

**2019 Hunting Events – See Premium at www.gordonshowsec.info
Entry Deadline – July 17, 2019**

National Hunt Events Committee

Chair.....Rob Goodman
 Member.Patty St. Onge
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 Member Jon Klema
 Member Pat Oldenburg
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Judges

Youth / Jr. Field Handlers Jon Hattrem
 Lois McCracken
 PuppyJon Hattrem
 Lois McCracken
 Roustabout..... Dawn Schuster, Jeffery Zachow

Hunt Test Judges

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Birds

Upland Series -- Chukars
 Land Marks – Ducks, except Started -- Chukars
 Water Series -- Ducks

Entry fees per test, per dog, per day

Youth/Jr Handler no charge
 Puppy (under 1 year of age)..... no charge
 Roustabout \$55
 AWSC Started/AKC Junior..... \$40
 AWSC Working/AKC Senior \$60
 AWSC Working Excellent/AKC Senior..... \$60
 AWSC Working Superior/AKC Master \$60

Rosettes and leg bands awarded on day of test to dogs that qualify for AWSC, and AKC tests. Title certificate and title leg band will be mailed to dogs that have qualified twice at a given level for AWSC, Tests.

Refund Entry fees paid for a bitch withdrawn because of coming in season or for a dog withdrawn because of an injury or illness, or for a dog which dies, shall be refunded in full. Prior to paying such refund, an appropriate veterinary certificate must be received by the club within 7 days after the event. For the latest editions of the Rules and Regulations for AWSC Tests go to the AWSC website: www.americanwaterspanielclub.org. Spaniel Hunt Test rules can be downloaded from the AKC website: <https://www.akc.org/>

Blaze orange must be worn by handlers and gallery above the waist during land portion of tests and dark or camouflage clothing during the water series.

Limited gate entries for Hunt Tests may be available, depending on bird supply, weather, and time limitations – No gate entries for Roustabout. We strongly encourage you to register by the closing date of July 17th to be assured a spot and to be listed in the catalog. Any entry received after the closing date will be considered a gate entry and an additional \$5.00 fee will be added. The drawing for running order will be held on July 17th after 6:00 p.m. EDT after Seminole Path, Wildwood, FL 34785.

Combined AKC/AWSC Hunt Tests — Doubling Down!

The 2019 Nationals will be the fourth AWSC Nationals to have not only the two AWSC hunt tests, but also **TWO** AKC Spaniel Hunt tests. This will provide each entry with a chance to double down and earn not only the traditional AWSC hunt test pass towards the AWSC title, but also an AKC spaniel hunt test pass. All for the same entry fee!

This is exciting for us, and we hope for the handlers and dogs. This message is to communicate why we did this, and what you as handlers need to consider. It may get a little long, and for that we apologize.

We have decided to repeat the “dual” tests again this year, based on the very positive feedback from 2016, 2017, and 2018 and to offer better value to our Members. The AKC spaniel test and the flushing parts of the AWSC test are extremely similar. The AWSC tests have a lot more retrieving in them, as well as an extra level (for a total of 4 levels). Again, at this year’s Nationals we will use the AKC test as the flushing portion of the AWSC tests. If a handler wants to, he can enter only the AKC portion of the test. If a handler wants to run the AWSC working certificate test, he need to enter both the AKC test and the appropriate level of AWSC test.

AWSC test and what to do if you want to participate-The first step will be to decide what level AWSC test you want to run and enter that level. The second step would be to pick the appropriate AKC spaniel test level that would satisfy the requirements. Since we have 4 levels of AWSC tests and only three levels of AKC tests, there will be one crossover. Below is the guideline-

AWSC Started– AKC Junior Hunter
AWSC Working Dog- AKC Senior Hunter
AWSC Working Dog Excellent– AKC Senior Hunter
AWSC Working Dog Superior– AKC Master Hunter

These AKC levels provide the basis for flushing work that will satisfy the AWSC requirements at each level. Although there could be combinations that will work, this is highly recommended from the hunt test committee.

Why We’ve Organized the Test the Way We Have. Again, this year, the Hunt Test Committee’s goal is to streamline the tests and run them efficiently. As Each Dog and handler completes a test component, they will move on to the next test component. Basically, if a dog and handler are not waiting to run or running a specific AKC test, they should be waiting to run or running a specific AWSC test, and vice versa, in order to speed up the testing process. Test locations will be in close proximity to one another, so handlers and dogs will not have difficulty moving between tests. (So, to put it simply, when you complete a test component, go to the next test. Little or no waiting!)

Important Notes.

There are slight differences in the AKC and AWSC tests that make some crossover impossible. For example, the AKC Spaniel Senior and Master have an extra testing element, a hunt dead test, that is not part of any AWSC tests. While this is a component to passing the AKC portion of the test, it will not affect the ability of the handler to move on to the AWSC portion of the test. Passing the AKC test is not a requirement for moving on, but passing the elements of flushing would be.

Please familiarize yourself with the RULES of BOTH the AKC and the AWSC tests. The rules for both can be found on the Club's website.

Rosettes will be awarded for both tests each evening.

The Hunt Test entry form is in the Premium List at www.gordonshowsec.info Online entry is available. Please remember, if you are going to run the AWSC portion of the test, check boxes at the AWSC **and** the AKC section. If you are running only the AKC portion, you only need to check that portion. The hunt test secretary's job is difficult enough! Please make sure to complete the form correctly!

Please Note that the forms for entering the **Puppy Test** and **Youth/Junior Handling** are located on the AWSC website. . www.americanwaterspanielclub.com

Looking forward to seeing you there! If you should have any questions, please contact Rob Goodman, the hunt test chair, at baydog225@Yahoo.com or 315-719-5652.

Instructions-

Choose level of AWSC Test-check box next to appropriate level.

Choose level of AKC Spaniel Test -check box next to appropriate level.

Fill form completely! We have a new secretary and incomplete forms may not be accepted.

Use a single form for each dog entered.

Enclose Check payable to AWSC for appropriate amount, hunting events only. Roustabout entries and Hunt Test entries may be paid for on the same check.

Meet the Entry Deadline of July 17, 2019! Have fun!