

GREYHOUND RULES OF THE RACE - CHAPTER 17

ARCI-017-005 Purpose

To describe the rules governing the conduct of running the race by the association licensed to operate the greyhound racetrack in this jurisdiction.

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ARCI-017-010 Registration

- (1) No greyhound shall be entered or permitted to race or to be schooled at any racetrack licensed by the Commission unless properly tattooed and registered by the National Greyhound Association. The National Greyhound Association shall be recognized as the official breeding registry of all racing greyhounds.
- (2) All certificates of registration for greyhounds entered to race must be available for inspection by the board of judges.
- (3) Transfer of ownership title to greyhounds entered or racing at any racetrack under the jurisdiction of the Commission shall be registered and recorded with the National Greyhound Association.
- (4) Any transfer of ownership of a greyhound which is schooling, entered or racing must be sent to the National Greyhound Association for registration and recording and returned to the racing secretary. The greyhound shall be allowed to run during the period required for processing of the transfer unless otherwise ordered by the judges.

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ARCI-017-015 Qualifying Conditions

- (1) Each association shall establish minimum qualifying conditions for all entered greyhounds.
- (2) The association will publish for each race meet a Condition Book outlining all racing information. This will include qualifying criteria, grading system to be employed and any pertinent information relating to racing. The Condition Book will be updated to reflect any changes that may occur during a race meet.
- (3) Any greyhound that fails to meet the qualifying conditions shall not be permitted to start in any race.

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ARCI-017-020 Schooling

- (1) Greyhounds must be properly schooled in the presence of the judges and must, in the opinion of the judges, be sufficiently experienced before they can be entered or started.
- (2) All schooling races shall be at a distance not less than three-sixteenths of a mile unless otherwise approved by the judges.

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- (3) Greyhounds which transfer from one racetrack to another, from the same state or jurisdiction need not be officially schooled to qualify if they have raced within ten racing days.
- (4) An official schooling race will ideally feature at least six greyhounds. A minimum of two runners must start.
- (5) No hand schooling will be considered official.
- (6) Any greyhound that has not raced for a period of ten or more racing days must be officially schooled at least once before being eligible for entry. Any greyhound that has not raced for a period of 30 calendar days must be officially schooled before being eligible for entry. The racing jurisdiction's condition book will specify if the greyhound must be schooled more than once.
- (7) All greyhounds in official schooling races must be raced at their established racing weight and started from the box wearing blankets and racing muzzles.
- (8) Any licensed kennel operator, trainer or authorized agent, who permits greyhounds to be schooled on any racetrack in (jurisdiction) or elsewhere, not approved by the Commission, shall be subject to the immediate revocation of his/her license.
- (9) Any greyhound may be ordered on the schooling list for stated reason by the judges at any time. Any greyhound ordered on the schooling list by the judges must be schooled officially and satisfactorily, in the opinion of the judges, before being allowed to enter a race.
- (10) A photo-finish camera in good working order and approved by the Commission, shall be utilized at all official schooling races.

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ARCI-017-025 Grading

- (1) The Commission shall approve a grading system to be utilized during the race meeting. When designating the grades of races, letters such as "A", "B", "C", "D", "E", "S", "T", and "M" or some combination thereof will be used. Grad A shall be the highest classification. Grade S indicates special and stakes races. A grade such as T or ST shall indicate a mixed-grade race. Grade M refers to maiden classification which indicates greyhounds that have not won an official race.
- (2) The racing secretary may reclassify a greyhound at any time within its first three starts, but not more than one grade higher or lower. Greyhounds transferring from one track to another or remaining at the same track for a new race meeting shall continue in the same grade unless schooled and reclassified, but shall not be moved more than one grade higher or lower from the original grade as a result of schooling and reclassification.
- (3) The winner of any graded race shall advance one grade until reaching Grade A.
- (4) The winner of a maiden race shall be advanced for its next race no higher than Grade D.
- (5) Greyhounds which finish farther back than third, three consecutive times while in the same grade, shall be lowered one grade.

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- (6) In Grade D, if the option of Grade E is not applicable, should a greyhound fail to finish first, second, third, or fourth in four consecutive starts, then such greyhound shall be taken off for a period of 30 days. At the end of the take-off period, the greyhound must be schooled at least two times if it is to be entered in a Grade D race again. If the greyhound re-qualifies, it may be placed back in Grade D. If the greyhound then fails for a second time to finish first, second, third, or fourth in four consecutive starts, it shall be dropped from further racing at that race meeting. When Grade E is applicable, this rule does not apply. In these cases, if a Grade D greyhound fails to finish first, second, third or fourth in four consecutive starts, it will be lowered to Grade E.
- (7) A greyhound that has advanced from Grade M and has been dropped from further racing without winning another official race may be re-qualified after a period of 30 days. Upon re-qualification, the greyhound shall be placed in Grade E by the racing secretary.

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ARCI-017-030 Entries

- (1) Every person entering a greyhound or participating in any way in any race or racing under these rules shall accept these rules upon all questions.
- (2) Any failure to comply with any of these rules may be punished by a fine or suspension or both, and if any objection because of such default is duly made and sustained against a greyhound that has run in a race, its winnings in that race shall be forfeited and the purse redistributed by the judges. Such redistribution shall in no way affect the pari-mutuel payout for the race.
- (3) The racing secretary shall receive all entries and declarations for all races.
- (4) Every entry for a race must be made in writing and shall state the name of the registered owner, lessee or his/her kennel name. The full name of every person having an ownership in a greyhound or accepting the trainer's percentage, or having any interest in its winnings, must be registered with the racing secretary before the start of any race meeting, and every change in the ownership or interest made thereafter during that meeting must also be registered with the racing secretary, who shall immediately deliver copies to the Commission.
- (5) A greyhound shall not be permitted to enter or to start unless all of its owners are licensed and it is under the care of a licensed trainer.
- (6) Any person having an interest less than the interest or property of any other person in a greyhound is not entitled to assume any of these rules, including the right of entry, declaration and the like.
- (7) Joint nominations and entries may be made by any one or more of the owners and/or trainers. However, all partners shall each be jointly and severally liable for all fees and forfeits.

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- (8) Any person who knowingly fraudulently attempts to establish the identity of a greyhound or its ownership shall be subject to the same penalty as the owner.
- (9) The racing officials may require any person in whose name a greyhound is entered to produce proof that the entered greyhound is not the property either wholly or in part of any person who is for any reason is ineligible to be licensed or participate in this jurisdiction and/or to produce proof of the extent of his/her interest or property in the greyhound.
- (10) No greyhound under the age of 16 months shall be eligible to be entered in any official race.
- (11) No greyhound shall be permitted to start that has not been fully identified.
- (12) A greyhound shall not be qualified to run in any race unless it has been and continues to be duly entered for the same; and unless otherwise specified by the conditions of a race, or disqualified by violation of racing rules, any greyhound eligible at the time of entry shall continue to be qualified.
- (13) No ineligible greyhound shall be allowed to enter or to start in any race.
- (14) No greyhound on the schooling list or the veterinarian's list shall be eligible to enter or to start in any race on which pari-mutuel wagering is offered.
- (15) A greyhound shall not be qualified to be entered or to start in any race if owned in whole or in part or is under the control, directly or indirectly, of a person who for any reason is ineligible to be licensed or participate in this jurisdiction.
- (16) Any entry received from any person or of any greyhound that stands suspended shall be voided and the entrance fee paid, if any, shall be refunded. Any money or prize won under said entry shall be immediately returned.
- (17) The greyhound entry into a race shall be free unless otherwise stipulated in its conditions. If the conditions require an entrance fee, it must accompany the entry.
- (18) A person entering a greyhound is liable for the entrance money or stakes.
- (19) The association shall be liable for the money due if it allows a greyhound to start in a race without the entrance fee(s) having been paid.
- (20) Entrance money is not refunded on the death of a greyhound or its failure to start.
- (21) An entry in a stakes race is a nomination which cannot be withdrawn.
- (22) A person making an erroneous stakes nomination or entry shall be liable for stakes and forfeitures under the nomination. A greyhound shall not start in a stakes race unless any stakes or entrance money due for that race has been paid by the nominator or has been guaranteed by the association.
- (23) The nomination of an entry shall survive the death of the nominator.
- (24) An entry of a greyhound in a stakes is a nomination to the stakes and the nominator is liable for stakes and forfeits, but should he/she transfer the entry, he/she is liable only in case of default to the transferee. Similarly, the seller of a greyhound with engagements is liable for stakes or forfeits if the engagement is not kept.

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- (25) A nominator is liable for the entrance money or stakes and the death of a greyhound or a mistake in its entry when eligible, does not release the nominator or transferee from liability for stakes.
- (26) Entries which have closed shall be immediately compiled and conspicuously posted by the racing secretary.
- (27) No entry or transfer shall be considered complete until it is approved by the judges.
- (28) There shall be at least seven greyhounds of different ownership entered in all purse races, unless otherwise authorized by the commission. No trainer or owner shall have more than two greyhounds in any race with the exception of stakes or feature races without the approval of the Commission. In all other purse races, the following conditions shall apply:
 - (a) no double entries shall be allowed until all single interests are used and double entries shall be uncoupled for wagering purposes; and
 - (b) the racing secretary may use a double entry without the permission of the trainer when no single entry is available.
- (29) Entries for stakes races with previously published conditions shall close at the time advertised in such publication, and no entry shall be received after that time. However, additional time may be granted by the racing secretary and approved by the Commission in any such race which fails to fill as scheduled.
- (30) The racing secretary shall determine the starters for a race if the number of entries to any stakes race is in excess of the number of greyhounds that may be permitted to start because of course limitations.
- (31) The association shall have the right to withdraw or change the conditions of any unclosed race.
- (32) Entrance and declarations for a stakes race which close during or on the eve of racing meets shall close at the office of the racing secretary who shall make provisions therefor unless other notice is given. Closing for stakes races at all other times shall be at the business office of the association.
- (33) Entries and declarations for a stakes race cannot be received after the hour designated for closing. However, if an hour is not designated, they may be mailed, transmitted by facsimile machine or telephoned up to midnight of the day of closing, provided they are received in time for compliance with every other condition of the race.
- (34) If an error pertaining to any entry or declaration in a stakes race is alleged, satisfactory proof of such must be presented prior to any qualifying races or the draw.
- (35) Every greyhound entered in an official race must be started unless the greyhound is withdrawn or scratched.
- (36) The entrance money, starting and subscription fees, in every race shall go to the winner unless otherwise provided in the conditions of the race. However, when a race is not run, all stakes or entrance money shall be refunded.

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ARCI-017-035 Withdrawals and Scratches

- (1) The withdrawal of a greyhound is irrevocable and shall only be made by its trainer.
- (2) A withdrawal shall be made to the racing secretary or his/her assistant at least onehalf hour before the time designated for the drawing of post positions, or at such time as the racing secretary may appoint.
- (3) To scratch a greyhound entered in a race, sufficient cause must be given to satisfy the judges. All scratches and the cause must be reported immediately to the board of judge(s).
- (4) Greyhounds that have been scratched from an official start may be required by the association or the judges to satisfactorily complete an official schooling race prior to being re-entered for an official race.
- (5) If three or more greyhounds are withdrawn or scratched in any one race, the judges may cancel the race.
- (6) The judges may scratch a greyhound entered in a race for not being present for weigh-in at the appointed time or for other sufficient cause(s).
- (7) The judges may impose a penalty on the person responsible for causing the scratch if it could have been prevented by exercising reasonable care.

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ARCI-017-040 Post Positions

The starting post positions for each race shall be assigned by lot or drawing, including computerized drawing, supervised by the Commission judge or his/her designee and the racing secretary, at a time and place properly posted in the paddock, at least one day prior to the running of the race, so that owners, trainers or authorized agents may be present.

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ARCI-017-045 Weights and Weighing

- (1) All greyhounds must be weighed not less than one hour and not more than two hours before the time of the first race of the performance unless a later time has been designated or approved by the Commission.
- (2) The weigh-in time shall be limited to a 30-minute period unless an extension has been granted by the Commission judge or approved by the Commission.
- (3) Before a greyhound is allowed to school or race at any racetrack, the owner or trainer must establish its racing weight with the clerk of scales. Greyhounds starting without schooling must use previous established weight.
- (4) At weighing-in time, should there be a variation of more than one and one-half pounds either way from its established weight, the judges shall order said greyhound scratched.
- (5) At weighing-out time, if a greyhound loses weight in excess of three pounds from its weighing-in weight while in the lock-out kennels, the judges shall order the

greyhound scratched unless the official veterinarian certifies that such loss of weight does not impair the racing condition of the greyhound.

- (6) If at weighing-in time, there is more than two pounds variation between the weight for a greyhound's present race and the weight at weigh-in time of its last race, the judges shall order the greyhound scratched.
- (7) The established racing weight may be changed from time to time on written request of the trainer and by written consent of the judges, providing the change is made four calendar days before the greyhound is allowed to race at the new weight.
- (8) All greyhounds having an established weight change of more than one pound must be schooled at least once; or more at the discretion of the judges, at the new established weight before being eligible to start. Greyhounds that have not raced or schooled officially for a period of three weeks will be allowed to establish a new racing weight with the written consent of the judges and may be officially schooled immediately upon receipt of the written consent.
- (9) The judges may order a greyhound to be weighed at any time from the time it is entered in a race until post time for that race.
- (10) Immediately after being weighed-in, the greyhounds shall be placed in lock-out kennels.

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ARCI-017-050 Running of the Race

- (1) All greyhounds must be exhibited in the paddock before post time of the race in which they are entered.
- (2) Muzzles and blankets must be examined in the paddock, during the post parade and before the greyhound is placed in the starting box.
- (3) All persons shall be excluded from the race course when the greyhounds leave the paddock with the exception of racing officials and necessary attendants.
- (4) All greyhounds must wear an approved muzzle and blanket while racing.
- (5) Blinker muzzles must be approved by the judges.
 - (a) Trainers may seek permission from the judges to equip a greyhound with a blinker muzzle.
 - (b) All blinkers must be furnished by the trainer and must be firmly attached to the racing muzzle without the use of glue, tape or wire. Each blinker muzzle employed is subject to the approval of the judges.
 - (c) All blinkers must be black or brown in color and made of leather material or hard plastic.
 - (d) Greyhounds approved and outfitted with blinker muzzles must wear that equipment for every race they participate in.
 - (e) Trainers may seek the approval of the judges to withdraw use of a blinker muzzle.

- (6) In case of mechanical failure with the starting box, the greyhounds shall be removed from the starting box. The judges shall determine whether the race will be declared a no race or will be run after the malfunction is repaired.
- (7) If a greyhound is left in or refuses to leave the box when the doors of the starting box open at the start, it shall be considered a starter.
- (8) The judges shall observe the operation of the lure to ensure consistency of its operation.
- (9) If it appears that a greyhound may interfere with the running of the race because of failure to leave the box, because of an accident or for any other reason, any attendant stationed around the course may remove the greyhound from the course. The greyhound shall be considered a starter.
- (10) If a greyhound leaves the course, it shall be disqualified. However, the greyhound shall be considered a starter.
- (11) If a greyhound leaves the course, or runs in the opposite direction during the running of the race, and in so doing, the greyhound, in the opinion of the judges, interfered with any other greyhound in the race, the judges shall declare it no race, except when, in the opinion of the judges, said interference clearly did not interfere with the outcome of the race.
- (12) No race shall be declared official unless the lure is in advance of the greyhounds at all times during the race. If at any time during the race, any greyhound catches or passes the lure, the judges shall declare it no race.
- (13) If a race is marred by jams, spills or racing circumstances other than accident to the machinery while a race is being run, and three or more greyhounds finish, the judges shall declare the race finished; but if less than three greyhounds finish, the judges shall declare it no race and all monies shall be refunded.

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ARCI-017-055 Dead Heats

- (1) When greyhounds run a dead heat for first place, all monies and prizes for first and second place which such greyhounds would have been entitled shall be divided equally between them. Each greyhound shall be deemed a winner.
- (2) Likewise, when greyhounds run a dead heat for second place, they shall divide the second and third monies.
- (3) When greyhounds run a dead heat for third place, they shall divide the third and fourth monies.
- (4) When greyhounds run a dead heat for fourth place or lower, for which a purse is paid, they shall divide the total purses due those finishing positions in the same manner as above.
- (5) If the dividing owners cannot agree as to which of them is to receive the prize which cannot be divided, the question shall be determined by lot or drawing in the presence of one or more of the judges.

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ARCI-017-060 Objections

- (1) All objections must be made to the judges in writing, signed by the objector and a copy thereof sent immediately to the Commission. The right of due process of law shall be administered to all parties involved in objections.
- (2) Permission of the judges is necessary before an objection can be withdrawn.
- (3) It is a violation to file a frivolous objection or an objection without foundation.
- (4) Objections shall be filed with the judges within 48 hours from the time the race is run in which the greyhound that occasioned the objection participated. From every decision an appeal in writing may be made to the Commission within 48 hours of the time the objector has been officially informed of said the decision.
- (5) Objections pertaining to a greyhound engaged in a race may be made by the kennel operator or trainer of some other greyhound engaged in the same race.
- (6) Objection to any decision of the clerk of scales shall be made before the greyhounds leave the paddock for the start of the race.
- (7) Pending a decision on the objection, any prize or money shall be withheld until the objection is determined.
- (8) In all cases of fraud or willful deception, the time limitation shall not apply; provided the judges are satisfied that the allegations are bona-fide.
- (9) If an objection is declared valid, the judges shall determine the new order of finish and the redistribution of all purse monies. The judges' decision shall not affect the pari-mutuel payout.

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ARCI-017-065 Purses

- (1) None of the minimum purse shall be withheld for any purpose, other than amounts approved by the Commission.
- (2) Purses shall be paid directly to the owner of a greyhound or, if a greyhound is leased, the purse shall be paid directly to the lessor and lessee as agreed to in a written lease agreement on file with the association. However, the Commission may approve an alternative method of purse payment.
- (3) Purse payments shall include a report showing how the purse amount due for each greyhound was calculated, including weekly and meeting kennel standings (based on wins), along with a weekly calculation of money earned by the kennel.
- (4) Purse payments shall be distributed on a point basis, unless an alternative method is approved by the Commission.

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