



THE NATIONAL MASTER HUNT TEST STAKE: OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

The following guidelines are intended to help the Canadian National Master Retriever Club and the host Club of the National Master Hunt test Stake to organize a successful event and to prevent any perceptions of unfairness.

GUIDELINES FOR JUDGE SELECTION

1. Qualified and willing judges will be selected for the National Master stake at the Annual General Meeting one year prior, in accordance with the Constitution of the CNMRC.
2. No more than one of the three judges for the National Master Hunt Test stake should be serving as a Director or on the executive of the CNMRC at the time of the event.
3. Upon accepting the judging assignment, judges for the National Master Hunt Test Stake will be required to sign a copy of the " National Master Hunt Test Stake: Philosophy and Judging Guidelines" document, agreeing to follow the guidelines as outlined. A copy will also be provided to the host Club.

GUIDELINES FOR SET-UP

1. Helping the judges during setup is an important job, and the host Club will be expected to provide capable workers for this role. The chief marshal for the event will normally lead the setup crew. The chief marshal will not be allowed to handle a dog in the National and whenever possible, members of the setup crew will also not run dogs in the event.
2. Whenever possible, highly qualified dogs should be available for setup. If the dogs that are available are not at MH level, the judges may need to run their multiple marks as single marked retrieves during setup.
3. Advance knowledge of the details of the tests could lead to the perception of an advantage at the National. Set-up crew members will not divulge any test information to participants.

GUIDELINES FOR SELECTION OF THE HUNT TEST COMMITTEE

1. The official National Master Hunt test Committee will consist of three individuals selected by the CMNRC prior to the banquet. This committee's role is to offer advice to the judges (when solicited), to deal with any official and unofficial complaints or protests by the participants and to ensure that CKC rules and CMNRC rules and Guidelines are followed. The Chief Marshall will chair this 3 person committee. All members should be knowledgeable about hunt tests and familiar with CKC rules and CMNRC rules and guidelines. The members of this committee cannot be running a dog in the National.