

2023 Proposed Rule Changes Abbreviated

#	Subject	Original Verbiage	New Verbiage	Justification	Result
1	Finished Walk-Up	Page 65-67 - There is currently nothing in the rulebook that covers the rules of a walk-up in a finished test.	Page 57- At the end of the Finished Test Rules, add - "All marks in a finished test must be seen from the same, stationary line."	The use of a walk-up in finished has not been used consistently with some tests, including the walk-up as part of the marking portion of the test. This will ensure standardization of walk-ups in finished tests.	
2	Started Delivery	Page 60, Test Rules IV. - The bird must be delivered to the immediate area of the handler. It is not necessary to deliver to hand. The judges should define "immediate area" of each specific test.	The bird must be delivered to hand.	To aid the handler and retriever transitioning between Started and Seasoned. Puttin more/same criteria for delivery, control, trainability, and style on a started retriever, but still allowing the handler to hold and steady the retriever before sending for a bird.	
3	Grand Diversion Pg 69	Page 69, Section VII- During the test, a diversionary bird may be thrown as the hunting retriever is cast from or returns to the retrieving line. If the retriever switches to the diversionary bird on the return, it shall fail the test. If a diversionary bird is used during the initial cast from the retrieving line, retrieval of the diversionary bird first will not in itself constitute a switch.	During the test, a diversionary bird will be thrown as the hunting retriever returns from either the last retrieve of the marking series or return from the blind retrieve. If the retriever switches to the diversionary bird, it shall fail the test. Consistent with our rulebook, a switch is defined as dropping one bird and pickig up another.	There is no purpose of using a diversionary bird if switching to it has no consequences. Also, this change is consistent with the use of diversionary birds throughout our rulebook.	

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4	Grand Diversion Pg 70	Page 70, Section V - The diversionary bird should be thrown as the dog returns from any retrieve. If a diversionary bird is thrown on the intial cast, the judges should specify whether or not the retrieves should be made in any established sequence. If the dog switches on a diversionary bird thrown on the return of a retrieve, the test will be failed. Remember when a hazard or a diversion of any kind is set out for the dog, it is the recovery that the dog executes that is important.	Remove entire section	Consistency throughout our rulebook concerning the use of a diversionary bird.	
5	Grand Honor and Diversion Test Placement	Page 68, first paragraph - The international Grand Hunt will consist of five (5) series of tests. The five series of tests shall consist of the following: Two (2) land series tests consisting of multiple land retrieves (either or both of these land series must include and honor and diversion retrieve. Both land series must also include a blind retrieve. There shall aslo be two (2) water series tests consisting of multiple marked water retrieves(either or both of these water series must include an honor and diversion retrieve. Both water series tests must also include a blind retrieve.	The International Grand Hunt will consist of five (5) series of tests. The five series of tests shall consist of the following: There shall be two land series consisting of multiple marked land retrievees. Both land sereis must include a blind retrieve. There shall also be two (2) water series tests each shall be consisting of multiple marked water retrieves. Both water series tests must include a blind retrieve. The required honor and diversion portion of the tests will be placed as determined by the International Grand Committee.	Our present method of placing the honor and diversion has become unworkable with the additon of flights. It would be mathmatically impossible unless the flights were in multiples of four. This change allows the International Grand Committee the ability to adjust placing the honr and diversion as needed.	
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