

EXCERPTED FROM THE FEBRUARY 2016 AKC BOD MINUTES

Retriever Master Amateur Invitational Hunting Test

The Board VOTED to create a new event in the Retriever Hunting Test program called the Retriever Master Amateur Invitational Hunting Test. The purpose of this event is to provide a venue dedicated to and focused on allowing amateur handlers to showcase their hunting retrievers. The Master Amateur Test will be hosted by a new club, the Master Amateur Retriever Club (MARC), whose sole purpose will be to organize and host this once per year event. The event will be open to all breeds eligible to participate in AKC Retriever Hunting tests. Dogs qualify by passing the Master Hunter test at local events a given number of times as established by the MARC during the qualifying period, provided the dog was handled to its qualifying scores by an amateur. This regulation change is effective March 1, 2016. The first Master Amateur National event will be held in the spring of 2017.

Regulations & Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers Chapter 1. new Section 4. Entry Requirements Definition of an amateur. For the purpose of qualifying and handling a dog in the Master Amateur Invitational Hunting Test: Bd. Pg. 11 February 11-12, 2016 A person shall be considered an Amateur who during the period of two years preceding the trial in question has not received compensation in any form for the training of a dog for hunting, hunting tests or field trials and/or the handling of a dog in the same, and/or the regular systematic personal instructions of other individuals regarding the above pursuits. Compensation is defined as money, goods or services to a person or any member of their household. No member of the household of a person who does not qualify as an amateur under this definition can qualify as an amateur. Any person participating in an occasional organized seminar or workshop to improve the training and handling of field trial, hunting test or hunting dogs will be exempt from the above provision as will a person who receives payment for providing educational material (such as books, videos, etc.) to the public on the training and handling of field trial, hunting test or hunting dogs. The dog must be handled by an amateur during all series in a given test in order to qualify as being handled by an amateur. Should a question arise at the Master Amateur Invitational test regarding a person's amateur status, the Event Committee shall decide.

Regulations & Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers New Chapter 7. Master Amateur Invitational Hunting Test A Master Amateur Invitational hunting test for qualified dogs shall be run not more than once in any calendar year by a club or association formed for that purpose. All dogs must be handled by amateurs at this event. The club shall file an application for permission to run the event under the Regulations and procedures for Retriever hunting tests. The Master Amateur Invitational Hunting Test shall represent the equivalent of two weekend Master level tests. The event shall be run in as many divisions as the hosting organization deems necessary to achieve this end. The club or association may also make special Regulations and procedures as are deemed necessary for the conduct of the test including the qualifications required to enter the test. The qualifying requirements must be achieved when the dog is handled by an amateur. Such special Regulations and procedures as may be made by the club or association are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club.