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The National Retrieving & Field Trial Committee Chairperson, Ron Jackson has confirmed the committee has identified an error in the RATG rules which occurred at the last rule review with the rules being effective from 1 January 2024. The error occurred in Rule 2.4 pertaining to the eligibility to enter the Open Stake of RATG. Refer below.

Currently reads:

2.4. To be eligible to compete in an Open Retrieving Ability Test, a dog must not have gained any of the following Titles as defined in the Rules for the Conduct of Retrieving Trials for Gundogs (effective 1 Jan 2010) – RRD, AARD, RT CH, Nat RT CH, Grand RT CH.

The committee has agreed the rule should read as follows as the correct interpretation.

2.4 To be eligible to compete in an Open Retrieving Ability Test a dog must have gained its Novice Retrieving Ability Test (NRA) title or gained any one of the following titles as defined in the Rules for the Conduct of Retrieving Trials for Gundogs – Qualified Novice Dog (QND) or Novice Retrieving Dog (NRD).

Dogs are ineligible to compete in an Open Retrieving Ability Test if they have gained any of the following Titles as defined in the Rules for the Conduct of Retrieving Trials for Gundogs:

QRD, RRD, AARD, RT CH, Nat RT CH, Grand RT CH or been awarded a CM (Certificate of Merit) or DM (Diploma of Merit)

Please note the updated RATG rules are now available from our website under Retrieving & Field Trial at:

<https://dogsaustralia.org.au/members/rule-regulations/rules/>

Regards



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