

2025 PROPOSED RULE CHANGES ABBREVIATED

#	SUBJECT	ORIGINAL VERBIAGE	NEW VERBIAGE	JUSTIFICATION	RESULT
1	Finished Blind	The blind retrieve maximum test distance will not exceed 100 yards	The blind retrieve maximum test distance will not exceed 125 yards	125 yards max distance can better align with the grand standard of 150 yards max distance for a blind. Sometimes you are given grounds that don't have cover or features, and the extra distance can allow for a proper finished set up.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASS 81 <input type="checkbox"/> FAIL 46
2	Finished Honor Dog	The honor dog will be excused from the test by the judge after the working dog has left the retrieving line	The honor dog must see 3 total marks thrown in a sitting or standing position. After 3 total marks, the honor dog must see the working dog leave for a retrieve. If the honor dog sits through 2 failed working dogs because of breaks, line matters, etc., with the discretion of the judges, the honor dog may be excused, and he/she has fulfilled the honor segment of the test.	Requiring the honor dog to sit through 3 total marks thrown is only being fair to the honor dog. It is not fair for the honor dog to sit through watching more than 2 working dogs fail because of breaking or poor line manners, excessive barking, etc., making it more difficult for the honor dog to sit and honor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASS 102 <input type="checkbox"/> FAIL 25
3	SEASONED DIVERSION RULE	A Diversionary bird can be thrown after the walk-up, blind, or last retrieve of a double mark. If a Seasoned hunting retriever switches to the diversionary bird, it will not be failed, but will be scored lower by the judge. The hunting retriever shall retrieve the diversionary bird	Remove part of the test must include the diversion from the hunt test description. Remove Pg 64 Paragraph VII. Remove Pg. 65 VI. (New verbiage shortened to fit a handout)	Distance and time for reaction. Gun Safety. Distinction between finished and seasoned. (Justification shortened to fit a handout)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASS 64 <input type="checkbox"/> FAIL 63
4	SEASONED LEAD CHANGE PROPOSAL	The handler must keep the hunting retriever on lead to and from the retrieving line	The handler may choose to move the hunting retriever on or off lead between the retrieving lines. The judges shall have the authority to dictate points where the hunting retriever may come off lead at the handlers discretion or where the hunting retriever may not be off lead.	Many seasoned dogs/handlers are working on finished control and want to test that trait. Also, it would potentially reduce the time moving between test elements, if the handler did not have to stop and leash dog.	<input type="checkbox"/> PASS 61 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIL 66