

# **The ICC Coursing Trainers' Regulations 2023 (revised 2025)**

## **1. Definitions**

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

“course” means a competition between two greyhounds or a bye course as part of ICC authorised coursing meeting;

"control steward " means a steward appointed under permit from the ICC to fulfil the duties of an authorised officer under the ICC Rules and the duties assigned to him under these regulations;

“executive committee” means members as appointed at Provincial meetings and serving at the time;

“family members” parent, spouse, partner, children, sibling and guardian;

“greyhound” means a greyhound registered in the Irish Greyhound Stud Book;

“official” means a licenced slipper or judge.

“Regulations” means the ICC Coursing Trainers' Regulations 2023;

“trainer” means a person in control of a greyhound for the purposes of training to compete at coursing events permitted under the authority of the ICC;

“testing official” means an official appointed by the Executive Committee or secretary of the ICC under the authority of Rule 88.

“welfare officer” means an authorised as appointed under the Welfare of Greyhounds Act 2011.

## **2. Training of Greyhounds**

It shall not be lawful for a person to train a greyhound for a coursing event for another person save under and in accordance with a licence granted by the ICC at its discretion.

## **3. Class of Licence**

There shall be only one class of licence: the ICC Trainer's Licence.

## **4. Application for licence**

4-(1) A person who is training a greyhound for another person other than a family member must hold a coursing trainer's licence.

(2) A person who proposes to act as a trainer and who is not disqualified from doing so under sub-paragraph (3) and (4) of this Article shall make application to the ICC for 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 ICC may direct and shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee as prescribed in Article 8 of these Regulations. In the event of an application for the grant or renewal of a licence being refused, the ICC shall refund the fee paid on foot of such application.

(3) A person shall be disqualified from acting as a trainer if an exclusion order is made and approved by the ICC.

(4) A person shall be disqualified from acting as a trainer if the ICC Executive consider that the applicant or the holder of licence is not a fit and proper person to do so.

(5) No Trainer shall be under 18 years of age.

## **5. Conditions attaching to the licence**

- (1) It shall be a condition of any licence granted under these regulations that the holder of such licence shall comply in all respects with the Rules of the ICC for the time being in force and with the directives of the ICC.
- (2) It shall be a condition of any licence granted under these regulations that the holder of such licence shall complete and forward to the ICC such records and documents as the ICC may, from time to time, direct.
- (3) It shall be a condition of any licence granted under these regulations that the kennels of the licensee be kept in a condition deemed satisfactory by the ICC and in-keeping with the standards set out in the Code of Practice as per the Welfare of Greyhounds Act 2011.
- (4) Without prejudice to the conditions prescribed in the foregoing sub-paragraphs of this Article, the ICC may, on the grant or renewal of a licence under these regulations, attach such other conditions as it thinks fit to the licence.
- (5) Licensees are to comply with the Welfare of Greyhounds Act 2011 and the Microchipping of Dogs Regulations 2015 and Rule 88 of the Irish Coursing Club.

## **6. Grant of licences**

- (1) The ICC may grant or refuse to grant an application for a licence or for the renewal of a licence under these regulations.
- (2) The ICC may, at any time, suspend for such time as it thinks fit or revoke any licence granted under these regulations.
- (3) A licence granted by the ICC under these regulations shall not be transferable to any other person and shall be valid until March 1<sup>st</sup> next following the date of issue unless previously suspended or revoked.
- (4) Your kennels may be subject to inspection as part of the application and approval process.

## **7. Exclusions**

No ICC staff member, Control Steward or Official is permitted to hold an ICC Trainers Licence.

## **8. Fees for licence**

An annual licence fee in the sum of €25 will apply.

## **9. Production of licence**

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

## **10. Revocation or surrender of a licence**

Where a person who is the holder of a licence granted under these regulations is convicted of an offence under the Rules of the ICC, his licence may, at the discretion of the ICC, be revoked or suspended.

## **11. Duties of a trainer (revised August 2025)**

**11.A.1** It shall be the duty of a coursing trainer to keep an up-to-date record of a type approved by the ICC of all greyhounds which s/he has on his/her premises and records 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.

**11.A.2** The records referred to in sub-paragraph (1) above shall be available for inspection or the taking of extracts by a Control Steward, Welfare Officer, Stipendiary Steward, or Testing Official and such steward may, at all reasonable times, inspect greyhounds kennelled at the premises of a trainer.

### **11.B – Additional Duties and Offences (Coursing Trainers)**

**11.B.1** Any individual who assumes control of a greyhound classified as a "coursing greyhound" and who is not covered under **Regulation 4.1** shall be required to hold a current and valid **ICC Coursing Trainer's Licence** within the specified period.

**11.B.2** A holder of an **ICC Coursing Trainer's Licence** shall, for the duration of each coursing season, declare their control of a coursing greyhound in accordance with the requirements set out under **Regulation 11.A.1**.

**11.B.3** It shall constitute an offence for any owner to knowingly engage or retain the services of a person to train a coursing greyhound who:

- (a) does not hold a valid **ICC Coursing Trainer's Licence**; or
- (b) holds a valid licence but **fails to record** that the coursing greyhound is under their care and control in accordance with ICC requirements.

**11.B.4** Any person found to be in breach of Regulations **11.B.1, 11.B.2 or 11.B.3** shall be liable to sanction by the Executive Committee of the ICC. Sanctions may include but are not limited to:

- (a) A monetary fine not exceeding **€5,000**;
- (b) **Disqualification** of the greyhound during any stage of an ICC regulated event;
- (c) The imposition of an **ICC Exclusion Order**.

### **12. Condition of kennel**

- (1) The kennels of any person applying for a licence to carry out the duties of a trainer may be inspected beforehand by a Control Steward, Welfare Officer, Stipendiary Steward, or Testing Official who shall report on the general lay-out, etc., to the ICC.
- (2) The kennels of a trainer shall be periodically inspected by a Control Steward, Welfare Officer, Stipendiary Steward or Testing Official, who shall make a report to the ICC. If the ICC is satisfied that the kennels are not properly kept, the ICC may suspend or revoke the licence of the trainer concerned or take such other disciplinary action as it may deem necessary.
- (3) Trainers are obliged to familiarise themselves with the ICC Welfare Code of Practice and the Code of Practice attached to the Welfare of Greyhounds Act 2011.
- (4) Trainers are obliged to familiarise themselves with Rule 88 of the ICC Rules.
- (5) The ICC may issue improvement notices concerning kennel facilities.

### **13. Citation and commencement**

- (1) These regulations, may be cited as the ICC Coursing Trainers' Regulations 2023 (*revised 2025*).
- (2) These regulations will commence on September 25<sup>th</sup> 2023 (*revised August 2025*)