

Hunt Test Check List

10-12 Months Prior to Event

- Hunt Test Chairperson to form five-person committee. Committee must be club members.
- Secure a Hunt Test Secretary. Secretary may be part of the committee but may not be the chairperson.
- The hunt test chair should delegate responsibilities to the committee members.
 - Items to consider are food, judge's accommodations, ribbons, banquet planning, raffle prizes and donations, etc.
- Select a gun captain. (Gun Captain should be someone who has shot a number of trials and or hunt tests and has experience in officiating a gun team.) The Gun Captain is responsible for selecting and confirming the gun team. Gun Captain may also purchase ammo for the gun team. (save receipts for compensation from hunt test secretary).
- Select and confirm judges for the event.
 - Things to consider- The hunt test chair will research judges and get a commitment from them as early as one year prior to the event. Judges are found on the AKC web site- www.akc.org. By searching the performance events page and judges directory you will find a list of judges. It will show the date of

their last seminar (judges must have completed a hunt test judging seminar within five yrs. of the event date)

It will also show the number of points the judge has at each level. The pair of judges must have a total of eight points combined to judge at any level. It is recommended that you have four judges and that at least two of the judges have eight points at each level Jr., Sr., and Mstr. By doing this you can get two judges with lesser points to finish the judging panel. By doing this you can also alternate judging assignments on Sat. and Sunday.

4-6 Months Prior to Hunt Test Event

- Reserve Birds for the event
- As a rule plan on 4 birds per dog entered each day.
 - Birds may be purchased from:
 - Foggy Ridge Game bird Farm
 - 213 Highland Rd.
 - Warren , Me 04864
 - (207) 273-2357
 - Jim's cell (207) 542-6248
- Confirm availability of grounds
- Select and confirm Marshalls for event
- Confirm Bird Planters for both days

Hunt Test Grounds

- The hunt test chairperson and committee should discuss the layout of the course. Should events be run simultaneously? It may be advisable to run Junior in one area, Senior and Master in another. If this is done the committee will need two bird planters and two Marshalls. It is advisable to review the course with the gun captain as he may have insight into gunning safety as it applies to the layout of the course. Cover must be considered as it applies to the level of dogs being run. Junior dogs require less challenging cover and easier retrieves while Senior dogs require somewhat more challenging cover and the Master hunting dog should be challenged by the cover and should be able to complete far more difficult retrieves including, possibly needing to be handled to the fall of a bird. Wind direction should be considered in all events but particularly with the hunt dead and water blind. It is recommended that in all blinds they not be run directly into the wind. Down wind or at least a cross wind is recommended. It is recommended all hunt dead and water blinds be run with a test dog. This may be done the day before. It is also suggested these tests not be run in the same way

both days as some dogs may be running the test again on Sunday.

Day of Event

- Flag course (Course should be pre-determined by committee ahead of time)
- Transport sufficient supply of birds to field. Be sure birds are away from participating dogs in a shaded area.
- Arrange coolers with water for judges, gun team, and Marshalls.
- Dunk tanks (if necessary) located on courses.
- If you are running more than one course designate someone with authority to run second course.

Equipment Checklist (all equipment in PSSC trailer)

- Flags for course
- Bird bags for planters
- Shag baskets
- Radio's for Marshalls and planters
- Carry guns
- Mechanical bird throwers for water test
- Crates for trapped birds
- Coolers for shot birds
- Extra orange vest and hats for participants and guests

The Hunt Test Secretary

The hunt test secretary is responsible for getting the hunt test catalogs signed by the judge's at the conclusion of each day's event.

The hunt test secretary is also responsible for submitting to AKC the application to hold the event as well as submitting the aforementioned signed catalogs and recording all qualifying scores of dogs.

- Applications to hold the hunt test must be received by AKC at least three months prior to the closing date.
- A hunt test judge's panel form containing the names and addresses of the proposed judges together with their assignments must be received by AKC at least three months in advance of the event.
- Fines may be imposed for any late submissions.
- A copy of Regulations for AKC Hunting Tests for Spaniels may be found on line at www.akc.org.

