

RETRIEVER ADVISORY committee

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The Retriever Advisory Subcommittee on Rules Preliminary Report for 2015

In the past year we are continuing to see a decrease in the number of people participating in field trials. This has been brought on by a multitude of factors including: cost, time, diminishing land available and an aging of the sport.

Last year in an effort to begin to curb the effects of this trend, we proposed an option to allow field trial clubs to run, every other year, an Amateur stake along with two minor stakes and no Open. Field trial clubs have voted affirmatively for this and it has been passed by the AKC Board of Directors and

the delegate body of AKC. This rule is now operational.

Last spring we floated the possibility of having a single-owner stake; however, this has caused a great deal of consternation among our participants. Though the straw pole on e-mail ran about 50/50 for and against the idea, the outcry from those against the change was

so vociferous that we have decided, rather than tear apart the fabric of our sport, to table this proposal.

We have no further rules or amendments to propose for 2014.

At the meeting in June, we will entertain a discussion of any new matters concerning the field trial sport.

Submitted by the Retriever Advisory Committee – Subcommittee on Rules

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