

Differences Between A.K.C. & H.R.C. Hunt Tests

1. AKC HT has call backs, HRC HT does not:

Call Back – A list provided by Hunt Test judges prior to the next series in an event. This list denotes those who are invited back to continue participating in the event. Those who do not make the "call back" have been disqualified for some reason. Note: HRC/UKC Hunt Tests do not have Call Backs. You can continue to participate even though your dog will not receive a passing score for that day.

2. AKC HT, the popper shots are from the field, not from the line as in HRC HT.
3. AKC HT, a diversion can be popper shot or a thrown bird.
4. AKC HT you cannot talk to your dog after you signal you are ready until the Judges release you by saying either "dog" or your "dog number." However, in Senior you are allowed one controlled break and therefore you can talk to your dog to stop the break. Please note: in Master a controlled break is a disqualification.
5. AKC HT marks generally are shorter (typically limited to 100 yards). However there can be exceptions at the Judges discretion.
6. AKC HT requires a minimum of three series for Master
7. AKC HT a fake gun is used in all stakes: Junior, Senior and Master.
8. AKC HT the handler must always carry and/or shoulder a fake shotgun except when honoring the working dog or when running a blind, unless instructed otherwise by the Judges.
9. AKC HT If your dog switches (on a line for one bird and then changes it's mind and goes for the other bird, or drops one bird and goes for another, or establishes a hunt and before retrieving the bird, returns to an old fall and establishes a hunt), it is an automatic **disqualification**.
10. AKC HT Junior and Senior have to do in and outs on water (land-water-land).
11. AKC HT walkup the marks (double in Senior – triple in Master) will be thrown as you are walking to the line. If you are on a walkup and a bird is thrown, you may use your whistle to sit your dog if you prefer.
12. AKC HT Senior has to honor. HRC HT counterpart to the AKC Senior stake, is the Seasoned stake, which does not require an honor.
13. AKC HT Senior and Master **WILL** have shot flyers (live birds). Shot flyers are not typically used in HRC HT.
14. AKC HT you don't always have to sit down (HRC HT unwritten rule requires you to sit on a five-gallon bucket).
15. AKC HT you may see lots of hand thrown marks instead of launched birds out of wingers as is the case in HRC HT.