



AMERICAN
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Performance Events Department

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To: All Clubs Licensed to Hold Retriever Field Trials

Subject: **Derby/Qualifying Trials - Back-to-Back Stand Alone Events Held by the Same Club**

This is to inform your club of a recent clarification that has been added to the Retriever Field Trial Rules. The clarification is that the same club may hold back-to-back stand-alone Derby/Qualifying trials. This will be added to the Rules during the next printing.

The exact wording of the change is as follows:

**Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Retrievers
Chapter 14**

Section 11. Number of Trials/Stakes.

Starting with paragraph #5.

A club may hold up to three Derby stakes and three Qualifying stakes (any combination of Qualifying and Owner-Handler Qualifying) per calendar year. These may be held in conjunction with an all-age trial or as stand-alone trials. No more than one Derby stake and one qualifying stake may be offered at any one field trial. An Owner-Handler Qualifying stake may be held in conjunction with a Retriever Hunting Test that includes a Master level test. *The same club may hold back-to-back stand-alone Derby/Qualifying trials (two separate event numbers).*

This e-mail is being sent to the Club President and Club Secretary of all clubs licensed to hold retriever field trials.

Comments can be e-mailed to the AKC at Fieldtrials@akc.org.