

## **REGULATIONS**

### PART 3I

# REGULATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF RETRIEVING ABILITY TEST FOR GUNDOGS JUDGES TRAINING SCHEME

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A person may qualify to be a Judge of Retrieving Ability Tests for Gundogs subject to meeting the following requirements:

#### **COMPETITORS**

- a. They must have competed and assisted by stewarding in at least 3 (three) Novice Retrieving Ability tests AND stewarding in 3 (three) Open Retrieving Ability Tests.
- b. Completed a Judges Theory Examination and attained a score of at least 75%.
- c. Marked sheets at 3 (three) tests with a RAFT appointed Mentor.
- d. Passed a Practical Test to the satisfaction of their local RAFT Committee

#### **RETRIEVING TRIAL JUDGES**

Any person who is qualified to judge a Retrieving Trial is eligible to judge a Retrieving Ability Test for Gundogs provided that:

a. They have completed a Judges Theory Examination on the Rules for Retrieving Ability Tests for Gundogs and attained a score of at least 75%.

#### **OBEDIENCE JUDGES**

Any person who is qualified to judge an Open Obedience Trial is eligible to judge a Retrieving Ability Test for Gundogs provided that:

- a. They have completed three Retrieving Trials at Restricted level or attended Retrieving Trials to observe at least two Novice Stakes and one Restricted Stake while in the company of a designated "mentor".
- b. Completed a Judges Theory Examination on the Rules for Retrieving Ability Tests for Gundogs and attained a score of at least 75%.

#### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Any person who wishes to apply to be a judge shall arrange to complete the practical elements outlined above.

They should obtain a brief letter from their mentor confirming their practical experience or alternatively provide details of trials that they have attended as a competitor.

A written request to complete a Practical Test should be sent to their RAFT Committee with the above evidence.

A member of RAFT shall oversee the Theory Examination. No copy of the exam paper or the pro- forma answers shall be provided to anyone either before or after the exam.

Exam papers should be independently marked by two members of their RAFT Committee.

Upon satisfaction of the above criteria, their RAFT Committee will approve the application to become a judge for Retrieving Ability Tests and they will be placed on the Register of Judges.