

IRISH COURSING CLUB

(Part 2)

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.

PART 2 - GENERAL

9.-Rules Binding on Clubs and Members.

Any member of a Coursing Club or Greyhound Race Track Executive or Company and every club and Company Executive shall be deemed to have read and shall be bound by these Rules: and any repeal, amendment, suspension, alteration or addition to these Rules as may from time to time be made. Every member, club, person, Executive and Company as aforesaid shall be deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the Irish Coursing Club and to have consented to the publication to the National Coursing Club, the National Greyhound Racing Club, the Turf Club, the Jockey Club, the Board and the Press any matter or decision under these Rules.

10.-Fee For Meetings.

Every coursing club which shall charge the public for admission to any coursing meeting, whether such charge be by way of gate money or by ticket, sold prior to any such meeting, shall pay to the Secretary of the Irish Coursing Club a fee in accordance with Appendix A(3) for each day on which any such meeting is held. Every Greyhound Track Executive which shall hold a Greyhound Race Meeting at which the public shall be charged for admission as above mentioned, shall, for each day on which such Executive shall hold a Greyhound Racing Meeting, pay to the Irish Coursing Club such fee as the Executive Committee may fix from time to time in that connection, and shown in Appendix A(3)

11.-Holding of Coursing Meeting.

A coursing club shall not hold a public coursing meeting except on a date or dates duly allotted by the Irish Coursing Club under Rule 13.

12.-Application for Dates.

Applications for dates to hold a coursing meeting shall be sent to the Secretary of the Irish Coursing Club so as to reach the Secretary on or before the first day of June next, preceding the first date applied for.

13.- Fixture Committee (Amended 2017)

- a. The Executive Committee shall appoint a Fixture Committee to oversee the coursing calendar and deal with any issues relating to the calendar.
- b. Membership of the Fixture Committee shall consist of one representative member from each province as nominated by the Executive Committee. The three Officers of the Club shall be ex officio members.
- c. The Fixture Committee shall hold as many meetings it considers necessary to fulfil its functions.
- d. Decisions of the Fixture Committee are binding and not subject to Executive Committee approval.

14.-List of Officers, etc., of Clubs.

Each coursing club shall, on or before a day fixed at the discretion of the Executive Committee in each year, cause to be delivered to the Secretary of the Irish Coursing Club a list of the names and addresses and occupations of the officers, committee and managers or directors, if any, and shall notify the Secretary of the Irish Coursing Club of any change which may take place in such list in any year, and the reason thereof.

15.-Suspension of Rules.

Every coursing meeting in Ireland shall be conducted in accordance with these Rules. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, the Executive Committee on the application of any club may, prior to the holding of any coursing meeting, make a suspension order suspending the operation of any specified Rule or Rules for the meeting or meetings to which such application relates. No suspension order shall be made by the Executive Committee unless they are of opinion that the conducting of a coursing meeting, already licensed in absolute compliance with all the appropriate Rules, would involve exceptional and substantial difficulty. If the Executive Committee make a suspension order under this Rule and the club promoting the meeting to which such suspension order relates publishes the suspension order in the programme of the meeting, then the said meeting shall be conducted in accordance with the appropriate above-mentioned Rules as modified by such suspension order.

16.-Ineligible Greyhounds.

Any greyhound which has competed at any coursing meeting in Ireland conducted by any person or persons or body other than a coursing club affiliated to the Irish Coursing Club, shall not be eligible to compete at a coursing meeting held under Irish Coursing Club Rules unless, reinstated by the Executive Committee.

17.-Cancellation of Affiliation.

If the Executive Committee shall be of opinion that any Rule has been contravened by reason of the connivance or negligence of the club promoting a meeting, as in Rule 16 above, of any officer or member of the Committee or steward of such club, then such club shall be liable to have its affiliation cancelled forthwith.

18.-Accepting Entry From Persons Other Than Registered Owners.

If any club, knowingly or negligently, accepts an entry for any stake from any person other than the registered owner of a greyhound or his authorised agent, or shall allow a greyhound to compete in the name of any person other than the registered owner at a coursing meeting (save in stakes where nominator entries are permitted), then such club shall be liable to have its affiliation cancelled forthwith.

19.-Impounding of Identity Cards.

The identity card of any greyhound made the subject of an investigation under these Rules may be impounded by a duly authorised officer, pending result of the investigation and payment of the penalty, if any, imposed.

20.-Warned off Persons.

A person to whom an exclusion order made under the Act applies, shall not be permitted by any coursing club to be present at any coursing meeting conducted by such club. If the Executive Committee is of opinion that this Rule has been contravened by reason of the connivance or negligence of the club promoting the said meeting or of any officer, or member of the committee or steward of such club, or that by reason of such connivance or negligence, a warned off (or suspended) person is not immediately upon discovery of his presence at such meeting removed therefrom, then such club shall be liable to have its affiliation cancelled forthwith.

21.-Greyhounds of Warned Off Persons Ineligible.

A greyhound shall not be allowed to compete in any coursing meeting held under these Rules if either at the time of entry or at the time of running, such greyhound is registered in the name of his owner, wholly or partly by, is trained by, or is cared, managed or superintended by any person who is a warned off person. If any greyhound which is ineligible under this rule shall be allowed to compete at any coursing meeting conducted by a coursing club and if the Executive Committee shall be of opinion that this Rule has been contravened by reason of the connivance or negligence of the club conducting such meeting or of any officer, or member of the committee or steward of such club, then such club shall be liable to have its affiliation cancelled forthwith.

22. Vouching for Greyhounds.

Every person present at any coursing meeting who has entered, or owns, or is in charge of any greyhound which shall be present at such meeting for the purpose of competing thereat, may be required by an authorised officiate to sign, in respect of such greyhound a written declaration vouching for the bone fides of such greyhound, and in particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, may be required to sign a declaration as to all or any of the following matters relating to such greyhound namely,-

- A.- That the greyhound is the property of the person in whose name it is entered.
- B.- That the greyhound actually present to compete at the meeting is the same greyhound as the specified greyhound named in the programme of such meeting.
- C.- That the greyhound is one and the same greyhound as the subject of an Identity Card then produced by or to the person making such declaration.
- D.- That the greyhound is of the age stated on the programme.
- E.- That the greyhound is eligible for the event for which it is entered,

If any person duly required under this Rule to make a declaration neglects or refuses to sign such declaration, then the greyhound entered, owned by, or in charge of such person (as the case may be) shall be deemed drawn and all entrance money paid in respect of such greyhound and all prize or stake money, any cup or cups won by such greyhound at such meeting at the time such declaration is demanded, shall be forfeited to the Irish Coursing Club for disposal as the Executive Committee shall think proper. Any person who under this Rule signs a false declaration or neglects or refuses to sign a declaration shall be liable to be warned off or incur such lesser penalty as the Executive Committee decides,

23.-Attendance, etc, at Unauthorised Meetings.

It shall be an offence for any person bound by these "Rules to"-

- A.-Attend an unauthorised coursing meeting in any capacity (except an authorised officer in the course of his duty).
 - B.- To try or course a greyhound at an unauthorised coursing meeting,
 - C.- To enter a greyhound in a trial or course at an unauthorised coursing meeting.
 - D.- To promote or aid or abet in the promotion of an unauthorised coursing meeting.
 - E.- To do anything which would directly or indirectly facilitate the promotion or running of an unauthorised coursing meeting,
- An unauthorised coursing meeting is one where a club which is not affiliated to the Irish Coursing Club acts as if it were so affiliated or where greyhounds are slipped or released behind a lure at such meetings,

24.-Rule 23 Penalty.

An Exclusion Order may be made against any person who offends against Rule 23 or any part thereof.

25-Withdrawal of Non Bona Fides Greyhounds.

Nothing contained in these Rules shall be deemed to derogate in any way from the powers of the stewards to order to be withdrawn or to refuse to allow to run any greyhound which in their opinion is not bona fides of the ownership, age, breeding, or name, given on the card of the meeting,

26.-Non Payment of Affiliation Fees.

If the affiliation subscription of any club or Greyhound Race Track Executive is not paid before the Annual General Meeting, its representative members may not attend that meeting and if the subscription is still unpaid on the 31st day of December following, such club or Greyhound Race Track Executive may thereupon cease to be affiliated and the matter shall be reported to the Executive Committee by the Secretary and on such report the Executive Committee may take such action as it sees fit.

27.-Coursing Club Membership Qualification- (As amended AGM 1992).

Greyhounds shall not be accepted for coursing unless the owner thereof is a duly paid up member of a club and no membership other than that of a local coursing club will be recognised as qualifying a person to course greyhounds. The expression "local coursing club" in this Rule means the coursing club holding public coursing meetings which in relation to the person concerned holds a public coursing meeting at a place nearest to or most convenient to such persons of residence in comparison with the venue of public coursing meetings conducted by other coursing clubs. A coursing club shall not make membership of such club a condition of the acceptance of an entry or entries save and except in stakes confined to members.

28.-Offences And Penalties. (As amended 2001)

- A.-Any coursing club, Greyhound Race Track Executive or Company which contravenes Rule 27 hereof by accepting an entry from a person who is not a duly paid up member of a coursing club, as defined in Rule 27, shall be guilty of an offence and may be liable to have its affiliation cancelled forthwith.
- B.-Any person who is proved to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee to have been guilty of any fraudulent or discreditable conduct in connection with coursing or any matter connected with the breeding, registration or identification of greyhounds or any matter connected with the greyhound industry, or shall be in breach of any of these Rules, may in addition to any pecuniary penalty, to which he may be liable, be warned off and any greyhounds owned by him or under his care, training, management or superintendence, may be disqualified during such subsequent period
- C.-Any person who shall take part in the sale, gift or loan of a registration certificate, a combined identity card and registration certificate, a transfer of ownership certificate or any similar document separately from the transfer of the greyhound therein mentioned, shall be guilty of an offence and liable to be warned off or otherwise subject to disciplinary action by the Executive Committee as provided for in Rule 47 (see also Rule 80)
- D - Any person who shall be found to have contravened or breached any of the provisions of the Artificial Insemination of the Greyhounds Regulations, 2001, shall be liable to such fine or penalty as may be imposed by the Executive Committee by a duly Authorised Sub-Committee of the Executive Committee, and any such fine or penalty shall be recoverable in the same manner as a contractual debt due to the Club, PROVIDED ALWAYS that if the Board shall maintain a prosecution in respect of the same contravention or Breach, the prosecution of the Board shall have precedence over any proceedings under these Rules, and, in the event of a fine being imposed by the Court before which the prosecution is brought, the Club shall not levy an additional fine or monetary penalty hereunder".

