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## Performance Events Department

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To: **All Clubs Licensed to Host Spaniel Hunting Tests**

Subject: **Clubs Allowed to Use Waiting Lists**

This is to inform your club of a change to the *Regulations for AKC Hunting Tests for Spaniels*. This change provides clubs the option to create a waitlist for a limited entry hunt test for entries that were received after the entry limit was reached but prior to the closing date. The owner/handler must agree to have their dog placed on the waitlist. If up to the start of the hunt test, the club is aware there are dogs that will not participate, those vacancies can be filled using the entries on the waitlist in the order they were received. Clubs can also opt to fill vacancies per specific test level or in general across all test levels. If a club chooses to use a waitlist, it must be explained and published in the premium list.

This change is effective **July 1, 2021**. The exact wording of this change is underlined and will appear in the next printing of the regulations as follows:

### **Chapter 1. General Regulations. Section 15. Closing and Drawing of Entries, Entry Limitations, Running Order.**

Entries for an AKC-licensed or -member club Hunting Test may close at any time prior to the Hunting Test, but shall not close later than the day preceding the start of the Hunting Test.

*(new paragraph)*

**Waiting List.** A club holding a limited entry Hunting Test may, at its option, create a waiting list for entries that are received after the test has filled but prior to the published closing date. If, after closing and up to the day of the event, there are entries that are known will not be participating, dogs may be taken from the waiting list to run in the position of the absent dogs. Owners/handlers must agree to have their dog placed on the waiting list.

A club utilizing a waitlist may either add dogs across all test levels (a senior hunter scratch could result in a dog being added to the master level test) or the waitlist can be test level specific (a senior hunter scratch can only result in a dog being added to the senior level test). The decision between these two options is up to the event committee. If a club decides to utilize a waitlist, it must be explained in the premium.

If the waitlist applies across all test levels, the decision to add dogs from the waitlist shall be made up to the start of the event. If the waitlist applies to a specific test level, the decision to add dogs shall be made up to the start of that test level. Dogs called from the waiting list shall be prioritized in the order the entries were received.

This regulation update has been posted to the [Spaniel Hunting Test Regulation Resources](#) webpage. Please send any comments or questions to: [huntingtest@akc.org](mailto:huntingtest@akc.org) If you send a request to update your email address, please provide your name, city and state.