

IRISH COURSING CLUB

NATIONAL MEETING AND IRISH CUP (Part 8)

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, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2021, 2024, 2025.

PART 8
CONDITIONS OF BREEDERS STAKES (Amended 1996)
(Derby and Oaks), Consolation Stakes and Irish Cup

158-Allotment of Trial Stakes.

Trial Stakes (or qualifying stakes) shall be run by coursing clubs selected in accordance with the Rules of the Irish Coursing Club.

159-Conditions of Entry. (Amended 2016)

- A- The Trial Stakes shall be advertised for not less than sixteen greyhounds (puppies), at whatever entry fee and for whatever prize money the Irish Coursing Club may decide upon or permit
- B- The stakes will be open to puppies only. Saplings will not be eligible to compete in trial stakes, and any sapling entered or that runs in a trial stake shall be disqualified, and the entry money and any prize money won by any sapling competing shall be forfeited.
- C- All greyhounds must be microchipped in compliance with the Microchipping of Dogs Regulations 2015.

160-Vouching for Owner.

Where both the owner and puppy are unknown to the committee of a club, the bona fides of the owner and the entry (or puppy) shall be vouched for by a representative member of the Irish Coursing Club, or the hon. secretary of a coursing club of which the applicant for entry is a member.

161-Disputes re Eligibility for Trial Stakes.

Any question or dispute relating to the eligibility of a greyhound to compete in a trial stake shall be referred to the Secretary of the Irish Coursing Club, who in consultation with such persons as he deems necessary, shall decide the matter.

162-Trial Stakes Not Run Out.

- A-All trial stakes shall be run out unless, in the opinion of the Stewards of the meeting, any of the greyhounds remaining in are, through accident, distress, or other legitimate cause, unfit to compete The greyhound which remains in shall be declared the winner.
- B-Should a division be unavoidable or permitted (after the semi-final) one of the dividers must be declared the holder of the nomination or entry by drawing lots or a toss of a coin, or as the Stewards may permit or decide under Rule 124.
- C- The declaration shall be made within seven days after the meeting, and none of the puppies concerned in the division can run in another trial stake until the required declaration is made. If a long division takes place before the semi-finals of the stake are run off, the event shall be considered abandoned.

163 Nomination for Derby and Oaks. (As amended AGM '92, 1996, 2007, 2015, 2017, 2025)

- A- The winner of a trial stake shall have a right of entry to the Breeders Stakes (Derby and Oaks as the case may be).
- B-Should the winner be unable to compete, then a reserve trial stake winner shall claim the entry: a draw for reserve trial stake winners will indicate the order of replacement
- C-Should the full number of trial stakes not be run, and there not be available from the winners in reserve trial stakes sufficient numbers of greyhounds to substitute, the Secretary of the Irish Coursing Club shall call up additional

reserves from a cohort of greyhounds that are runner-ups in trial stakes. Selection will be based on ranking, with the greyhound holding the highest number of runner-up finishes given priority, followed by the next best performers in descending order, by draw if necessary

- D. If any club which runs a trial stake or a 'reserve trial stake,' and names a representative fails to fill the place or fails to declare a candidate, they shall forfeit the entry.
- E. An owner or partnership or syndicate shall not have more than two entries in the Derby or Oaks. You may win an unlimited number of trial stakes. Two greyhounds in the same ownership shall be guarded provided
- i the greyhounds are registered in the same ownership at time of first registration
 - or
 - ii are in that ownership before the commencement of the coursing season
 - or
 - iii are subject to transfer to comply with this rule (provided they satisfy i or ii).
- No transfer of ownership shall be effected once the draw has been made.
- F. The winner of a reserve trial stake for the Derby and Oaks will be eligible to compete in a trial stake.
- G. The winner of a trial stake is not eligible to compete subsequently in a reserve trial stake. The winners of reserve trial stakes', as notified to the Secretary of the Irish Coursing Club will be placed in order for selection by draw.
- H. The conditions for entry into reserve trial stakes are as set out for trial stakes.
- I. Reserve Trial Stake winners listed as reserves for the Derby or Oaks, as well as "best performer" reserves, who did not fill a vacancy, shall be eligible for inclusion in a consolation stake for greyhounds beaten in the first round, provided they have completed a reserve course. All greyhounds beaten in the first round receive preference. In the event of the consolation stakes not being filled from those eliminated from the Derby/Oaks, the remaining places will be allocated to reserves in the Derby/Oaks, selected by means of a new draw. Reserve greyhounds not drawn for the main consolation event shall be listed as reserves in accordance with the outcome of the new reserve draw.
- J. All finals at National Meeting to be run out irrespective of ownership status and Rule 163E applies.

164-Reserves in Trial Stakes. (As amended AGM '92)

Reserves may be permitted under the conditions as set out in Rule 101.

165-Non Runner in Trial Stake-Owner's Responsibility.

- A- The owner or owners of the winner of a trial stake shall give immediate notice to the Secretary of the club which held the event, should death, accident, or any other cause prevent his/theirs puppy from running.
- B-Any person holding a nomination who fails to comply with the conditions as set out, or fails to fill the entry, may be required to give an explanation in writing to the Secretary of the Irish Coursing Club who, if not satisfied, may refer the matter to the Executive Committee, who may impose such penalties as they deem fit.

166-Greyhounds Eligible to Compete.(As amended AGM 1991, 1996 & 2025).

"A-Only puppies registered in the Irish Greyhound Stud Book may compete in the Breeders Stakes (Derby and Oaks) .Puppies registered in a Stud Book which is a member of the International Alliance of Greyhound Registries are required to register in the Irish Greyhound Stud Book if they wish to compete in the Breeders' Stakes,(Derby & Oaks).

167- Trial Stake declared void.

When the number of entries received for a trial stake is less than eight, it may be declared void at the discretion of the Secretary of the Irish Coursing Club.

168-Consolation Stakes for Derby and Oaks.

(As amended AGM 1989, 1992, 1993 and 1996, 2005, 2013, 2025)

A-Stakes known as the Consolation Stakes (T. A. Morris Stakes in the Derby and Kitty Butler Stakes in the Oaks) shall be instituted for not more than 32 dogs and bitches and reserves, selected by means of a draw from those eliminated in the first round of the Derby and Oaks respectively. In the event of the stakes not being filled from those eliminated from the Derby/Oaks, the remaining places will be allocated to reserves in the Derby/Oaks, selected by means of a new draw, provided these reserves have run a reserve course.

B-A greyhound is ineligible for the Consolation Stakes if it has not run in the first round of the Derby and Oaks, or if it has been disqualified or withdrawn through injury or following a no course is withdrawn, or is withdrawn for any other reason. In the case of an undecided course, the greyhound losing the toss may be permitted to run with the permission of the stewards, since the judge considers that it has done sufficient to constitute a course.

C-The draw for the Consolation Stakes shall be made on termination of the first round of each event respectively and greyhounds as selected to compete as per A above, shall be drawn as if the stakes are new ones. The reserves shall be drawn at the same time as the draw for each of the Stakes is made, marked by the letters A.B.C.D. and listed on the programme with the full particulars and code letters and shall be called in that order.

D-The stakes shall be subject to the Rules which apply to the Derby and Oaks.

169-Powers of Executive Committee re Trial Stakes. (As amended 1996)

The Executive Committee shall have full power over all arrangements with regard to the Breeders' Stakes and the National Meeting.

A- They may make any changes that they think proper or necessary in the conditions set out.

B-Debar or prohibit any person from holding a nomination

C-Disqualify any winner of a trial stake from competing in the Breeders' Stakes, if the owner is not considered by them a fit or proper person to hold a nomination.

D-If in their opinion, or that of the Stewards of the meeting, any greyhound entered is not considered bona fides; they may cause it to be withdrawn from the stake in which it is entered to compete, either before or after the draw, or disqualify the greyhound at any stage of the event, or afterwards, as they may decide without giving reasons for their action, except at their own discretion or to the Irish Coursing Club, if called upon to do so at the next meeting of The Club following the National Meeting, and it shall be within the powers of the Executive Committee to decide such matters (without notice to any person or persons interested) at a meeting held by them.

170-Champion Stakes. (As amended 1989, 1992, 1995, 2004, 2007, 2015, 2016, 2021, 2024).

The Champion Stakes is an event for all-aged greyhounds with puppies specifically debarred. The event is open to all-age greyhounds competing in all-age stakes. All-aged stakes confined to greyhounds which have not won more than a certain level

of prize money in any one stake, shall not qualify for points for the Champion Stakes,

1. Points will be awarded on the following basis:-

ENTRIES	WINNERS PRIZEMONEY	WIN	R/UP	BTN SEMI
8	€750-€999	2	0	0
8	≥€1000	2.5	0	0
8	≥€1250	3	0	0
8	≥€1500	3.5	.5	0
8	≥€2000	4	1	0
ENTRIES	WINNERS PRIZEMONEY	WIN	R/UP	BTN SEMI
12-16	€1000 - €1499	4	2	0
12-16	≥€1500	5	2.5	0
12-16	≥€2000	6	3	1
12-16	≥€2500	7	3.5	1.5
12-16	≥€3000	8	4	2
ENTRIES	WINNERS PRIZEMONEY	WIN	R/UP	BTN SEMI
24-32	≥€2000	10	6	3
24-32	≥€3000	11	7	3.5
24-32	≥€4000	12	8	4

2. The closing date for qualifying for points shall be 12 days prior to the first day of the National Meeting.
3. The above is the only factor which will be used in the final selection.
4. For final placings where two greyhounds are on equal points, the prize money won will be taken into the reckoning. If they are still equal, selection will be by the toss of a coin by the Stewards of the Irish Coursing Club The next four greyhounds in order of merit shall be listed as reserves. Reserves to be noted at the time of the draw once confirmed as available. No additional or replacement reserves to be added after the official draw is made.
5. Owners must notify the Secretary, Irish Coursing Club, of their acceptance following notification of selection,
6. Dogs, the property of the same owner will be guarded in the draw. No transfer of ownership shall be effected once the draw has been made.
7. Transfer of competing greyhounds will not be allowed between the date of commencement of selection and the termination of the stake.
8. The entry fee must accompany the acceptance. For fee see Appendix 8(12).
9. Dogs and bitches shall not be guarded.
10. The final must be run out.

171-Withdrawal of Greyhounds. National Meeting and Irish Cup.

Any greyhound not presented to go to slips shall be seen by the stewards of the meeting. If it is known or suspected that a greyhound is not fit to go to slips, the stewards of the meeting shall examine the dog and direct, if so decided, that the greyhound be withdrawn. Where a greyhound cannot be taken to the meeting. the Secretary shall be advised and he may nominate a veterinary officer to inspect the greyhound. All expenses will be borne by the owner. This rule is not in conflict with Rule 122 A(i) and 122A(ii).

172-Programme Arrangements-National Meeting.

The programme of the National Meeting shall be arranged by the Executive Committee and may be submitted to, and discussed by, the Irish Coursing Club, at its annual meeting for alteration, amendment or ratification.

173-Appointment of Judge and Slipper-National Meeting.

The appointment of judge and slipper for the National Meeting shall be made by the Executive Committee.

174-Executive Committee's Decision Final.

The decision of the Executive Committee shall be final in all matters affecting the National Meeting.

175-The Irish Cup. (As amended AGM 1992),

A- The Irish Cup shall be held annually, and shall be for sixty-four all-aged greyhounds, at whatever entry fee and on such conditions as the Irish Coursing Club may at its Annual General Meeting decide.

8-Nominations in the Irish Cup shall be permanent nominations, for which the nominator shall be responsible, unless at least six months notice of surrender of his nomination is given in writing by the nominator to the Secretary of the County Limerick Coursing Club.

C-Nominations that become vacant or lapse may be re-allotted in a manner prescribed by the Executive Committee. .

D- The Irish Cup meeting may include a Purse for greyhounds eliminated in the first round of the event and reserves in the Cup that have not competed in the Cup and have run a course on the first day of the Irish Cup meeting, and a Plate for greyhounds eliminated in the second round of the event as the County Limerick Coursing Club may decide.

E-All entries for the Purse and Plate shall be made on the proper entry form and handed to the Secretary or the official receiving same at the Secretary's Office, not later than fifteen minutes after the last course of the event in which they competed.

F-No nominator or owner shall hold more than one nomination in the Irish Cup.

Qualification for Irish Cup. (Not a Rule) 2017

- It is envisaged that of the 64 entries, 24 places, will be reserved for puppies. Puppies will be selected on a points basis.
- Each greyhound winning a trial stake (including reserve trial stakes) or running in the Derby and Oaks will commence with four points and will be awarded two points for each round won subsequently.
- T.A. Morris and Kitty Butler Stakes, one point per round won will be awarded. No points will be awarded for the first round.
- The following will automatically qualify
- Previous winners of the Irish Cup.
- The Previous year's Irish Cup runner-up.
- Previous winners and runner up of Derby and Oaks.
- The winner of Corn na Feile in the current year.
- Previous winners of the Champion Stakes and Bitch Champion Stakes.
- Where greyhounds have equal points then the selection committee can give preference to greyhounds owned or part owned by a nominator. For this preference to be considered by the Selection Committee the greyhound must

have been owned or part owned by the nominator no later than ten weeks prior to the meeting.

- A nominator who wishes to owner nominate a greyhound who has been selected as a runner by the Selection Committee must have the greyhound in his/her ownership by close of business on the Friday after the National Meeting.
- A number of places in the Irish Cup may be allocated at the discretion of the Selection Committee.
- The final selection of runners, reserves and order of reserves will be at the discretion of the Selection Committee.
- The Selection Committee will consist of two members of the Co. Limerick Coursing Club and two members of the Executive Committee. In the event of a dispute regarding selection then full and final decision as determined by Secretary of ICC is binding.