

IRISH COURSING CLUB

(Part 1)

As revised and approved by the Club at a General Meeting of the Club and approved by Bord na gCon in accordance with the Greyhound Industry Act, 1958 in August, 1988, And including amendments passed in 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2017.

IRISH COURSING CLUB RULES

DEFINITIONS:

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

- "THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE" is the Committee for the time being of the Irish Coursing Club appointed to administer the business and affairs of the Irish Coursing Club.
- "THE ACT" means the Greyhound Industry Act 1958 (No.12 of 1958).
- "THE BOARD" means Bord na gCon established under the Act.
- "THE CLUB" means the Irish Coursing Club. "Club" means an affiliated club which promotes, manages, or holds Coursing Meetings.
- "STEWARD OR STEWARDS" means person or persons appointed by an affiliated club and/or by the Executive Committee to carry out specified duties assigned to them by such club and/or by the Executive Committee and any steward or stewards who may be appointed by the Executive Committee as Control or Stipendiary Stewards to act at any Meeting held under these Rules.
- "NS" means nominates and refers to entries in permanent nominator events sanctioned by the Irish Coursing Club, in which a nominator may enter and run in his own name, with the permission of the registered owner, a greyhound not the registered property of the nominator.
- "AUTHORISED OFFICER" means a person appointed in writing by the Irish Coursing Club or the Board to be an authorised officer and shall include Control and Stipendiary Stewards.
- "GREYHOUNDS" include dog or bitch.
- "A SUBSCRIBER" means a person who enters and runs a greyhound under these Rules.
- "REGISTERED OWNER" means the person in whose name a greyhound is registered in the Irish Greyhound Stud Book.
- "UNAUTHORISED MEETING" means a Coursing Meeting conducted by a club which is not affiliated to the Irish Coursing Club.
- "UNREGISTERED GREYHOUND" means a greyhound which is not registered in the Irish Greyhound Stud Book.
- "WARNED OFF PERSON" means a person to whom an exclusion order under section 47 of the Act applies.
- "SUSPENSION" means disqualification for a specified period and may be applied to a person, a greyhound, a club or a Rule.
- "INTERPRETATION" means every word importing the singular shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be construed as if it also imported the plural, and every word importing the plural shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be construed as if it also imported the singular.
- "BRED IN IRELAND" means that the puppies are the progeny of a sire and dam registered in the Irish Greyhound Stud Book at the time the mating took place, that the mating and litter are registered in the Irish Stud Book and that the puppies have been whelped in Ireland.

REVISION OF RULES.

- 1.- The Executive Committee have power to revoke, suspend, add to, and amend, any Rules made under article 16 of the Constitution of the Club (as amended), attached to the Schedule to the Act, subject to the like approval of the Club
- 2.- The Executive Committee may vary, repeal, amend, suspend, alter, road to, any of the Rules made hereunder from time to time, subject to the like approval of the Club.
- 3.- The Executive Committee as they see fit, may introduce new fees and alter from time to time the fees set out in these Rules and shall prescribe the manner in which said fees (including altered fees) shall be collected, subject to the like approval of the Club.

PART 1 - AFFILIATIONS:

1.-Coursing Club and Greyhound Race Track Executive:-

- A.- The expression "Coursing Club" and "Greyhound Race Track Executive when used throughout these Rules refer only to a Coursing Club or a Greyhound Race Track Executive in Ireland which is for the time being affiliated to the Irish Coursing Club, except where the context indicates that such expressions are used to refer to clubs or Executive not so affiliated. Affiliation shall be evidenced by a Certificate of Affiliation issued by the Secretary of the Irish Coursing Club and not out of date at the time at which it is relied upon as such evidence.
- B.- The term "Coursing Club" used in these Rules shall unless a contrary intention is expressed include a Committee and Members of a club.
- C.- The words "Greyhound Race Track Executive" where the context allows shall include Shareholders, Directors, Managers, Secretaries and Employees of the Company.

2.-Register of Affiliations.

The Secretary of the Irish Coursing Club shall keep an Annual Register of Affiliations on which shall be entered the name of every affiliated club and greyhound race track executive and the date in each year on which the annual affiliation fee shall have been paid and the amount of such fee.

3.-Payment of Affiliation Fee by Coursing Club.

Every coursing club shall . each year pay to the Irish Coursing Club, an annual affiliation fee in accordance with Appendix A(1). On receipt of the prescribed fee the Secretary of the Irish Coursing Club shall, provided these Rules have been otherwise complied with, enter the name of the club paying the "said" fee in the Register of Affiliations for the appropriate year and issued to the said club a Certificate of Affiliation for the said year.

4.-Payment of Affiliation Fee by Greyhound Race Track Executive (Amended 2017)

- A.-Every Greyhound Race Track Executive shall on or before the last day of February in each year pay to the Irish Coursing Club an annual affiliation fee of the appropriate amount in accordance with Appendix A(2) hereof.
- B.-in the event of a dispute as to the appropriate amount of the affiliation fee under this Rule, the question shall be referred to the Executive Committee for their decision which shall be binding and final.
- C.-On receipt of the appropriate fee, the Secretary of the Irish Coursing Club shall, provided these Rules have been otherwise complied with, enter the name of the Track Executive paying the said fee in the Register of Affiliations for the appropriate year and issue to the said Executive a Certificate of Affiliation for the said year.
- D.- Affiliate and Associate Clubs shall subscribe to insurance policy scheme as negotiated and adopted by the ICC.

5.-Existing Recognised Club or Greyhound Race Track Executive.

Every club and greyhound race track executive which at the time of the coming into operation of these Rules, is duly affiliated to the Irish Coursing Club shall be entitled to be registered on the Register of Affiliations and to obtain a Certificate of Affiliation for the year for which the affiliation fee was paid

6.-Application for Affiliation by New Club or Greyhound Race Track Executive.

Any coursing club or Greyhound Race Track Executive which is not affiliated to the Irish Coursing Club may apply to the Secretary of the Irish Coursing Club for such affiliation. The Secretary of the Irish Coursing Club shall be entitled to obtain from such non affiliated club or Race Track all such particulars as may be required and when such particulars are obtained, shall place the said application before the next meeting of the Executive Committee, which shall decide whether such application should be granted or refused. Every application under this Rule must reach the Secretary of the Irish Coursing Club not less than fourteen days before the meeting of the Executive Committee at which the same is to be considered. The decision of the Executive Committee on such application shall be final and conclusive. If the Executive Committee grant such application, the club or Greyhound Race Track Executive concerned shall be entitled to be registered on the Register of Affiliations and to receive a Certificate of Affiliation, provided that all costs and expenses of making any necessary inspection, have been reimbursed by the applicant.

7.-Restriction of affiliation.

An application by a coursing club under Rule 6 hereof shall not be granted by the Executive Committee if the park on which such coursing club proposes to hold public coursing meetings is situated within a radius of approximately ten miles by road of the park on which an existing affiliated coursing club normally holds public coursing meetings, unless latter club consents to the grant of affiliation.

8.-Limited Companies.

In case any coursing club or Greyhound Race Track Executive applying for affiliation is at the time of the making of such application a limited company, or if any affiliated coursing club or Greyhound Track Executive shall after affiliation be converted into a limited company, a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of such limited company shall be furnished to the Secretary of the Irish Coursing Club together with all such particulars as are usually supplied to the Register of Companies under the Companies Act.