

At a recent meeting of the CKC Board of Directors, changes regarding the qualification period for the National Retriever Championship were approved to take effect immediately, rather than waiting for the scheduled changes to be implemented in January 2020.

Please pass this information along to club members and participants in your upcoming events

13.1.2 Qualification (changes in Bold, approved by CKC Board of Directors May 30-31, 2019 to CKC Retriever Field Trial Rules & Regulations)

(a) Entry in a National Retriever Championship stake shall include the following:

- i. The winner and finalists of the previous year's National Retriever Championship stake.
- ii. The winner and finalists of the most recent National Amateur Retriever Championship stake, and those dogs which have placed first, second, third or fourth in Open, Special, Limited or Amateur All-Age stakes in which championship points were awarded, in trials approved by the CKC in the then current year, hosted by members in good standing of the National Retriever Club of Canada in the then current year, and such trials held in the preceding calendar Year after the closing date for entries for the National Retriever Championship stake.
- iii. 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. The same invitation will hold true for the winners of the National Amateur Retriever Championship stake. Dogs must be eligible under CKC rules to compete in the National Retriever Championship stake.
- iv. 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.**
- v. 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.**

(b) Dogs qualifying in an Amateur All-Age or the Owner Handler Amateur All-Age stake must be handled by an amateur in the National Retriever Championship stake.