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Performance Events Department

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To: **All Clubs Licensed to Hold Retriever Hunting Tests**

This communication is to inform your club that there has been a change in the number of Hunting Tests a club may offer in a calendar year. Specifically a club may hold up to six events per year. (Currently a club may hold up to four events per year.) Holding additional events above the number the club has routinely held is entirely at the option of the club.

In addition, clubs that hold two or less events per year may offer Junior level tests only. This is meant to encourage Retriever Specialty clubs that are not currently involved to give the hunting test program a try by holding events limited to Junior level participants. There may also be new clubs or versatile breed clubs that want to take advantage of this option.

With the relevant additions/changes underlined, the new Regulation in its entirety is as follows:

**Chapter 1, Section 3. Making Application.** *Starting after paragraph 3.*

Clubs licensed to hold Retriever Hunting Tests may offer Junior, Senior and Master level tests for all eligible breeds, but may not offer more than one of the same testing levels at any event at which qualifying scores toward titles are earned.

A local club is permitted to hold up to six (6) licensed or member club events per calendar year.

If a club holds two or less events per calendar year, the club may offer Junior and/or Senior level tests only.

If a club holds more than two events per calendar year, at least two test levels must be offered at all licensed or member club events, except a club holding its first licensed or member event may offer only one testing level.

Clubs that sponsor more than two hunting tests in a calendar year shall be required to offer each of the test levels at least once during the year.

The new Regulation is effective January 1, 2015. Clubs wishing to apply for 2015 events may do so immediately.

If a new or existing club is interested in becoming licensed to hold Retriever Hunting Tests, please contact Connie Thomas, Senior Performance Events Operations Representative, at [CLT@akc.org](mailto:CLT@akc.org) or (919) 816-3907. Connie is in the Raleigh, NC office.

This e-mail is being sent to the President and Secretary of all clubs licensed to hold Retriever Hunting Tests. You are encouraged to forward this information to any one that might be interested. General comments can be e-mailed to the AKC at [Huntingtest@akc.org](mailto:Huntingtest@akc.org).