

Retriever Hunting Tests – Judges' Eligibility

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Prior to Apprenticeship

Minimum Age: 21
Seminar: Not required
Handling Experience: 1 qualifying leg at level to be judged. (*Club's responsibility to monitor.*)

Prior to Judging

Seminar: Yes (good for 3 years).
Apprenticeship: Once at level to be judged.
(*Applies to individuals that have not judged prior to January 1, 2012.*)
(*Club's responsibility to monitor.*)
To Be Eligible To Judge
Senior & Master Tests: To judge a Senior test, an individual must have judged two Junior tests.
To judge a Master test, an individual must have judged two Senior tests.
(*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.
Field Trial Judges: No exceptions for field trial judges.

To Maintain Ability to Judge

Seminar: Must attend a second seminar (good for 3 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, the 2nd seminar requirement is not required.
(*Cannot attend 2nd seminar until 6 mths prior to judge's eligibility expiring.*)
Written Test: After 2nd seminar, must take and pass a test every 4 years – score 90%+.
(*Cannot take a test until 6 months prior to judge's eligibility expiring.*)
Remain an Active Judge: Must judge at least once every 4 years to maintain eligibility.
Remain an Active Handler: Must handle a qualifying dog at the level to be judged or higher within seven (7) years of the date of the event. (*Club's responsibility to monitor.*)
Note: Current judges who do not meet this requirement have until January 1, 2014 to come into compliance.

Judges Panel Qualifications

Previous Judging Experience: Combined requirement for 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 Master.
• Senior: Handled a dog(s) to 4 or more legs in Senior or Master.
• Junior: Handled a dog(s) to 4 or more legs in JH or SH or MH.
(*Club's responsibility to monitor.*)