

Retriever Hunt Tests - Judge/Apprentice Eligibility Requirements

For all Judges Information please review

Chapter 1 of the [Regulations & Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers](#)

*(*Note: Judges due for their seminar have been given a 12-month extension due to the COVID19 virus)*

Prior to Apprenticeship:

- Minimum Age: 21 years old & in good standing with AKC.
- *Seminar: Must attend basic seminar (Good for 4 years)
- Handling Experience: 1 qualifying leg at the level to be apprenticed. *(Club's responsibility to monitor)*

Prior to Judging:

- Minimum Age: 21 years old and in good standing with AKC.
- Apprenticeship: Once at the level to be judged. *(Club's responsibility to monitor)*
(Applies to individuals that have not judged prior to January 1, 2012.)
- To Be Eligible to Judge Senior & Master Tests: To judge a Senior Test, an individual must have judged one Junior Test. To judge a Master Test, an individual must have judged one Senior Test. *(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.*

To Maintain Ability to Judge

- *Seminar: Must attend a second seminar (*advanced or basic*), good for 4 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, a 2nd seminar is not required. *(Cannot attend the 2nd seminar until 12 months prior to eligibility expiring)*
- Written Test: After 2nd seminar (*advanced or basic*), must take and pass a written test or seminar every 4 years. *(Cannot take a test or seminar until 12 months prior to eligibility expiring)*
- Remaining an Active Judge: Must judge at least once every 4 years to maintain eligibility. If no assignment in a 4-year period, you must attend a basic seminar. Must have handled a dog for a qualifying leg at the level to be judged or higher within 7 years of the event to be judged. *(Club's responsibility to monitor.)*

Judges Panel Qualifications

- Previous Judging Experience: The combined requirement between 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 a Master Test.
Senior: Handled a dog(s) to 4 or more legs in a Senior or Master Test.
Junior: Handled a dog(s) to 4 or more legs in a Junior, Senior, or Master Test.
(Club's responsibility to monitor)