



**AMERICAN
KENNEL CLUB™**

Performance Events Department

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

Subject: **OPTIONAL ROTATION FOR DERBY & QUALIFYING STAKES**

This communication is to inform your club of a recent change to the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers. This change originated from the Retriever Field Trial Advisory Committee and was approved by the Performance Events Department, the AKC Board of Directors and the AKC Delegate body.

Clubs may at their option utilize a system of rotation for Derby and Qualifying stakes. This change is effective immediately provided the club has announced its intention to utilize a rotation in the trial's premium list.

The specific change is:

Chapter 14. Rules for Retriever Field Trials. Section 4. (page 18)

Starting with the 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. 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 publically announced by the Judges and/or Marshall before the commencement of the stake to which the rotation will apply.

This change will be reflected in the next reprinting of the Retriever Field Trial Rule Book.

This e-mail is being sent to the President and Secretary of all clubs licensed to hold Retriever Field Trials and will be posted on the AKC Retriever Field Trial website. Comments can be e-mailed to the AKC at Fieldtrials@akc.org