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**Retriever Field Trial Advisory  
Committee Rule Proposal**

**2018 BALLOT**

From: John Russell, Chair of the Retriever Field Trial Advisory Committee

DISCUSSION

At the RAC meetings (both committee lunch meeting and the general meeting) we discussed the fact that a few times this year, the rotation brought up the same dog to be first, multiple times in the same stake, on the same weekend. When you consider the statement in the rulebook that explains the fairness that is sought by rotating and also consider the time lost through real time debate on how to handle such a situation, the Committee believes that a change is in order.

The Committee found that at least one of these situations produced a heated debate which took valuable time away from the testing of the dogs. Below is a proposal that is believed to offer a standardized solution to an occasional issue that remains consistent with the stated intent of a rotation.

**BALLOT PROPOSAL**

The proposed rule change is for:

**Chapter 14, Section 4** (2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, p.19) of the  
*Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Retrievers.*

This change would read as follows with the addition of the underlined sentence noted in bold:

*“...The objective of the rotation is to spread the burden or benefit of running early equitably among the competing dogs. The judges shall select the particular system of rotation to be used and the system selected shall be publicly announced by the Judges and/or Marshal before the commencement of the stake to which the rotation will apply. **If any dog, by consequence of the rotation, is designated to run first twice in the same stake, at the same field trial, he should be excused from that obligation. In such an instance, said dog will be passed by and the next number in the callbacks shall be first. For example, if #22 had started a previous series and by some chance came up again to be first on a subsequent series in the same stake, at the same field trial he would be passed by and the next dog in the sequence would be first (#23 or the next earliest number in the callbacks)**”*

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