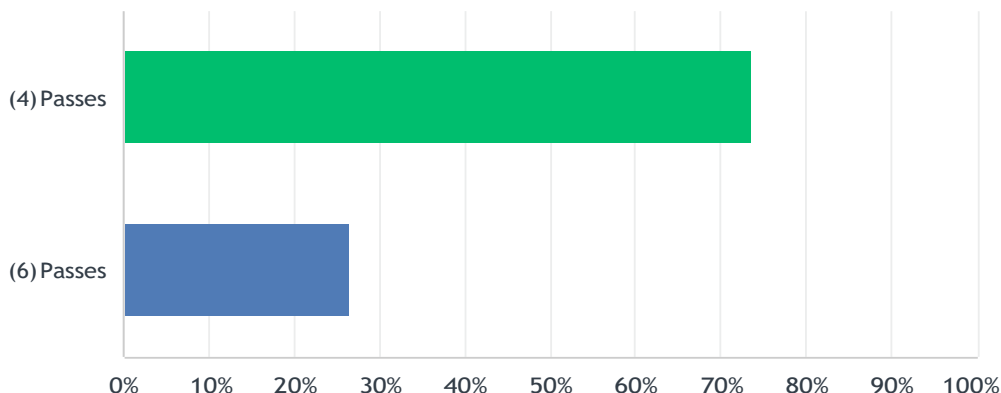


Q2 Please give us your input on the number of passes necessary to qualify a dog for the Master Amateur Invitationals?

Answered: 284 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
(4) Passes	73.59% 209
(6) Passes	26.41% 75
TOTAL	284

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	Thank you for asking us members.	11/7/2022 2:20 PM
2	Want to increase entries	11/2/2022 9:37 PM
3	6 seems like money grabbing by the AKC. You can go to the Grand with your title and no further passes every year.	10/29/2022 10:01 AM
4	for the working amateur, 4 seems right given (real-life) time constraints.	10/28/2022 8:05 PM
5	We have more opportunity to get four passes in our area than 6. It's a challenge to travel 8 hrs plus for test.	10/28/2022 7:11 PM
6	Its the Master Amateur... it is special and should take some doing to qualify. 4 passes are no cup cake and I would be happy with either one.	10/27/2022 8:36 PM
7	I achieved all six this past year. I noticed on more than 1 of those six passes that I was the only amateur to complete the test. I think it is unreasonable to require more than 4 passes for amateur handles due to the time and money required to achieve each and every pass. For the masture national I can see where the pros should be required to have 6 passes due to this is their job and how they make their living.	10/27/2022 6:55 PM
8	I believe 4 passes within the fiscal year plus having the Master title is enough. This will help with others being able to get into tests that need them for there title.	10/27/2022 3:18 PM
9	I believe 4 passes for a Master titled dog is sufficient to show that it is eligible to compete in the Master Amateur competition.	10/27/2022 8:26 AM
10	6 the first time, 4 for any later qualifying if they also qualify for the Master National. Prefer to have qualifying dates same as MNRC. Not many test in july and august , and some dates overlap anyway. If not see above.	10/26/2022 5:50 PM
11	It is so expensive to travel, with everything else even with a good income this sport is getting	10/26/2022 2:33 PM

very expensive. 4 should be good enough, we are amateur's, dont make this impossible due to cost of everything.

12	It is hard enough to get listed on the MH entries these days. Previous multiple qualifications should be taken into account for qualification.	10/26/2022 1:35 PM
13	If less than 6 passes, then it will diminish the prestige associated with the MAI compared to Master Nationals.	10/26/2022 1:06 PM
14	HOW ABOUT 5? 4 IS TOO LITTLE - WITH THE DIFFICULTY GETTING INTO TESTS, MAYBE 5 IS A BETTER GOAL TO STRIVE FOR.	10/26/2022 12:59 PM
15	Normally I would say 6, but given the rising fuel costs and other expenses 4 for most people is more practical.	10/26/2022 11:45 AM
16	We are losing tests in the West. Sacramento Valley hasn't done one in years, Hills Ferry shut down, Monterey Bay is looking into Nahra and probably will not do a hunt test. That means travrling to get 6 tests. Add to that the rising cost of everything and it is getting extremely difficult to even get to a test let alone run it. Perhaps this could be tabled until the economy improves.	10/26/2022 11:14 AM
17	MH Title Plus 4 Passes. Amateurs might be working and judging which takes time/weekends. Is the intent to decrease dogs/participation?	10/26/2022 11:00 AM
18	As an amateur in a northern state who normally runs in 9-10 tests per year passing 6 is a very big time commitment. I do not travel south in the winter to train and run additional tests. So the pressure is on to compete every weekend. Requiring only 4 passes would allow additional dogs to compete.	10/26/2022 10:53 AM
19	I would only go back to 6 if the event needed to be reduced in size and that was the way that is chosen to do so. But I generally don't see the utility in requiring a dog with a master title to have to get 6 passes to qualify. The dog that can get 4 passes can get 6 but it just costs the owner a bunch more money to do so.	10/26/2022 10:40 AM
20	I think it should be 5. Will eliminate some confusion when first qualifying.	10/26/2022 10:18 AM
21	For this year (4). Next year 5 and survey again about going back to 6.	10/26/2022 10:02 AM
22	With 4 required passes, Master Amateur is not overwhelmed by the number of dogs entered. If you put it out of site for those of us who still work a 40 hour job, you will have an event with 50 dogs and less interest. 4 passes is viewed as attainable.	10/26/2022 9:59 AM
23	Many amateur handlers/trainers do not have the time, resources or reasonably close hunt tests to be able to obtain six passes on their dog. Master national requires six passes, I may as well save my yearly dues and just stick with master national If master amateur is going to go to six passes.	10/26/2022 9:36 AM
24	Seems like it should be 6 passes for the first qualification and then 4 passes for subsequent year qualifications. If you are going to make it 6 passes to make it harder to qualify maybe make it 5 passes in 7 runs as a compromise. Unfortunately this would probably promote more judge shopping but that is going on anyway.	10/26/2022 9:32 AM
25	Increasing passes just makes the events impossible to get in.	10/26/2022 9:13 AM
26	Unless I am mistaken, there number of entries is high and that creates an issue for the length of time for the event. I have heard complaints on this.	10/26/2022 9:07 AM
27	I also believe it is not right that any passes gained before you "join" is counter productive. I was one who got a couple of passes and thought, hey, I'd like to try this. But when I found my passes "did count". It was a big turn off and I stopped pursuing it.	10/26/2022 8:54 AM
28	Its a fair chance for amateur	10/26/2022 8:36 AM
29	Younger amateurs tend to be still working. It is difficult to get sufficient vacation time to earn 6 passes to qualify and still have 10-14 days available to attend the invitational. The trend of starting master tests on Friday makes this more difficult. The move to mid-week tests adds addition barriers.	10/26/2022 8:06 AM
30	6 passes require a significant financial burden on a participant	10/26/2022 7:59 AM
31	Things have returned to normal post Covid. The qualifications standards can as well.	10/26/2022 7:56 AM

32	With inflation affecting everything from food, to fuel, to hotel costs as an amateur each pass costs on average \$500. I cannot attempt 6 passes if my dogs go 6 for 6 much less if they do not pass one or more.	10/26/2022 7:38 AM
33	My understanding is that there is an effort underway to lower the pass rate at the weekend events. I am new to this game but it seems that with a lower pass rate at the weekend events that it may be very difficult for me to get 6 passes in a year especially because I only see myself going to about 8 weekend events each year.	10/26/2022 7:17 AM
34	I believe we should keep the requirements of the MAI in line with the Master Nationals.	10/26/2022 6:44 AM
35	Credit for passing MNRC (2) - Amateur handled, Credit for passing MAI (2), HOF dogs always qualified if run by Amateur for all 3 events.	10/26/2022 1:36 AM
36	4 passes for this years national. 6 Passes for the next national.	10/26/2022 1:10 AM
37	not fair for people who live in the north to try to get 6 passes	10/26/2022 12:09 AM
38	Dogs should have six passes every year to qualify. Reducing this number bcz a dog has passed Master Amateur or Master National previously will lead to increase in entries bkz some dogs don't have to qualify every year. This is partially what has led to Master National becoming so large.	10/21/2022 9:36 AM
39	Suggest that each MAI pass counts as two qualifying passes for the dogs life. Example a dog gets a MAI pass then the dog get injured or the handler can not attend the event they have get 6 pass to qualify the next year.	10/19/2022 10:30 AM
40	It can be challenging in Colorado to have enough tests. Here in our state, we have 2-3 clubs hosting tests across the entire state.	10/19/2022 10:13 AM
41	now that COVID is less impactful, there is no reason everyone cannot plan for the required number of passes to qualify. As an amateur, i would expect the participation in the sport we love.	10/18/2022 10:40 AM
42	True amateurs are challenged with time and resources. Six weekends is a huge commitment that many cannot manage	10/17/2022 6:03 PM
43	1) If a dog/handler team consistently pass local master tests (the ratio of passes to tests entered) then it is a good dog/handler team period. Making them pass 6 instead of 4 will not change the quality of the dog/handler team. I would posit that a team that passes 4/4 local is of higher quality than a team that passes 6/12. 2) Reducing to four will help reduce the pressure on the local master test clubs and may help make it easier for other handlers to enter the local tests. 3) I know some handlers keep entering tests so they meet the invitation requirement yet they have no intention of ever attending the annual invitational event. When I ask them why they tell me they just want to qualify and receive the written invitation. (they can then post on facebook "look who got mail today") They want the bragging rights. 4) Makes it easier on an amateur who is working a full time job and or has family pressures to still get invited and compete in the national event.	10/17/2022 4:09 PM
44	Well in today's times, money is an issue. So more test equals more money to qualify. Further more test most likely will be less entrees, less money for the club Just saying	10/17/2022 10:07 AM
45	More dogs able to qualify, more \$\$ available for the MAI rather than spent on 2 more qualifications therefore leaving more spaces available for those without the MH title to have a chance to qualify, have the MAI judges set up tougher tests & judging criteria after the 3rd series (as they do in the Retriever Nationals around the 5th series- lets the qualified "play for several series" then separates those that truly should move forward in the competition.	10/17/2022 8:09 AM
46	Pretty obvious with MARC & MNRC giving 2 points each for passes.	10/16/2022 9:04 PM
47	Being amateurs, the time and capability to assure six passes can be difficult while we also work regular jobs. This is especially true when considering available test windows in areas that are limited by temperatures to three to four months in a year and much of the Western/West Central regions where to get six plus one failure requires drives of four hours or more.	10/16/2022 12:50 PM
48	As a Charter Member I believe in doing what needs to be done to promote this club and encourage new (younger) members to join. I don't feel that changing the qualifications to 6 passes will accomplish this goal. I realize that originally 6 passes were needed, but things have changed. Gas was less than \$2.00 per gallon in 2016 when MA started. We all know how	10/16/2022 12:05 PM

expensive it is now. Also the entry fees have gone up considerably. Most clubs now charge \$100. Add to that, travel and hotel rooms. It is just too expensive to expect an amateur to shell out this kind of cash. Most amateurs, except for us old crows still work and have families. The time and expense of going to 6+ tests will kill this club. If the 6 passes are earned now there is the time involved to attend a MAI. Young amateurs who work will have to use their vacation time to attend. Not all amateurs live in areas where there are enough tests to enter without long distance travel. Cut that down even further and most people can't winter down south and spend the summer in the north in order to train and enter enough tests. When the qualifications were trimmed to 4 passes it at least made it more manageable for more people. Please don't forget, this is the MASTER AMATEUR Club. Key word AMATEUR. Amateurs pay their own way, there are no clients to pick up the travel and entry expenses.

49	Want to increase membership and participation ? Leave it at 4. A member still has to pass six series at the event to qualify and earn a plate/ribbon, and a step in the direction of a title. The money saved in not going to two additional weekend events could be used for more important things to the member. How about the time getting to the venue, staying at the venue, coming home from the venue. Close to 1/2 of our members are still working.	10/16/2022 11:12 AM
50	The board wants to grow the club going into lean economic times with travel and lodging probably doubling in cost	10/15/2022 11:05 PM
51	Being a small club, the number of passes are really not an indication of being qualified to run the MARC. The dog should at least have a MH to go with the four passes. I have run and passed Master Nationals and the MARC. The MARC tests have been as challenging and even more challenging than some of the Master National tests. Being an amateur, having to go to 6 passes is quite expensive where as pros in the Master National pass that cost on to their clients and the clients don't have to go to the tests and take on the costs of motels etc trying to get to the tests too.	10/15/2022 12:31 PM
52	These are already master level dogs, why make qualifying more expensive. The MAI appealed to me because it was less expensive to qualify.	10/15/2022 9:15 AM
53	It should be equal to the passes of the Master National.	10/15/2022 7:45 AM
54	Requiring six passes effectively raises the cost for entering the Master Amateur, in my own case by \$1000, as each weekend I run costs on average \$500. I believe this is true for a majority of handlers, and would discourage participation and growth. It has the potential to decrease both membership and participation in the MAI.	10/14/2022 10:05 PM
55	Four passes if the calendar year for qualifying does not change.It is a nightmare trying to enter tests after the snow birds arrive.	10/14/2022 7:41 PM
56	Why in the world if we can't parallel with MNRC Would we choose to increase passes needed to run the MAI. It just has no logical basis to increase. AKC has no concern on our pass qualification quantity. KEEP IT AT FOUR	10/14/2022 5:03 PM
57	Many amateurs work full time and find it difficult to travel to tests outside their area. Even with the amateur set aside it can be difficult to get into tests.	10/14/2022 2:37 PM
58	A few months ago, I would have been in favor of 6 passes. What has changed my thinking is the current economic situation and the expectation that the current economic state will continue for a long period of time. Travel is expensive and can be cost prohibitive. Those who live in an area without multiple clubs to host events will have to travel and incur high expenses to qualify their dogs. For this reason, I see continuing the 4 pass rule as the best option for many members.	10/14/2022 10:10 AM
59	6 passes puts more strain on local tests. Most probably don't care about reciprocity with MNRC Hall of Fame.	10/14/2022 9:57 AM
60	Keep the regions at four.	10/14/2022 2:27 AM
61	If I have to 6 passes I might as well go run the MN	10/13/2022 9:36 PM
62	That how it was created and designed to be equivalent to the master national not a cheap version.	10/13/2022 8:47 PM
63	I'm afraid if we raise it to 6 there might be less participation.	10/13/2022 3:49 PM
64	I think the number of passes is really irrelevant without a pass rate attached. I understand the	10/13/2022 3:42 PM

need to set a requirement for a dog's first time qualifying to run, but I don't see the need to continue having to qualify after a dog has passed a Master Amateur or Master National (handled by an amateur). Obviously, if a dog can pass one of the national events, they can pass a weekend test.

65	Strictly Amateur trained and handled at every test. I have one dog that I have trained and handled to HRCH/MH titles, She is 13 years old, was never able to qualify her for MN tests due to injuries, time and money. It's hard to run 6 tests a year and certainly can't expect to pass every test. Under 60 years old, so not retired. Running a single dog not yet MH titled, less than 3 years old. Lucky enough to live in the SE, an area where there are enough tests within a 4-5 hour drive that we can attend 6-7 a season. Difficult to run multiple weekends in a row, can't take every Friday off and can't train enough to keep dog tuned up. Summer tests are too hot to be reasonably run here.	10/13/2022 3:33 PM
66	Unless we change the qualifying period. Dogs that compete strictly in the Northeast do not have enough access to tests. If the qualifying period matched or was similar to the MN I would vote for 6	10/13/2022 2:55 PM
67	Cost prohibitive to obtain 6	10/13/2022 12:41 PM
68	We hear that even with the changes, it is still difficult to get into Master Tests. Many of our members are well respected Master Judges and they are not comfortable committing to judge in their local tests until they get their qualifications.	10/13/2022 9:18 AM
69	It is too hard to get into six tests.	10/13/2022 8:40 AM
70	Amateurs in general do not have the flexibility of pro dog trainers to attend an abundance of tests. Several master only tests are being held during the week which would require taking off more time from work.	10/13/2022 6:19 AM
71	Only due to the current economy and availability of tests within my local commute. I travel 6 or 7 hrs to attend half of my required tests.	10/13/2022 5:24 AM
72	I was thinking that 5 passes should be the number needed to qualify,	10/13/2022 3:47 AM
73	5 passes would be a possible number that may be more appropriate than 4 which doesn't seem enough and 6 which is a lot every year.	10/13/2022 12:50 AM
74	We need to grow the membership, requiring 6 passes adds extra expense and does nothing further to grow the membership.	10/13/2022 12:03 AM
75	Really need to define who you want to participate in this event. If you want to limit your audience to AKC people and/or amateurs that are retired or not working then 6 passes makes sense. If you want to attract amateurs that work and also run other events, Grand & SRS specifically, then it needs to be 4 passes. I'm probably out most years if its 6 passes	10/12/2022 11:32 PM
76	With the price of gas, motels, food, etc. for travel, the expenses to travel to four tests are less than to six tests. Entries fill up quickly, even with the amateur set-aside. Some clubs have gone to having mid-week tests. If one is not retired, attending these mid-week tests is not as ammenable to a working person's schedule compared to weekend tests.	10/12/2022 9:37 PM
77	Puts MARC on par with other National event. Special circumstances, ie pandemic, could result in modification. However, if verifiable data still indicates Amateurs cannot get into tests, that would change my response.	10/12/2022 4:56 PM
78	Would we then go back to recognizing Master National Amateur passes and would Master National once again recognize MARC passes?	10/12/2022 2:57 PM
79	With the \$\$\$ for hotels, entry fees, travel, etc getting 6 passes might be harder for the average Amateurs and Retired folks - maybe revisit in another couple of years.Keep it at 4 passes right now.	10/12/2022 2:29 PM
80	6 passes results in local tests being filled quickly and many dogs unable to enter and qualify to go to MAI	10/12/2022 2:21 PM
81	Cost are going higher and higher. On average one weekend is 1k (Entry / Gas / Hotel). and taking time off work to participate 4 was a happy medium.	10/12/2022 11:48 AM
82	If two passes would be awarded toward Master National by requiring 6 passes, then I am in favor of needing 6 passes to qualify. If not, then keep it at 4.	10/12/2022 11:30 AM

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83	I would like it to be 6 so as not to diminish the significance of qualifying.	10/12/2022 11:19 AM
84	It is very expensive to qualify a dog for MAI and MN. Weekend events now cost for lodging 2 nights, food, gas, and entry fee approximately \$500-\$600. Do the math and it cost \$1000-\$1200 more for 2 more passes. If you fail a test the dollars add up. Then add up the cost for entering MAI at \$400 plus expenses. My gas bill only to MAI Sedalia was approximately \$700 not including food and lodging.	10/12/2022 9:22 AM
85	4 with a MH Title would allow the working family with active kids that is still dedicated to training and running a dog have the opportunity to attend a national event without taking too many weekends away from family just to qualify and also maintain the credibility of the event and title	10/12/2022 8:48 AM
86	When you live in the north with no connection to southern training it is difficult to get 6 passes. Inconsistency in judging is part of the reason.	10/12/2022 7:46 AM
87	In the past it has been a struggle to get into local MH tests.	10/12/2022 6:46 AM
88	The rising cost of the economy will drive the ability for amateur handlers to travel and run tests. We don't have the luxury of being able to spread cost amongst multiple dogs.	10/12/2022 12:15 AM
89	Once the dog has a MH title, 4 in the qualifying period for the year seems adequate. The sport is getting to be very expensive. Also, those of us in the far north can not also do meaningful training during the winter and early spring months.	10/11/2022 11:20 PM
90	6 passes are fine as long as we continue to get credit for 2 of those passes if we qualify at an MAI and/or Master National.	10/11/2022 10:33 PM
91	I believe it was the Treasurer who was speaking at the opening meeting at MAI in Sedalia, and she was encouraging each of in attendance to encourage others to join MARC and attend the future national events. I believe that increasing pass requirements to 6 will eliminate a number of potential new members and could also cause MARC to loose a few current members.	10/11/2022 9:55 PM
92	What about 5? 4 doesn't seem like enough. And six is hard to get to as an amateur still working	10/11/2022 9:11 PM
93	The MARC, in my opinion, reduced the number of qualifications from 6 to 4 was an effort to ease the qualification process as well as increase participation at the MAI. Our numbers have not supported that premise. With the implementation of the amatuer set aside and the improved wait list opportunity, entering a Master test has been less restrictive. To complete the reciprocity with MNRC, that being our MAH dogs qualified for life to attend the MN, we should require the 6 passes for MAI qualification.	10/11/2022 8:38 PM
94	I still work full time, so going south for the winter is not an option. I live in the Northeast where the hunt test season is short. Between work and winter, it is difficult to get to enough tests, especially when I am active in my own club and judge a minimum of 3 times per year.	10/11/2022 8:26 PM
95	While I appreciate the rigor in passing 6 tests, logistically and financially I think 4 is much more reasonable.	10/11/2022 8:08 PM
96	I live in the north and it is to hard to get passes since we don't go south and are to busy giving back judging	10/11/2022 7:55 PM
97	I live in the north and do not have the opportunity to get six passes in the time period without going south I ran 3 masters this year and was busy judging the other times	10/11/2022 7:52 PM
98	If a Master dog can't pass 6 master events in a 12 month period then are they really a MAI candidate, I think not. I would like a qualifying std of 6 passes out of 8 events. Make a plate mean something more than a double Master pass at an weekend event.	10/11/2022 7:19 PM
99	My thought is that we should keep it at 4 passes for the time being. Since we are amateurs and we don't seem to have the number of entry issues that the MN has (yet), I know a number of amateur handlers who would like to try to attend the MARC. I feel that keeping it at 4 (for the time being) makes it a bit more accessible for those 'newer to the game' handlers.	10/11/2022 6:42 PM
100	Could go 5 never 6!	10/11/2022 6:34 PM
101	If you have already qualified for a MAI 4 passes, if you are new or have never qualified 6 passes. Entry fees are going up, this would be a good happy medium. If you have the MAH title, you are automatically qualified from then on.	10/11/2022 6:30 PM

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102	If it is the long term desire to be at full reciprocity with the MN, then we will likely need to return to 6 passes. However, given the current economic situation and the distance that members will have to travel to both qualify and compete in 2023 and 2024, I am in favor of only requiring 4 passes.	10/11/2022 6:10 PM
103	Four passes is sufficient to determine whether or not a dog is capable of being successful in the the MAI.	10/11/2022 5:41 PM
104	For anyone of modest means and still fully employed, it is nearly impossible to attend and finance the training and trials necessary to secure 6 passes. The sport self defines itself as retired people of means because of the cost and difficulty in attending Master Tests	10/11/2022 4:01 PM
105	Amateurs cannot go north or south for the summer & winter like the Pros who can run so many tests. 6 passes is not good for the Amateur. Why cut down entries on the invitational?	10/11/2022 3:41 PM
106	Due to the economic issues today, I think we should keep it at 4 passes.	10/11/2022 3:36 PM
107	I have multiple dogs to qualify. I prefer to run my own dogs. However there are times that I find it difficult and need assistance from my pro. Between owning my own business working full time, judging quite a bit. And I also enjoy running different venues AKC Field Trials, HRC , and SRS.	10/11/2022 3:26 PM
108	A dog that has its master title and working toward the MAI plates has already proven itself. The group that benefits is AKC. We'd rather put that money toward national event instead. It has become easier for amateurs to enter events, but there still might be limited number of events possible to attend in the regions each year to qualify. Amateurs rarely have a truckload of dogs to spread expenses over. It looks like costs will continue to rise for the time being.	10/11/2022 2:50 PM
109	We need more amateurs not less to qualify? We need to grow this thing!	10/11/2022 2:45 PM
110	It's a National event. We need to earn the right to be there.	10/11/2022 2:34 PM
111	The original number was essentially a carryover from the MNRC and was intended to ensure that all the participating dogs were indeed National caliber. The problem is that the extra points are perceived as an onerous load on the participating clubs and makes it more difficult to enter tests in some areas. The actual fact is that for the "average" MARC participant, the points were likely earned while pursuing qualification for the MNRC. From a publicity standpoint, it is probably better to go with the lower number, purely to demonstrate that we are listening. It isn't likely that the extra 2 points are going to be determinant in deciding if the dog is a valid national contender.	10/11/2022 2:13 PM
112	Still very difficult for many to qualify with 6 passes. I encourage all to join and participate on the national stage when I am judging an event and the pass number always comes up.	10/11/2022 2:12 PM
113	If we are truly trying to attract new and younger members, going from 4 to 6 does not make sense. If the goal is to limit entries in the MAI going from 4 to 6 will certainly do that! Keep it at 4.	10/11/2022 1:51 PM
114	More accessible and will encourage growth and participation.	10/11/2022 1:21 PM
115	We would like to have reciprocity with the MNRC for our MNH dogs to automatically qualify for future events and that would require 6 passes.	10/11/2022 1:20 PM
116	If we want reciprocity with the Master National so our MAH dogs are automatically qualified for future events it is imperative that our annual qualification is 6 passes the same as the Master National. In my view, reciprocity for our MAH dogs with the Master National trumps concerns from the Pacific time zone on lowering qualification to 4 passes. If they don't have enough members and can't qualify with 6 passes that in and of itself demonstrates why we need to combine the two regions.	10/11/2022 1:13 PM
117	We must do everything to keep the MAI on par with the MN... the singular difference between the two events MUST remain the fact that only amateur handlers may participate. If we lower our own standards for qualification, we reduce the quality of the event. The MAIs have hovered around 50% pass rate, we can increase that pass rate by ensuring dogs are properly qualified before they participate.	10/11/2022 12:37 PM
118	I am an amateur trainer and I work 40-50 hours per week with a lot of weekend work. Getting time off to get four passes is hard enough, at least for me. Plus the cost of travel is astronomically higher than it was the last time 6 passes were required. I would be interested to	10/11/2022 12:35 PM

see the numbers on dogs that qualify/MAI entrants on year where 6 passes were required vs years where 4 passes were required.

119	This makes it more user friendly as most non pro amateurs are restricted in the number of tests they can run during the year.	10/11/2022 12:26 PM
120	While getting six passes would not be a problem for me, it might limit the number of dogs and reduce the number of people who could/ would enter the event. Unlike Master Nationals, where too many dogs are entered, I do not think we should increase the number of passes required. If we start having too many dogs entered, then it might make sense to have a more restrictive qualification process.	10/11/2022 12:06 PM
121	6 passes minimum gives the average amateur handler a reasonable exposure to elements THEY need to be aware of as an active team member. In Sedalia it was reassuring to see the set ups were morphing into the test complexity expected for a National Event, but disappointing to see so many handlers that did not seem to understand the complex elements based upon their inactions in working with their dogs. The 4 passes was developed to answer the issue of not being able to get into weekend events. Now that EE has addressed that issue, return the passes required to 6 at a minimum. Yes it does mean amateur handlers will need to spend money for 2 more passes to qualify. Rather than to have a \$400 entry fee go to waste after the 1st or 2nd series because the Handler wasn't ready.	10/11/2022 11:39 AM
122	I would love to see the dates for qualifying to be on schedule with the MN. Aug1	10/11/2022 11:26 AM
123	I think it is important to require some but 6 is simply a money grab. Especially for dogs that have qualified in years past or dogs that have Master National passes.	10/11/2022 11:10 AM
124	The dog already has a MH title so four (4) passes in a year is enough. It's very difficult to get entered in some areas and you would need to travel great distances to get enough opportunities for six(6) passes. Six passes is just a money making scheme for AKC.	10/11/2022 11:06 AM
125	For many of us in the Northeast it's challenging to run 6 tests in the limited time available - especially if you also judge. Each region has different needs and issues. It's becoming a challenge to find judges and if they give up the weekend to judge, then they can't run the test. It's also a challenge to travel long distances if you are working.	10/11/2022 10:59 AM
126	If our goal is to increase amateur participation, increasing the number of required passes is counterproductive. Many amateurs are still in the work force and don't have the time to get six passes	10/11/2022 10:40 AM
127	I would like it to be 5 passes, the same number to title a dog if it had obtained it's Senior per year.	10/11/2022 10:35 AM
128	There are only two events that are structured and in this unique way: six series same set of judges over an extended period of time. They are the Master National in the master amateur weekend tests do not expose the dog to this rigor even we can double headers. It takes a special dog to participate qualify. The number of passes is secondary quality of the dog is everything. Leave it for passes.	10/11/2022 10:32 AM
129	1. If a dog can pass 4 tests in a year, it can pass 6. 2. Requiring more passes to qualify will increase pressure on weekend tests, where just getting entered is already a major issue in many parts of the country. 3. With inflation pushing costs up in general, requiring 6 passes instead of 4 can easily push up the cost of qualifying by \$1000+. That could price some people out of the game.	10/11/2022 10:29 AM
130	We need to encourage am handlers that have pros run their dogs in MARC to run their own dogs in MAI Some may have to have 12 passes to do both and it is restrictive of time and money.	10/11/2022 10:12 AM
131	Unless there are too many entries making the event impossible to host; then consider 6 passes to reduce the entries at the National.	10/11/2022 10:05 AM
132	Most of us amateur handlers still have to work for a living and can find it difficult to get and afford six master tests in one qualifying year. That's assuming that we pass every test.	10/11/2022 10:04 AM
133	If you're still working it's hard to travel and get in six passes .	10/11/2022 10:00 AM
134	Hard for amateurs to get six when only running weekend tests	10/11/2022 9:55 AM
135	Is there any information on how many master entries Members make or what the pass	10/11/2022 9:53 AM

percentage is? 6 passes sound reasonable to me and I could see a higher number if it's a true national elite event. I get it's expensive

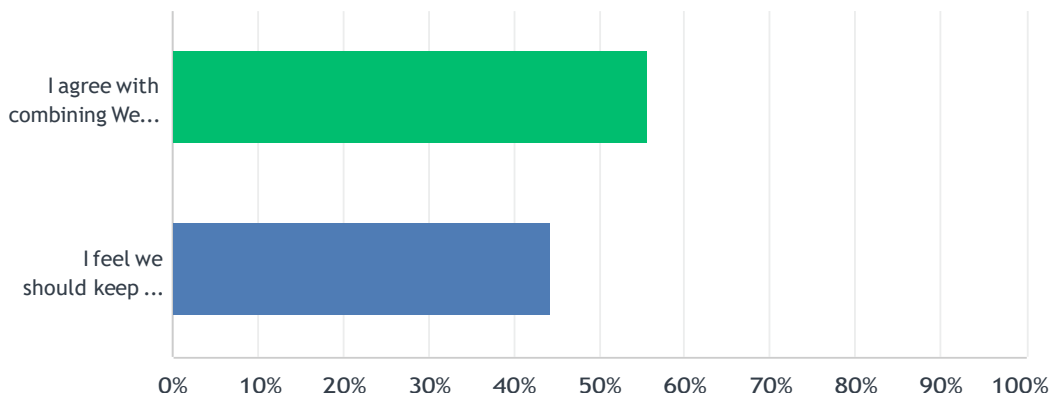
136	At the meeting in 2022 there was mention that the master amateur hasn't grown. Moving to 6 qualifications probably won't help that.	10/11/2022 9:24 AM
137	Not sure what is gained by requiring two additional Master passes in a year (outside of being consistent with the requirements of the MNRC). For some, I expect the increased travel and expense of additional testing might be a consideration for some. Presumably, requiring fewer passes would mean more dogs qualify each year which I think is a good thing as it is more inclusive.	10/11/2022 9:20 AM
138	I think there should be 8 passes to qualify	10/11/2022 9:12 AM
139	We are amateurs who can't pass testing and travel costs onto clients. The only tests near me require hotel stays in order to participate.	10/11/2022 9:12 AM
140	Still too hard for me to obtain entry to tests. And, with the economy the way it is, it's too difficult and expensive to travel....	10/11/2022 9:12 AM
141	It will a little bit of pressure off of the weekend tests. Also, I think that if you look at statistics, most qualifiers actually do have 6 passes. Having only 4 to qualify would allow a few more entrants. Unless we start to get as big as the Master National, keep it at 4 passes.	10/11/2022 8:13 AM
142	See no reason for 6. Expenses are already over the top. They already are Master hunting retrievers. For some excessive travel may be needed to find enough tests to qualify.	10/11/2022 8:09 AM
143	I do not think everything should model the MN. Even though amateurs can now get in to weekend tests without difficulty, I think most amateurs are tired of running with all the Pros. A 66 dog test frequently has less than a dozen amateurs. As a result, lots of judges are influenced by that and judge based on the Pro dog.	10/11/2022 8:05 AM
144	I think the number of passes is an arbitrary number. If it took 12 attempts to pass 6 tests to qualify, is that dog and handler any more qualified to run the invitational than the dog and handler that passed 4 of 4? Requiring more passes only adds to the problem of getting into weekend tests. Until the number of dogs gets unmanageable at the invitational then I think the number should remain 4.	10/11/2022 8:04 AM
145	Living in western NY and my dog not going south in the winter it is difficult to get in a large amount of tests. Four is more reasonable but the tests are so far away it really is not possible for me to go anyway. Aren't the majority of dogs in the northeast? If so why are the tests not offered on the east coast?	10/11/2022 7:43 AM
146	I think requiring only 4 passes is a little light for dogs qualifying for a National. The amateur set aside has eased the difficulty of handlers getting into master stakes, and more tests have been added to the calendar. Competitors should be able to acquire the number of passes required by running a reasonable number of tests.	10/11/2022 7:40 AM
147	Six in a season fair number.	10/11/2022 7:36 AM
148	Barring some unusual national circumstance making it difficult to participate in weekend tests, such as a pandemic lock down, six passes as an amateur team demonstrates dedication and results in highly qualified teams receiving invitations to the event.	10/11/2022 7:35 AM
149	Hard for those working to get time off for hunt tests and this event. With many clubs starting on Friday's or even midweek, 1-2 days vacation norm for travel per event	10/11/2022 7:24 AM
150	The average handler that is not retired or a full time amateur trainer can not devote the necessary weekends required to pass six tests every year. Having 6 is just too big of an ask for people like me that still work. Those same handlers are more likely not to pass every single test so it could take 8 or 9 weekends. Many of us judge as well, so add those weekends in to the mix and its just not workable for the average Joe. What is so magical about the number 6? These dogs are already MH titled. If it is 6, I will most likely never be able to attend the MA and eventually drop membership. I imagine most people that would vote for 6, have the necessary time and resources. It would be interesting to see a demographic of the actual membership. Age, work status, number of dogs they train, etc. Does MARC have a good grasp on what the membership looks like? I am sure it would skew towards older retirement age folks with the time to devote to it. I think you need to ask yourself what about MA makes it	10/11/2022 7:17 AM

amateur? If it is simply that the pro's cant enter but all else is the same, MARC is missing the mark.

151	The dog is already master titled, which shows they can do the work. The 4 passes keeps the dog relevant in the current test season. This also allows the amateur that works full time the opportunity to go to the Master Amateur.	10/11/2022 7:13 AM
152	As an amateur, I don't have as much time or money to dedicate to running tests. Six passes for most means running in 7 or more tests as few have a 100% pass rate. I also judge, so which do I give up? Giving back to the sport I love by dedicating several weekends to judging, or giving up judging so I have the weekends free to run tests?	10/11/2022 7:11 AM
153	At the present time(Covid problems, economic conditions, difficulty getting into hunting tests) ,4 passes works. Later I would vote for 6.	10/11/2022 6:53 AM

Q3 After reviewing the data presented concerning possible region changes, what are your thoughts?

Answered: 278 Skipped: 11



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
I agree with combining West and West Central regions	55.76% 155
I feel we should keep the original (4) regions	44.24% 123
TOTAL	278

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	It just makes sense based on the LRPC report.	11/7/2022 2:20 PM
2	I believe this is the right thing to do to increase entries each year	11/2/2022 9:37 PM
3	Everyone deserves to have this event close to them. I struggle that the event being so far away	10/30/2022 4:12 PM
4	I feel we should keep the four regions because in the years to come the sport will be bigger and more diverse.	10/27/2022 6:55 PM
5	This may not be the best solution , but I may change my thoughts after further consideration. What about the other regions? Why not one place every year, like the Masters golf tournament	10/26/2022 5:50 PM
6	No preference	10/26/2022 4:05 PM
7	really not sure, honestly where the national is and my local events is going to decide for me where or if i go to a test, national or not.	10/26/2022 2:33 PM
8	Extremely important to keep the 4 regions to encourage continued growth for MAI. If the Western regions are combined, then the club will lose members. Keep it consistent with Master National so all regions have an equal chance to participate and host an MAI event in all areas of the USA.	10/26/2022 1:06 PM
9	LEAVE IT ALONE PLEASE. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THIS IS EVEN BEING BROUGHT UP AGAIN - ITS ALREADY BEEN HASHED OUT AND VOTED DOWN BY THE BOARD! WHY IS IT BEING BROUGHT UP AGAIN?	10/26/2022 12:59 PM
10	We're in no man's land (Idaho) so it doesn't really make any difference. I still think there should be two MA on either end. We are not going to drive 1000+ miles to attend.	10/26/2022 11:45 AM
11	combi ning these two regions doesn't make sense. Having a test in the western region means	10/26/2022 11:24 AM

that when the test is in the west, it may not be on the true west coast for 8 years at least. The same issue will occur in all the combined western region. I predict that you will loose participation.

12	Don't feel very strongly one way or the other, but neither do I disagree with the logic for making the change.	10/26/2022 10:40 AM
13	The area of W plus WC is pretty large. Long way between tests. The E particularly the southeast has a huge advantage as within a few hours drive you can run a test every week.	10/26/2022 10:02 AM
14	If combined, I feel that I will be forced to drive 30+ hours to compete. NO WAY!	10/26/2022 9:59 AM
15	Regions need to be roughly equivalent in member numbers	10/26/2022 9:56 AM
16	Combining Texas with the west coast makes no sense when you take climate into account. It would make more sense to combine northern states with the west as the climate and temps are compatible. Texas and other southern states should be combined with region 2 south and region 2 north should be combined ith the west region.	10/26/2022 9:13 AM
17	I do not a solid opinion on this.	10/26/2022 9:07 AM
18	I don't feel strongly about this, but I recommend staying consistant with Master National.	10/26/2022 8:06 AM
19	The West Central region is already the largest region geographically and traveling distance should be considered as well. Combining the two largest geographical areas into one will benefit the eastern regions but not the western regions. It is already 30 hrs to drive from one corner of the region to the other.	10/26/2022 7:56 AM
20	It made a lot of sense to me to have the numbers about the same in each region.	10/26/2022 7:17 AM
21	Just makes sense financially and also in the number of dogs participating in the west 33033	10/26/2022 5:07 AM
22	I have no opinion on this. I'd like to see whichever most benefits the club.	10/26/2022 12:30 AM
23	the assumption is that the division is based on historical numbers, not just current membership trends. If that is the case, then the change is warranted.	10/18/2022 10:40 AM
24	Makes sense	10/17/2022 10:07 AM
25	In theory I agree with the explanation but would like to see the numbers justifying the explanation.	10/16/2022 9:04 PM
26	Combining would dilute the needs of West Central and the West region. There are significant differences between the two and travel to combine the two is very relevant. Another option would be to consider some split of the West Central to be combined with both West and Central regions.	10/16/2022 12:50 PM
27	I don't have a firm opinion on this. Combining the regions doesn't really impact me personally because I'm in the Midwest. The only (so far) MAI that I would never consider wanting to go to is way out west. Too long a drive.	10/16/2022 12:05 PM
28	The Western region Charter, Lifetime, and Annual memberships are lagging behind the rest of the country. The number of 8 point judges is also lagging behind. The venues available seem to be thin. To break even, an event would need somewhere in the vicinity of 125 entries. Question? Can the Western region put on an event and make money? Can the club continue to absorb losses? Combining West and West Central will afford the new region a National event that can be held every 3 years instead every 4 years.	10/16/2022 11:12 AM
29	this is an attempt by the Eastern members to create a club where they will never need to travel out of their side of the country. It will destroy MARC	10/15/2022 4:31 PM
30	I can't believe this was presented to the membership after the board strongly voted against it. This boat needs to be paddled in the same direction in order to succeed. When a few members make decisions without the board support or knowledge, this causes dissension. It's only a matter of time when the entire membership starts to question the leadership. When I signed on as a charter member, the club was to visit all four regions. If you change your bylaws to only have 3 regions, I would like to withdraw my membership as I no longer want to be part of this organization.	10/15/2022 9:36 AM
31	I believe that combining the west and west central regions, while it may equalize membership levels to some degree, is geographically problematic, and potentially unworkable.	10/14/2022 10:05 PM

32	I cannot run a dog in the last two regions. But I feel their pain. I support any decision that makes MARC profitable.	10/14/2022 7:41 PM
33	We have to balance membership, site locations, and judge options. Combining 3 and 4 Regions makes perfect logic. The region 4 members are deeply concerned we will never go past the continental divide again, we just need to have language in this proposal that we will have an event in that region every 4 years. We	10/14/2022 5:03 PM
34	We would lose any opportunity to have tests in the west if the regions are combined. Also it would dilute the number of representatives looking out for the interests of those of us on the west coast.	10/14/2022 2:37 PM
35	I do not want to see Texas placed with the West Coast States of California, Oregon, and Washington.	10/14/2022 10:10 AM
36	To increase membership you need to bring their event to four regions.	10/13/2022 8:47 PM
37	Combining Regions does not increase the Judges pool. If the other Regions do not feel like they have adequate Judge representation, their member need to take the training and start judging.	10/13/2022 3:42 PM
38	It would be more equitable by the numbers that were presented in the email that was sent regarding this change. Also allow for more latitude/location differences for the Master Amateur Invitational.	10/13/2022 3:33 PM
39	The facts are wrong! There are plenty of judges in the west. There are tons of places to hold a two flyed national event. The research was wrong it was done on a year where the national was held on the east and west cost. this was already voted on and was shot down...	10/13/2022 2:11 PM
40	It is important to fully support the entire country, not just a portion of it. Additionally, in order to make the change you would first need to change the ByLaws.	10/13/2022 12:41 PM
41	If you keep telling people from certain areas you don't want them, they will believe you and you will lose any support. Combining regions will not make a difference in judging pool, since you don't have to have them from each region. This event is not so large that most properties being used by local clubs can't support the entries. So there should be plenty properties in each region. I believe that combining the regions will cause members to feel even less represented and the club will lose members who will not have anything nice to say. Growth of the club and the event will be even slower. The fact that this idea came from a committee that is mostly composed of residents of the eastern half of the US who choose not to cross the Rocky Mountains for an event, but will send their dogs with their Pro to run in another national event, tells me a lot.	10/13/2022 9:18 AM
42	No opinion on the matter.	10/13/2022 6:19 AM
43	Understand those in the West are at a disadvantage but the vast majority of the dogs participating in events like this are East of Rocky Mountains.	10/12/2022 11:32 PM
44	This just makes sense.	10/12/2022 9:37 PM
45	By combining the West and Central regions the areas west of the Mississippi River will only have 2 representatives on the board, while the areas east of the Mississippi will have 4 representatives on the board. It is simple to reason the Eastern Regions will effectively control the MARC organization. The regions west of the Mississippi will be grossly under represented. Why would anyone from the Western Regions want to participate as annual members let alone purchase a life long membership under these conditions. Additionally, I rather doubt the argument toward this move would provide more participation in the event. Essentially, those members in the Western Region would likely not have the same participation opportunities in Invitational Events as those regions east of the Mississippi or the current West Central region.	10/12/2022 2:57 PM
46	Makes perfect sense	10/12/2022 11:52 AM
47	Let the numbers talk. If we don't have the numbers out west we need to balance another way We will always loose going to West. Lets keep it blanced for everyone	10/12/2022 11:48 AM
48	I am not sure if this is a positive or negative either way	10/12/2022 8:48 AM
49	Don't really care	10/12/2022 7:46 AM

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50	Far western states can be a 20+ hour drive from central states like Texas. Again cost is a huge factor and we are Amateurs.	10/12/2022 12:15 AM
51	Seems reasonable, but I would defer to those who have a better understanding of the situation.	10/11/2022 11:20 PM
52	4 regions is fair across the country and doesn't favor one region over the other. If you combine regions you will loose members mostly from the western and west central regions. BOD made the decision not to go forward with this proposal, as they should, quite trying to circumvent around their decision.	10/11/2022 10:33 PM
53	I personally feel the that the Long Range Planning Committee completed its due diligence and reflected such in its proposal.	10/11/2022 8:38 PM
54	Even after reading the data, I still don't feel I have enough knowledge on this. Perhaps the members who live in the West Central and West regions should be the ones to make this decision.	10/11/2022 8:26 PM
55	best for all	10/11/2022 7:55 PM
56	just leave it alone	10/11/2022 7:52 PM
57	I don't think a strong enough case has been made to make a change of this magnitude. I would also like to hear from those most affected by the regional merger..	10/11/2022 7:19 PM
58	If the argument is that the judging pool is small in the West - how are we to grow the sport if we make it more difficult for people in the West to access the MAI. Changing to 4 regions increases the likelihood that enthusiasts in the entire West will continue to be the minority. If the reason this organization was formed was to increase amateur participation at the National level when the feeling was that the pros were driving out the amateurs from the Master National, then all efforts need to be directed toward growing the hunt test population in the West vs catering to the existing dense population of hunt test community members in the East and Central regions.	10/11/2022 6:55 PM
59	This makes sense to me for all the reasons mentioned. One of the things that is fun is visiting new places with good land. (BTW - I do not care if we ever go back to Sedalia).	10/11/2022 6:42 PM
60	Do what you feel is necessary.	10/11/2022 6:34 PM
61	Combine but maybe need to tweak other regions	10/11/2022 6:30 PM
62	While this might be a future move, I think there is way too much turmoil within the MARC community and way too many other high priority items that we need to be working on so we should just leave this one along! Increasing membership, enhancing membership experience, increasing invitational participation and better equality of location of the invitational to all members just to name a few.	10/11/2022 6:10 PM
63	To my understanding the MARC program has not grown in the past couple of years. So if you are trying to grow the program why disenfranchised the western half of the county? Having to possibly travel well over 2,000 miles for an event IN MY REGION IS placing an unfair burden on me. I reject the stated reason of limited grounds and judging in the west. I do think every region can find grounds for two flights and 4 judges every 4 years. Or even if the program does grow 3 flights I think grounds and Judges are available in all four regions every 4 years. Given that dogs life's are relatively short, I think the the MARC should do it's best to have events that attempts to give handlers reasonable travel every 4 years. The amateur trainers I know have a passion for their dogs and training their dogs. I find this proposal a slap in the face the the western handlers.	10/11/2022 5:58 PM
64	Recommend publishing a demographic map showing the number of members by state and region. If the west and west central are over represented then combine the regions.	10/11/2022 5:41 PM
65	The proposed west is so large geographically, it makes it impractical function across the geography. Texas being lumped into the west is problematic in that there are large numbers of handlers/dogs in Texas and forcing this large group to counter balance the low membership of the many other states forces inconvenience and hardship on this large and influential group	10/11/2022 4:01 PM
66	As someone in Ohio, I will be really sad if and when the event is held in Michigan. And it will be held there as they have good grounds within 3 hours of my home. I'd like there to be some type of waiver that folks can get to enter their dog in a different region is they live within xxx	10/11/2022 3:44 PM

miles of that site. I can imagine that the Eastern test could be 14+ hour drive from me, but the central test is 3 hours from me.

67	East needs to stop crapping on the West.	10/11/2022 3:38 PM
68	The original breakout was patterned after the MNRC. Today's dog and handler population justify that region 3 & 4 be combined.	10/11/2022 3:36 PM
69	I feel the research is valid and makes the regions more equitable.	10/11/2022 2:50 PM
70	The solution is to get more members in the West!	10/11/2022 2:45 PM
71	In the same way large urban cities often negate the rural vote in our country, combining Region 3 & 4 into one region will allow the higher density regions with larger numbers (handles/dogs) to have a greater voice in the future of the MAI. Further, by only having 3 regions, there would be more events held east of the Mississippi River than west. This places an unfair financial burden on handlers living west of the Mississippi due to increased travel expenses and lost wages (longer travel times to and from event). The result would be a decrease in the number of participants from the western regions. If you want to change to a more balanced alternative to 3 regions, consider 2 regions divided by the Mississippi River.	10/11/2022 2:34 PM
72	The four Region approach was adopted with the assumption that for the majority of the MARC participants a 3-4 week trip across the US would be very difficult due to work and family constraints. For the most part, I think (no data just a hunch) that most folks would attend the event while it is in their region and possibly an adjacent region. We have seen that theory validated (though the numbers may be skewed by the Covid consequences) and at this point, I see no reason for that not to continue to be the case. Combining the western regions basically robs the West Coast participants of an opportunity to attend. Most MARC members in the current Region 4 live on the far western edge of the region. Given the number of active participants (and host clubs) in the current region 3, there is almost no chance of an event being held within a day's travel and probably more. If the event were to be held in Oregon for example the MARC members in region 2 would face a long and expensive trip. Additionally, the current region 4 would likely end up with no representation since the Directors are elected by the MARC members in the respective region. The number MARC members in the current region (Texas alone has more than the current region 4) which means that there is almost no chance that a nominee from the West Coast would ever be elected. The Vice President position is susceptible to the same perils. Even if a West Coast representative were to be elected, the BOD votes would still be skewed. For the foreseeable future, the numbers of Invitational participants in the current region 4 can quite easily be handled in many suitable locations and we have a lot of clubs that would be delighted to host the MARC. I'm not sure that I follow the thought process as to how this proposal increases the number of judges. In any event, we have a large pool of well qualified judges to choose from. If memory serves, there has been a West Coast judge in every event to date and I see no reason to think that situation might change.	10/11/2022 2:13 PM
73	Creates 3 regions of similar number of members, clubs, judges and tests.	10/11/2022 1:20 PM
74	The west region does not have enough members, clubs, judges or tests to stand alone. Combining the two regions creates three regions that are comparable.	10/11/2022 1:13 PM
75	I agree with combining regions because it benefits me living on the East Coast. HOWEVER... if there is STRONG decent amongst Western members, which there seems to be, we should not rock the boat too much. It is far more important that we maintain unity within the MARC, rather than alienating those who live on the West Coast.	10/11/2022 12:37 PM
76	The distance for the MAI (east coast vs west coast) makes it extremely difficult for amateurs to take extra time from work and spend the extra travel costs for 3-4000 mile round trips necessary for these events.	10/11/2022 12:26 PM
77	This proposal does open up the area west of the Mississippi for availability of having diverse locations for the annual event and does balance the number of amateur handlers/dogs with the other 2 proposed regions. However, caution should be taken regarding its impact on membership. Because the western US states are generally larger in size, but smaller in handler/dog numbers, you will risk losing memberships for a particular year based upon location of the event. Traditionally East Coast people do not travel west of Ohio and West Coast people do not travel east of Nevada/Idaho; regardless whether the event is held in their region or not. Most amateur handlers still work and are unable to take the amount of time off as necessary to participate in the event. If they don't plan on participating in the event any	10/11/2022 11:39 AM

specific year, they do not pay dues to join MA for that year. If combining the areas allows more diversity in locations, then use that diversity when selecting locations for the event. They should not always be on the eastern border of the combined region "just to lure east coast handlers to participate"; you will eventually and quickly lose all of your original Region 4 people if you do that.

78	MARC isn't in a crisis mode. It has been doing well so far. I feel at this time we should leave it as is. Let Master National try to figure out how to manage that program and leave MAI alone	10/11/2022 10:40 AM
79	States as far as Kansas should not be in the same region as the Pacific Northwest i.e. Washington, etc. - there's no logical reason for this and makes no sense nor should those members be required to travel those distances. Region IV has enough sites available between their current, existing states to hold the MAI.	10/11/2022 10:34 AM
80	Combining the two West Coast sections would affectively make the master amateur an East Coast activity.	10/11/2022 10:32 AM
81	At least one of the reasons cited for combining the West and West Central regions is wrong. Specifically, saying "Provides the opportunity for more grounds in each of the 3 regions to host the MAI" somehow ignores the point that neither the current Eastern or Central regions would be changed. Same states, same number of potential grounds. The proposed West region would definitely have more grounds than the current West region, which is effectively limited to Roseburg and Corning. Aside from that, making everything west of the Mississippi into a single region makes the logistics of getting to the MAI more difficult for most of the residents of the region in that they'd have to travel farther more often. The existing regions are the same as those used by the Master National Retriever Club, which is not a bad thing in my opinion.	10/11/2022 10:29 AM
82	I believe the MAI should be geographically centrally located for everyone each year	10/11/2022 10:12 AM
83	None	10/11/2022 9:55 AM
84	Is there any data available that supports the combined regions? Such as voting members and combining would make "super" voting block. I don't see Calif/ Oregon / Washington having anything in common with Kansas / Texas as an example. Was there any thought to horizontal division ? I could easily see montana, Idaho and Utah being in the west side	10/11/2022 9:53 AM
85	It seems fairer to have the regions reflect the composition of the membership rather than geographical equality. Another approach might be one similar to that the MNRC is considering/adopting, i.e. split the country into two "super" regions with each one holding their own annual MAI. The MARC Board would know whether this is feasible/desirable based on their experience with the 2021 events.	10/11/2022 9:20 AM
86	After looking at the data, I feel it makes sense to combine these two regions. It opens up choices for locations to hold the MAI that would accommodate the number of dogs entered, but also give handlers good choices for housing ie camp grounds, homes to rent, and motels. I would also assume the number of entries would end up being more in line with MAIs in the other regions.	10/11/2022 8:25 AM
87	It makes total sense to combine the two for equity with the other regions.	10/11/2022 8:18 AM
88	I think that it would be equitable to combine the West and West Central Regions based on the number of members in each region. In addition, I think this would be more fiscally responsible.	10/11/2022 8:13 AM
89	There has always been an issue with finding judges from this area. Combining might make that easier	10/11/2022 8:05 AM
90	When the Master Amateur club was originally created, the creators recognized four regions. I believe we should stay true to the original design. The Invitational is not so large that we need massive competition grounds. I believe there are grounds in all four regions adequate to hold the event.	10/11/2022 7:40 AM
91	I really dont have a strong opinion on it.	10/11/2022 7:17 AM
92	Feel the regions are sufficient.	10/11/2022 7:13 AM
93	This is not as important to me.	10/11/2022 7:11 AM

Q4 As it stands, April 15th through June 30th is the timeframe for running the MAI. When, in this timeframe, do you prefer to run the event?

Answered: 248 Skipped: 41

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Late in June	11/7/2022 2:20 PM
2	Later is better Jun 30	11/7/2022 1:06 PM
3	After May 15th.	11/6/2022 10:49 PM
4	April 15th May 30th	11/2/2022 9:37 PM
5	June	10/31/2022 7:52 AM
6	I believe it is important not to conflict with other National events like the HRC GRAND. Currently the Texas MARC dates conflict with the Spring Grand.	10/30/2022 9:29 PM
7	Within those dates, the region should choose. Basically weather permitting based on region	10/30/2022 4:12 PM
8	Depends very much on location of the event. Wisconsin is very different than Florida.	10/29/2022 10:01 AM
9	May or June	10/28/2022 8:46 AM
10	Mid May.....being from Northern Indiana April doesn't give me much time for water work which I can usually start around April 1. Mid may gives me time to do water work and it is still pretty cool for the test	10/27/2022 8:36 PM
11	Middle to the end of May. This should keep the temperatures down and allow the amateurs with school age children to be involved. School in Oklahoma gets out usually around may 20th.	10/27/2022 6:55 PM
12	With living in Pennsylvania and not being able to go south for the winter to train I would like it later in the timeframe. this would give the people in the northern states to get water training in.	10/27/2022 3:18 PM
13	April	10/27/2022 3:17 PM
14	Latter half of June.	10/27/2022 8:26 AM
15	I think it depends where we would be running. April in the north water could be cold. June in south could be warm.	10/27/2022 7:59 AM
16	Fine	10/26/2022 6:07 PM
17	Earlier the better. Too hot in July	10/26/2022 5:50 PM
18	June	10/26/2022 5:37 PM
19	April or May.	10/26/2022 4:49 PM
20	Earliest to avoid hot weather	10/26/2022 4:05 PM
21	May	10/26/2022 3:53 PM
22	Mid to late June	10/26/2022 3:32 PM
23	that is a perfect time frame	10/26/2022 3:16 PM
24	Depends upon the location April 15 would be ok for the south; however, not so nice for the norther part of the country.	10/26/2022 3:15 PM
25	i guess it is ok. i have limited places due to distance i can go, due to gas prices and now hotel and eating out	10/26/2022 2:33 PM
26	Early April is difficult to do much training in water, so May and June is preferred. Try to avoid June if in southern climates.	10/26/2022 1:06 PM

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27	ANYTIME DURING THAT TIME FRAME	10/26/2022 12:59 PM
28	April	10/26/2022 12:45 PM
29	Being from the south, I would like to see the time frame to run changed to April 1st through June 30th.	10/26/2022 11:59 AM
30	May or after	10/26/2022 11:56 AM
31	month of may	10/26/2022 11:24 AM
32	After completion of spring tests.	10/26/2022 11:14 AM
33	Current Time frame is Good.	10/26/2022 11:00 AM
34	End of June.	10/26/2022 11:00 AM
35	Later is better to give those in the northern states sufficient time to train.	10/26/2022 10:53 AM
36	June	10/26/2022 10:46 AM
37	I certainly like doing it away from the Master National to spread them out. I would prefer later in the time frame so that it doesn't interfere with running weekend tests in Texas. But ... I wouldn't want to run it late in a southern venue that has really warm temperatures when the MAI is being run.	10/26/2022 10:40 AM
38	June	10/26/2022 10:29 AM
39	Prefer April or May but should be flexible regarding climate in selected locations	10/26/2022 10:22 AM
40	It depends on the location. Use the full range.	10/26/2022 10:18 AM
41	June. April is too early for northern dogs who do not get to train throughout winter months	10/26/2022 10:06 AM
42	April and May	10/26/2022 10:02 AM
43	April 15-22	10/26/2022 9:59 AM
44	when temperatures at site are generally below 80 DegF	10/26/2022 9:56 AM
45	Earlier rather than later	10/26/2022 9:53 AM
46	No later than the end of May.	10/26/2022 9:36 AM
47	April 15-June 39	10/26/2022 9:34 AM
48	People in the south want to run earlier. People in the north want to run later. If the event is in the south run it early. If it is in the north run it later.	10/26/2022 9:32 AM
49	April. June is too hot to travel if the west central area has to travel 2000 miles to the west region.	10/26/2022 9:13 AM
50	I prefer to see it run in late June.	10/26/2022 9:07 AM
51	May	10/26/2022 8:48 AM
52	March 30 - May 30 ----- Weather in the South begins to be too hot in June	10/26/2022 8:37 AM
53	Beg may	10/26/2022 8:36 AM
54	May 1st	10/26/2022 8:19 AM
55	June	10/26/2022 8:06 AM
56	Depends were the event is located. Earlier in western and southern locations and later in northern locations	10/26/2022 7:59 AM
57	Being from Texas, I would prefer earlier in the season as opposed to later in the season, but recognize for handlers in Northern states the water has not warmed up enough for them to be able to prepare for the event earlier than that.	10/26/2022 7:56 AM
58	Late May, I happen to be a single father and it would be great to get to run a national event after school was out.	10/26/2022 7:38 AM

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59	Middle of May, Fishing is too good in April!	10/26/2022 7:28 AM
60	June	10/26/2022 7:17 AM
61	Earlier	10/26/2022 7:08 AM
62	In May	10/26/2022 6:52 AM
63	May thru June	10/26/2022 6:44 AM
64	Later in June	10/26/2022 6:37 AM
65	This is good	10/26/2022 5:53 AM
66	Early April or early May	10/26/2022 5:07 AM
67	June	10/26/2022 3:04 AM
68	April	10/26/2022 2:51 AM
69	Time frame may be dictated by where event is held due to heat/cold/precipitation/smoke/etc. Current dates are OK - I would prefer late May/early June.	10/26/2022 1:36 AM
70	June 30th	10/26/2022 1:10 AM
71	April is fine.	10/26/2022 1:03 AM
72	any time here	10/26/2022 12:52 AM
73	April or May	10/26/2022 12:33 AM
74	If we go to 6 passes, I'd like for it to coincide with Master National RC timeframe.	10/26/2022 12:30 AM
75	April	10/26/2022 12:18 AM
76	april 30 to july 30	10/26/2022 12:09 AM
77	May or June, so as not to conflict with the Spring Grand.	10/26/2022 12:05 AM
78	June 1st	10/26/2022 12:04 AM
79	That time is fine.	10/26/2022 12:03 AM
80	June	10/21/2022 9:36 AM
81	This timeframe is good	10/19/2022 10:30 AM
82	Doesn't matter	10/19/2022 10:13 AM
83	This time frame is good.	10/18/2022 2:57 PM
84	As early as possible. Many in the northern areas lack access to water if the tests are too early, however, as the tests get into the later part of this time frame, heat becomes a significant threat to our pups, especially for tests being conducted in the southern states.	10/18/2022 10:40 AM
85	June	10/17/2022 4:09 PM
86	Early fall	10/17/2022 1:35 PM
87	Regions would dictate time of test, heat/temperatures should be considered	10/17/2022 10:07 AM
88	Truly I wish the MAI & MN would switch time periods. Many amateurs can't afford to go or send their dogs south for training during the winter. Those amateurs who can have a distinct advantage. Also Many of these dogs have had NO to little exposure to water by April or even May depending on the region they live & train in.	10/17/2022 8:09 AM
89	When it is the expected best weather in the area of the event.	10/16/2022 10:50 PM
90	April, especially given consideration of location, to avoid summer heat	10/16/2022 9:54 PM
91	Start earlier. Maybe April 1st	10/16/2022 9:04 PM
92	End of April, and all of may	10/16/2022 4:33 PM
93	Somewhere in the middle of that, ideally May but the earlier the better.	10/16/2022 12:50 PM

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94	As early as possible because it gets too darn hot!!	10/16/2022 12:05 PM
95	It will vary. April 15 - May 15.....Southern states May 15....June 15Middle states June 15 Northern tier states This gives states throughout the country an opportunity to host an event.	10/16/2022 11:12 AM
96	Late June	10/16/2022 10:45 AM
97	March 15 thru May 30	10/15/2022 11:05 PM
98	I would prefer June because living in WI, we often don't get to train in water until the end of April.	10/15/2022 12:31 PM
99	Each region needs the flexibility to pick there dates according to the weather	10/15/2022 9:36 AM
100	April 1 through June 15	10/15/2022 9:29 AM
101	June, the northern states do not have water open until May.	10/15/2022 7:45 AM
102	I prefer to run after May 15th, as water work is impossible in my area until after mid to late April.	10/14/2022 10:05 PM
103	Earlier because of temperature fluctuations.	10/14/2022 7:41 PM
104	April 15 through June 30th is fine with me.	10/14/2022 5:35 PM
105	I think we have the only time frames that work well for large percentage of membership. Keep it the same, or earlier in hot locations	10/14/2022 5:03 PM
106	Mid to late June	10/14/2022 3:02 PM
107	Time frame is fine but if it offers more opportunities for some locations and participants then I don't object.	10/14/2022 2:37 PM
108	I would like to continue to have flexibility in the dates due to climate and temperature variations across the country. May and June are too hot in Texas, but are great in Minnesota for example.	10/14/2022 10:10 AM
109	Time Frame is fine	10/14/2022 9:57 AM
110	May or June	10/14/2022 8:01 AM
111	It should be later Eastern parts do not have enough time to train. We still have snow and water temps are below 50	10/13/2022 9:36 PM
112	I prefer to be more flexible to include northern states	10/13/2022 9:31 PM
113	As is, it was designed to be an opposite time frame than the master national. June 30 gives the ability for northern states to hold the event. It seems the board does not choose to attend in the north.	10/13/2022 8:47 PM
114	It depends on the climate in the area of the test	10/13/2022 8:40 PM
115	Mid May	10/13/2022 6:49 PM
116	I believe it is dependent on where it is being held. You wouldn't want to run it April 15th in Minnesota nor June 30th in Florida.	10/13/2022 3:49 PM
117	I think 04/15 thru 06/30 is fine as long as the later dates are for northern events. I wouldn't want to run after May for a southern event.	10/13/2022 3:42 PM
118	April is better temperatures than June in most parts of the country. Temperatures over 80 are not good for a National event.	10/13/2022 3:33 PM
119	April is very early for dogs living and training exclusively in the North East we have not had access to warm water for training. Late May to June would be best.	10/13/2022 2:55 PM
120	whatever works the best for the region its held in.	10/13/2022 2:11 PM
121	Depending on elevation [e.g. Montana snow!], earlier rather than later to avoid heat issues	10/13/2022 1:41 PM
122	Does not matter	10/13/2022 12:41 PM

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123	I'm sorry, but I was under the impression that our constitution stated the event could be held during the period of April 15 through mid June because Mid June is when the National Amateur can be held. When did this change?	10/13/2022 9:18 AM
124	June	10/13/2022 8:40 AM
125	Spring preferred	10/13/2022 6:19 AM
126	Mid to late May. Northern tier dogs can't get to water until it warms up.	10/13/2022 5:24 AM
127	As late as possible, I live up north and need the extra time to get water work in before the MAI without having to travel south during the winter to get training done.	10/13/2022 3:47 AM
128	Layer is better than earlier since it is an amateur event and Northern states do not get to train in water until May.	10/13/2022 12:50 AM
129	Not until mid May at the earliest. Wisconsin water may still be frozen until end of April!	10/13/2022 12:03 AM
130	Dates are key and location should be considered. Running dogs in the South in May & June gets really hot. Any earlier than April 15th is a disadvantage to those from the North. Spring is great so its opposite from the Master National. I'm not missing the Grand for MAI so it needs to be at least one month before or after the Spring/Fall Grand. This leaves very few options. South location - March 15 - April 30 or early November North location - April 15 - May 30 or July 15 - August 30.	10/12/2022 11:32 PM
131	The event should be run in cooler weather so as not to subject the dogs to heat stress. Any date after May 15 may be too hot for the dogs, depending on the altitude, humidity, etc. The MAI should be scheduled for the best possible safety for the dogs. I prefer to run the event October through April.	10/12/2022 9:37 PM
132	in time in this time frame is good.	10/12/2022 8:44 PM
133	Depends on region.	10/12/2022 4:56 PM
134	After the first week in May.	10/12/2022 2:57 PM
135	I think the current timeframe works dependent on the area of the country.	10/12/2022 2:46 PM
136	in North later in the timeframe - In South earlier in timeframe	10/12/2022 2:29 PM
137	April 15 thru July 31	10/12/2022 2:21 PM
138	June 1	10/12/2022 11:52 AM
139	Closer to June / July	10/12/2022 11:48 AM
140	As early as possible. I feel March through May is a better range. March for the events in the South and May for the North.	10/12/2022 11:30 AM
141	Late April/ early May	10/12/2022 11:19 AM
142	Those times are fine if temps on average are below 80 - 85 degrees for highs.	10/12/2022 9:22 AM
143	Early May	10/12/2022 9:11 AM
144	Depends on location, temperature of area	10/12/2022 8:52 AM
145	Just as long as it is prior to Sept, for some that would compete with master national and the grand and for others it is the beginning of hunting season. The other consideration is that many dogs have not had water work in the spring so the June time frame would be best for them	10/12/2022 8:48 AM
146	When you live in the north our water can still be froze in mid April. How are we supposed to prepare to run a national.	10/12/2022 7:46 AM
147	Running the event is September allows a good training season for all. We that live in the north can't train water until mid to late May. There is still snow on the ground in northern VT, NH & ME until thr end of April	10/12/2022 6:46 AM
148	It would help to have some similarity to the Master National dates as it requires we attend more events to get the number of tests for both events	10/12/2022 4:02 AM
149	Depends where it's held. Temperature/rain etc	10/12/2022 2:51 AM

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150	Again, later is better for us northerners.	10/11/2022 11:20 PM
151	June is preferred. Those of us in northern states can't train in water until late May.	10/11/2022 10:33 PM
152	April	10/11/2022 10:09 PM
153	April	10/11/2022 10:05 PM
154	no preference	10/11/2022 9:55 PM
155	June. Unless you can go south it's hard to get enough water work in early.	10/11/2022 9:11 PM
156	April 15 - May 15	10/11/2022 9:05 PM
157	Mid May	10/11/2022 8:48 PM
158	Mid to late May	10/11/2022 8:38 PM
159	Late May to mid June. I would go later, but my club's date is the end of June.	10/11/2022 8:26 PM
160	May or June Also depends on location/weather	10/11/2022 8:20 PM
161	As someone who lives in the north, and cannot feasibly train in water until mid April at the earliest, a mid-May to July 31 timeframe would make more sense.	10/11/2022 8:08 PM
162	after april	10/11/2022 7:55 PM
163	I think april is a little early	10/11/2022 7:52 PM
164	April	10/11/2022 7:43 PM
165	Let the board decide, Seems like to much micro managing .	10/11/2022 7:19 PM
166	As is.	10/11/2022 7:02 PM
167	anytime in that time frame - now that I live in TX and have friends in the North	10/11/2022 6:55 PM
168	Depends on the location. Ideally somewhere the temps are likely to be moderate or chilly - not hot (no guarantees, I know).	10/11/2022 6:42 PM
169	May	10/11/2022 6:34 PM
170	April	10/11/2022 6:30 PM
171	It depends on the location. If you hold the MARC in New England, it better be in June or it may be run in snow and ice, and the local amateurs won't have had much time to train.	10/11/2022 6:23 PM
172	As late as possible.	10/11/2022 6:17 PM
173	Depends entirely on the area where it is run! You will never make everyone happy with a spring event (too hot here, too cold there) so unless we are will to move to fall (conflict with MN) then we should just do our best.	10/11/2022 6:10 PM
174	When its not 104F! Earlier the better for southern states hosting.	10/11/2022 5:41 PM
175	No opinion as long as the weather in identified location is matched to the most ideal time for comfortable and safe working of handlers and dogs	10/11/2022 4:01 PM
176	Later is better as I live in Ohio and my dogs aren't on a pro truck that spends the winter in the south . . . This is a problem with the Eastern region. It goes from Maine to Florida. That's a crazy difference in climate.	10/11/2022 3:44 PM
177	When the weather for that location is best.	10/11/2022 3:41 PM
178	Same	10/11/2022 3:38 PM
179	Sometime in early May for my area. Other areas will vary based on weather and crops in the ground.	10/11/2022 3:36 PM
180	This is fine.	10/11/2022 2:50 PM
181	As late as possible to avoid competition with local weekend tests.	10/11/2022 2:45 PM
182	It depends on the location in which the event is held. Heat limits when test can be run southern	10/11/2022 2:34 PM

states. Northern states water is to cold early April-May.

183	April	10/11/2022 2:33 PM
184	This is completely location dependent.	10/11/2022 2:13 PM
185	Maintain dates	10/11/2022 2:12 PM
186	Needs to be based on what part of country it is being held in. June 30 not good in the south.	10/11/2022 1:51 PM
187	No preference	10/11/2022 1:21 PM
188	late May or early June to give Northern dogs a chance to get in the water and train	10/11/2022 1:20 PM
189	We disenfranchise the northern portion of the country when we have tests in April. Late May to mid June would allow all members to participate.	10/11/2022 1:13 PM
190	Timeline is not important, but we should do everything possible to deconflict with the Spring Grand. We should not constrain handlers to choosing between either event. We should align schedules with the Grand so handlers/dogs can participate in both.	10/11/2022 12:37 PM
191	May to early June would be best to avoid extreme temperatures/heat.	10/11/2022 12:35 PM
192	during May	10/11/2022 12:26 PM
193	It depends where in the country it is held. You can still have ice on the ponds in Minnesota/michigan/New England in April, and heat stroke in the south in June	10/11/2022 12:07 PM
194	Depends on the test location. if early will it be too cold? if late will it be too hot. Does the test data interfere with club tests?	10/11/2022 12:06 PM
195	Early May	10/11/2022 11:58 AM
196	Any time in the allotted dates	10/11/2022 11:43 AM
197	I believe the first 2 weeks of June is prime, regardless of location in the US. Sooner than that there are places still snow covered or drenched in rain. Travel is impacted based upon weather. First two weeks gives many who travel across the country to participate greater access to diverse routes of travel and lodging accommodations. May is notorious for tornadoes.	10/11/2022 11:39 AM
198	Early as possible	10/11/2022 11:26 AM
199	May 15 - June 15	10/11/2022 11:10 AM
200	April due to temperatures in the west.	10/11/2022 11:06 AM
201	Later in the season for two reasons - first more time to train the dog and my job doesn't have flexibility until after mid-May to attend.	10/11/2022 10:59 AM
202	Mid May through mid June	10/11/2022 10:53 AM
203	This is fine	10/11/2022 10:40 AM
204	June 1-June 30 A lot of west region tests are held April 15-May 31	10/11/2022 10:35 AM
205	June	10/11/2022 10:34 AM
206	Anytime	10/11/2022 10:34 AM
207	Earlier in the time window for western regions and southern regions Later in the time window for northern and eastern regions	10/11/2022 10:32 AM
208	April.	10/11/2022 10:29 AM
209	No preference since we can train year round in my location. Would like for everyone to have time to train in water before event.	10/11/2022 10:24 AM
210	May	10/11/2022 10:12 AM
211	June	10/11/2022 10:05 AM
212	The later the better. Most of the time I can't put a dog in the water until toward the end of march because of cold training conditions.	10/11/2022 10:04 AM

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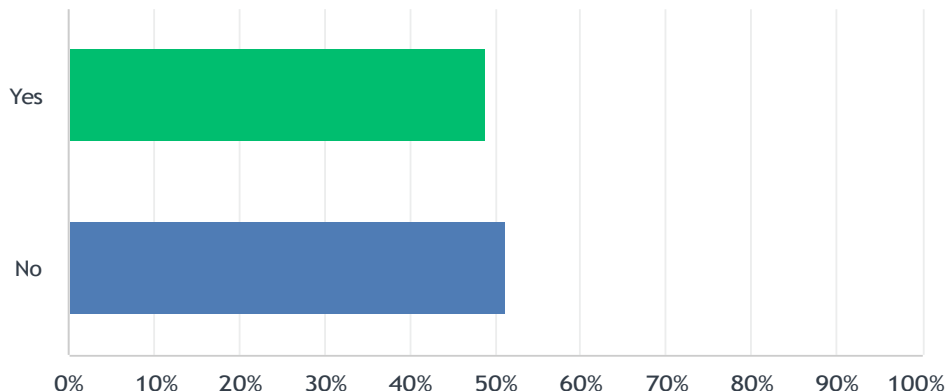
213	I would prefer that it not be during the Grand. I live in Giddings and have to choose between the two. Had to choose going to the Grand to get my title. I'm sick that I'm leaving when it is in my backyard.	10/11/2022 10:01 AM
214	May or June so we can get our dogs in the water after the cold winter .	10/11/2022 10:00 AM
215	April/May	10/11/2022 9:55 AM
216	I'm ok with the April 15- June 30th window	10/11/2022 9:46 AM
217	This is fine	10/11/2022 9:43 AM
218	Later is better. Dogs from the North that don't go South are at a disadvantage.	10/11/2022 9:36 AM
219	Early May. Really depends on location and temperature.	10/11/2022 9:24 AM
220	June	10/11/2022 9:20 AM
221	The current data are fine	10/11/2022 9:12 AM
222	Early to mid June.	10/11/2022 9:12 AM
223	May	10/11/2022 9:12 AM
224	Sometime in June	10/11/2022 9:12 AM
225	Early May would be my preference, but some latitude should be given for the location of the event as it relates to weather and temperatures	10/11/2022 8:57 AM
226	Any time works for me.	10/11/2022 8:25 AM
227	May- June Living in the North East give more time in spring to train on water before MARC	10/11/2022 8:21 AM
228	Anytime during the assigned period	10/11/2022 8:18 AM
229	April 30-June 15 depending upon Region and Weather. I know that those in the more Northern areas have only has a month or so in the water as of April 30; however, those of us in the South cannot train except in the early mornings during the month of June due to the HEAT!!! Most of the breeds that run our test can stand a little cold water in the early Spring.	10/11/2022 8:13 AM
230	Adjust to location for temps and weather.	10/11/2022 8:09 AM
231	April is too early for people in the north because we frequently do not have access to water until May. And not everyone has the luxury of going south to train. I suspect The 2023 MAI will have fewer handlers because of the date.	10/11/2022 8:05 AM
232	June	10/11/2022 8:04 AM
233	Early as possible	10/11/2022 8:03 AM
234	April to June Earlier in South, later in other regions	10/11/2022 7:42 AM
235	In the month of May	10/11/2022 7:40 AM
236	April is to early Water can be frozen in WI	10/11/2022 7:37 AM
237	June	10/11/2022 7:36 AM
238	Should be until July 30th so the dogs from the Northern states have time to train and be back in the water again.	10/11/2022 7:36 AM
239	Any time in this span is good, so long as the test does not coincide with a major religious holidayalthough if I were otherwise qualified and in a position to attend I would consider even those dates.	10/11/2022 7:35 AM
240	Run same timeframe as the master national	10/11/2022 7:24 AM
241	Fall, after the hunt test season	10/11/2022 7:24 AM
242	May	10/11/2022 7:22 AM
243	This timeline is good. The later we wait the warmer the temps get.	10/11/2022 7:21 AM
244	Later in the timeframe. Live in northeast and dogs are barely in the water by April 15.	10/11/2022 7:17 AM

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245	Depends on the location. In the north later in the time period. In the south earlier due to heat.	10/11/2022 7:13 AM
246	As late as possible. I am from the north. In Sedalia, my dog had been in the water only twice this year.	10/11/2022 7:11 AM
247	Possibly having an earlier starting time due to heat problems. It would be nice to have an earlier option to start the test due to the location.	10/11/2022 6:53 AM
248	May	10/11/2022 6:39 AM

Q5 Would you like to extend the Master Amateur Invitational dates to July 31st?

Answered: 275 Skipped: 14



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	48.73%	134
No	51.27%	141
TOTAL		275

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	Gives people in the Northern Regions of North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, New York and New England a chance to train their dogs for the MAI.	11/7/2022 2:20 PM
2	But event would have to be in a cooler environment	10/30/2022 9:29 PM
3	Too Hot in most regions	10/30/2022 4:12 PM
4	Too hot everywhere in June or July	10/29/2022 10:01 AM
5	that one month will help those of us in the north. Our season cant safely start til May when the snow+ice melt.	10/28/2022 8:05 PM
6	Starts getting awful warm	10/27/2022 8:36 PM
7	For the same reason stated in question 4, plus it could give those areas north an opportunity to hold the Master Amateur Invitational.	10/27/2022 3:18 PM
8	Holding the event later, provides more preparation time for handlers who don't have the opportunity to train their dog during the winter months in warmer climate.	10/27/2022 8:26 AM
9	To hot	10/26/2022 6:07 PM
10	What would be the reason for doing this date change?	10/26/2022 5:50 PM
11	No preference	10/26/2022 4:05 PM
12	more time is better,	10/26/2022 2:33 PM
13	Believe it would be too hot in July.	10/26/2022 1:06 PM
14	TOO HOT	10/26/2022 12:59 PM
15	It's fine the way it is.	10/26/2022 11:14 AM

16	Hard to find an area in all the regions where the temperatures would allow this to happen.	10/26/2022 10:53 AM
17	But, and in my mind it's a big "but", there probably aren't very many places that could host the MAI that would still have acceptable temperatures at that time of the year. Putting dogs at risk of overheating is not acceptable. But if the temperatures of the venue would not put the dogs at risk then I don't have any objections to running the MAI during July.	10/26/2022 10:40 AM
18	Undecided	10/26/2022 10:22 AM
19	Can be tough to get number of passes in especially in cold climate areas.	10/26/2022 9:56 AM
20	Depending upon what region and state the invitational is held, the weather could become brutally hot and dangerous for both dogs and handlers.	10/26/2022 9:36 AM
21	Like the answer to #4...People in the north want to run later. If the event is held in the north run it in July.	10/26/2022 9:32 AM
22	Too hot most places	10/26/2022 8:54 AM
23	Maybe, but only if the qualifying period is extended into May.	10/26/2022 8:06 AM
24	Hear in any location becomes a factor	10/26/2022 7:59 AM
25	Having the flexibility for the committee to choose should be helpful.	10/26/2022 7:56 AM
26	There are a number of weekend events that I can attend through June that do not involve a lot of traveling. If the MAI was in July in a northern location that would actually work well for me.	10/26/2022 7:17 AM
27	No strong opinion. It is possible that July would be too hot for a summer MAI.	10/26/2022 1:36 AM
28	better for the people that live in the north	10/26/2022 12:09 AM
29	Too hot	10/26/2022 12:05 AM
30	Match dates to Master National.	10/19/2022 10:13 AM
31	We are getting too deep into the summer, family vacations, heat issues etc.	10/18/2022 10:40 AM
32	Too hot	10/17/2022 6:03 PM
33	If held in the cooler parts of the country.	10/17/2022 4:09 PM
34	Extend into August	10/17/2022 1:35 PM
35	Again heat is a big factor, dogs health	10/17/2022 10:07 AM
36	Absolutely later in the year. Better yet trade the timeframe with the MN! See above!	10/17/2022 8:09 AM
37	For northern areas.	10/16/2022 10:50 PM
38	Too hot anywhere	10/16/2022 9:04 PM
39	The Offset with Master Nationals is strategical preferable for trying to run tests as an amateur still working in their career. It also favors participation in both processes/events.	10/16/2022 12:50 PM
40	I hear members and non members from Northern tier states comment on how they do not have the time to adequately prepare for an event held in the months of April and May. Widening this window would give these members a better chance to get ready, for more states to showcase their venues, and possibly increase our membership rolls by making the event more inviting to non members.	10/16/2022 11:12 AM
41	Holiday travel season is not the time to find hotel rate deals and	10/15/2022 11:05 PM
42	Qualification period?	10/15/2022 4:31 PM
43	July can be hot, so I would hope the MARC would be held in the northern states at that time.	10/15/2022 12:31 PM
44	That period of the summer can get quite hot and would unnecessarily put the safety of the dogs at risk.	10/14/2022 10:05 PM
45	Very fair to those you are trying to qualify for both the Master National and Master Amateur.	10/14/2022 7:41 PM
46	Could be too hot in July.	10/14/2022 5:35 PM

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47	See anove	10/14/2022 2:37 PM
48	Too hot in the majority of the country for travel.	10/14/2022 10:10 AM
49	I really don't have a strong opinion on this.	10/13/2022 3:49 PM
50	July is HOT in most parts of the USA. Only places I know that are cool enough at that time of year are too high in elevation to be practical for most.	10/13/2022 3:33 PM
51	I answered yes, because it doesn't matter when we run it.	10/13/2022 12:41 PM
52	Dates going into July will limit the event to only Northern regions.	10/13/2022 6:19 AM
53	See comment above.	10/13/2022 3:47 AM
54	Provides greater flexibility	10/13/2022 12:03 AM
55	gets pretty warm late June and all of July.	10/12/2022 8:44 PM
56	Northern folks only have 4-5 months to gather passes - less opportunity for events. Working folks can't always get Vacation time or have the additional costs to travel	10/12/2022 2:29 PM
57	More time for northerners to water train	10/12/2022 2:21 PM
58	Let me training before the event. I don't have ability to go south for winter so having early in the year. I run the risk of not even having dogs in water before the event.	10/12/2022 11:48 AM
59	Too hot!	10/12/2022 9:11 AM
60	June or July would give us time to prepare to run a national because of spring weather in north.	10/12/2022 7:46 AM
61	The month of July can be excruciatingly hot - a major factor when running any event	10/11/2022 9:55 PM
62	It would elieviate the climatic restrictions our northern members face. Allowing them more time to get their dogs back in the water preparing for the MAI.	10/11/2022 8:38 PM
63	Too hot in many parts of the country.	10/11/2022 8:26 PM
64	Yes, I think this would allow for running in the north and allow for Amateurs that don't go south to get some training in before theMIA	10/11/2022 8:20 PM
65	And also move the April dates later.	10/11/2022 8:08 PM
66	good choice	10/11/2022 7:55 PM
67	why not	10/11/2022 7:52 PM
68	Why not just come out and recommend late July. This is where the board is going with this change.	10/11/2022 7:19 PM
69	I think the date should be based on the host club climate and sometimes it will favor a northern participant and sometimes a southern one - just as National events always have.	10/11/2022 6:55 PM
70	Too hot in many parts of the country. Even up in Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, etc. one can run into 90's & humid in July.	10/11/2022 6:42 PM
71	Keep the same timeframe.	10/11/2022 6:34 PM
72	You still need to qualify within a one year period, dates shouldn't matter.	10/11/2022 6:30 PM
73	I live in Wisconsin. I can't get my dogs in water until late April at the earliest. Your current schedule penalizes those of us in more northern states unless we can travel south for water work before spring.	10/11/2022 6:17 PM
74	One month extension will have absolutely no positive impact.	10/11/2022 6:10 PM
75	Yes, extend into July for Northern states hosting.	10/11/2022 5:41 PM
76	Only if it makes it easier to accomplish my suggestions in question 4	10/11/2022 4:01 PM
77	See above. The Eastern region runs from Maine to FL. If this is supposed to be an event that supports amateur trained and handled dogs, then consider that dogs up north aren't even in the water to train until May at best.	10/11/2022 3:44 PM

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78	When it makes sense temperature wise.	10/11/2022 3:41 PM
79	TOO HOT!!!!	10/11/2022 3:36 PM
80	It will conflict w dogs trying to qualify for the Master National RC in the northern states. Dogs who run both events could potentially run them within 2 months of each other. This puts a physical and mental strain on the dogs. In addition, it would place undue financial burden on amateur handler. Could prevent participants who still work from being able to attend.	10/11/2022 2:34 PM
81	I'm thinking that the current window is very suitable and ensures that adverse weather conditions have a minimal effect.	10/11/2022 2:13 PM
82	As a Michigan resident my club has had to cancel an event because of deadly heat. How would that danger be addressed? All to often July heat is a factor in the upper Midwest and in both directions at our latitude. I can only imagine further south as I try to avoid testing in July if possible.	10/11/2022 2:12 PM
83	I don't see any downside.	10/11/2022 1:51 PM
84	Even the farthest northern regions could be too warm.	10/11/2022 1:21 PM
85	we do not want to compete with the Master National	10/11/2022 1:20 PM
86	If we change the ending date of qualification to July 31 we would also need to change the start of the qualifying year to August 1st. We would need to hold events later in the year and potentially run close to the MN thus forcing many members to choose one or the other..... this has the potential of lowering turnout to our event.	10/11/2022 1:13 PM
87	We should not constrain ourselves to too tight of a date window. Expanding the window, if that allows us to have the event in more northerly locations, would be an improvement.	10/11/2022 12:37 PM
88	Heat becomes a factor and might limit the way the test has to be run.	10/11/2022 12:06 PM
89	True MAI entrants should need no more than a month to get ready if their access to water has been limited during the winter	10/11/2022 11:43 AM
90	In concert with the question above, extension of dates allows flexibility in attendance based upon location selection. In the West July is too hot. For east and Midwest, July can be stormy but most flooding incidents (hurricanes) haven't started up yet.	10/11/2022 11:39 AM
91	In the nowrthwest we do not have a long season of tests therefore it can be difficult to qualify for the MNRC in a reasonable time. our test season is from March to September unlike some other regins which have a 9 mionth season	10/11/2022 11:10 AM
92	Too hot	10/11/2022 10:40 AM
93	Not really, heat, water quality, and summer vacations would be concerns.	10/11/2022 10:35 AM
94	Possibly, if needed. And depending on temperatures.	10/11/2022 10:34 AM
95	In many (most?) parts of the country, the weather can be brutally hot in July. (I judged a Master test in Nebraska this July ... it hit 107 degrees on setup day.) In addition, there is a widespread hazard to consider: grass awns. To use one relevant example, the Fuller's property in Giddings is covered with speargrass. In a "normal" year, the awns begin to ripen in late April, and by the middle of May it is not a place where I would run my dogs as the danger is simply too great. Other places have cheatgrass and foxtails and other bad news grasses. By July, any property in the country that has that stuff will probably be dangerous for dogs.	10/11/2022 10:29 AM
96	too hot in most places these days	10/11/2022 10:12 AM
97	Invitational dates should be June-July (northwest).	10/11/2022 10:05 AM
98	This would give handlers in the northern areas more time to do water work in preparation of a national test.	10/11/2022 10:04 AM
99	None	10/11/2022 9:55 AM
100	No issue with extending the date for the event	10/11/2022 9:53 AM
101	Too hot most every where.	10/11/2022 9:24 AM
102	Later is better for those living in the northern half of the country who don't have the opportunity	10/11/2022 9:20 AM

to travel south to train during the winter months.

103	Would allow for more northern states to host the event at a later date.	10/11/2022 9:12 AM
104	I like the idea that friends from northern areas would be better prepared and want to enter if the dates can be later. Also, it gives the MARC good choices of locations to hold the MAI.	10/11/2022 8:25 AM
105	As stated previously, those of us in the South can only train in the early mornings in June and I don't train at all during July.	10/11/2022 8:13 AM
106	If you do that , then the location would be dependent on the temperature	10/11/2022 8:05 AM
107	I don't think it hurts anything to expand the dates. Consideration must be made though on where the test is held. The middle of July may work in Minnesota but would be a terrible idea in South Carolina.	10/11/2022 8:04 AM
108	Depending on where the event is being held, it can be pretty chilly in April or May making water work difficult.	10/11/2022 7:40 AM
109	The Northern states need a later date, you would also get better participation from the Northern states.	10/11/2022 7:36 AM
110	More options are always better than fewer. There are areas where even in July the weather might be suitable.	10/11/2022 7:35 AM
111	June is packed with hunt tests. July has more open weekends.	10/11/2022 7:17 AM
112	To hot even in the NW.	10/11/2022 6:53 AM

Q6 If you have any other comments, questions, or concerns, please note them here.

Answered: 75 Skipped: 214

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	It appears that the Board isn't comfortable keeping the membership involved in the decision making. And for some reason the President decided to include us and sent out the survey. I think it was the members being very upset after the MAI in Sedalia. Thank you for finally listening to us and asking our opinions. The communication from the Board and Officers needs to improve.	11/7/2022 2:20 PM
2	Thank you for these surveys	11/2/2022 9:37 PM
3	I would match qualifying dates with Master National. I would be more cost effective to handlers.	10/28/2022 7:11 PM
4	I THINK THE BIG QUESTION SHOULD be how do we get more and younger people interested and involved. A lot of "us" are getting older. We can't keep it going forever and we shouldn't just let it fade away with our more mature members.	10/26/2022 5:50 PM
5	why not have regional / national tests, when people have to travel across country they won't.. we are ammitters and most of us work and dont ahve the time or \$ to travel like that	10/26/2022 2:33 PM
6	Keep the 4 regions so all MAI members have equal chances to travel to other states for the MAI event. Consolidation of the west ern regions will only result in the loss of members and make the MAI east coast centric. Keep it a National club where the dogs and the handlers get to experience running in all parts of the USA.	10/26/2022 1:06 PM
7	THIS SURVEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN AGREED UPON BY THE ENTIRE BOARD AND THE QUESTIONS SHOULD HAVE BEEN AGREED UPON BY THE ENTIRE BOARD NOT JUST THE LRPC...	10/26/2022 12:59 PM
8	Thank you for addressing this complicated issue. Re-sizing all the regions might be a better idea. Singling out the west/west central region feels like we are thought of as second class. I realize you may have made your decision based on participation numbers, but combining these two regions will most likely drop the numbers even more.	10/26/2022 11:24 AM
9	I believe that holding the MAI later in the year(even later than July) rather than earlier in the spring will allow for the handlers from the northern parts of the country an opportunity to actually be able to adequately train for the event. Most northern teams don't have the chance to train water until mid to late May if then.	10/26/2022 11:00 AM
10	Sedalia was my first MAI. Thought it was pulled off really well and we had a great time. Sounded like there was an issue with managing the height of cover and that was a problem that was handled well considering the circumstances. Clearly, however, it would have been a better event if there had been more modest cover on the grounds. I can't imagine that will be an issue at the Fuller's in Giddings, but whatever MARC can do to get venue owners to commit to having cover in better condition for the MAI would be a positive.	10/26/2022 10:40 AM
11	If master amateur is going to attempt to emulate master national, I will discontinue my membership with master amateur and save my membership fees. Master amateur has a great start, don't get lazy or complacent. Take the great resources (the people/members) available at master amateur and build upon the foundation that has been laid.	10/26/2022 9:36 AM
12	I don't feel we should have events in the west/east regions due to the distance of travel for members on the opposite side of the country. Amateurs don't have the luxury of taking the time off required to travel such distances. If all events were held in the central part of the country I feel we would get more participation/representation from all regions.	10/26/2022 8:48 AM
13	I thought the decision had already been made to require 6 passes to qualify for the MAI so I'm not sure why this is one of the questions on the survey?	10/26/2022 7:17 AM

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14	Hold to a 3 dog max/year.	10/26/2022 5:53 AM
15	Need to do a way better job of keeping the qualified dogs list up dated. I've been waiting sense August to see my dogs name on the list. Glad you all have time to read a survey though.	10/26/2022 1:03 AM
16	How about we get serious about defining an "amateur ". Having a pro run your dog at the MN and/or your dog being trained by a pro should not be considered an Amateur.	10/17/2022 6:03 PM
17	Thank you for asking.	10/17/2022 4:09 PM
18	I have entered five of the six test so far. Great job overall I would like to see the membership grow	10/17/2022 10:07 AM
19	I believe combining the West and West Central Regions is grossly unfair to the people of the West.	10/16/2022 10:50 PM
20	Select and announce the judges sooner.	10/16/2022 9:04 PM
21	My concern is that for the longevity of this event, the rules and flexibility need to more heavily favor the younger not retired trainer/handler. The consecutive pass requirement of invitationals to title is one point. Amateurs who work and cannot take the time to make a cross country trip or work requirements can cause a gap year. Time involved for the working generation needs to be considered in deciding number of passes, consolidation of regions, and consecutive passes.	10/16/2022 12:50 PM
22	To our Board of Directors, Don't Give Up! Focus on the Mission!	10/16/2022 11:12 AM
23	My observation is that entrants at the MARC have a high percentage of well handled dogs whereas at the Master National where pros don't always bring dogs that are really suited for 6 series in a row...their clients absorb the cost of going.	10/15/2022 12:31 PM
24	Get your act together	10/15/2022 9:36 AM
25	Thank you for providing a survey!	10/15/2022 7:45 AM
26	I had a wonderful experience at the 2022 MAI! I would be glad to help in future events.	10/14/2022 7:41 PM
27	Travel to the west coast once is enough.	10/14/2022 3:02 PM
28	Increasing the pas number from 4 to 6 will decrease entries especially for us people up North that don't go South or send their dogs South-	10/13/2022 6:49 PM
29	I think the event should be split (Eastern/Central and West Central/West event). It is very difficult for a true working amateur to travel completely across the country to attend an event. However, I think the members should be allowed to attend the one of their choice.	10/13/2022 3:42 PM
30	If we are going to try to continue to attract younger people to our sport we are going to have to make some changes to allow them to attain higher titles. HRC allows a dog to run the Grande anytime after they attain the 100 pts. needed to get the HRCH title. I don't expect that to happen, but for a strictly amateur trained and handled dog, 6 annual passes I have to obtain between October 1st and February 28th is not an easy task.	10/13/2022 3:33 PM
31	How about a survey to see if attendance at an event would be increased if we were to hold 2 events a yr. One on each coast or central states. West coast will not travel to East coast nor will East to West. Keep in mind we are amateurs and not pros.	10/13/2022 5:24 AM
32	I've participated in one event and liked it. Was surprised at the demographics of those running (most over 60 and a very high % of female handlers). Loved seeing this, however, think you're missing a huge potential market for more participation. Think a much larger participation is possible if done right and well. The demographics of amateurs competing at the Grand I believe is much different, which I believe leads to opportunity for the MAI. This is an amateur event - it doesn't have to be the same as the Master National. Decrease to 5 series instead of 6. Small flights to ensure the event is completed in 5 days. Schedule well before or after the Grand. 4 passes max to qualify. Central location - no long trips West of Colorado or to the far East Coast. 8 flights of 60 dogs would be ideal and possible if done well... I greatly appreciate the opportunity to provide this feedback and thank you for sending this survey!!	10/12/2022 11:32 PM
33	Very disappointed the membership did not receive survey post 2022 events. So here goes. .1. Blog posts during event - lacking. If you want our friends at home to be excited about the tests, you need to show them what they are missing, aka Retriever News at NATIONAL	10/12/2022 4:56 PM

events, which MARC is. It is almost formulaic to present. 2. Clothing as the only souvenir vending is disappointing.

34	I am very concerned about the region change proposal.	10/12/2022 2:57 PM
35	This event is for the Amateur - Working and Retired - very hard for Working folks to get extended time off to travel to multiple events and with the cost of EVERYTHING rising - some Retired people might have a hard time with the increase of travel, hotels, etc.	10/12/2022 2:29 PM
36	You know my feelings about crummy entry express catalog This is a National Make it look like one Addresses should be with dogs information not have to look it up in back Number of passes should be shown	10/12/2022 12:52 PM
37	We need to grow the club and not just look at retiree's.	10/12/2022 11:48 AM
38	I enjoy attending both the MAI and the MN. However, this does put a strain on my time and budgeting the money needed to do this. I will spend 4 weeks of each year if I attend both events which does not include travel. Until I retire, I feel that I will now have to choose one or the other each year. This choice will be made on the distance I will have to travel.	10/12/2022 11:30 AM
39	Thanks for allowing us opportunity to provide input.	10/12/2022 9:22 AM
40	I have the feeling that this club is turning into a good old boys club like field trials.	10/12/2022 7:46 AM
41	I am not in favor on a 3 region Master Amateur.	10/11/2022 10:33 PM
42	Early dates favor the folks in the south if the event is in the south	10/11/2022 8:20 PM
43	Make MAI something special. Lets not be a Júnior Master National. Being special means that not all can be successful.	10/11/2022 7:19 PM
44	The MARC is a lot of fun!	10/11/2022 6:42 PM
45	Keep up the good work! Can't please everybody.	10/11/2022 6:34 PM
46	Please note my new address. Thank you for all your hard work!	10/11/2022 6:30 PM
47	The reporting of information, data, and the accuracy of such continues to be lacking for the MARC and needs to be corrected.	10/11/2022 6:10 PM
48	What is the process for deciding rule change proposals? Are all proposals voted on by the members? Or does the board decide unless the vote doesn't go someone's way?	10/11/2022 5:58 PM
49	Control cost as much as possible.	10/11/2022 5:41 PM
50	I'm relatively new to the sport and it is hard for me to imagine myself as an inexperienced handler and working person who has very limited access to training grounds ever getting a dog to this event	10/11/2022 4:01 PM
51	Please consider the waiver idea for regions.	10/11/2022 3:44 PM
52	Keep the two passes for qualifying at the MAI!	10/11/2022 3:36 PM
53	We need a plan to grow this organization!	10/11/2022 2:45 PM
54	I completely and enthusiastically support the board's efforts to understand and cope with the issues before us. That said, the public introduction to the proposal my opinion could have been handled better.	10/11/2022 2:13 PM
55	We need to build working amateur membership across the country. You need someone on the Board as a stake holder for this function (it does not necessarily need to be a board member), If we are to grow we need a coherent membership strategy that keeps members even after the event leaves their region AND a working strategy that engages the VP and Director in each region to attract new members.	10/11/2022 1:13 PM
56	We should not ever, in written correspondence, reveal that the board voted in a "split decision." If that happens, fine, but it should stay contained within the board. Members don't need to know that the board is "split" in any way. Varied opinions and ideas are valuable, but the board must ALWAYS present a united front to membership.	10/11/2022 12:37 PM
57	Be careful on how you want your numbers to grow. Look where MN is now. There are only a handful that play in both MAI and MN. Handlers that is. More MAI dogs play at the MN than	10/11/2022 11:39 AM

their handlers.

58	Thanks for all you do	10/11/2022 11:26 AM
59	My personal opinion is that the MARC should consider the needs of the amateur handler that is not retired and may be working a full or part time job, have children, and training their own dogs. Is this a client base for which you have interest? If so, then how can you engage them more?	10/11/2022 10:59 AM
60	Please continue to keep tests and judging as real as possible, do not fall into the trap the Master National has created.	10/11/2022 10:35 AM
61	I'd like to express my sincere appreciation to the Board for the work y'all are doing to make the MARC a great club. The focus on the amateur owner/handler is stellar. Thank you!	10/11/2022 10:29 AM
62	I am a very new member to MARC and am excited to have a national test for amateurs. I believe we should be held to the standards of pros but having to meet the qualifications of master nationals of six passes doesn't help the average amateur. This would be a deciding factor that determine my membership. Thank your for your considerations	10/11/2022 10:04 AM
63	As stated above. Respectfully, Could you please allow the ams to run in both the Grand and the MAI? Look at the dates before setting the event if possible.	10/11/2022 10:01 AM
64	Better grounds then last year with such high cover .	10/11/2022 10:00 AM
65	None	10/11/2022 9:55 AM
66	I didn't vote although I very much support the ht program I don't participate much in ht. Hence I didn't vote. I m a Charter member, President of a Charter club and I helped form the MARC and I very much want the organization to succeed. A fear is the MNRC is the only example most in the ht community knows. I wouldn't want the MARC to become an image of the MNRC. Communication is key and with 500+ members (voters) there will be many diverse opinions. The leadership must be respected from within and cautious with modifications as trust is hard won and easily lost.	10/11/2022 9:53 AM
67	Let's try not to emulate what has happened to the master national. Start by getting that white out of the inside of the hats they give away. If we don't do something to curb the numbers we're gonna have the same problem as the master national 1115 dogs unbelievable. Work more on merchandising these folks have money to spend and want Mai gear. This event is the last and only pure amateur event. It is such a refreshing atmosphere.	10/11/2022 9:12 AM
68	I would like to see a true Master AMATEUR where elements are not a Master NATIONAL "LOOK-A-LIKE" with the same events, schedule and format. I abhor statements like "this is the way it has been done in the past (using Master NATIONAL logic) This is the Master AMATEUR event. Have some creativity with keeping the intent of HUNTING TESTS mind...not minnie field trials..... and put the fun into this event.	10/11/2022 9:12 AM
69	Keep doing the things that you are doing and a big Thank You to all of you that serve on the Board.	10/11/2022 8:13 AM
70	Offer tests in the northeast	10/11/2022 7:43 AM
71	I do wish the board had surveyed the membership first on changing the regions. I will be interested in seeing the results of the survey. The Board does a good job, and I thank each of you for your time and dedication to our sport.	10/11/2022 7:35 AM
72	The trend of midweek tests are making it difficult for amateurs who have a full time job to get adequate time off to qualify and attend MAI. Consider restructuring Master series ro where a test can be run Sat/Sun only	10/11/2022 7:24 AM
73	Don't lose sign of the A in MARC.	10/11/2022 7:17 AM
74	I wrote a letter to the board months ago with my concerns.	10/11/2022 7:11 AM
75	Thank you for the survey	10/11/2022 6:53 AM