ON THE GROUNDS BEHAVIOR AND CONDUCT:

1. In the National Retriever Championship Stake, the Guidelines For Ethical Training at Nationals has been adopted. As much training may be done as required BEFORE entering the trial grounds or AFTER running a test. NO TRAINING may be done after observing a test until you have run. After a series has been officially set up by the judges, during the running of the stake, no competing dog shall, while on the grounds, be exercised, trained or worked with the exception of a bumper thrown by the handler and this only in an especially approved area and only for the purpose of exercising the dog.

2. Any dog not entered in the stake and interfering with the running of the stake may be required to be removed.

3. Exercise areas to be clearly defined.

4. Rules on the failure to appear on line when called to be strictly enforced. It is a practise of some competitors to be late when they are No. 1 or 2.

5. No dog to be allowed to watch any test having just run the test or not, thus eliminating confusion as to who has run and who has not and reducing the chance of dog fights.

   Rotation number will be 1/5 (20%) of the number of dogs that will run the next test. If the calculation does not result in a whole number round up to the nearest whole number ie. if the calculation results in 10.2 round up to 11. Use the rotation number to count the number of running dogs after the previous starting dog to identify the next starting dog. (In the example below the next starting dog would be the 11th running dog after the previous starting dog.) There shall be a minimum rotation of 3 dogs. No dog should be the starting dog more than once. (If the rotation identifies a dog that has already started once, select the next running dog that has not yet started.)

   Example:
   If 51 dogs are called back to the next test, the rotation number will be 51 X 0.2 = 10.2 which is rounded up to 11. The starting dog of the previous test was #33. Dog numbers 25, 27, 33, 34, 42, 44, 45 and 51 were not called back. All other dogs between 25 and 55 were called back, therefore, dogs 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 43, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 52, 53, 54 and 55 will run the next test along with 28 others. #48 will be the starting dog for the next test as it is the 11th running dog after #33 the previous starter.

6. The first scheduled test of the National will be announced. Each next scheduled test will be posted with callbacks. The procedure will help create fairness for all by eliminating possible competitive advantage for those involved in putting on the trial. Judges have no obligation to go ahead with a scheduled test as conditions may change.

7. White clothing is not allowed in the gallery or behind the line.

8. Please note that in order to qualify to run the National, the host club where you received your placing must be a paid up member of the NRCC in good standing.
Officers of the National Retriever Club of Canada:
President – Robert James, Alberta
First Vice-President – Dan Yeomans, New Brunswick
Second Vice-President – Jane Spearing, British Columbia
Secretary – Dona Martin, Ontario
Treasurer – Mark Laberge, Ontario

Field Trial Committee:
Chairman – Daniel Danforth, Irricana, AB
Chief Marshal – Rob Littlemore, Sherwood Park, AB

Three additional committee members, one from each zone except the Western zone will be appointed at the National Retriever Club of Canada. Directors meeting on Friday September 12th at 7pm. The Annual General Meeting will be Saturday September 13th at 11am.
Host club banquet will be Saturday, September 13th at Headquarters,
Strathmore Rodeo grounds, cocktails at 4pm, with the banquet at 5pm

Judges:
Eastern – Jim Ling, Sterling, ON
Southern Ontario – Heather Stewart, Niagara-On-The-Lake, ON
Central – Charlie Ross, Winnipeg, MB

Entries:
The entry fee is $250.00. Please make all cheques and money orders payable to 2014 National. Listing fees for dogs NOT individually registered with the CKC are $9.48 including HST per dog. CKC rules state telephone entries will not be accepted. Forward your completed entry form and fee to:
Laura Jones, Field Trial Secretary
PO Box 601, Irricana, AB T0M 1B0
Phone: (403) 510-1275

Entries close Tuesday September 2nd at 8:00 pm Western Time. Entries received after that time will not be accepted. The draw will be held at the home of the Field Trial Secretary for the running order. Females will be drawn with the males. Spayed females will be exempt from vetting if a veterinary certificate of spaying accompanies the entry form.

Field Trial Headquarters:
Field Trial Headquarters will be Strathmore Rodeo Grounds, Strathmore AB. Information on accommodations, social events, vehicle rentals and a program of events is available on the NRCC website. If you are a handler or agent who desires more information, please contact the Field Trial Secretary.

Pre-Trial Training:
Maps showing training grounds will be available at Field Trial Headquarters. Training birds may be purchased from the host club at the trial headquarters.

Scratch Fee Policy:
Bitches in season may not compete and must be withdrawn. All entry fees paid for bitches in season will be returned to the owner or agent, provided that notice in writing is given to the Field Trial Secretary before the start of the stake. Entry fees paid for any dog withdrawn because of an injury, illness or death, shall be refunded in full. Prior to such refund the club will require an appropriate veterinary certificate be given to the Field Trial Secretary before the start of the stake.

Vetting:
Only bitches will be required to be vetted. The vetting must take place within the 24 hour period preceding the stake and must be done by the official veterinarian. The vetting has been scheduled for 2:00 to 3:00pm Saturday September 13th at Headquarters.

Starting Time:
8:00 a.m. Western Time on Sunday September 14, 2014
Test dogs will be run at 7:30 a.m.

Starting Location: will be well marked for the trial

Game Birds: Ducks and / or pheasants will be used in all tests

CANADIAN KENNEL CLUB CAUTION:
Rule 21.7
It shall be the duty and obligation of the trial giving club to see that a judge, club official, volunteer, and or any participant at an event held under these rules is not subject to indignities of any kind. The Retriever Field Trial Committee Chair shall promptly report to the CKC any infringement of this regulation, and the Discipline Committee shall have the authority to take such action as it deems fit on receipt of a report indicating that this has occurred.
Rule 4.1.6
The trial secretary shall assume the responsibility of collecting all listing fees for the CKC, which shall be stated in the premium list. CKC listing fee is $9.48 per dog per day.

THE POINT SYSTEM FROM THE RULEBOOK:
14:4:1 The winner of the National Retriever Championship Stake shall become a Field Trial Champion of Record and shall be entitled to be designated the National Field Trial Champion of (year.)