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Performance Events Department

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To: **All Clubs Licensed to Host Retriever Field Trials**

Subject: **All Stakes Will Use a System of Rotation**

This is to inform your club of a change to the *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Retrievers* effective November 1, 2024. This change originated from the Retriever Field Trial Advisory Committee and has been approved by the AKC Board of Directors.

This change allows judges to use a system of rotation for all stakes. No longer with this system only apply to just major stakes with the option for minor stakes.

The exact wording of this change is underlined and in bold. This change will appear in the next printing of the rules as follows:

Chapter 14. Rules for Retriever Trials.

Section 4. (2nd paragraph)

~~In any stake carrying championship points the Judges shall impose a system of rotation that will be applicable to all contestants and will take effect immediately following the completion of the first series. Stakes not carrying championship points (Derby and Qualifying) may also implement this rule if the trial giving club opts to do so and has clearly advertised its intention in the trial's premium list.~~ **In all stakes the judges will impose a system of rotation.** The objective of the rotation is to spread the burden or benefit of running early equitably among the competing dogs. The Judges shall select the particular system of rotation to be used, and the system selected shall be publicly announced by the Judges and/or Marshal before the commencement of the stake to which the rotation will apply. If any dog, by consequence of the rotation, is designated to run first twice in the same stake, at the same field trial, he should be exempt from that obligation. In such an instance, said dog will be passed over and the next number in the callbacks shall be first. For example, if #22 had started a previous series and by some chance came up again to be first on a subsequent series in the 19 same stake, at the same field trial, he would be passed over and the next dog in the sequence would be first (#23 or the next number in the callbacks).

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