

**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** North Alabama Retriever Club      **Date** August 12, 2022  
**Name of Delegate** Allen Dillard      **Phone Number** 256-520-7840

**For Submission to Member Clubs at the 2022 Annual Meeting**

**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 on a periodic basis to balance participant entries.

**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.

#### **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:
  - (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 each participant to run at least one test per day.
  - (2) Each flight shall be judged by two judges per flight.
  - (3) Implementation of the above are designed to enable the Master National to run six (6) series over the duration of the event.

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

We all agree that the MNRHT has seen tremendous growth over the last several years. It is clear that in order to continue this success, fundamental changes need to be implemented. 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. The event is at risk.

Limiting the number of participants is also not a viable option. It will create an imbalance and unfairness to those dogs that have met the qualification requirements as outlined by the MNRC. A limit will result in the development of other alternatives, outside the control of the MNRC. Furthermore, a limit on entries is regressive and will only serve the vestiges of the past. The outcome will be the demise of the MNRC and what it has represented.

These proposed changes to the by-laws will allow the implementation of the distributed site model, the details of which are included in the attached operating model presentation. 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.

*Allen Dillard*

---

**Delegate's Signature**

Supporting Club: North Alabama Retriever Club  
Supporting Delegate Name: Allen Dillard

Provide other Clubs and Delegate information

Club Name:	Red Hills Retriever Club of Mississippi	Contact:	/s/ Ronnie Lee
Club Name:	Oregon Hunting Retriever Club	Contact:	/s/ Doug Shade
Club Name:	Oregon Retriever Trial Club	Contact:	/s/ Doug Shade
Club Name:	Sand and Sage HRC	Contact:	/s/ Jason Lee
Club Name:	Neuse River Retriever Club	Contact:	/s/ Keith Maready
Club Name:	Black Warrior Retriever Club	Contact:	/s/ Thad Simmons
Club Name:	Backwater 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

---

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