



AMERICAN
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Performance Events Department

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

Subject: **No Local Trials To Be Held During Nationals**

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

This change prohibits AKC Retriever Field Trial clubs from hosting a local trial that awards championship points during the dates of the National Retriever Championship or the National Amateur Retriever Championship trials. This change does not prohibit a club from hosting a trial which offers minor stakes – Derby, Qualifying, and Owner-Handler during the dates of these Nationals.

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

Chapter 14. Rules for Retriever Trials.

Section 11. Number of Trials/Stakes.

(New paragraph 7)

Local Trials Held During National Championships. No local Retriever Field Trials that award championship points will be allowed during the running of the National Retriever Championship Trial or the National Amateur Retriever Championship Trial.

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.