

Australian Shepherd Stockdog European Open (ASSEO)

General rules for organization and execution

*The first **Australian Shepherd Stockdog European Open (ASSEO)** will be held for the first time on August 17. & 18., 2019 in Hösbach, Germany.*

This first ASSEO 2019 is a championship, organized by the WEWASC European Championship committee. The following European Championships will be held every 2 years from 2019 on. Additional rules, changes and additions to the guidelines are possible. These will be reviewed after the first ASSEO according to the experiences.

The location of the ASSEOs needs to be defined and published until May 31 of the previous year at the latest (Example: the location for the ASSEO 2021 needs to be published until May 31, 2020).

All ASCA registered Australian Shepherd 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.

2 ASCA stockdog judges will be judging the ASSEOs.

For the ASSEO 2019, ASCA arena trial courses are used . In the future , other courses, like farmtrial courses are possible.

The courses used in the elimination rounds on Saturday and in the finals runs on Sunday need to have a free standing pen.

Judges

Judges for **ASSEO 2019** will be **Mr. Larry Teaff, Texas and Mr. Maarten Walter, Oregon.**

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

Titles

The **winner** in 2019 will be called :

“Australian Shepherd Stockdog European Open Champion `class of Stock` 2019“

The dog placed **second** in 2019 will be called:

“Australian Shepherd Stockdog European Open Reserve Champion `class of Stock` 2019“

The **High Combined Aussie** in 2019 will be called:

“Australian Shepherd Stockdog European Open High Combined 2019“

This title will be given to the dog with the highest combined score. The dogs needs to be qualified in all three classes of stock from the qualification year (June 1st 2018 – May 31 2019) for Saturday and needs to be in the final ASSEO round in at least 2 classes of stock on Sunday.

Qualification and award of titles

Saturday

The 15 dogs with the most finals points, taken from the ASCA finals list, will be qualified for the ASSEO 2019. Only a maximum of 15 dogs per class of stock can run in the ASSEO 2019.

These dogs will be determined out of the trial year June 1st, 2018 till May 31st, 2019.

10 dogs with the highest combined scores per class of stock, out of the 15 that run the qualification round on Saturday, will be in the finals on Sunday:

On Saturday, each dog will run 2 times in the class of stock it is qualified for (judge 1 & judge 2). The two scores in each class of stock will be added. The 10 dog with the highest total will run in the final rounds on Sunday.

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
2. the faster time from both runs added.

Should there be only 10 or less dogs qualified from the ASCA trial year, 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.

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. In case of similar scores, 2 scores will be deleted.

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

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

The same rules apply for the reserve champion title.

The dog with the second highest scores from the qualification round and the finals rounds will be reserve champion.

Entry

The entry for the ASSEO is to be done separately from the entry for the regular ASCA Arena Trials. There will be a separate entry form and a separate premium for the ASSEO.

Information will be posted on the wewasc website and on the wewasc facebook site.

See premium on www.wewasc.com

ASSEO entry (postmark) will be **July 15-18, 2019**.

Entryfee

For the ASSEO 2019, the entryfee is 60,00 € per class of stock.

The ASSEO Committee will determine, which courses will be run on Saturday and Sunday, how many head per run will be used and which arena will be used. It will be acknowledged in the premium.

Prices:

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

Ribbons 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 for all ASSEO qualifiers will be given out.

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