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Rásaíocht Con Éireann, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 21 of the Greyhound Racing Act 2019 (No 15 of 2019), after consultation with the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, hereby makes the following regulations, that is to say:—

Revocation.

1. The Greyhound Industry (Racing) Regulations 2007 – 2021 are hereby revoked.

Definitions.

2. In these regulations, the following words and expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them, that is to say:—

"Act" means the Greyhound Racing Act 2019 (No 15 of 2019);

"approval" means the approval granted to any owner or trainer to enter greyhounds at race tracks, for racing or trials, on the basis of compliance with regulations 3 and 4 of these regulations;

"authorised kennelhand" means a person in respect of whom a kennelhand authorisation has issued and remains current and in force;

"authorised veterinary practitioner" means a person registered under Part 4 of the Veterinary Practice Act 2005 and who is conferred with the authority of the Board to be present at any race or trial meeting for the purposes of carrying out his/her professional duties;

"Board" means Rásaíocht Con Éireann / Greyhound Racing Ireland;

"added money" means money contributed towards stakes, other than money contributed by the owners of greyhounds;

"advertised value" means the amount advertised to be given for a race by way of prize money;

"arrears" means any sums unpaid in respect of entry fees, stakes or subscriptions;

"bedding" means any material solely used for providing a layer inside the kennel for the comfort of the greyhound;

"classic" means an event of significant industry importance as may be designated by publication by the Board from time to time;

"Club" means the Irish Coursing Club;

"control steward" means a person appointed under permit granted by the Board to fulfil the duties of an authorised officer under the Act and the duties assigned to a control steward under these regulations;

"cup" means any prize not given in money;

"disqualified greyhound" means a greyhound named in a disqualification order made pursuant to Section 47 of the Act or these regulations;

"event" means a competition on a race track;

"feature event" means a race or sweepstake which has a total prize fund of at least €6,300 for a sprint event and a total prize fund of at least €10,000 for all other events;

"fighting" means, in the opinion of the majority of the stewards of the meeting acting and present, the deliberate aggressive interference by a greyhound with one or more than one greyhound during a race or trial;

"graded race" means a race for which the competing dogs are selected by the racing manager in accordance with the rules of the grading system approved by the Board;

"grading system" means the published parameters and rules from time to time governing the manner in which races are compiled with the approval of the Board;

"hare driver" means a person appointed under permit granted by the Board pursuant to regulation 22 of these regulations to fulfil the duties assigned to a hare driver under these regulations;

"Identity Card" means an identification card for a greyhound issued by the Club in accordance with rules of the Club;

"judge" means a person appointed under permit granted by the Board to fulfil the duties assigned to a judge under these regulations;

"kennelhand authorisation" means an authorisation required by any person who is appointed to handle greyhounds in the charge of a registered owner or licensed trainer and who acts as the greyhound's handler and/or parader at any stage of a race meeting;

"match" means a race between two greyhounds the property of different owners and not trained by the same trainer;

"meeting" means a greyhound race meeting held at a greyhound racetrack;

"nominator" means any person other than the owner of a greyhound who nominates any greyhound entered for any race or any qualifying race or heat or for any match;

"open race" means a race open to all registered greyhounds;

"open novice race" means a race open to all registered unraced greyhounds;

"Principal Act" means the Greyhound Industry Act 1958 (No. 12 of 1958);

"prohibited substance" carries the same meaning as that set out in the Greyhound Industry (Prohibited Substances) Regulations 2023;

"qualifying trial" has the meaning assigned to it in regulation 3 of these regulations;

"race" in relation to a meeting, means a competition on a greyhound race track in which an object propelled by mechanical means is pursued by the greyhounds engaged in the competition and on the result of which a prize in money or money's worth is awarded to the winning or placed greyhounds;

"raced greyhound" means a greyhound which has at any time competed in a race;

"race track executive" in relation a race track, means the licensee under the greyhound race track licence;

"race track" means a greyhound race track licensed by the Board under the Greyhound Racing Acts 1958 to 2019 or a greyhound race track operated by the Board on which greyhound races are held for reward;

"racing manager" means a person appointed under permit granted by the Board pursuant to regulation 22 of these regulations to fulfil the duties assigned to a racing manager under these regulations;

"Regulation Committee" means a committee established pursuant to section 13 of the Greyhound Racing Acts 1958 to 2019 to fulfil appeal duties arising from racing decisions pursuant to regulation 30 of these regulations;

"reserve greyhound" means a greyhound held in reserve to replace a non-runner in an event or round of an event;

"Stewards Inquiry" means the consideration given by the stewards of a meeting in respect of any potential breach of regulations or any matter related to the integrity of racing that is brought to their attention pursuant to regulation 28 and 29 of these regulations;

"stewards of the meeting" means the control steward and the stewards appointed by a race track executive, with the confirmation of the Board, to carry out such duties as shall be assigned to them under these regulations;

"stipendiary steward" means a steward appointed by the Board to supervise the conduct of greyhound racing and the performance of duties by duly authorised officials and stewards;

"suspended greyhound" means a greyhound suspended under these regulations for fighting or for any other reason;

"sweepstake" means an event in which the entry fees, subscriptions or other contributions of three or more owners go to the winner or placed greyhounds, whether or not a money or other prize is added;

"time of entry" means the time fixed for closing of entries;

"time keeper" means a person appointed under permit granted by the Board pursuant to regulation 22 of these regulations to fulfil the duties assigned to a time keeper under these regulations;

"RCÉTS" has the same meaning as it has in the Greyhound Industry (Traceability) Regulations 2023;

"track" means the portion of the grounds measured or marked out for races or for any particular race;

"trial" means a test run on a greyhound race track in which an object propelled by mechanical means is pursued by the greyhounds taking part in the test and where the details of participating greyhounds is recorded by the stewards of the meeting;

"unraced/novice greyhound" means a greyhound which has never competed in a race by way of by way of coming under starters orders;

"warned-off" person means a person to whom an exclusion order under Section 48 of the Act applies;

"weight variation" means a difference in the weight of a greyhound recorded by the control steward for a race that is not within the permitted parameters specified in these regulations.

Qualifications of greyhounds for racing.

3. (1) A greyhound under the age of thirteen calendar months shall not be eligible to run in any trial or race.

(2) A greyhound shall not be qualified to enter or compete in any trial or race until:—

(a) it has been duly registered with the Club, or an international equivalent recognised by the Board

(b) unless otherwise determined by resolution of the Board, its identity card has been completed and sealed.

(c) it has been microchipped in accordance with S.I. No. 63/2015 - Microchipping of Dogs Regulations 2015 and any subsequent amendments.

(3) Unless otherwise determined by resolution of the Board, an unraced greyhound shall not be eligible to run in its first race unless it has run a qualifying trial within the prescribed qualifying time; in the case of flat races, hurdle trials shall not be taken into account.

(4) The racing manager or control steward shall not allow an unraced greyhound to complete a solo trial for any purpose at a track where he/she officiates.

(5) A qualifying trial shall be a test run on the flat or over hurdles on a race track in which on the flat, the time recorded by the greyhound concerned is not more than 30.70 seconds for 525 yards or its equivalent over any other distance where specified in the grading system. Due allowance shall be made for the track allowances approved by the Board and the condition of the going. The qualifying times may be amended by a decision of the Board. Equivalent times and subsequent eligibility for racing shall be published on the Board's website in accordance with the approved grading system.

(6) Except for a trial involving a raced greyhound, there shall be a minimum of two greyhounds in a qualifying trial. Only greyhounds running first, second or third in such trial shall be deemed to have qualified in a qualifying trial.

(7) A raced greyhound qualified over 525 yards shall qualify for the sprint distance by completing a solo trial over the sprint distance within the qualifying time and vice-versa.

(8) Subject to compliance with regulation 3(6), a weight variation trial shall be regarded as a qualifying trial provided the greyhound at least records the qualifying time for the distance over which it runs.

(9) A racing manager shall not allow to start for a sprint race any greyhound which has not qualified over a sprint distance. For the purpose of this regulation, a sprint distance is defined as any distance of not more than 440 yards.

(10) A racing manager shall not allow to start for any middle distance race of more than 440 yards any greyhound which has not qualified over a distance in excess of 440 yards. For the purpose of this regulation, a middle distance is defined as any distance of in excess of 440 yards but not more than 620 yards.

(11) Save as directed by the Board for a specified class(es) of racing, the racing manager shall not allow to compete in a race any greyhound whose last qualifying trial or race was run more than forty-two days prior to the race. This provision shall not apply to a greyhound listed as a runner or reserve for a particular race at a particular track where such race could not have been run for any reason provided the said greyhound races within 14 days of the postponed or abandoned race. Where a meeting has to be postponed for a second occasion, new races shall be compiled by the racing manager but sweepstake rounds and finals may be transferred to a new meeting.

(12) If a disqualified greyhound be entered to run in any race or sweepstake, or a greyhound in the ownership or care of a warned off person be entered to run in any race or sweepstake, the control steward shall report the person or persons responsible to the Regulation Department of the Board and not allow the greyhound to start for such race or sweepstake.

(13) An unraced greyhound shall not be allowed to trial more than once on the same day unless it fails to leave the traps after they open in the first trial.

Conditions of entry in races and trials.

4. (1) Approval for entry in races and trials is dependent on compliance with the qualification conditions set out in regulation 3 of these regulations and the following conditions which shall be observed in respect of every greyhound race and trial and shall form part of the conditions of entry therefor:—

(a) entries shall only be made and accepted which conform in all respects with these regulations and with any directions of the Control Committee and/or the Board;

(b) a greyhound under disqualification or suspension shall not be eligible for entry;

(c) (i) A greyhound must be eligible for any race or sweepstake at time of entry. A greyhound participating in a trial or race after the time of draw will not subsequently make itself eligible for that race or sweepstake.

(ii) Should an entered greyhound run in a trial or race after the time of entry and before the date of the trial or race for which he is entered,

then the person who made the entry shall immediately inform the racing manager of the fact and of the name of the race track upon which the greyhound ran such trial or race.

(d) entries shall be made on an entry form of an approved type signed either by the bona fide owner or trainer of the greyhound and such entry form shall be in the hands of the racing manager before the time of kennelling. Entries made by electronic communication or telephone shall be deemed equally binding;

(e) The person making the entry shall state on the entry form or inform the race track executive where the greyhound may be inspected. By entering a greyhound to race or trial at a race track, the owner and trainer of the greyhound consents to the inspection of the greyhound, and to samples being taken from the greyhound, by an authorised officer of the Board wherever the greyhound is kennelled (whether at the registered premises at time of entry or not) and whether before or after such race or trial. Where such a greyhound is determined not to be present at the registered premises at the time of entry by an authorised officer of the Board, or where an owner or trainer of the greyhound does not inform the racing manager at time of entry that the greyhound is kennelled at a location other than the registered address, or provide reasonable facilities, including access to the registered kennels and greyhounds contained therein, any such greyhound shall be immediately withdrawn from any trial or race in which the greyhound happens to be entered and shall not be subsequently entered until the location of the greyhound is made known to the authorised officer;

(f) No alteration or addition shall be made in any entry form unless the stewards of the meeting are satisfied that there has been no fraud and that the greyhound's identity is clearly proved. If an owner or trainer fails to give particulars as to a greyhound's performances, as required under regulations 19(2)(h) of these regulations or fails to give additional form between time of entry and the date on which the race is run, then that greyhound may, at the discretion of the racing manager, be excluded from competing in the race for which it was entered;

(g) Where approval has been granted for entry of a greyhound for any trial, race or sweepstake at race tracks, such approval shall be revoked in respect of any greyhound:—

(i) if and so long as it is in the ownership, part ownership, or care of a person who has committed a breach which, in the reasonable opinion of the Board, constitutes a significant breach of the Racing code or regulations made pursuant to the Act, or its subsequent amendments.

(ii) if and so long as it is in the ownership or part ownership of a warned-off person or so long as such person has any interest in its winnings at race meetings. Any greyhound in such ownership or part ownership already scheduled to compete in a race, sweepstake, classic or feature

event is immediately suspended from further racing under this provision.

(iii) if and so long as it is in the kennel of, or under the care and management of a warned-off person. Any such greyhound already scheduled to compete in a race, sweepstake classic or feature event is immediately suspended from further racing under this provision.

(iv) in any case in which it is by these regulations or by the conditions of a race, or sweepstake declared to be suspended or disqualified.

(v) if and so long as it is in the ownership, part ownership, or care of a person who has RCÉTS updates outstanding.

(vi) if and so long as it is in the ownership, part ownership, or care of a person who has an unpaid fine(s) issued by the Control Committee or the Appeal Committee.

(vii) if and so long as it is in the ownership, part ownership, or care of a person who has unpaid fixed payment(s) issued by the Board pursuant to Section 27 of the Welfare of Greyhounds Act, 2011, or its subsequent amendments.

(viii) if and so long as it is in the ownership, part ownership, or care of a person who has an unpaid fine(s) issued by the Greyhound Board of Great Britain or the Club or international equivalents recognised by the Board.

(ix) if and so long as it is in the ownership, part ownership, or care of a person who has committed an offence which, in the reasonable opinion of the Board, constitutes a significant offence pursuant to the Welfare of Greyhounds Act 2011, or its subsequent amendments.

(x) if and so long as it is in the ownership, part ownership, or care of a person who has committed an offence which, in the reasonable opinion of the Board, constitutes a significant offence pursuant to the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013, or its subsequent amendments,

(h) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1)(g) hereof, where approval has been granted for entry of a greyhound for any trial, race or sweepstake at race tracks, such approval may be revoked at any time at the discretion of the Board in circumstances where the Board deems such revocation necessary to protect the integrity and reputation of the greyhound industry.

(i) Any decision to revoke an approval may be appealed by the applicant pursuant to the provisions of Section 51 of the Principal Act (as amended).

Racing procedure.

5. (1) Subsequent to the weigh in of greyhounds, and whilst greyhounds are kennelled in advance of their participation in racing, no person other than the racing manager, control steward, authorised veterinary practitioner or other official having the care of greyhounds engaged in races shall be admitted to the kennels or kennel enclosure during racing without the prior permission of the control steward and notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that any such unauthorised person gains access to the kennels or kennel enclosure, the person shall immediately be requested to leave such kennels or enclosure by the stewards of the meeting who shall subsequently notify the Regulation Department of the Board.
- (2) Unless otherwise directed by the control steward, every greyhound shall be paraded before going to the starting box.
- (3) Every greyhound running in a race shall, as provided for by regulation 23(1) of these regulations, wear a coloured sheet bearing a number corresponding with its number on the race card.
- (4) Every greyhound shall run in a safety non-biting muzzle of a type approved by the Board.
- (5) Every greyhound shall be in the starting box ready to start at the appointed time and the race shall, where possible, start at the time advertised.
- (6) Before the starter's bell is sounded or his/her flag dropped, each greyhound shall be placed in its correct compartment in the starting box under the supervision of the control steward.
- (7) If a greyhound turns before the control steward gives the starting signal, that greyhound shall be taken out and righted (by the control steward if necessary). If, however, it turns again no further attention will be given to him. If a greyhound turns while the hare is in motion, the hare should not be stopped, and the traps should be released.
- (8) If the hare passes the traps and for any reason the traps do not operate then all greyhounds should be taken out and re-examined by the control steward (and authorised veterinary practitioner if so requested by the control steward) before being put into the traps again.
- (9) Every greyhound which has been placed in a starting box shall be deemed to have started provided the race is not declared a "void race" under regulation 11 of these regulations and provided the greyhound has not been dealt with as provided for under regulation 10(2) of these regulations.

(10) In a race, a greyhound shall be deemed to come under starter's orders when it has been placed in the starting box, unless it has been dealt with as provided for under regulation 10(2) of these regulations.

(11) In any case in which it is found necessary to re-run a race, the original draw shall stand, based on the runners declared after weigh-in for that race.

(12) At any meeting held at a greyhound race track:—

(a) the maximum distance of any race shall be 1,200 yards and the minimum distance shall be 230 yards;

(b) matches shall be sanctioned by the Regulation Department of the Board;

(c) sprint distances shall be measured in yards from 230 yards to 440 yards;

(d) middle distance races shall be measured in yards from 440 yards to 620 yards;

(e) long distance races shall be measured in yards from 620 yards to 1,200 yards;

(13) (a) Any person appointed to handle a greyhound in the charge of a registered owner or licensed trainer and who acts as the greyhound's handler and/or parader at any of the stages of a race meeting other than the registered owner or licensed trainer, shall before taking up any duties, obtain a kennelhand authorisation from the Board, such applications may be granted by the Board once conditions as set out in paragraphs (13) (c) and (d) are satisfied.

(b) No person, other than an appointed race track official, or the registered owner or licensed trainer, or authorised kennelhand of a kennelled greyhound, shall be admitted to the kennel area or its enclosure at any time during the weigh in of greyhounds. Only one person per greyhound shall be permitted to these areas during weigh in or in advance of removing a greyhound from kennels for racing.

(c) An applicant for a kennelhand authorisation or an authorised kennelhand shall comply in all respects with these regulations and satisfy the Board that they are;

- (i) not a person who has committed a breach which, in the reasonable opinion of the Board, constitutes a significant breach of the Racing code or regulations made pursuant to the Act or its subsequent amendments.
- (ii) not a person who has an unpaid fine(s) issued by the Control Committee or the Appeal Committee;

- (iii) not a person who has unpaid fixed payment(s) issued by the Board pursuant to Section 27 of the Welfare of Greyhounds Act, 2011, or its subsequent amendments.
- (iv) not a person who has an unpaid fine(s) issued by the Greyhound Board of Great Britain or the Club.
- (v) not a person who has committed an offence which, in the reasonable opinion of the Board, constitutes a significant offence pursuant to the Welfare of Greyhounds Act 2011, or its subsequent amendments.
- (vi) not a person who has committed an offence which, in the reasonable opinion of the Board, constitutes a significant offence pursuant to the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013, or its subsequent amendments.
- (vii) not the holder of a licence to train greyhounds for reward issued pursuant to Section 24 of the Act or regulations made thereunder.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (13)(c) hereof, a decision to refuse to grant or renew, or to revoke, a kennelhand authorisation may be made at any time at the discretion of the Board in circumstances where the Board deems such refusal or revocation necessary to protect the integrity of the greyhound industry. Such decisions to refuse to grant or renew, or to revoke, a kennelhand authorisation may be appealed by the applicant pursuant to the provisions of Section 51 of the Principal Act (as amended).

(14) No person other than an authorised officer of the Board shall use a mobile telephone in the kennels or kennel enclosure or during parading. This includes any appliance, apparatus, instrument, or equipment capable of receiving or transmitting information.

(15) The owner or trainer, or authorised kennelhand shall make bedding used in kennels available for inspection by the authorised officers of the race track if so requested;

(16) All items except for a bowl, water, walking lead, bedding, a racing muzzle, kennel muzzle, racing sheet and kennel cover are prohibited in kennels.

(17) The owner, trainer or authorised kennelhand shall not smoke (electronic or otherwise) whilst in the kennel area or parading a greyhound.

(18) The owner, trainer or authorised kennelhand shall comply with any instructions (including the wearing of specified parading attire) issued by the control steward before and during the parade of greyhounds. Where such instructions are not complied with, the stewards of the meeting shall be fully authorised to withdraw any (and all) such greyhound (s) attended to by any such owner, trainer or authorised kennelhand.

Trap draw and procedures.

6. (1) The draw for trap places, at which the public may be present, shall be made at the time and place designated by the racing manager with the consent of the Board. Where there are five runners, trap 4 shall be vacant; where there are four runners traps 2 and 5 shall be vacant; where there are three runners traps 1, 3, 5 shall be vacant; where there are two runners, traps, 1, 3, 5 and 6 shall be vacant.

(2) The starting box shall consist of a number of separate compartments, each holding one greyhound; the compartment on the inside next to the rails shall be the number 1 position in the draw and the other compartments shall be numbered accordingly.

(3) Draws for heats of classics, feature events and sweepstakes shall be made in public at such times as shall be approved by the Board but shall be at all times witnessed by a person who is not employed by the Board. Such witnessed records for draws shall be maintained by the race track executive for a period of 6 (six) months and be made available for inspection by an authorised officer if so requested.

(4) Unless electronically assigned, the draw for trap numbers, including seeding requirements, shall be conducted in accordance with trap draw and seeding procedures set out by the Board and published on the Board's website. Any draw found to be non-compliant with such procedures will be considered null and void and will be redrawn:

(i) The first seeded wide runner drawn shall receive the highest trap number to be used in the race and the first unseeded runner drawn shall receive the lowest trap number to be used in the race. The draw shall continue with each successive seeded wide runner receiving the next highest trap number and each unseeded runner receiving the next lowest trap number.

(ii) Should the race feature seeded middle runner(s), they shall be set aside in the order drawn and then be allocated a trap number(s) in descending order from the starting positions that remain.

Seeding.

7. (1) A greyhound classified as a seeded wide runner in any race indicated on the race card and published programme by a 'W' against its name or against the trap number shall be a greyhound which in the opinion of the racing manager, in consultation with the control steward, is best suited to starting outside runners not so classified.

(2) A greyhound classified as a seeded middle runner in any race indicated on the race card and published programme by an 'M' against its name or against the trap number shall be a greyhound which in the opinion of the racing manager, in consultation with the control steward,

is best suited to starting on the inside of wide runners and outside of unseeded runners.

(3) If the advertised particulars of a race or feature event state that seeding classification under this regulation will apply, an owner or trainer or authorised kennelhand, when making the entry for such a race or feature event, may request that the greyhound be classified as an unseeded (inside), wide or middle runner for such race or feature event.

(4) Notwithstanding whether or not such request is made, the racing manager, in consultation with the control steward, shall consider all entries for such a race, sweepstake or event and may on the information available to them classify a greyhound as an unseeded (inside), wide or middle runner under this regulation for such race or for the first round of such feature event. The racing manager in consultation with the control steward, where there are clear and apparent welfare considerations for competing greyhounds, shall have full authority to alter such classifications for any further round of such event, up to, but not including the final of the event.

(5) Any request for classification or any classification of a greyhound as an unseeded (inside), wide or middle runner for a race or feature event shall apply to that race or feature event only and shall not in itself prejudice any subsequent decision or classification. All unraced greyhounds shall be assigned a seeding category of middle or wide for their first race.

(6) Unless electronically assigned, the seeded runners draw for trap numbers shall be conducted in accordance with trap draw procedures set out by the Board and published on the Board's website.

Reserves.

8. (1) A reserve greyhound may take the place of a greyhound not declared at time of kennelling (viz. half an hour before the start of racing). Seeding provisions shall at all times apply to reserves entering a race, sweepstake or event.

(2) Seeded wide runners coming into a race as a reserve(s) shall in the first instance and, subject to trap vacancies, be allocated trap 6 and then be allocated trap numbers in descending order. Seeded middle runners coming into a race as a reserve(s) shall be allocated trap numbers in descending order.

(3) A reserve greyhound may replace a withdrawn greyhound up to and including the final of any sweepstake or feature event in which the first prize is no greater than €5,000. Where the first prize for a sweepstake or feature event is greater than €5,000, but less than €10,000, a reserve greyhound may replace a withdrawn greyhound up to but not including

the final of such events. Where the first prize for a sweepstake or feature event is greater than €10,000, a reserve greyhound may replace a withdrawn greyhound up to but not including the semi-final and subsequent final of such events.

(4) Unless specified in the conditions of entry for a race, sweepstake or event where the consent of the Board must be sought, the selection of a reserve greyhound to replace a withdrawn greyhound shall be first by order of position in which it was eliminated and second by time achieved in the heat in which it was eliminated. In any instance where the time achieved by two or more such greyhounds is equal, the matter shall be determined by tossing a coin at a time determined by the racing manager or the control steward.

Weight variations.

9. (1) The racing manager and control steward shall ensure that:—

(a) where a greyhound entered for a race weighed less than 60 lbs. at the time of its last trial or race, a weight variation of not more than 2 lbs. either side of its last recorded weight is allowed.

(b) where a greyhound entered for a race weighed 60 lbs. or more but less than 80 lbs. at the time of its last trial or race, a weight variation of not more than 3 lbs. either side of its last recorded weight is allowed.

(c) where a greyhound entered for a race weighed 80 lbs. or more at the time of its last trial or race, a weight variation of not more than 4 lbs. either side of its last recorded weight is allowed.

(2) Any weight variation in excess of that allowed under the preceding regulation (1) shall disqualify the greyhound concerned from that race, and any such greyhound shall be required to run a trial at the track over the distance for which it was entered, but not greater than 525 yards, at a time no less than seven days from when the greyhound was disqualified from the race.

(3) A weight variation trial shall be clearly identified on the identity card with the initials "WVT" and electronically recorded as such where prescribed by the Board by the racing manager in compliance with regulation 23(7) of these regulations. Unless otherwise determined by resolution of the Board, the identity card for any greyhound which is subject to a weight variation trial shall be impounded by the control steward until completion of the weight variation trial by the greyhound in question.

(4) The entry fee for a greyhound disqualified under this regulation shall be forfeited unless the greyhound is replaced by a reserve.

(5) Weight variations shall be announced before racing over the public address system. The racing manager shall also ensure that all weight variations are publicly displayed on a special board for the publication of weights, which shall be of such type as may be approved by the Board.

(6) An owner or trainer may apply to the Regulation Department of the Board to complete a weight variation trial at a track other than where it was originally scheduled to race, by reason of hardship of distance.

Withdrawal of a greyhound.

10. (1) No greyhound shall be withdrawn by an owner, trainer or authorised kennelhand after being weighed in save with the permission of the stewards.

(2) Should the starter or any official or steward consider that through apparent illness or injury, a greyhound is unable to start, he shall at once notify the stewards of the meeting and they, after consultation (if necessary) with the authorised veterinary practitioner, may withdraw that greyhound's number from the runners' board and that greyhound shall not then be considered as having started or come under starter's orders. All such withdrawals shall be publicly announced such that new betting markets can be formed.

(3) Subsequent to weigh in, a greyhound withdrawn from racing without the permission of the stewards shall not be eligible for subsequent racing or trialing for a period of 30 days.

Declaration of Void Race/Void Trial.

11. (1) The stewards of the meeting shall declare a race or trial as void only in the following circumstances:—

(a) where, in the opinion of the stewards present and acting, there is a mechanical or other defect of the hare drive equipment or starting box or any outside interference with the race (a greyhound turning back the track does not constitute interference).

(b) if any of the greyhounds fight, and as a consequence, all fail to pursue the hare.

(c) if for any other reason all dogs fail to pursue the hare.

(d) where a greyhound races wearing anything other than its designated race sheet and racing muzzle.

(e) where it is determined by the stewards that a greyhound other than that designated to compete in a trial or race, completed the race or trial.

(g) where the hare driver determines it necessary to stop the lure in the interest of greyhound welfare and safety.

(2) Where a greyhound does not start its race or trial from its designated trap number or races with an incorrectly numbered race sheet, its kennel cover and/or lead and/or collar, the stewards of the meeting shall declare such a race or trial as "void". Any such decision made by the stewards shall be announced publicly as expediently as possible.

(3) A void race or trial may be re-run at a time directed by the stewards of the meeting, but at least twenty minutes shall elapse between the declaration of a void race or trial and the re-run race or trial. If a re-run race or trial results in a further void race or trial, the race or trial shall be abandoned, except in the case of eliminating heats for or in the final of an open race, sweepstake or event which shall be brought to a conclusion in such manner as the stewards of the meeting at their discretion may determine, provided that no greyhound is required to race more than twice at any one meeting.

(4) In the event of a void race being declared in the heats of an open event and there being only sufficient runners available for a re-run to provide qualified runners for the next round, the heat need not be re-run and those fit for the re-run may be treated as qualifying for the next round.

(5) In the circumstances where a void race is being re-run, only the runners weighed in for the voided race shall compete in the re-run, but this provision shall not apply for any race, sweepstake or event that has had to be cancelled or postponed for any reason.

Return to Race Protocol.

12. (1) Every greyhound that competes in a trial, race, sweepstake, or event shall be required to undergo a return to race protocol in the following circumstances:

(a) The greyhound does not finish (DNF) in a trial or race.

(b) The greyhound fails to leave traps (DNS) in a trial or race.

(c) The greyhound fails to complete qualifying time on three consecutive occasions in a trial or race.

(2) A greyhound which is the subject of a return to race protocol shall be suspended from further racing or trialing subject to and pending compliance with paragraph (3) of this regulation.

(3) The return to race protocol will require the greyhound to complete a satisfactory qualification trial.

Division of stakes.

13. (1) If in a race a greyhound runs out of the course, it shall forfeit all rights in that race and the comments "Did Not Finish" shall be assigned to the greyhound's form line. However, it shall be entitled to any unplaced prize money where relevant.

(2) When greyhounds run a dead-heat for first place, the stakes shall be divided between the owners of the dead-heating greyhounds. The dead-heat shall not be run off unless the race is an eliminating heat for a cup or stakes in which only the greyhound winning such heat may compete, in which event the greyhounds which dead-heat may run a trial between them over the same course and from their original traps at a time fixed by the stewards but in any event not sooner than 20 minutes after such dead-heat. The winner of the trial shall go forward to the next heat. Subject to compliance with the seeding regulations, if the draw for traps in the next heat takes place before the result of the trial is known, a blank shall be put in and the winner of the trial shall take the trap drawn by the blank.

(3) If however the persons in charge of the greyhounds which dead-heat agree to the toss of a coin to determine the greyhound to go forward, the control steward or racing manager shall toss the coin. The decision to toss the coin shall be taken as soon as practicable after the result of the race is announced and the with the consent of both persons in charge of their respective greyhounds.

(4) The same procedures shall be followed when greyhounds dead-heat for second place and only two greyhounds go forward to the next round, when greyhounds dead-heat for third place and only three greyhounds go forward to the next round and when greyhounds dead-heat for fourth place and only four greyhounds go forward to the next round.

(5) In any event where the number of points earned by each greyhound determines the greyhounds to go forward to the next round, the conditions attached to that event shall decide which greyhound(s) goes forward.

(6) In the event of a dead-heat in a match, the match shall be void and shall not be re-run on the same day; but this provision shall not prevent a further match.

(7) When owners divide, they shall divide equally all the moneys and other prizes which any one of them could take if the dead-heat were run off. If the dividing owners cannot agree as to which of them is to have the cup or other prizes which cannot be divided, the question shall be determined by tossing a coin under the supervision of the control steward or racing manager.

(8) If either owner of greyhounds engaged in a match dies before the match is due to be run, then the match shall be void.

(9) Where only one greyhound is presented for a race other than an eliminating heat of a classic, feature event or sweepstake, such greyhound shall be entitled to a walk-over but, in such case, it shall not be necessary for the greyhound to be led over the entire course; the greyhound need only be led past the judge's box and shall thereupon be deemed the winner.

(10) Where only one greyhound is presented for racing in an eliminating heat of any event, such greyhound shall be placed in the starting box and shall complete the course in the normal manner.

Ownership.

14. (1) A greyhound shall run in the name or names of its registered owner or owners, who shall be the bona fide owner or owners or part owners and shall not be entered in the name of any person as its owner unless that person's interest or property in the greyhound is at least equal to that of any other person.

(2) Wherever the name under which a greyhound has been registered and under which it has run at any race track in any country is changed and abandoned, the old name and description shall be given in every entry form and shall also appear on the official race card until such greyhound has run in five races.

Guarding.

15. (1) Provisions relating to the guarding of greyhounds, where applicable, shall be determined and subsequently published by the Board on the Board's website. Where guarding provisions do apply, they shall only do so in circumstances where two or more greyhounds registered in the same ownership or in the same partnership (not trainers) are entered for an event with eliminating heats.

(2) The racing manager shall ensure that no two greyhounds registered in the same ownership or in the same partnership, are placed in the same graded race. This provision shall not apply to open class races or events or to greyhounds trained by the same person.

(3) Where one or more greyhounds listed as reserves replace withdrawn greyhounds in any event, guarding provisions shall not apply.

Prize money, stakes, entry fees, etc.

16. (1) All stakes and prize money payable shall, as far as practicable, be paid not later than the 15th day of the month following the month in which such stakes or prize money were won, save in the circumstances

where such prizemoney is withheld subject to completion of a sample analysis.

(2) Unless otherwise specified, entry fees shall be paid at the time of entry to the race track executive or in advance of weigh in. The entry fee for events other than graded races shall be stated in the conditions of such events.

(3) The owner or part owner of the greyhound at the time of entry shall be liable for the entry fee.

(4) Subject to paragraph (5) below, greyhounds sold either privately or by public auction shall be transferred into the names of their new owners forthwith and shall not be eligible to be trialed or raced at any race track until they are so transferred.

(5) A greyhound sold during a particular event shall be immediately transferred into its new owner's name in advance of any further participation in that event.

(6) The Board shall have full authority, to recover any sum of money owed by any owner, trainer, partnership, or syndicate, in respect of their participation in races, past or current, by offsetting such sums owed against current and future prizemoney payments due to such parties. Such prizemoney offsets may be made in respect of:

(a) any amounts due to the Board for trials in respect of greyhounds in the ownership or care of such parties.

(b) any amounts due to the Board for race entry fees in respect of greyhounds in the ownership or care of such parties.

(c) any amounts due to the Board arising out of a objections or appeals made pursuant to regulation 30 of these regulations.

Determining the age of a greyhound.

17. For the purposes of these regulations:—

(a) the age of a greyhound shall be reckoned as beginning on the first day of the month in which it is whelped, and this month shall be regarded as one full month, from which the age of a greyhound is determined.

(b) a greyhound shall be considered a puppy for a period of 24 months from and including the month of whelping.

(c) the age eligibility of a juvenile event shall be clearly stated in the advertised terms and conditions of such an event.

Fighting and Failure to run to the satisfaction of the Stewards.

18. (1) Should a greyhound, in the opinion of the majority of the stewards of the meeting present and acting, be deemed to have aggressively fought in a trial or race, such greyhound shall be suspended and, unless otherwise determined by resolution of the Board, its identity card impounded and marked "suspended for fighting" in addition to its electronic form line carrying such reference.

(2) No greyhound that has been suspended for fighting shall be reinstated unless it has run two clearance trials, which shall be held at the track where it was suspended, except where the enforcement of the latter provision would cause hardship by reason of distance, where it shall be open to the owner or trainer to apply to the Regulation Department of the Board to have the clearance trials run at a track nearest his/her residence.

(3) A clearance trial shall be a trial over 525 yards or over the distance raced by the greyhound in the race in which it was suspended, if less than 525 yards, and in which the suspended greyhound is hand slipped by the control steward behind two other greyhounds and passes the two greyhounds during the course of the trial.

(4) The Board may prescribe the days and times on which clearance trials may be held at any particular race track.

(5) A clearance trial shall not be run within seven days of the date on which a greyhound was suspended for fighting. A greyhound shall not run two clearance trials on the same day.

(6) Unless otherwise determined by a resolution of the Board, a raced greyhound's identity card shall be marked "cleared" by the control steward when such greyhound has satisfactorily completed its clearance trials.

(7) A greyhound which has satisfactorily completed its clearance trials shall run a regrading trial before being accepted for racing. In such trial, there shall be at least one other greyhound.

(8) The control steward shall report the result of the clearance trials run by a suspended greyhound to the Regulation Department of the Board.

(9) A greyhound disqualified a second time under this regulation shall be reported immediately by the control steward to the Regulation Department of the Board which shall declare it a confirmed fighter, mark the greyhound's identity card and electronic form line as "prohibited from racing" (PFR) and shall disqualify such greyhound from running on any race track.

(10) Any greyhound which has had its identity card and/or electronic form line marked "suspended for fighting" shall not run in or be

accepted for any sweepstake, feature event or classic until it has run at least two satisfactory races (on the flat) after it has been reinstated.

(11) In a race where a greyhound has had its identity card and/or electronic form line marked "suspended for fighting", or in a race where a greyhound fails to run to the satisfaction of the stewards of the meeting, it shall, irrespective of finishing position, for the purposes of order of finish, official result and prizemoney allocation, be considered as finishing in last position and additionally shall forfeit all prizemoney. The time assigned to such a greyhound however shall be that as recorded by the ray timing equipment on the night and this time shall be considered for future grading purposes. Where such circumstances require, the relevant racing comments of "suspended for fighting" or "disqualified" shall be assigned to the greyhound's official form line.

(12) In the event of a greyhound failing to run to the satisfaction of the attending stewards, such as interference (playful or otherwise), failure to pursue the lure (intermittent or otherwise), lack of keenness or unexplained ability to reproduce form, failure to finish or any other failure to perform to the satisfaction of stewards, such greyhound shall be suspended from further racing and may be required to run any manner and number of satisfactory trials as specified by the attending stewards of the meeting or trial session.

(13) A satisfactory trial as prescribed under this article shall not be run within seven days of the date on which a greyhound received such trials. A greyhound shall not run two such satisfactory trials on the same day.

(14) Unless otherwise determined by resolution of the Board, a greyhound that is the subject of specified satisfactory trial(s) pursuant to paragraph 12 of this regulation shall have its identity card impounded by the control steward until such trials are completed. An owner or trainer may apply to the Regulation Department of the Board to complete a satisfaction trial(s) at a different track by reason of hardship of distance.

Race Cards.

19. (1) Every race track executive shall publish a race card of an approved type in respect of every meeting held at the race track operated by such executive and shall state thereon that every such meeting is held under these regulations and that the track is licensed by the Board.

(2) The particulars shown on a race card for any meeting shall include the following:—

(a) the names of the officials and stewards appointed to act at such meeting.

(b) the total prizemoney allocated to participating greyhounds in a sweepstake or race and the amount of the prize money payable in respect of each race to the owners of winning and placed greyhounds.

(c) the distance and grade of each race and type.

(d) in respect of each race, the names of the registered owners of the greyhounds entered therefor and the town in or nearest to which each such owner resides.

(e) the name of the licensed trainer in cases where a greyhound is not trained by the owner.

(f) the scheduled time of commencement of the first race and the approximate scheduled time of commencement of each succeeding race.

(g) the registered names and the descriptions of the greyhounds entered, the month and year of whelping and the names of their sires and dams.

(h) in respect of each greyhound entered, save where a greyhound has had less than four public performances, not less than four lines of form which shall include the greyhound's best ever performance, where possible, its best performance over the distance for which he is entered and its two most recent performances. If, however, all four such performances are in respect of trials and the greyhound has raced, at least one line of race form must be given. In the case of a greyhound which has had less than four public performances, all such performances shall be given.

(i) the greyhound's current grade, weight, trap number and, for each listed performance, the grade of the race and the state of the going.

(j) where a greyhound has been placed, its estimated time shall be published and for the purposes of such estimations, the distances shall be estimated as follows:—

.07 sec. - 1 length,
.05 sec. - $\frac{3}{4}$ length,
.03 sec. - $\frac{1}{2}$ length,
.02 sec. - Nk.
.01 sec. - Hd., Sh.

(k) in all races and trials, finishing distances from the winner shall be given for all greyhounds finishing within the relevant qualifying time irrespective of the length of such distances recorded.

(l) in the event of a greyhound being impeded or otherwise interfered with in any performance listed under paragraph (h) of this regulation, an indication to that effect shall appear on the race card.

(3) The racing manager shall be responsible for the accuracy of the race card and for the announcement over the public address system before each race of any additional or corrected form, form line or any other correction required.

Classics, Feature Events and Sweepstakes.

20. (1) The Board shall publish prior to the commencement of every racing season a list of the events to be known as classics and feature events and shall decide the dates, venues and manner in which such events shall be run. No race track executive may, without the previous permission of the Board, promote a race or sweepstake of an advertised value of more than €1000 (one thousand euro) to the winner during any period fixed for the running of a classic or feature event.

(2) The Board may prescribe from time to time the prize money to be given for classics. The advertised added money together with the total amount received by way of entry fees shall be distributed in prize money. Provision shall be made for the payment by each greyhound race track executive promoting a classic of a prize (of such amount as may be approved by the Board) to the breeder of the greyhound winning such classic.

(3) The conditions of every classic, feature event and sweepstake and the date of commencement of first round heats thereof shall be so advertised by the race track executive as to allow at least seven clear days between the date of the relevant advertisement and the closing date for receipt of entries. No alteration shall be made in the conditions of any such event after the last advertisement, except where special permission has been obtained from the Board. The conditions of each such event shall in all respects comply with the rules of the grading system as approved by the Board from time to time.

(4) Where a greyhound wins or is placed in an eliminating heat of a classic, feature event or sweepstake but is suspended or disqualified, for any reason pursuant to regulation 18 of these regulations, it shall not be eligible to compete any further in that event. In all such circumstances, and pursuant to regulation 18 of these regulations, the order of finish as determined by the judge, having cognisance for the revised order of finish, shall be announced and shall indicate the order of finish for greyhounds to compete further in the event subject to compliance with the seeding regulations. A greyhound shall not be entitled to prizemoney in these circumstances. In classics, feature events or sweepstakes where the number of points earned by each greyhound determines the greyhounds to go forward to the next round and a greyhound qualified to go forward is suspended or disqualified, for any reason pursuant to regulation 18 of these regulations, it shall not be eligible to compete any further in that event. In all such circumstances, and pursuant to regulation 18 of these regulations, the order of finish as determined by the judge, having cognisance for the

revised order of finish, shall be announced and shall indicate the order of finish for greyhounds to compete further in the event subject to compliance with the seeding regulations. A greyhound shall not be entitled to prizemoney in these circumstances.

(5) A race track executive shall not promote a nominator event save with the permission of the Board and any such events shall be run in such manner as may be approved by the Board.

Track records.

21. (1) A track record at a particular track by any greyhound for any approved distance shall mean the fastest time taken by any greyhound to cover such distance at that track provided:—

(a) that the race in which the record is created or equalled has been timed by an electric timing apparatus or by such other timing apparatus as may be approved by the Board,

(b) that in the case of a flat race at least four greyhounds have competed or that in the case of a hurdle race at least three greyhounds have competed,

(c) that the creation or equalling of the record is duly notified to the Regulation Department of the Board in the manner prescribed in paragraph (2) of this regulation, and

(d) that the relevant record is duly ratified by the Regulation Department of the Board.

(2) A declaration made by a timekeeper that a track record has been created or equalled shall be made in writing and shall be authenticated by the control steward and at least two other stewards of the meeting by their signatures thereto. Unless otherwise determined by resolution of the Board, the authenticated declaration shall then be forwarded together with the greyhound's identity card to the Regulation Department of the Board.

(3) Track records standing at the date of the coming into operation of these regulations shall be recognised as the existing records for the purposes of this Article.

(4) The required entry on a greyhound's identity card or electronic form line of any record by such greyhound shall be made only by the Regulation Department of the Board.

(5) Actual times recorded shall be the times recognised by the Regulation Department of the Board for record purposes.

(6) In the event a new track surface is installed at any track licensed by the Board, irrespective of the time recorded in the interim period, a period of six months from when racing commences on the new track

shall elapse before any new track record can be created or notified to the Regulation Department of the Board for ratification.

Appointment of officials.

22. (1) Subject to the provisions of these regulations, the following officials shall be appointed for every race track, to carry out the specified functions detailed in these regulations, viz. racing manager, judge, timekeeper, control steward, handicapper and haredriver by way of permit issued by the Regulation Department of the Board.

(2) The race track executive shall immediately notify the Board in writing of any changes in the said appointments at a track.

(3) It shall not be lawful for any person to carry out any of the functions, hereinafter referred to as specified functions, those of racing manager, judge, control steward, timekeeper or hare-driver, on race tracks save under and in accordance with a permit granted by the Board at its discretion.

(4) A person who proposes to perform any of the functions specified in regulations 23, 24, 25 or 26 of these regulations and who is not disqualified from doing so under paragraph (5) of this regulation may make an application to the Regulation Department of the Board for the grant or the renewal (as the case may be) of a permit and the application shall be made in such form or manner, and accompanied by such information and/or supporting documentation, as the Regulation Department of the Board may direct and shall be accompanied by any appropriate fee as determined by the Board. In the event of an application for the grant or renewal of a permit being refused, the Board shall refund the fee paid on foot of such application.

(5) A person shall be disqualified from any specified functions detailed in these regulations, if he/she has been convicted of a criminal offence in a court of law, an offence under the Act or if an exclusion order made under the Act applied or applies to him, if he has committed a breach which, in the reasonable opinion of the Board, constitutes a significant breach of the Racing code or regulations made pursuant to the Act or its subsequent amendments, or if he has committed an offence which, in the reasonable opinion of the Board, constitutes a significant offence under the Welfare of Greyhounds Act 2011, or its subsequent amendments, or the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 or its subsequent amendments.

(6) Conditions attaching to permits:

(a) It shall be a condition of any permit granted under these regulations that the holder of such permit shall not have any beneficial interest in the ownership of any greyhound raced on any race track.

(b) It shall be a condition of any permit granted under these regulations that the holder of such permit shall not engage in any betting on greyhound races at meetings held under these regulations at any race track.

(c) It shall be a condition of any permit granted under these regulations that the holder of such permit shall not have any beneficial interest in bookmaking on at any race track.

(d) Without prejudice to the conditions prescribed in the foregoing paragraphs of this regulation, the Regulation Department of the Board may, at any stage under these regulations, attach such other conditions as it thinks fit to the permit.

(7) Grant of permits:

(a) The Regulation Department of the Board may grant or refuse to grant an application for a permit or for the renewal of a permit under these regulations.

(b) The Regulation Department of the Board may at any time suspend for such time as it thinks fit or revoke any permit granted under these regulations.

(c) A permit granted by the Regulation Department of the Board under these regulations shall not be transferable to any other person and shall be valid until 31st December next following the date of issue unless previously suspended or revoked.

(8). The holder of a permit granted under these regulations shall keep and have in their possession such permit when performing any specified functions at a race track and shall produce such permit for inspection at all reasonable times on the demand of an authorised officer of the Board (subject to production by such officer if so required of evidence of their appointment).

(9) Revocation and surrender of permit:

(a) Where a person who is the holder of a permit granted under these regulations ceases to be a person performing any specified functions at a greyhound race track such permit shall be deemed, by virtue of this regulation, to have been revoked upon such cesser and shall be surrendered to the Regulation Department of the Board.

(b) Where a person who is the holder of a permit granted under these regulations has been convicted of a criminal offence in a court of law, an offence under the Act, or if an exclusion order made under the Act applied or applies to him/her, if he has committed a breach which, in the reasonable opinion of the Board, constitutes a significant breach of the Racing code or regulations made pursuant to the Act or its subsequent amendments, or if he/she has committed an offence which, in the

reasonable opinion of the Board, constitutes a significant offence under the Welfare of Greyhounds Act 2011, or its subsequent amendments, or the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013, or its subsequent amendments, their permit shall thereupon be deemed to have been revoked.

(c) Any complaint or objection against an official shall be made in accordance with regulation 30(6) of these regulations.

(10) The holder of or applicant for a permit under this regulation shall comply in all respects with the racing regulations for the time being in force and satisfy the Board that they are:

- (a) not a person who has committed a breach which, in the reasonable opinion of the Board, constitutes a significant breach of the Racing code or regulations made pursuant to the Act, or its subsequent amendments.
- (b) not a person who has an unpaid fine(s) issued by the Control Committee or the Appeal Committee.
- (c) not a person who has unpaid fixed payment(s) issued by the Board pursuant to Section 27 of the Welfare of Greyhounds Act, 2011 or its subsequent amendments.
- (d) not a person who has an unpaid fine(s) issued by the Greyhound Board of Great Britain or the Club.
- (e) not a person who has committed an offence which, in the reasonable opinion of the Board, constitutes a significant offence pursuant to the Welfare of Greyhounds Act 2011 or its subsequent amendments.
- (f) not a person who has committed an offence which, in the reasonable opinion of the Board, constitutes a significant offence pursuant to the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013, or its subsequent amendments.

(11) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (10) hereof, a decision to refuse to grant or renew, or to revoke a permit may be made at any time at the discretion of the Board in circumstances where the Board deems such refusal or revocation necessary to protect the integrity of the greyhound industry. Any such decision to refuse to grant or renew or revoke a permit may be appealed by the applicant pursuant to the provisions of Section 51 of the Principal Act (as amended).

Duties of Racing Manager.

23. (1) The racing manager shall only accept entries for racing from registered owners or trainers and such entries shall be compiled in a manner for racing that is compliant with the published Board grading system.

(2) The racing manager shall physically inspect the racing surface and equipment prior to racing/trials.

(3) The racing manager shall ensure that all authorised officials reporting to him/her are in place before the off of the first race at such times that may be specified in these regulations. The racing manager shall confirm the attendance of attending stewards, racing officials that report to him in addition to the attendance of the authorised veterinary practitioner where applicable to the control steward prior to racing and trials.

(4) The racing manager shall supervise the judge, time keeper, kennel attendant, hare driver and parade officials prior to and during racing/trials. The racing manager shall ensure that racing does not proceed in the absence of the authorised veterinary practitioner.

(5) The racing manager shall inform the control steward of any confirmed non-runners prior to weigh in. The racing manager, when informed on the ineligibility of any greyhound by the control steward, shall immediately inform the relevant owner/trainer of this greyhound.

(6) The racing manager shall ensure that all declared runners are publicly displayed on an appropriate runner's board and that this information is communicated to the Tote.

(7) The racing manager shall complete the appropriate information is recorded on all greyhounds' identity cards and on electronic format where specified by the Board.

(8) The racing manager shall ensure the race card is accurate, and that any additional line(s) of form are announced. The racing manager shall have full responsibility in this regard.

(9) The racing manager shall ensure that all trap draws and seeding provisions, and reserve placement are compliant with Board procedures.

(10) Unless determined by resolution of the Board, the racing manager shall not permit any greyhound to complete a race or trial without its identity card being made available at weigh in.

(11) Unless otherwise directed, the racing manager shall ensure that all race cards are compiled and made available to the public at least 48 hours prior to racing.

(12) The racing manager shall ensure that racing information and ancillary data are electronically recorded in a manner determined by resolution of the Board in a timely manner on the night of racing.

(13) The racing manager shall ensure that all trial results and ancillary data are electronically recorded and approved where applicable in a timely manner, but in any event not later than 24 hours after the trial.

(14) The racing manager shall inform the control steward of any event of concern related to racing or trialing activity without delay.

(15) The racing manager shall ensure that all Stewards Inquiries and their outcomes are announced.

(16) The racing manager shall ensure that the weigh-in room, kennel area, and kennels are vacated after racing/trials and that the premises are securely locked thereafter. The racing manager shall ensure that all kennels and other appropriate areas are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before the next race meeting/trial session.

(17) Unless otherwise determined by resolution of the Board, the racing manager shall ensure that all identity cards are kept secure and away from unauthorised person's access. He/she shall also maintain an accurate record of all identity cards entering and exiting the track.

(18) The racing manager shall have in their possession, for the information of the stewards of the meeting, a list of warned-off persons and shall not allow any greyhound owned by such persons to start for a race or trial. He/she shall also have in his/her possession a list of disqualified greyhounds and shall not allow any such greyhound to start for a race or trial.

(19) The racing manager (or in his/her unavoidable absence an official holding a permit from the Board) shall be present at all trials at the race track at which he officiates. Where a racing manager is unable to be present, the Regulation Department of the Board shall be notified of the name of the official who deputised for him.

(20) (i) The racing manager shall not accept for entry for any race any greyhound which is the registered property of a director or steward of the track at which he officiates.

(ii) The racing manager and control steward shall ensure that all greyhounds are weighed and placed in racing kennels at least half an hour before the start of the first race and the control steward shall ensure that no owner, trainer or kennelhand subsequently handles any greyhound without his/her permission.

(21) The racing manager shall not permit any greyhound to compete in a race or trial unless such greyhound's identity card is produced to

him/her at the time of weigh-in except as otherwise approved by the Board.

(22) (1) The racing manager shall ensure:—

(a) in the case of a raced greyhound, that all its trials and races (including trials held for the purposes of sale) are duly recorded on the relevant identity card and in electronic format as determined by the Board, with ancillary information where required, except as otherwise approved by the Board.

(b) in the case of an unraced greyhound that all trials run by such greyhound at each race track are entered in its identity card and in electronic format as determined by the Board, with ancillary information where required, except as otherwise approved by the Board.

(c) unless otherwise determined by resolution of the Board, the racing manager shall verify the correctness of every new entry in an identity card by appending their signature and ensure all electronic data entries relating to a greyhound's performance at a race track are completed.

(23) On completion of weigh-in, the racing manager shall ensure that the numbers of the declared runners are publicly displayed on a runner's board of an approved type except as otherwise approved by the Board.

(24) It shall be the duty of the racing manager to ensure that the racing circuit and equipment is maintained in a safe and appropriate manner as approved by the Board. The racing manager will consult with the control steward on the requirement to carry out any remedial improvements to the race track surface or track equipment.

(25) The racing manager shall not approve the alteration to any race track layout or related racing infrastructure systems save with the permission of the Board.

Judge.

24. (1) (a) The judge shall ensure he/she is present at their work station at least 15 minutes before the off of the first trial/race and he/she will occupy the judge's box for the duration of the race/trial meeting unless otherwise directed to do so by the racing manager who must first seek the consent of the control steward. Unless the stewards of the meeting decide otherwise, the judge shall indicate to them the order of finish. The numbers of at least the first three greyhounds in the order of finish shall be publicly shown and publicly announced. The winning time and the distances between the competing greyhounds shall also be publicly announced.

(b) The judge shall at the conclusion of each meeting furnish a signed report of the result of each race to the racing manager.

(2) The winning greyhound shall be the greyhound whose nose in the judge's opinion first reached the winning line, provided that such greyhound has duly completed the course.

(3) The result of a race shall be the order in which the noses of the competing greyhounds reach the winning line as decided by the judge following any necessary consultation with the stewards of the meeting.

(4) The judge may call for a photo-finish at any time. When a photo-finish has been called for, a digital/video picture of the photo-finish shall be displayed at suitable points in the precincts of the race track accessible to all patrons.

(5) If the judge does not call for a photo-finish, no photo-finish shall be made unless instructed by a decision of the stewards of the meeting.

(6) If the judge calls for a photo-finish and, for any reason, a photo-finish print cannot be obtained or is indecipherable, the result of the race shall be decided by the judge and his/her decision shall be final and the following announcement shall be made over the loudspeakers:—

"For technical reasons, the result cannot be ascertained by photo-finish print. The judge's decision is

(7) The judge's decision in relation to the result of a race shall be final.

(8) The judge shall ensure that all operating equipment, including photo finish beams used to judge a greyhound's finishing order, is fully operational in advance of the first race/trial.

(9) The judge shall immediately report any malfunction in operating equipment to the stewards of the meeting in advance of any race or trial taking place.

(10) The judge shall not, under any circumstances communicate, by any means, the order of finish and relevant distances to any other person(s) other than the stewards of the meeting.

(11) The judge shall take his/her instruction from and be responsible to the racing manager and no other person, other than the stewards of the meeting, shall have any contact with him/her during the duration of the race meeting or trial session.

Haredriver and Timekeeper.

25 (1) The haredriver shall take his/her instruction from and be responsible to the racing manager and no other person, other than the stewards of the meeting, shall have any contact with him while he/she is on duty. He/she shall not leave his/her work station during the meeting unless directed to do so by the racing manager who must first seek the consent of the control steward.

(2) The hare driver shall ensure that he/she is present before racing and that all necessary system checks on the hare drive apparatus are carried out to the satisfaction of the racing manager.

(3) The hare driver shall immediately report any malfunction in the above-mentioned equipment to the stewards of the meeting in advance of any race or trial taking place.

(4) The hare driver shall ensure that the lure is kept, at all times, an appropriate distance in front of the leading greyhound. In this respect the hare driver will always drive the hare for the leading greyhound in the race/trial irrespective of any occurrences behind the leading greyhound.

(5) The hare driver shall maintain the lure in motion, in an appropriate manner, for the duration of the race unless he/she deems it in the best interests of the safety and welfare of the greyhounds to stop the lure. The hare driver shall have sole discretion in this regard.

(7) The time keeper shall be fully responsible and accountable for recording the time for each race/trial.

(8) On all occasions, the time keeper shall use a stopwatch, provided by the racing manager, in addition to ray timing apparatus.

(9) The time keeper shall immediately inform the stewards of the meeting when a track record (subject to ratification) has been created or equalled.

(10) The timekeeper shall take his/her instruction from and be responsible to the racing manager and no other person, other than the stewards of the meeting, shall have any contact with him/her during the duration of the meeting or trial session.

The duties and powers of a Control Steward.

26. (1) The control steward shall attend the stadium at least one hour in advance of weigh in for racing and at least 30 minutes in advance of a trial session.

(2) The control steward shall inspect the racing circuit in advance of weigh in. Particular attention shall be given to the racing surface, starting traps and track lighting.

(3) The control steward shall inspect all kennels and ensure every kennel is securely locked in advance of weigh in.

(4) The control steward shall determine the eligibility of all greyhounds listed for racing in advance of weigh in. The control steward on discovery of any greyhound ineligible to race shall inform the stewards of the meeting of such ineligibility.

(5) The control steward shall ensure that all trap draws, seeding provisions, and reserve placement are compliant with Board procedures.

(6) The control steward shall ensure that only authorised persons enter the weigh room and kennels.

(7) The control steward shall ensure that there are at least three stewards attending every race meeting and that a suitably qualified veterinary trained person attends racing.

(8) The control steward shall ensure that only one attending/authorised person per greyhound will be permitted to enter the weigh room and kennels. Permission for a second person to attend to a greyhound shall only be granted by the control steward.

(9) When race/trial weigh in commences, the control steward shall ensure that every greyhound is correctly identified by means of a check on both ear tattoos /markings/microchip scan.

(10) The control steward shall determine the identity of every person presenting a greyhound for racing or trials and will ensure attending persons are authorised to do so. Greyhounds presented by unauthorised persons shall not be permitted to race, save in circumstances authorised by the stewards of the meeting.

(11) The control steward shall ensure at all times that all greyhounds are correctly weighed, without covers, and that only greyhounds that comply with weight variation regulations are permitted to race.

(12) The control steward shall ensure that after a greyhound is weighed for racing it is immediately kennelled.

(13) The control steward shall ensure that only a lead, rug, kennel cover, racing sheet and authorised muzzle(s) are permitted into the kennel area with any greyhound. Water (with or without hydration fluids) may additionally be permitted. These shall be made available for inspection by the owner/trainer when the greyhound is weighed in. Bags containing any other materials are not permitted into the kennel area.

(14) The control steward shall ensure that all weight variations for declared runners are given to the relevant officials for announcement over the public address system on completion of weigh in and prior to the first race.

(15) The control steward shall ensure that all greyhounds are kennelled for a period of at least thirty minutes before the first race.

(16) The control steward shall ensure that unauthorised access to greyhounds is not permitted while greyhounds are kennelled.

(17) The control steward shall ensure that race off times are kept punctual and to time.

(18) The control steward shall re-identify greyhounds when removed from the kennels, prior to racing, by means of reading both ear tattoos/microchip scan. The racing manager shall ensure a clean coloured, numbered sheet, as approved by the Board, is worn by every greyhound competing in a race or trial. The colours of the numbered sheets shall be as follows:—

- 1 Red
- 2 Blue
- 3 White
- 4 Black
- 5 Orange
- 6 White & Black Stripes

(19) The control steward shall ensure, in all cases, that greyhounds wear an approved muzzle and racing sheet for all races and trials. Kennel/box type muzzles are not permitted for races/trials under any circumstances. Bandages where necessary shall only be applied under the supervision of the control steward and shall not be applied above the hock joint under any circumstances. The application of all bandages are subject to the strict consent of the attending control steward who may at his/her discretion consult with the attending authorised veterinary practitioner.

(20) The control steward shall ensure that all greyhounds are loaded with an appropriate racing sheet and racing muzzle and that all other covers and collars are removed prior to loading. In all cases, greyhounds are loaded head-first from behind traps in the correct order and in the correct compartment without undue delay. If the control steward deems there is undue delay on the part of an owner/trainer in loading a greyhound into traps, he may caution such an owner on his/her conduct or may immediately withdraw the greyhound from the race/trial.

(21) The control steward shall supervise all other racing officials and stewards in the course their duties and report any observed non compliances to the Regulation Department of the Board.

(22) The control steward shall ensure that all aspects of racing and trials (including the taking of samples where appropriate) are carried out in compliance with these and all other applicable regulations and directions of the Board.

(23) Unless otherwise determined by resolution of the Board, the control steward shall ensure that all details are correctly recorded in identity cards by the appropriate officials and that all electronic data from competing greyhounds is appropriately inputted.

(24) The control steward will supervise all greyhounds racing at a licensed stadia and the attending persons thereon.

(25) The control steward shall ensure appropriate Stewards Inquiries are conducted and on all occasions recorded on Track Stewards Inquiry Forms. Identity cards for greyhounds shall, unless otherwise determined by resolution of the Board, be impounded by the control steward where appropriate and following a Stewards Inquiry.

(26) The control steward, in consultation with the racing manager, shall decide on going allowances applicable for any race/trial meeting.

(27) The control steward shall send a Report of Racing/Trials with associated Track Stewards Inquiry Forms, to the Regulation Department of the Board directly after every race meeting.

(28) The control steward shall have full control and direction of how greyhounds are arranged for trials and in what order these trials are conducted.

(29) The control steward, through consultation with other stewards, shall ensure that all greyhounds are placed in starting traps in the correct manner and compartment. Where it is observed that a greyhound(s) trial from traps other than those assigned to them by the control steward, the trial will be made null and void and, unless otherwise determined by resolution of the Board, this shall be recorded on the identity card.

(30) The control steward shall carry out a random check on the identification of greyhounds during trial sessions.

(31) The control steward shall ensure that all clearance and satisfaction trials are carried out according to these regulations and will in consultation with the racing manager declare greyhounds to be cleared/withheld from racing.

Powers of Stipendiary Stewards.

27. (1) A stipendiary steward may supervise greyhound racing, trials and sales and may investigate any occurrence brought to their notice in

relation to any matter connected with the racing. He/she shall have free access to all parts of the track and to all records relating to the running or sale of greyhounds.

(2) A stipendiary steward shall in particular, have full authority to require that each and every duty as set out in regulations 23, 24, 25 and 26 of these regulations and assigned by permit under regulation 22 of these regulations be conducted in accordance with these regulations.

(3) A stipendiary steward present at any meeting at a greyhound race track may (subject to the production by him/her if so required of evidence of his/her appointment) call for or initiate an investigation of any occurrence observed by him/her or brought to their notice in relation to any race at the meeting, or the performance (including behaviour) of any greyhound at the meeting.

(4) For the purpose of an investigation under this regulation a stipendiary steward may:—

(a) require any person to give to him/her any information which he/she may reasonably consider necessary, and

(b) give such directions and require such facilities as he/she may reasonably consider necessary (including directions and facilities as to the examination and testing of greyhounds and the detention under specified control for any purpose of greyhounds or of documents relating thereto).

Stewards of the meeting.

28. (1) There shall be at least three acting stewards for every race meeting, who shall be present from the start of kennelling until after the last race. There shall be at least two stewards present at every trial session. There shall also be a paddock attendant or attendants who shall supervise the racing kennels and paddock from the start of kennelling until after the last race.

(2) The names of the stewards of the meeting shall be published in a prominent place on each race and sales meeting programme.

(3) The stewards of the meeting shall supervise all events on a race track in connection with racing and shall maintain the general integrity of racing thereon. Any attending authorised officer may act as steward of the meeting under this regulation.

(4) The stewards of the meeting shall watch every race and trial from start to finish and as far as possible watch every greyhound in each race.

(5) The stewards of the meeting shall note the manner of running and the time recorded by each greyhound in each race as compared with previous performances. If they are not satisfied with the running of any greyhound, for any reason, they shall consult together and if necessary call for the advice of the authorised veterinary practitioner. If the stewards of the meeting think it necessary, in the interest of racing integrity, they are authorised to request any such greyhound to carry out additional trials as specified in regulation 18 of these regulations.

(6) The stewards of a meeting may not consult or decide a matter in the absence of a control steward. In the circumstances where a matter has come under the consideration of the stewards of the meeting, there shall be a public announcement to that effect. The result of such inquiries shall additionally be announced to the public.

(7) The stewards of the meeting shall have full authority to regulate, control, and take cognisance of the conduct of all owners and persons attendant on the greyhounds participating in events at the meeting. In the circumstances of any owner or trainer attending to a greyhound(s) during racing, failing to comply with a lawful instruction of the stewards of the meeting, they shall have full authority, following a Stewards Inquiry into the matter, to withdraw such and all greyhounds under the care of the respective owner or trainer from the meeting.

(8) The stewards of the meeting are fully authorised to exercise the powers pursuant to section 57 of the Act in respect of any person who is intoxicated or aggressive toward any racing official present. The stewards shall notify any person of this regulation in advance of requesting such a person to vacate the stadium.

(9) The stewards of the meeting shall have power to call for proof that a greyhound is neither disqualified in any respect nor the property wholly or in part of a warned-off person and in default of such proof being given to their satisfaction, they may declare a greyhound suspended and in that event, notify the Regulation Department of the Board.

(10) Any application to act as a steward of the meeting shall be forwarded by the race track executive to the Regulation Department of the Board for authorisation in advance of any such person performing these duties.

Stewards Inquiries

29. (1) No person who has interest in or connection with any greyhound which is the subject of any investigation duly initiated under the Act or under these regulations may effect a transfer of ownership of such greyhounds save with the consent of the Regulation Department of the Board.

(2) (a) Arising out of any Stewards Inquiry duly carried out under these regulations, the stewards of the meeting may at their discretion:—

- (i) withdraw or (and) suspend any greyhound,
- (ii) caution any owner, trainer or authorised kennelhand,
- (iii) direct that any greyhound shall run specified trials to the satisfaction of the control steward and racing manager pursuant to Article 18 of these regulations,
- (iv) accept the explanation offered,
- (v) order a sample to be procured from such greyhound,
- (vi) refer the matter to the Regulation Department of the Board for further investigation.

(b) the control steward shall immediately report to the Regulation Department of the Board on any action taken by the stewards of the meeting under paragraph (2)(a) above and a report of such action or of any action taken by the Regulation Department of the Board may be published in such manner as the Board may deem necessary.

(iii) In any Stewards Inquiry, the stewards of the meeting may or may not request representations from an owner or trainer but whether such representations are received by the stewards of the meeting or not, it shall have no bearing on the validity of the decision of stewards of the meeting following their Inquiry

(3) Whenever a greyhound is suspended for fighting, disqualified from racing or directed to run specified trials pursuant to regulation 18, unless otherwise determined by resolution of the Board, its identity card shall be impounded by the control steward and retained securely at the track. The card shall not leave the track in question save an instruction from the Regulation Department of the Board.

Disputes, objections, appeals, etc.

30. (1) Any decision made by the stewards of the meeting pursuant to these regulations may be subject to appeal to the Regulation Committee of the Board.

(2) A notice of appeal pursuant to regulation 30(1) shall be given in writing to the Director of Regulation of the Board within twenty four hours of the decision being made known. A fee of €75 (seventy-five Euros) shall be lodged by the appellant, which will be forfeited if the appeal is found by the Regulation Committee of the Board to be frivolous or without grounds.

(3) A notice of appeal pursuant to regulation 30(1) of these regulations shall clearly set out the grounds and basis for the appeal lodged.

(4) An objection on the ground:—

- (a) that a greyhound which ran was not the greyhound which it was represented to be at the time of entry,
- (b) that a greyhound has run in contravention of the rules of ownership or partnership,
- (c) that a greyhound was not duly registered with the Club.,

shall not be heard unless lodged with the Regulation Department of the Board within two days of the conclusion of the relevant meeting.

(5) Except as provided for in paragraph (3) above, an objection shall be made within twenty-four hours of the relevant race being run, exclusive of Sunday, save in the case of fraud or wilful misstatement, when there shall be no limit to the time for objecting, provided the stewards of the meeting are satisfied that there has been no unnecessary delay on the part of the objector.

(6) Any objection or complaint against an official shall be made in writing to the Director of Regulation and shall be signed by the owner of a greyhound engaged in the race or by its licensed trainer or authorised kennelhand. A deposit of €75 (seventy-five Euros) shall be lodged by the objector, which will be forfeited if the objection is found to be frivolous or without grounds. An objection may also be made by a steward or licensed official of a meeting in their official capacity, in which event no deposit will be required.

(7) Save for an objection made under paragraph 6 of this regulation, every objection brought under these regulations shall be considered by the Regulation Committee or another person(s) nominated by them and an objection shall not be withdrawn without leave of the person(s) hearing the appeal.

(8) If any objection to or appeal in respect of a greyhound which has won, or has been placed in a race, be sustained, the greyhound shall be regarded as having been disqualified and the owner and any other person who has been paid any prize money or stakes or awarded any prize in respect of the running of such greyhound in the race shall refund any money and stakes and return any other prize so received to the race track executive or the donor thereof, as the case may be, who on receipt thereof shall pay or award the same in accordance with the alteration in the result of the race consequent upon such disqualification.

(9) Pending the determination of an objection or completion of an investigation, the prize which the greyhound, the subject of the objection, may have won or may win in the race may be withheld.

Bribes, corrupt practices, bringing the industry into disrepute.

31. The following conduct shall constitute a breach of these regulations:

(a) corruptly giving, offering or promising, directly or indirectly, any bribe, in any form to any person having official duties in relation to a race or a greyhound or to any trainer or authorised kennelhand, or to any person having charge of or access to any greyhound.

(b) the corrupt acceptance or offering to accept by any person having official duties in relation to a race, or being a trainer, authorised kennelhand or other person having charge of or access to any greyhound, of any bribe in any form.

(c) wilfully entering, or causing to be entered, or starting or causing to be started, for any race a greyhound which the person entering, causing to be entered, starting or causing to be started, knows or believes to be disqualified.

(d) being found guilty of, or conspiring with any other person for the commission of, or being an accessory to, any corrupt or fraudulent practice in relation to greyhound racing or betting on greyhound racing in this or any other country.

(e) wilfully making any false statement or declaration in any entry or registration form, or in any document relating to the registration or racing of a greyhound, the traceability of a greyhound, or knowingly signing, or causing to be signed, a false signature, a false update to any such document or traceability database.

(f) marking, altering or in any way interfering with a greyhound's identity card or electronic form line.

(h) the offering of information by any person, being an owner of a greyhound or licensed official or trainer, by advertisement, circular letter or other means concerning their own or other greyhounds in their care in return for monetary consideration, or the conniving by any owner, licensed official or trainer at such practice.

(h) acting in a violent, aggressive or improper manner towards any official, authorised officer, board member or any other member of staff employed at any race track.

(i) in the case of an owner, trainer, authorised kennelhand, approval holder, permit holder or licence holder, being convicted of a criminal offence.

(j) where any person is directly responsible for any action that adversely affects the integrity and/or reputation of the greyhound industry.

Greyhound race track executive.

32. (1) Every race track executive shall ensure that:—

(a) greyhound races at the track are conducted in accordance with these regulations, the Board approved grading system and/or any direction issued by the Control Committee or the Board.

(b) records of an approved type (electronic or otherwise) are kept of all greyhounds given trials at the track, injured at the track and of all greyhounds suspended, reinstated or disqualified under these regulations.

(2) For every accounting year, a race track executive shall keep proper accounts of their income and expenditure classified under convenient heads and such accounts shall be submitted annually for audit to a duly qualified auditor at such time as will enable paragraph (3) of this regulation to be complied with.

(3) A race track executive shall, within six months after the end of each accounting period or such longer time as the Board shall in any particular case allow, send to the Board:—

(a) a copy of the balance sheet for the year with the certificate and report (if any) of the auditor;

(b) a summary, certified by the auditor, of their revenue account for the year showing the income and expenditure for the year classified under convenient heads, and

(c) a copy of any report on their financial position issued by the executive to their shareholders or members.

(4) In this regulation, the expression "accounting year" means period of twelve months ending on the day fixed for the closing of their annual accounts by the executive in relation to which the expression is used.

(5) Such other books, accounts and records as shall be specified by the Board shall be kept by each track executive in such manner as may be approved.

(6) A race track executive shall produce to a duly authorised officer of the Board any book, account or record in their possession or procurement and relating to their track the production of which the officer requests and shall permit such officer to inspect and if he so thinks fit to take extracts from any such book, account or record. For the purposes of this regulation, a race track executive shall permit such authorised officer to enter any premises where such a book, account or record is kept.

(7) Unless otherwise determined by resolution of the Board, each race track executive shall keep a register of the dates of receipt and return of identity cards of greyhounds entered, tried or raced at the track and shall ensure that identity cards are only returned when the full signature of the person collecting the card has been entered on the said register.

(8) Each race track executive shall ensure that the duties assigned by these regulations to licensed officials in their employment are carried out to the satisfaction of the Regulation Department of the Board.

(9) A race track executive shall give to the Board every reasonable facility for the performance of its functions and shall comply with any direction which the Regulation Department of the Board may issue from time to time regarding the establishment, lay-out, construction, maintenance, equipment, use, management or control of race tracks and the conduct generally of greyhound races at such tracks. In particular, a race track executive shall comply with the following provisions:—

(a) they shall permit the members of the Board, its authorised officers, servants, agents and licensees to enter, remain on and leave the race track and every building or enclosures thereon at all reasonable times.

(b) they shall consult with the Board from time to time regarding the accommodation and amenities to be provided on the track.

(c) they shall furnish to the Board particulars including plans and specifications if so required of every work of construction, alteration or improvement which they propose to execute on the track.

Betting disputes.

33. (1) Inquiries or complaints concerning betting transactions with bookmakers shall be referred to the Board's Head of Wagering. Complaints shall be made in writing in the form prescribed by the Board.

(2) Where it is not possible to secure agreement regarding a betting dispute between a bookmaker and patron, the Head of Wagering shall forward particulars of the dispute to the Board who shall determine the resolution to any such dispute in a manner they deem fit.

Betting regulations.

34. (1) Should any greyhound whose number is shown on the public indicator or runners' board be withdrawn by permission of the stewards before the start of a race, all bets on all greyhounds in the event concerned made previous to such withdrawal shall be void, the stake refunded and a new market shall be formed.

(2) Save for as provided in regulation 18 (11) of these regulations the result of a race for betting purposes shall be as defined in regulation 24(3) of these regulations regardless of any subsequent objection or disqualification.

(3) Should a race result in a dead-heat, all bets on greyhounds dead-heating shall be settled on the basis of full odds to half the stake.

(4) Should the judge signal a photo-finish and if for any reason he/she finds that he has to decide a race without the aid of the camera, all bets made on the result of the photo-finish shall be void.

(5) Should the photo-finish result in a dead-heat, all bets made after the photo-finish has been signalled, shall be settled on the basis of full odds to half the stake.

Forfeit List

35. For so long as any owner, trainer, authorised kennelhand, approval holder, permit holder or licence holder is determined to be:

(a) a person who has an unpaid fine(s) issued by the Control Committee or Appeal Committee, or the Club.

(b) a person who has unpaid fixed payment(s) issued by the Board pursuant to Section 27 of the Welfare of Greyhounds Act, 2011 or its subsequent amendments,

(c) a person who has an unpaid fine(s) issued by the Greyhound Board of Great Britain or the Club for a period of more than 12 months, or who has not made substantial progress in the payment of such fines,

(d) a person who is found guilty in a court of law of conduct of a serious nature causing injury or harm to the welfare of a greyhound(s) or found guilty of the possession of unauthorised veterinary medicinal products, or

(e) a person who listed on the default list of the Greyhound Board of Great Britain or international equivalents recognised by the Board.

his/her licence, permit, approval or authorisation shall automatically be suspended and he/she may not operate in any capacity under licence, permit, or authorisation issued by the Board and all greyhounds registered in his/her name shall automatically be suspended from any further racing or trialling.

Data and Miscellaneous provisions.

36. (1) Every entry of a greyhound in a race at a licensed greyhound race track shall be subject to:—

(a) these regulations,

(b) any condition of entry which may be made from time to time by the Board, and

(c) any directions which may be made from time to time by the Board.

(2) For the purposes of enforcement and compliance with these regulations, information provided to the Club as keepers of the Irish Greyhound Stud Book and transferred to the Board in accordance with the provisions of Section 58 of the Act may be maintained and used as evidence by the Board in any matter involving a potential sanction breach of the Racing code and which may subsequently be subject to a racing sanction that may be imposed by the Control Committee under section 46 of the Act and/or the Appeal Committee under section 49 of the Act.

(3) For the purposes of enforcement and compliance with these regulations, CCTV footage may be maintained and used as evidence by the Board in any matter involving a potential sanction breach of the Racing code and which may subsequently be subject to a racing sanction that may be imposed by the Control Committee under section 46 of the Act and/or the Appeal Committee under section 49 of the Act.

Duty of Industry Participants and Status of Regulations

37 (1) It is the duty of all persons engaged in greyhound racing and subject to these regulations, to have express knowledge of these regulations.

(2) Where a registered owner-trained greyhound(s) is eligible to trial or race, and save in circumstances where greyhounds are kennelled for racing at race tracks, it shall be the duty of the registered owner to ensure, at all times, that only persons authorised by the registered owner, have access to greyhounds assigned to that owner, whether at the owner's premises or not, and this shall include all arrangements relating to the owner's greyhound(s) training, feeding, husbandry and transport arrangements.

(3) These regulations constitute racing sanction provisions, a breach of which:

- (i) constitutes a sanction breach of the Racing code within the meaning of section 2 of the Act;
- (ii) may be subject to a racing sanction that may be imposed by the Control Committee and/or the Appeal Committee.

Citation and commencement.

38. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Greyhound Industry (Racing) Regulations, 2023.

(2) These regulations shall come into operation on the XX day of XXXX, 2023.

GIVEN under the Seal of Rásaíocht Con Éireann/Greyhound Racing Ireland, this XX day of XXXX, 2023.

Chairman of the Board.

Chief Executive of the Board, an officer authorised by the Board to authenticate the Seal of the Board.

EXPLANATORY NOTE.

These regulations set out the rules under which greyhound racing will be conducted at tracks licensed by Rásaíocht Con Éireann/Greyhound Racing Ireland and from MXX day of month XX, 2023 all previous regulations made by the Board in that connection being revoked.