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**GREYHOUND TRAINERS' RULES, 1961**

The Executive Committee of the Irish Coursing Club in pursuance of Article 16 of its Constitution hereby makes the following rules as approved by a General Meeting of the Irish Coursing Club.

**1 DEFINITIONS**

In these rules, the following words and expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them, that is to say:-

"The I.C.C." means the Irish Coursing Club;

"Secretary" means the person for the time being Secretary of the Irish Coursing Club.

"Racing Regulations" means Greyhound Race Track (Northern Ireland) Racing Regulations 1962.

"Trainer" means a person holding a licence from the I.C.C. authorising him to train and manage greyhounds for reward.

"race track" means a greyhound race track affiliated to and licensed by the I.C.C. on which greyhound races are held for reward.

"race" means a competition on a greyhound race track affiliated to and licensed by the I.C.C. 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 is awarded to the winning and or placed greyhounds.

"greyhound" includes dog or bitch entered for a race.

"control steward" means a steward appointed by the I.C.C. to fulfil the duties of an authorised officer under I.C.C. Rules, and the duties assign,-3d to him under these regulations.

"Stipendiary steward" means a steward appointed by the I.O.C. to fulfil the duties of an authorised officer.

**2. TRAINING OF GREYHOUNDS.**

It shall not be lawful for any person to train greyhounds for reward save under and in accordance with a licence granted by the Executive Committee at its discretion.

**3. CLASS OF LICENCE.**

There shall be one class of licence which shall entitle the holder to train and manage greyhounds for reward.

**4 APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES.**

A person who proposes to act as a trainer and who is not disqualified from doing so under subparagraph (b) of this Rule shall make application to the Executive Committee to the grant or the renewal (as the case may be of a licence and the application shall be made in such form or manner as the Executive Committee may direct and shall be accompanied by the, appropriate fee as prescribed in

Rule 7 of these Rules. In the event of an application for the grant or renewal of a licence being refused the Executive Committee shall refund the fee paid on foot of such application

B. A person shall be disqualified from acting as a trainer if he is a warned off person.

#### **5 CONDITIONS ATTACHING TO LICENCES.**

A. It shall be a condition of any licence granted under these Rules that the holder of such licence shall comply in all respects with the racing regulations for the time being in force and with the directions of the Executive Committee.

B. It shall be a condition of any licence granted under these Rules that the holder of such licence shall complete and forward to the Secretary of the Irish Coursing Club such records and documents as the Executive Committee, may from time to time, direct.

C. It shall be a condition of any licence granted under these Rules that the kennels of the licensee be kept in a condition deemed satisfactory by the Executive Committee.

D. Without prejudice to the conditions prescribed in the foregoing sub- paragraphs of this rule, the Executive committee may, on the grant or renewal of a licence under these rules, attach such other conditions as it thinks fit to the licence.

#### **6 GRANT OF A LICENCE.**

A. The Executive Committee may grant or refuse to grant an application for a licence or for the renewal of a licence under these rules.

B. The Executive Committee may, at any time, suspend for such time as it thinks fit or revoke any licence granted under these rules.

C. A licence granted by the Executive Committee under these rules 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.

D. Every person holding a licence to carry out the duties of a trainer shall be deemed to have express notice of these rules and of the racing regulations for the time being in force and to have agreed to be bound by them.

#### **7 CHARGES FOR LICENCES.**

The charges payable to the Irish Coursing Club for the grant and renewal of licences shall be €25.

#### **8 PRODUCTION OF LICENCE ON DEMAND.**

The holder of a licence granted under these rules shall produce such licence for inspection at all reasonable times on the demand of a Control Steward or Stipendiary Steward (subject to production by such steward if so required of his appointment).

#### **9 REVOCATION AND SURRENDER OF LICENCE.**

Where a person who is the holder of a licence granted under these rules is convicted of an offence under the Rules of the Irish Coursing Club, his licence may, at the discretion of the Executive Committee be revoked.

#### **10 DUTIES OF TRAINER.**

A. It shall be the duty of a trainer to keep an up to date record of a type approved by the Executive Committee (see Appendix A attached) of all greyhounds which he has on his premises and also records (see appendix A attached) showing the date of arrival of each greyhound at such premises and the date of its departure subsequently. The records shall indicate destination of each greyhound leaving the premises.

B. Copies of such records shall be sent to the Secretary of the Club on the first Friday of each month.

C. The records referred to in sub-article A above shall be available for inspection or the taking of extracts by a Control Steward, a Stipendiary Steward, or by any authorised Officer of the Club, and such Official may, at all reasonable times, inspect greyhounds kennelled at the premises of a trainer.

D. Where it is established that the number of greyhounds actually on the premises does not correspond with the number as shown in the records referred to in sub-paragraph A. above, the matter shall be reported to the Secretary for investigation and the Secretary may direct that the identity cards of specified greyhounds be impounded pending the result of the investigation.

E. Where a greyhound arriving at the premises of a trainer has already been entered for a race, it shall be the duty of the trainer to notify the racing manager at the track or tracks at which such greyhound has been entered that the greyhound has come under his control.

## **11. CONDITION OF KENNELS**

A. The kennels of any person applying for a licence to carry out the duties of a trainer shall be inspected beforehand by a Control Steward or Stipendiary Steward who shall report on the general layout, etc., to the Secretary of the Irish Coursing Club.

B. The kennels of a trainer shall be periodically inspected by a control Steward or Stipendiary Steward who shall make a report to the Secretary of the I.C.C. If the Executive Committee is satisfied that the kennels are not properly kept, they may suspend or revoke the licence of the trainer concerned or take such other disciplinary action as it may deem necessary.

C. Trainers shall ensure that kennels, muzzles, feeding bowls, etc. are kept in a clean and good condition.

D. Where possible, trainers shall ensure that stud dogs or bitches in season are not kennelled in the vicinity of the kennels in which greyhounds entered for races are kept.

Issued on behalf of the Irish Coursing Club by the Secretary, on 21st April, 1986.

## **APPENDIX A.**

### **RECORD OF GREYHOUNDS IN TRAINERS' KENNELS**

1 Each trainer licensed by the Irish Coursing Club will maintain this register to record the arrival, departure and destination of all greyhounds in his kennels.

2 It shall be available for inspection by a Stipendiary or Control Steward or any other authorised Officer of the Club.

3 The return must show all greyhounds which arrived at or departed from the kennels since date of previous return and must indicate destination of each greyhound leaving the premises.

4 Where there has been no changes since rendering the last return, the name of the greyhound must be entered but the words "no change" will be written opposite its name.

5 This return must be maintained in duplicate. One copy must reach the Irish Coursing Club office on the Monday following the First Friday of each month.

6 A trainer shall, on the appropriate form and his record, declare who the registered owner of the greyhound is, on whose behalf he is training same and who is paying for the training.