

**MASTER NATIONAL RETRIEVER CLUB  
BYLAW CHANGE PROCEDURE**

**SECTION 1. Purpose:**

A. The purpose of the Bylaw change form is to give all members the opportunity to request a change, to add, or delete any Bylaw, pursuant to Article XI.

**SECTION 2. Scope:**

A. Any Board member or Member Clubs may utilize this form in order to make a request to change, to add, or to delete a Bylaw.

**SECTION 3. Procedure:**

A. Copies of the Bylaw change form (sample shown on following page) shall be made available to all members.

B. This form shall be filled out completely and signed by the member(s). Anonymous requests shall not be accepted. Any questions of the Bylaw change form shall be answered by a MNRC Club Secretary.

C. After filling out the Bylaw change form it shall be turned over to the MNRC Club Secretary, it shall then be recorded by the Secretary.

D. The Secretary shall, at the next board meeting, bring to the attention of the entire board the fact that a request to change, add or delete a Bylaw has been made. A copy of the request will be given to each Board Member.

E. eMail ballots will require 2/3 support from member clubs to pass.

**Please submit the request to:**

**Dede Paterson MNRC Secretary, 5674 US Hwy 59 S, Goliad, Texas 77963 or  
Dede1paterson@gmail.com**

**PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT**

**Name of Club** Bourbon Hills Retriever Club      **Date** July 7, 2023  
**Name of Delegate** Adam Andrews      **Phone Number** 502-974-1121

**For Submission to Member Clubs at Designated Special Meeting pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2(b).**

**Current Bylaws affected:** Article IX      Section 1      Page unk  
Article IX      Section 2      Page unk  
Article IX      Section 4      Page unk

**Current Wording:**

**ARTICLE IX**

**THE MASTER NATIONAL HUNTING RETRIEVER TEST**

**SECTION 1.** For the purposes of conducting the Master National Hunting Retriever Test, the country shall be divided into four regions as follows:

- (a) Region One-Atlantic: Comprises the states of Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.
- (b) Region Two-East Central: Comprises the states of Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Wisconsin, Illinois, Mississippi, Minnesota, Iowa, Arkansas, Louisiana and Missouri.
- (c) Region Three-West Central: Comprises the states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Montana and Idaho.
- (d) Region Four-Pacific: Comprises the states of Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Arizona and Alaska.

**SECTION 2.** The site of the Master National Hunting Retriever Test shall be rotated annually between the various regions of the country to be determined by the Board of Directors.

- (a) In 1995, the Master National Hunting Retriever Test will be held at a site in Region 1.
- (b) In each succeeding year, the site of the Master National Hunting Retriever Test will be selected according to the following schedule of rotation:
  - 1) Region 1-Atlantic
  - 2) Region 2-East Central
  - 3) Region 3-West Central
  - 4) Region 4-Pacific

Notwithstanding the above, in the event the Board of Directors, after reasonable effort is unable to obtain a site in the prescribed region which it considers suitable for the Master National Hunting Retriever Test, the Board may select a site in another region. In selecting such a site, care should be exercised that: (1) no site will be used in two consecutive years; and (2) return to the prescribed system of rotation can be most promptly and easily accomplished.

#### **SECTION 4. Duration of the Master National Hunting Retriever Test**

- (a) Dogs shall be tested in a minimum number of situations as may be adopted in the Master Hunter requirements of the AKC Regulations and Guidelines for Hunting Tests for Retrievers. Judges should incorporate other hunting situations in which a dog's abilities can be evaluated beyond the minimum requirements for number of series.
- (b) Any extenuating circumstances may be addressed and resolved by the Hunting Test committee.
- (c) The mechanics of conducting the Master National Hunting Retriever Test shall be determined by policies and procedures adopted by the Board of Directors, and notice of such shall be given to member clubs and contestants. However, the following shall apply:
  - The test shall be run as a single flight and judged by three judges. In the event of excessive entries, the Board of Directors may choose to split the event. If this occurs there will be two judges per flight.
  - Judges should apportion their time to allow contestants to run at least one test per day. During the course of the event, judges should attempt to run more than one test per day.
  - Every attempt will be made to ensure that the Master National shall be run over eight full days (Sunday- Sunday, inclusive).

**Proposed Bylaws Amendment:** (Please state wording exactly as you wish it to appear)

#### **ARTICLE IX** **THE MASTER NATIONAL HUNTING RETRIEVER TEST**

**SECTION 1.** For the purposes of conducting the Master National Hunting Retriever Test, the Board of Directors shall designate sites for the conduct of the test. The number and location of the designated sites shall be adjusted as needed to fairly distribute participant entries, ensure availability of adequate grounds, create manageable flight sizes, availability of necessary resources, and access to adequate infrastructure (hotels, restaurants, and other amenities). Eligible dogs will be allowed to enter at only one designated site, such site to be determined by procedures determined by the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 2.** The sites of the Master National Hunting Retriever Tests shall be designated

based on the suitability factors such as availability of grounds that will allow adequate testing to the standards for land, land/water, and water; and the availability of the infrastructure necessary for the conduct of the tests such as workers, lodging, and other amenities required to support the event.

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- (c) The mechanics of conducting the Master National Hunting Retriever Test shall be determined by policies and procedures adopted by the Board of Directors, and notice of such shall be given to member clubs and contestants. However, the following shall apply:
  - (1) The tests shall be run in as many flights as necessary as determined by the Board of Directors. The size of each flight should be determined such that it will allow adequate time for tests that are at the maximum of the Master performance standard and allow the event to be completed within the designated number of days.
  - (2) Each flight shall be judged by two judges per flight.

**Rationale:** (Please give a full and complete explanation)

The AKC Retriever Hunt Test sport has been tremendously successful over the last several years, evidenced by its growth. The Master National has been an important part of this success. The reality of this success is that management of the increased number of participants at all levels has been challenging. Quality properties, adequate workers, birds, and travel are just a few of the issues. The most significant is maintaining the quality and the integrity of the testing standards in a manner that is befitting of a National event. AKC has made this point clear on numerous occasions over the last couple of years. And, as has been stated by the MNRC itself, there are no single locations available that can consistently host the event with the required grounds, help, and infrastructure.

Hosting the event in 2 or more geographic locations is a viable solution that has been discussed in the past. The most significant benefit of such a structure is to ensure that enough quality grounds and resources are available to ensure the highest level of the Master performance standards and the integrity of the testing can be maintained. It will also allow for smaller and more manageable flight sizes. Smaller flight numbers will also mitigate many of the current time pressures that tend to create less challenging setups to accommodate deadlines. Finally, smaller flight sizes will help ensure the completion of the minimum number of testing scenarios that would be considered representative of the AKC standard of “testing equal to twice normal weekend Master level test”. Flight size should not exceed 125 dogs.

There will be arguments that a “National” has to be held at the same time in the same place. This proposal supports the position that a National event is about the quality and integrity of the testing. Test setups to the maximum of the standard not limited by time constraints; high quality testing grounds; enough testing scenarios to test endurance; manageable flight sizes for resource efficiency – these are the primary tenets of a National event. AKC would agree.

Travel convenience, access to resources, reduced cost and time commitment are other significant benefits. We must remember that the hunt test program was founded to serve those that did not have the time or resources to compete for field trial awards but wanted to measure the performance of their retriever companions.

The attached proposed changes to the by-laws will allow the implementation of the geographically distributed multi-site model. This model will enable the Board to not only accommodate growth in the numbers, but also create a path to ensure the highest quality tests and a much better event experience for the participants.

It will also allow the Board to distribute the work load to multiple member clubs with experience in conducting large hunt tests efficiently and effectively. It will also allow more involvement by the professional trainer community in either hosting or supporting a designated site.

Without change and a model to accommodate growth, the quality of the event will continue to diminish and the prestige of the accomplishment will diminish with it. These proposed changes will provide the operating flexibility to implement the necessary procedures to accommodate growth.

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**Delegate's Signature**

Supporting Club: Bourbon Hills Retriever Club  
Supporting Delegate Name: Adam Andrews, Secretary

Provide other Clubs and Delegate information

Club Name:	Red Hills Retriever Club of Mississippi	Contact:	/s/ Tyler Patterson
Club Name:	North Alabama Retriever Club	Contact:	/s/ Allen Dillard
Club Name:	Oregon Hunting Retriever Club	Contact:	/s/ Doug Shade
Club Name:	Oregon Retriever Trial Club	Contact:	/s/ Doug Shade
Club Name:	Neuse River Retriever Club	Contact:	/s/ Keith Maready
Club Name:	Black Warrior Retriever Club	Contact:	/s/ Thad Simmons
Club Name:	Grassy Creek Retriever Club	Contact:	/s/ Blake Lemish
Club Name:	Castile Creek Retriever Club	Contact:	/s/ Lyle Steinman
Club Name:	Lost Pines Retriever Club	Contact:	/s/ Rody Best
Club Name:	Buckeye Retriever Club	Contact:	/s/ Bill Skeels
Club Name:	Bourbon Hills Retriever Club	Contact:	/s/ Adam Andrews
Club Name:	Tri State Retriever Club	Contact:	/s/ Mike Botts
Club Name:	Cooper River Retriever Club	Contact:	/s/ Bunny Wayt
Club Name:	Cajun Rivera Retriever Club	Contact:	/s/ Curtis Lindsay
Club Name:	Lake Charles Hunting Retriever Club	Contact:	/s/ Curtis Lindsay

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Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ Date Presented to Board \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Presented to Membership \_\_\_\_\_

**From:** Doug Shade <[deshade@me.com](mailto:deshade@me.com)>  
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**To:** Jimmy Rodgers <[jimmy@mallardrunkennels.com](mailto:jimmy@mallardrunkennels.com)>  
**Subject:** Proposal

Oregon Retriever Trial Club supports the Proposed Bylaws Amendment submitted by Bourbon Hills Retriever Club to allow hosting the MNRHT in more than one geographic location.

Doug Shade

**From:** Lyle Steinman <[lsteinman@gmail.com](mailto:lsteinman@gmail.com)>  
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**Subject:** Fwd: Split Proposal Amendment

The Castile Creek Retriever Club supports this proposal.

Lyle Steinman  
President/Delegate.

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**To:** Jimmy Rodgers <[jimmybigcreek@yahoo.com](mailto:jimmybigcreek@yahoo.com)>  
**Subject:** Split Proposal

Jimmy

Please accept this email as confirmation that Neuse Retriever Club supports the call for meeting to vote on the split proposal.

Thanks  
Keith Maready  
NRC Deligate

**From:** "rody bestretrievers.com" <[rody@bestretrievers.com](mailto:rody@bestretrievers.com)>  
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**Subject:** Proposal

The Lost Pines Retriever Club supports the Proposed Bylaws Amendment submitted by Bourbon Hills Retriever Club to allow hosting the MNRHT in more than one geographic location."

Sent from my iPhone

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**Subject:** Proposal

Oregon Hunting Retriever Club supports the Proposed Bylaws Amendment submitted by Bourbon Hills Retriever Club to allow hosting the MNRHT in more than one geographic location.

Doug Shade



**From:** Bunny Wayt <[bunnywayt1183@gmail.com](mailto:bunnywayt1183@gmail.com)>  
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**Subject:** Proposed MNRC Bylaws Amendment

Jimmy

Cooper River Retriever Club of South Carolina supports the Proposed Bylaws Amendment submitted by Bourbon Hills Retriever Club to allow hosting the MNRHT in more than one geographic location."

Warm regards

Bunny Wayt

Secretary

Cooper River Retriever Club of South Carolina

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Bunny Wayt

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**Subject:** Master National By-Law change

To Whom It May Concern:

Grassy Creek Retriever Club of Indiana supports the Proposal Bylaws Amendment submitted by Bourbon Hills Retriever Club to allowing hosting the MMRHT in more than one geographic location.

Sincerely,

Blake Lemish, President  
Grassy Creek Retriever Club of Indiana  
Albion, IN

**From:** [mgbotts@aol.com](mailto:mgbotts@aol.com)  
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**Subject:** Master National

Jimmy

TriState Retriever Club supports the Proposed Bylaws Amendment submitted by Bourbon Hills Retriever Club to allow hosting the MNRHT in more than one geographic location."

Mike Botts

**From:** Tyler Patterson <[tylerpatterson31@gmail.com](mailto:tylerpatterson31@gmail.com)>

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**To:** Jimmy Rodgers <[jimmybigcreek@yahoo.com](mailto:jimmybigcreek@yahoo.com)>

**Subject: Re: Split Proposal Amendment**

Red Hill RC of MS is in support of the split amendment

President of Red Hill RC,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jimmy Rodgers". The signature is stylized with large, sweeping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**From:** Curtiss Lindsay <[lindsayslabs@yahoo.com](mailto:lindsayslabs@yahoo.com)>

**Date:** July 10, 2023 at 4:21:19 PM EDT

**To:** Jimmy Rodgers <[jimmy@mallardrunkennels.com](mailto:jimmy@mallardrunkennels.com)>

**Subject: LCRC and CRFTC**

**Reply-To:** Curtiss Lindsay <[lindsayslabs@yahoo.com](mailto:lindsayslabs@yahoo.com)>

I confirm that both of my clubs are on board for the split.

Thanks

Curtiss Lindsay

**From:** Bill Skeels <[skeels@bright.net](mailto:skeels@bright.net)>  
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**To:** Jimmy Rodgers <[jimmybigcreek@yahoo.com](mailto:jimmybigcreek@yahoo.com)>  
**Subject: Re: Split Proposal Amendment**

Buckeye Retriever Club supports the attached Proposed Bylaw Amendment submitted by Bourbon Hills Retriever Club to allow hosting the MNRHT in more than one geographical location (split).

Bill Skeels  
Buckeye Retriever Club  
Treasurer  
MNRC Delegate

**From:** ALLEN & LYDIA DILLARD <[dillarda@bellsouth.net](mailto:dillarda@bellsouth.net)>  
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**Subject: NARC Signature - By-Law Proposal Support**

Please see attached signature indicating NARC approval to be submitted as sponsor club for the Multi Site By Law amendment.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Allen Dillard  
NARC

**From:** Thad Simmons

**Sent:** Friday, July 7, 2023 7:33 AM

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**Subject:** ByLaw Proposal - Multiple Test Sites 20230707 draft

Signed sealed and delivered.

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