – 25+ points
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Titles: Titles will be awarded to dogs with 5 qualifying Speed Jumping Events at that level or higher.

Placements: Certificates, prizes or ribbons may be given for each dog and handler team who receives the highest scores. The highest score from all rounds will be used to determine placement. A dog may only place once, using their highest score. However, all rounds may be used to qualify for a title. In the event of a tie, the dog that lands in the furthest zone will be used as the tie breaker. The 2nd tie-breaker will be a run off for 30 seconds – highest number of points wins.

Placement certificates, prizes, ribbons, or awards will be given for dogs and handlers for first, second, third, and fourth places. The hosting club will have the option of offering High in Trial. Dogs and handlers who do not receive a qualifying score will not receive placement certificates, prizes, ribbons, or awards. New title ribbons may be given at the club's discretion.

Equipment: Dogs may jump with or without a collar. While in line to jump, dogs will be on a 3' lead/buckle collar, and give other dogs an 8' space between each dog. Buckle collars only may be used. Due to the nature of the sport, dogs can be excitable and react. Please keep full control over your dog, and respect the space of other dogs. One (1) toy/ball/disc or bumper may be used, but must float. No live/dead animals or edible objects may be used. Life vests/floatation devices may be used.

No treats allowed. Handlers may not get into the water with the dog.

Dock Diving trial committee - A dock diving trial committee shall include, but is not limited to, a Trial Chairperson, Trial Secretary and two wranglers. The Trial Chairperson may also serve as the Trial Secretary.

The Trial Chairperson is responsible for:

- * Obtaining the trial location
- * Securing sanctioning from MASCA
- * Arranging for a judge or judges
- * Ordering ribbons, prizes, certificates, or awards
- * Making sure all equipment is at the trial site ready to go
- * Arranging for a table steward and wranglers
- * Printing the premium and/or arranging for it to be posted on line
- * Ensuring that all paperwork is correct and submitted to MASCA

The Trial Secretary is responsible for:

- * Accepting entries and fees
- * Preparing numbered armbands or stickers for competitors
- * Assigning numbers to competitors and writing them on score sheets

- * Acting as the contact person for exhibitors
- * Tracking requests for refund

The day of the show, the Trial Secretary will be responsible for:

- * Checking in exhibitors and providing armbands or stickers
- * Filling in score sheet information for day of show entries
- * Adding day of show entries to the judge's sheet
- * Giving the completed score sheets to the table steward
- * Ensuring that all paperwork is complete and signed by the judge

Wrangler #1 - Line up contestants to make sure they are ready for their jump.

Wrangler #2 - Pull the dog out of the water, and rescue any wayward handlers.

General Rules

- Should a dog appear to be injured or ill, the dog's handler will be disqualified. Examples of injury shall include visible limping, bandages, stitches, and open wounds.
- No dog will be allowed off-leash in any part of the competition area, including the exercise area, except for on the dock or in the water itself.
- At no time during competition or practice shall more than one dog be off leash at the same time.
- Electronic collar transmitters are not allowed.
- The handler may not jump into the water or fall into the water.
- Handlers will not push or pull a frightened dog into the water, up the stairs to the dock or on the dock.
- Handlers may not push/throw the dog into the water.
- Handlers will not interfere with other competitors.
- Dogs will not urinate or defecate in dock area.
- Handlers will show respect towards other competitors, staff and judges.
- Handlers will care for their dog with shade, water, etc.
- Judges decision is final.



Miniature Australian Shepherd Club of America Application for Tracking Number

If your dog is already registered or has applied for a registration with MASCA, you do not need to fill out this form. If, however, your dog is NOT registered with MASCA, you will need to apply for a tracking number so that your performance qualifying scores, placements and titles are recorded with MASCA.

There is a one time fee of \$5 to apply for a tracking number with MASCA. You will need to complete one form and remit \$5 for each dog you are registering. Send the application fee and this form to the address at the bottom of the form. If you are pre registering for a performance trial, the tracking number application and A SEPARATE CHECK to MASCA for the fee may be included with your performance trial application and sent to the trial secretary or it may be mailed to the address at the bottom of this form. Registration conformation will be emailed to you. Please allow 2 to 4 weeks for processing.

Please print clearly.

Dog's registered name _____

Breed _____ Variety _____

Sex _____ Date of birth _____ Country _____

Owner _____

Co-owner _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Signature _____

Mail to: treasurer@mascaonline.com MASCA PO Box 712, Custer, SD 57730