

## NAVHDA Monthly Judge and Apprentice Update

October 2019

Motion 13-19 “that beginning Jan. 1, 2014 all NAVHDA Judges will be required to **PASS** a dog he or she has trained in a sanctioned NAVHDA test at least every third year. Additionally every judge must **PASS** a dog he or she has trained in a sanctioned NAVHDA UPT/UT/IT test at least every sixth year”.

\*\*\* During the NAVHDA Executive Council meeting in January of 2019 significant Motion 13-19 was amended. The amended motion now reads:

Motion 13-19 “that as of Jan. 1, 2019 all judges will be required to **PASS** a dog he or she has trained in a sanctioned NAVHDA test at least every **FOURTH** year. Additionally every judge must **PASS** a dog he or she has trained in a sanctioned NAVHDA UPT/UT/IT test at least every **EIGHTH** year. There will be **NO** grace year(s) granted. There will be **NO** exceptions”.

The NAVHDA data base has been updated with these new requirements (4/8 years). Please review your personal NAVHDA test records to evaluate your compliance with the current rules. At the conclusion of the Executive Council meeting and the Judges Workshop to be held in Portland, Maine January 24-26, 2020 the annual email will be sent out to each NAVHDA Judge listing their individual compliance with the current requirements to continue their NAVHDA judging status (4/8 years to run and pass a dog and the 3 year requirement to attend a Judges Workshop).

\*\*\* Please also remember to pay your 2020 NAVHDA Membership dues prior to Jan. 1, 2020. All judges, (not apprentices) except those with Life Membership, renew as of January 1. Last year 12 Judges and 8 Senior Judges did NOT pay their membership dues on time. The computer program in the Central Office automatically drops you from all NAVHDA membership rolls. Your name is automatically removed from the web site listing approved NAVHDA Judges as you are no longer a member in good standing.

There are only three scheduled NAVHDA tests remaining in 2019. I am starting to prepare the outline for the 2020 NAVHDA Judges Workshop to be held Jan. 26, 2020 in Portland Maine. I have already received emails from judges on a number of topics they would like discussed. If you have a topic or scenario you would like discussed please email me at [chipnavhda@aol.com](mailto:chipnavhda@aol.com)

Topics already submitted (I abbreviated the emails here):

1. UPT allowing a 2<sup>nd</sup> shot without a retrieve of the duck (sent in by 3 different judges)
2. Wetting down the pheasants prior to the start of the track
3. Using a duck for the NA track
4. Lowering an NA pointing score for a non-productive point(s)
5. Judges confusing cooperation with obedience
6. How to score walking at heeling if a dog stops to pee during UPT/UT/IT test
7. Placement of judges during the walking at heel and remain and steady by blind
8. Scoring a duck search if the dog comes in at 9.5 minutes.

9. How to score handlers repeatedly failing to mount their gun in the field or during steadiness by blind
10. Clarification of good boy/girl or toot/toot at the pickup. Many think they are becoming excessive.
11. East / West discrepancy: UT drag, upon first sight during return of drag a command should not be allowed.
12. NA field test 20 continuous minutes.
13. Allowing a parent to gun for a youth handler at a sanctioned NAVHDA test.
14. Steady by blind. The Sr. judge stated "if the dog's feet hit the water it is and AUTOMATIC 2 regardless if any command was used to stop the dog. No command given. Dog moved on the fourth shot, dog stood with both front feet in water's edge until the handler reached over the blind and sent the dog.
15. Duck Search. Excellent duck search 8-9 min. Dog catches duck. Delivery to hand now expected. Dog scored 2-1 in both co-op and obedience. Some judges will not lower the overall duck SEARCH score. Some Senior Judges are saying they are only judging the DUCK SEARCH and the retrieve does not factor into the overall duck search score!
16. Handler told the dog received a 3 in field search due to handler taking too much time trying to produce the pointed birds. Judge told handler the dog should pinpoint the bird more precisely to allow the handler to quickly locate and flush the bird. Dog found and pointed 4 birds. There was a wild flush that the judges said was a take out. 5 bird contacts in 30 minutes. Judge also told handler the search score was lowered because of a lack of steadiness.
17. Steady by Blind. Handling judge called for the first distraction shot prior to handler signaling they (the handler and dog) were ready. Handler fired. The judge called for the second distraction shot and the bird launch while the dog was distracted by and focused on another judge standing close to the blind area. Dog missed the mark. After the dog did successfully complete the retrieve the handler indicated to the judging team they started the sequence prior to the handler and dog team indicating they were ready. Judging team shrugged it off as if it did not matter.

