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Performance Events Department

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

Subject: **Allowing Consecutive Judging Assignments – Effective January 1, 2019**

This is to inform your club of a recent change to the *Regulations and Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers* as approved by the AKC Board of Directors.

This change will allow one of two judges assigned to a Retriever hunt test level, to judge the same test level on consecutive days or consecutive back-to-back events. This change will help reduce cost burdens to clubs as they plan their judging panels and tests.

The exact wording of this change will appear in the next printing of the rules as follows with the new regulation shown in bold, underline:

**Chapter 1, Section 6. Judges' Eligibility. (paragraph 16)**

Each test or division of a test shall be judged by at least two qualified Judges. **One of the two Judges may judge the same test level on consecutive days or consecutive back-to-back events. The same team of Judges will not be approved to judge the same test level on consecutive days or consecutive back-to-back events.**

This rule update is available online and being sent to the email addresses on file for all Presidents and Secretaries of clubs licensed to hold Retriever Hunt Tests and all Retriever Hunt Test Judges. Please be sure your email address is current in our records. For questions, comments or email address updates, please send to: [huntingtests@akc.org](mailto:huntingtests@akc.org).