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Performance Events Department

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To: **All Clubs Licensed to Hold Dachshund Field Trials**

Subject: **Tracking Collars Permitted/New Requirement for Judges of a Stake**

This is to inform your club of two rule changes which become effective December 1, 2020. The first is to allow the use of tracking collars at the option of the host club. The decision of the club to allow tracking collars will be published in their premium list to give owners and handlers advanced notice. The second is that one of the two judges of a stake must have judged at least 10 Dachshund field trials. This will help bridge the gap between more experienced and less experienced judges.

These two specific changes are underlined and will be reflected in the next reprinting of the *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Dachshunds*.

#### PROCEDURE 3. JUDGING

**3-D Collars.** If a Dachshund under judgment wears a collar, it shall be a well-fitting collar with nothing hanging from it and with no attachments other than tags for identification purposes.

*Dachshunds may wear tracking collars at the option of the club. The premium list and event advertising must state that tracking collars are allowed, otherwise they will not be allowed. The collar surface against the dog's neck shall be flat (no protrusions). While the Dachshunds are under judgment, handheld devices must be turned off. Handheld devices may be turned on only after the Dachshund has been eliminated from competition by the judges or judgment has ceased.*

#### CHAPTER 5 JUDGES AND THEIR DECISIONS

##### SECTION 1. *Qualifications to Judge.*

*For all regular classes, a judge who has judged less than 10 AKC licensed or member Dachshund field trials must be paired with a judge who has judged 10 or more AKC licensed or member Dachshund field trials.*

This rulebook update has been posted to the [Dachshund Rules Resource webpage](#). Please send any questions, comments or email address updates to: [performanceevents@akc.org](mailto:performanceevents@akc.org). If you send us a request to update your email address, please provide us your name, city and state.