



AMERICAN
KENNEL CLUB™

Performance Events Department

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To: **All Clubs Licensed to Hold Pointing Breed Hunt Tests**

Subject: **New Special Event Application**

This is to inform your club of a regulation change effective July 1, 2020. This change will allow clubs the flexibility to host a special event. One that is of unique significance to the host club. Examples can include a state championship, anniversary or commemoration, or perhaps an all youth event. The purpose of this change is to give host clubs an opportunity to be creative in their event planning and the way in which they engage participants.

The specific changes are underlined and will be reflected in the next reprinting of the *Regulations for AKC Hunting Tests for Pointing Breeds*.

Chapter 1. General Regulations, Section 3A. Special Events *(new section)*

Clubs may apply for “Special Event” hunting tests in order to celebrate/ honor special occasions or for unique purposes. A Special Event test is where the host club proposes a unique mix of regular AKC classes or a unique eligibility requirement. The AKC Performance Events Department may grant permission to modify the hunting test regulations provided it is consistent with the purpose of the Special Event. Examples - a licensed club or regional association of clubs may want to offer a Regional Master Hunter Invitational test limited to dogs that have earned the MH title. Special Event may be used as a fund-raising activity for a cause unique to the area. Special events are licensed events which are recorded and count toward titles

The application for a special event test can be done online using the fillable PDF form called the [Pointing Breed Hunt Test Special Event Application](#). This application must be submitted to the Performance Events Department with sufficient lead time for it to be properly reviewed. Permission to hold a Special Event hunting test is granted on a one-time basis. Clubs need to request permission for every special event. The Special Event shall count as one of the club’s annual events.

Clubs interested in hosting a special event should use the newly designated “[Pointing Breed Hunt Test Special Event Application](#)” found online and email it to the Performance Events Department.

This regulation update has been posted to the [Regulation Resource](#) webpage and is being sent to all pointing breed hunting test clubs and approved judges. Please send any questions, comments or email address updates to: performanceevents@akc.org. If you send us a request to update your email address, please provide us your name, city and state.