



Australian Shepherd Stockdog European Open (ASSEO)

History and idea of ASSEO

The European Championship was held for the first time in 2019. It was planned that it should take place every 2 years, namely in the years without the MVA European Championship in the Netherlands.

Due to the Corona pandemic, however, the ASSEO 2021 could not be organized.

The MVA had been postponed. Therefore, there was the second ASSEO in 2022, then again in 2023, and then finally returned to the 2-year rhythm.

Rule changes and additions to the guidelines are possible, based on experience from previous years.

These are checked accordingly before each ASSEO.

The venue for the ASSEO must be decided and published by May 31 of the previous year at the latest.

Rule changes and additions to the ASSEO guidelines must be decided and published by the time the competition is announced.



ATTENTION CHANGE

Rules for the ASSEO 2025

**The ASSEO Championship 2025 will take place over 3 days
05-07 September 2025**

JJ Ranch, The Netherlands

The organizers are the WEWASC e.V. and the WASCA

All ASCA Australian Shepherds with full registration are allowed to enter the competition.

That means dogs with registration numbers that start with the following letters:
E, N, F, I.

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

The ASSEO will be held in different classes: Cattle, sheep or goats, ducks or geese.

All ASCA rules regarding judging, the number of animals per run, how many times the animals can run per day, etc. apply and will be used as written down in the ASCA Stockdog Rule Book.

Two ASCA Stockdog judges will judge the ASSEO.

The ASSEO is a championship that will be organized in 2025 by the WEWASC & WASCA European Championship Committee. This is a committee that consists of board members of WEWASC e.V., WASCA, the ASSEO Course Director, the Assistant Course Director and the owner of the facility where the ASSEO takes place.

New in 2025!!

From 2025 there will be a new class: ASSEO PROSPECTS

New for participation in 2025!! Not only arena trial points count, but also farm trial points.

ASSEO PROSPECTS

In 2025 the titles

ASSEO PROSPECT 2025

RESERVE ASSEO PROSPECT 2025

will be awarded

This class is also open to Australian Shepherds with full ASCA registration, see above.

The ASSEO PROSPECTS runs will only be on sheep and will meet an "open" performance standard.

A maximum of 15 dogs per species can participate in the ASSEO PROSPECTS CLASS.

The dog with the most points from Open Arenatrial Sheep of 100 or more than 100, Open and Advanced Farmtrial points more than 110 (means 110.5 or more points) is first on the list of the top 15 dogs and so on.

It is the responsibility of the participants to provide proof of the points. When registering, please attach the score sheets for proof.

EACH DOG CAN ONLY ENTER ONE EVENT!

ASSEO or ASSEO PROSPECTS.

Qualification

The qualifications are determined from the points list of the ASCA Finals.

A maximum of 15 dogs per species can participate in the ASSEO or ASSEO PROSPECTS. The dog with the most points is first on the list of the top 15 dogs and so on.

In the event that there are not 15 dogs from this list that are eligible to participate in the ASSEO / ASSEO PROSPECTS, dogs with fewer than 4 points can also participate - at least 1 point is required.

ASSEO: Since only dogs with at least 4 final points are on the ASCA final list, the participant must provide proof of eligibility to start at the ASSEO.

ASSEO PROSPECTS: In order to participate in the ASSEO PROSPECTS class, the participant must provide proof of eligibility to start.

In order to participate in the ASSEO PROSPECTS class

Arena Trial Open Sheep and/or Open Farmtrial points and/or Advanced Farmtrial points on sheep from the

[Trial year June 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025](#)

are required. The more points are proven, the higher the starting place. Every farm trial score of more than 110 (means 110.5 or more points) counts as 1 point. Every arena trial score of 100 or more counts:
Course A/B 1 point, all other courses 1.5 points.

In order to participate in the ASSEO class

Arena Trial advanced Sheep Cattle and/or ducks and/or advanced sheep cattle and/or ducks Farmtrial points

[Trial year June 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025](#)

are required. The more points are proven, the higher the starting place. Every farm trial score of more than 110 (means 110.5 or more points) counts as 1 point. Every arena trial score of 100 or more counts:
Course A/B 1 point, all other courses 1.5 points.

Titles and prizes



Belt buckles are awarded to the winners and reserve winners of the ASSEO from each class of stock and for the highest combined winner.

From the ASSEO PROSPECTS class, which is only run for sheep, also.

The winners in 2025 will have the title:

"Australian Shepherd Stockdog European Open Champion 'Class of Stock '2025"

„Australian Shepherd Stockdog European Open Prospect Champion 2025

The dogs that take second place in 2025 will have the title:

"Australian Shepherd Stockdog European Open Reserve Champion
'Class of Stock` 2025

"Australian Shepherd Stockdog European Open Prospect Reserve Champion 2025

Der ASSEO High Combined Aussie im Jahr 2025 will have the title:

"Australian Shepherd Stockdog European Open High Combined 2025"

The High Combined title will be awarded to the dog with the highest combined score from the 4 relevant scores.

The dogs must be qualified in all three animal classes

from the qualification years (June 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)

for Saturday and be in the last ASSEO round in at least 2 animal classes on Sunday in order to be able to receive the High combined prize.

Ribbons and prizes will be awarded to 3rd and 4th place:

"Australian Shepherd Stockdog European Open 2025 "class of stock"
3rd place and 4th place / name of dog"

"Australian Shepherd Stockdog European Open Prospect 2025 "
3rd place and 4th place / name of dog".

All ASSEO / ASSEO PROSPECTS participants will receive a small gift with the name of the qualified dog on it.

The WEWASC will publish an advertisement about the ASSEO / ASSEO PROSPECTS and its winners in the Aussie Times.

The process

The ASSEO PROSPECTS qualification runs will consist of an ASCA Arena course and a sheep farm trial.

The Arena ASSEO PROSPECTS qualification runs will take place on Friday. The ASSEO PROSPECTS farm trial qualification runs will take place on Saturday.

The ASSEO qualification runs will consist of an ASCA Arena course and a farm trial course for each animal species.

The ASSEO qualification runs (Arena & Farmtrial) will take place on Saturday.

The 10 finalists from both classes (ASSEO & PROSPECTS) will each run twice on Sunday in a Time and Points course for the title.

The ASSEO committee will create 3 Farmtrial courses for Saturday in the style of the ASCA Farmtrials, one of which will be decided by lot on Friday evening. The course applies to all animal species and also to the ASSEO PROSPECTS class on Saturday.

The ASSEO committee will create 3 Time & Points courses for Sunday that apply to all animal species. 2 of these courses will be drawn at random on Saturday evening. These two courses will be run by all participants and all animal species on the final day in ASSEO and ASSEO PROSPECTS.

All T & P courses must also have a free standing pen.

Friday

The up to 15 ASSEO PROSPECTS runs will be judged in the Arena Trial of the elimination round on Friday. The course will be drawn on Thursday evening in the presence of all participants from the available ASCA courses with a free standing pen.

On Friday there will also be ASCA Sanctioned Trials.

Saturday

The up to 15 ASSEO Arena Trial runs for sheep, ducks and cattle in the elimination round will take place. (The course will be drawn on Friday evening in the presence of all participants from the 4 available ASCA courses with a free standing pen).

This course applies to all animal species.

The up to 15 ASSEO & ASSEO PROSPECTS Farm Trial runs for sheep will also take place. For the up to 15 ASSEO participants there will also be a Farm Trial for ducks and cattle.

For each animal species, all 3 Farm Trial courses are available for drawing again.

The courses will be drawn on Friday evening in the presence of all participants from the 3 available courses per animal species.

This results in 2 scores per animal species for ASSEO and ASSEO PROSPECTS dogs with scores from two different judges.

The 10 dogs with the highest total score 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 the work on the free standing pen from both runs is added and
2. the faster time from both runs is added

If only 10 or fewer dogs from the ASCA trial years ([June 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025](#)) qualify, all dogs must still complete the qualifying rounds on Saturday.

Sunday

ASSEO

The 10 finalists from each class will run twice for the title in a Time and Points course (2 different courses drawn from 3 available).

All ASSEO finalists run twice per animal species for which they are qualified, with Judge 1 and Judge 2 jointly ensuring that the rules are adhered to.

This results in a total of 4 scores per animal species (1 farm trial score, 1 arena trial score and 2 time and point scores) for the final ASSEO score.

To determine the winners, all results from Saturday and Sunday are taken into account, regardless of the respective score.

In the event of a tie there will be a run off in a shortened Arena trialcourse, judged by both judges simultaneously. The two resulting scores will be summed up.

If this results in a tie as well, the combined points for the freestanding point will be added.

The same applies for the Reserve Champion title and for the ASSEO Prospect class.

ASSEO PROSPECTS

All ASSEO PROSPECTS participants run twice with sheep, with Judge 1 and Judge 2 both ensuring that the rules are followed.

Compliance with the rules, such as `no overworking of stock`, is ensured by the judges, the course director and the animal owner.

All participants undertake to help with the reconstruction and construction of the courses.

The course director and the owner of the facility/animals can take part in the ASSEO.

All possible courses are published in the announcement.

How many animals are used per run and which arena is used is published in the announcement.

The championship will be held in combination with normal ASCA trials (sanctioned by ASCA), but is not itself an ASCA-sanctioned event.

These trials will take place on the days before the ASSEO weekend.

Entries

Please note the announcement.

The participants send their registration with the appropriate proof to the Course Director (see announcement)

Course Director:

Kay Pieper

Assistant Course Director:

Silke Jüngling

The Course Director will inform the registered participants after the registration deadline about their participation or their place on the waiting list.

The Course Director will send the registered teams to the WEWASC webmaster and the WASCA webmaster for publication on the WEWASC e.V. homepage, the WASCA homepage, the WEWASC e.V. Facebook page and the WASCA Facebook page.

To register, we ask you to use an ASCA registration form and write ASSEO clearly on it.

Registration for the ASSEO 2025 is separate from registration for the regular ASCA Arena Trials, which take place before the ASSEO!!

Information will be published on the WEWASC e.V. and WASCA websites, as well as on the WEWASC e.V. and WASCA Facebook page.

Please note the announcement on www.wewasc.com / www.wasca.club

ASSEO Committee for 2025

Anita Lukas

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Kay Pieper (Course Director)

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Anneke de Jong (Owner of Property)

Judges

The judges for ASSEO 2025 are

Jan Wesen & Cheryl Padgett

Registration deadline

[Registration deadline is from 4th to 8th August 2025](#)

The entries can be sent by email with proof of the required points.

Please note the ASSEO announcement on the
www.wewasc.com / www.wasca.club website
and on the WEWASC und WASCA FB page.

Entry fee

For the ASSEO 2025, the entry fee is € 150.00 per animal species
(for example: if you qualify for sheep, ducks and cattle, you would have to pay € 450
once).

For the new ASSEO Prospects class for sheep: € 150.00.

We wish all participants much success and a some fun as well at the event.

Your WEWASC ASSEO Committee