

# Retriever Hunt Tests - Judge/Apprentice Eligibility Requirements

For all Judges Information please review  
Chapter 1 of the [Regulations & Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers](#)

## **Prior to Apprenticeship:**

- Minimum Age: 21 years old & in good standing with AKC.
- Seminar: Must attend basic seminar (Good for 3 years)
- Handling Experience: 1 qualifying leg at the level to be apprenticed. *(Club's responsibility to monitor)*

## **Prior to Judging:**

- Minimum Age: 21 years old and in good standing with AKC.
- Apprenticeship: Once at the level to be judged. *(Club's responsibility to monitor)*  
*(Applies to individuals that have not judged prior to January 1, 2012)*
- To Be Eligible to Judge Senior & Master Tests: To judge a Senior Test, an individual must have judged one Junior Test. To judge a Master Test, an individual must have judged one Senior Test. *(Applies to individuals that have not judged prior to January 1, 2012.)*  
*(Club's responsibility to monitor)*
- Handling Experience: On an individual basis, there is no additional handling experience required, *however, see Judges Panel Qualifications below.*

## **To Maintain Ability to Judge**

- Seminar: Must attend a second seminar (*advanced or basic*), good for 4 years after having judged at least 3 times at any level within a 3-year period. However, if an individual has earned 6 judging points at the Master level, a 2<sup>nd</sup> seminar is not required. *(Cannot attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> seminar until 12 months prior to eligibility expiring)*
- Written Test: After 2<sup>nd</sup> seminar (*advanced or basic*), must take and pass a written test or seminar every 4 years. *(Cannot take a test or seminar until 12 months prior to eligibility expiring)*
- Remaining an Active Judge: Must judge at least once every 4 years to maintain eligibility. If no assignment in a 4-year period, you must attend a basic seminar. Must have handled a dog for a qualifying leg at the level to be judged or higher within 7 years of the event to be judged. *(Club's responsibility to monitor.)*

## **Judges Panel Qualifications**

- Previous Judging Experience: The combined requirement between the two Judges for all levels is 6 points at the level to be judged or higher.
- Handling Experience: At least one of the judges shall have met the following qualifications:  
Master: Handled a dog(s) to 5 or more legs in a Master Test.  
Senior: Handled a dog(s) to 4 or more legs in a Senior or Master Test.  
Junior: Handled a dog(s) to 4 or more legs in a Junior, Senior, or Master Test.  
*(Club's responsibility to monitor)*