

# Retriever Hunt Tests - Judges'/Apprentices' Eligibility Requirements

For all Judges Information please review  
Chapter 1 of the [Regulations & Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers](#)

## **Prior to Apprenticeship:**

Minimum Age: 21 years old & in good standing with AKC.

Seminar: Not Required.

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)*

Seminar: Must attend a Seminar *(Good for 3 years)*

To Be Eligible to Judge  
Senior & Master Tests: To judge a Senior Test, an individual must have judged two Junior Tests.  
To judge a Master Test, an individual must have judged two Senior Tests.  
*(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 (good for 3 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, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Seminar is not required.  
*(Cannot attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> Seminar until 6 months prior to the judges eligibility expiring)*

Written Test: After 2<sup>nd</sup> Seminar, must take and pass a written test every 4 years with a score of 90% or better. *(Cannot take a test until 6 months prior to judge's 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 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)*