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Performance Events Department

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

Subject: **Master National Retriever Club Resources and Entry Sizes**

This is to inform your club of a change made to the *Regulations & Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers*. The Master National Retriever Club (MNRC) made a request to AKC to be allowed to determine their entry size as it relates to their available resources. The intent is to allow MNRC the flexibility to adjust their entry size if they feel it is necessary, so it is in proportion to their resources such as land and location.

This change is effective January 1, 2025. The exact wording of this change is noted below in underlining and will appear in the next reprinting of the regulations as follows:

Chapter 6. Master National Hunting Test.

A Master National Hunting Test for qualified Retrievers shall be run not more than once in any calendar year by a club or association formed for that purpose. The club shall file an application for permission to run the event under the Regulations and Procedures for Retriever hunting tests subject to such modifications of these Regulations and Procedures as may be considered necessary by the club.

The Master National Hunting Test is a quality event that showcases the hunting abilities of highly trained retrievers. As such, dogs must be tested to a level that exceeds an average weekend Master Hunter test. The Master National Hunting Test shall strive to achieve a level of testing equal to twice the normal weekend Master level test. This level of testing shall be demonstrated over the equivalent of two Master Hunter tests.

As the resources available to the host organization will vary by location and over time, in order to hold a quality event and achieve the required level of testing, the host organization is provided the option to determine the maximum number of entries given the time allotted to the event. This will allow the host organization to better plan and manage the event. The AKC Performance Events Department reserves the right to review and approve the maximum number of entries.

This regulation update has been posted to the [Retriever Hunting Tests News And Updates](#) webpage. Please send any comments or questions to: huntingtest@akc.org If you send a request to update your email address, please provide your name, city and state.