



NOTICE TO ALL RETRIEVER FIELD TRIAL CLUBS

At the December 2021 meeting of the CKC Board of Directors, amendments to the Retriever Field Trials Rules & Regulations were approved with an effective date of January 1, 2023. However, to accommodate the 2022 Nationals, the following exceptions were also approved:

NOTE: Please note that any verbiage in bold is new, any verbiage with a strikethrough is being removed from the rules.

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- 13 NATIONAL **RETRIEVER** CHAMPIONSHIP STAKE
13.1 National **Retriever** Championship Stake”
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13.1.1 Guidelines

- (a) A National **Retriever** Championship stake shall be for dogs which, by reason of placings previously made, qualify under special rules subject to approval by the Board.
 - (b) ~~These~~ **This** stakes shall be run not more than once in any calendar year **and hosted** by a club ~~formed for this purpose and duly recognized by~~ **in good standing with the CKC and the National Retriever Club of Canada.**
 - (c) ~~If only one host club submits an application to host a National event in a given year, then that club will be contracted to host a Combined National / National Amateur Retriever Championship stake in September. Two (2) titles can be awarded: National Field Trial Champion (NFTCH) and National Amateur Field Trial Champion (NAFTCH). Both titles may be awarded to the same dog when handled by an Amateur. If no Amateur handler finishes the 10th series, then the judges will not select a National Amateur Field Trial Champion (NAFTCH) winner and no National Amateur Field Trial Champion (NAFTCH) title will be awarded for that year. The winner of the National Retriever Championship stake is awarded the title of National Field Trial Champion (NFTCH).~~
 - (d) **If and when the winner is handled by an Amateur as defined in these rules, the National Amateur Field Trial Champion title, NAFTCH is not awarded.**
 - (e) **If and when the winner is handled by a Professional as defined in these rules, the National Amateur Field Trial Champion title, NAFTCH is awarded to the top Amateur handled dog who has completed the 10th series of the National Retriever Championship stake. If no dog meets the criteria, the NAFTCH title is not awarded.**
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13.1.2 Entries

- (a) Before each National Retriever Championship stake, the CKC shall decide those dogs which shall be eligible for invitation to compete in the stake, and shall notify the club staging the stake of the qualifications for entry in the stake.
- (b) Any information furnished by the CKC regarding ~~wins~~ **placings** of dogs at trials held under its rules is entirely without prejudice to the CKC for such information is intended solely to assist the organization staging the stake. The responsibility for determining the dogs which qualify and are entitled to be invited rests with the organization staging the stake.
- (c) The secretary of the organization hosting the stake shall forward to each owner of a dog eligible for entry in the stake an invitation to enter the dog in the stake.
- ~~(d) Dogs which qualify at a trial held so close to the national stake as to make it impossible to enter the stake in the current year would be eligible to enter the qualified dog at the national stake held the following year.~~
- (e) (d)** Dogs qualifying in trials which may be held in the 2 week period immediately preceding the National **Retriever** Championship stake and before the draw for the stake may be invited. Such invitation is to be made in writing **or electronic document** and delivered or mailed **or sent electronically** to the owner or agent of owner. The owner or agent must accept in writing **or electronically** and forward such acceptance to the field trial secretary of the ~~National~~ **Retriever Championship** stake. Any dogs invited under this clause and invitation are accepted at the owner's or agent's risk as to qualification.

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- (e) Any dog entered in the National Championship stake must be registered individually or the necessary documentation must have been submitted to register the dog individually in the records of the CKC."

13.1.3 Results

- (a) ~~Only~~ **The winning dog and top Amateur handled dog, if selected is to will** be named at these trials.
- (b) The judges are to select a reserve to the winning dog, but such selection is not to be considered an official award. It is to be made only as a precaution should it be necessary to cancel the award to the winning dog. The reserve selection is to be marked in the judges' book but no announcement or other recognition is to be made of such selection.

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- (c) If the top Amateur handled dog is selected, the judges are to select a reserve to the top Amateur handled dog, but such selection is not to be considered an official award. It is to be made only as a precaution should it be necessary to cancel the

award to the top Amateur handled dog. Reserve to the top Amateur handled dog must be handled by an Amateur and have completed the 10th series. If no dog meets the criteria, no reserve to the top Amateur handled dog is selected and should it be necessary to cancel the award to the top Amateur handled dog, the NAFTCH title is not awarded. The reserve selection is to be marked in the judges' book but no announcement or other recognition is to be made of such selection.

13.1.4 Specifics

- (a) Except as provided for in this section, owners invited to enter qualified dogs are to have not less than 2 weeks in which to decide to enter any qualified dogs and shall be provided with an entry form for each dog invited, together with the following information:
 - (i) Information regarding the stake
 - (ii) What a dog must have accomplished in order to qualify for entry
 - (iii) Entry and other fees
 - (iv) Date of closing of entries
 - (v) Name and full address of person to whom entries are to be sent
 - (vi) Dates of trial
 - (vii) Exact location
 - (viii) Names of approved judges; and
 - (ix) Prizes offered
- (b) Owners are to be advised that entries received after close will not be accepted. Owners of invited dogs should be advised to send entries by guaranteed mail **or electronically**.
- (c) Persons entering a dog in the stake are required to certify that any dog which they enter is qualified according to the conditions laid down in these regulations.
- (d) The stake:
 - (i) Must have at least 10 tests or series of which at least 5 should be land tests and five should include water. Land tests should include upland game whenever possible
 - (ii) Not less than 3 judges shall officiate
 - (iii) Ribbon: To the winner ~~only~~ – The “year” **National Field Trial** Championship blue rosette
 - (iv) Prizes: To the winner ~~only~~ – such prizes as may be offered in the premium list of the stake
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 - (v) **Ribbon: To the top Amateur handled dog – The “year” National Amateur Field Trial Champion blue rosette**
 - (vi) **Prizes: To the top Amateur handled dog – such prizes as may be offered in the premium list of the stake**

- (e) The organization staging the stake shall name a field trial committee of 5 persons to manage the stake and all arrangements connected with such stake. The Field Trial Marshal shall be chairman of the committee which shall also deal with any complaints.
 - (f) After the trial, the organization staging the stake shall submit the following to the CKC so as to be received not more than 21 days after the closing of the trial.
 - (i) A full list of the owners who entered dogs in the stake
 - (ii) Entry forms of the winner, ~~and the reserve winner~~ **and if selected, the top Amateur handled dog and the reserve top Amateur handled dog**
 - (iii) The name and full particulars of the winning dog and the dog selected as reserve to the winning dog, certified to over the signatures of the officiating judges
 - (iv) **If selected**, the name with full particulars of the ~~winning dog~~ **top Amateur handled dog and the dog**, selected as reserve to the ~~winning dog~~ **top Amateur handled dog** certified over the signatures of the officiating judges
 - (v) All recording and TCN fees set by the CKC
 - (vi) Information regarding each of the tests conducted on land and water
 - (g) Except where such field trial rules and regulations are inconsistent with any part of this section, the field trial rules and regulations adopted by the CKC shall apply in connection with this stake.
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13.1.5 Qualifications

- (a) The winner and finalists of the previous year's National Retriever Championship stake.
- (b) The winner and finalists of the previous year's National Amateur Retriever Championship stake if run.
- (c) The dog declared the winner of the last National Championship stake, USA, shall be eligible for and shall be invited to compete in the National Retriever Championship stake provided reciprocal qualifications for the National Championship stake, USA, is granted to the new Canadian National Field Trial Champion. Dogs must be eligible under CKC rules to compete in the National Amateur Retriever Championship stake.
- (d) The dog declared the winner of the last National Amateur Retriever Championship stake, USA, shall be eligible and shall be invited to compete in the National Retriever Championship stake provided reciprocal qualifications for the National Amateur Retriever Championship stake, USA, is granted to the new Canadian National Amateur Field Trial Champion. Dogs must be eligible under CKC rules to compete in the National Retriever Championship stake.

- (e) Those dogs which have placed first, second, third or fourth in Open, Special or Limited All Age, stakes in which championship points were awarded, in trials approved by the CKC and hosted by members in good standing of the National Retriever Club of Canada during the period of the current year and the previous calendar year.
- (f) Those dogs which have placed first, second, third or fourth in Amateur All Age or Owner Handler Amateur All Age stakes in which championship points were awarded, in trials approved by the CKC and hosted by members in good standing of the National Retriever Club of Canada during the period of the current year and the previous calendar year.

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14 CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES
14.2 Field Trial Championship (FTCH)

14.2.2 To acquire a field trial championship, a retriever must win:

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- (b) A Combined National/National Amateur Retriever Championship stake or"

14.3 Amateur Field Trial Championship (AFTCH)

14.3.2 To acquire an amateur field trial championship, a retriever must win:

- (a) **Be declared a** National Amateur Retriever Championship stake; or
- ~~(b) A Combined National/National Amateur Retriever Championship stake or~~
- ~~(c) Be the best top amateur handled dog that completed the tenth (10th) series in the Combined National / National Amateur Retriever Championship Stake or~~

~~(d)~~ **(b) Win a** total of 10 points which must be acquired as follows:

In each Open, Limited, Special All Age, Amateur All-Age or Owner Handler Amateur All Age stake, there must be at least 8 starters, each of which is eligible for a Limited All-Age stake. The handler must be an amateur as determined by the Field Trial Committee of the trial giving club. The winner of first place should be credited with 5 points, second place 3 points, third place 2 points and fourth place 1 point. To acquire a championship, a dog must place first in one Open, Limited, Special All Age, Amateur All-Age or Owner Handler Amateur All Age stake open to all breeds of retrievers. A maximum of 5 points acquired in trials not open to all breeds of retrievers may be used. The winner of the National Amateur Retriever Championship Stake **when handled by an Amateur** shall be credited with 5 points.

14.4 National Field Trial Championship (NFTCH)

- 14.4.1 ~~The winner of the National Retriever Championship or Combined National/National Amateur Retriever Championship stake shall become a Field Trial Champion of Record and shall be entitled to be designated the National Field Trial Champion of "year".~~
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14.5 National Amateur Field Trial Championship (NAFTCH)

- 14.5.1 ~~The winner of the National Amateur Retriever Championship or Combined National/National Amateur Retriever Championship stake or best amateur handled dog that completed the tenth series in the Combined National/National Amateur Retriever Championship stake if handled by an amateur~~ **When the winner of the National Retriever Championship is handled by a Professional, the National Amateur Field Trial Champion title, NAFTCH, is awarded to the top Amateur handled dog who has completed the 10th series of the National Retriever Championship stake shall become an Amateur Field Trial Champion of Record and shall be entitled to be designated the National Amateur Field Trial Champion of "year".**