

IRISH COURSING CLUB

General & Appendices (Part 9)

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, 2014, 2022, 2024.

PART 9 GENERAL

176-Fees, Fines and Penalties.

The fees, fines and penalties as set out in Appendix A and Appendix B, shall be deemed to be part of the Rules and shall be paid forthwith or within such time as the Executive Committee may direct.

The fees, fines and penalties as set out in Appendix A and Appendix B shall increase or decrease annually by the amount by which the 'All Items Consumer Price Index' as calculated and published by the Central Statistics Office from December to December in each year shall increase or decrease, unless the Executive Committee shall decide that this should not occur in any particular year

177- A Summary of Directives, instructions and Guidance notes issued by the Executive Committee of the Irish Coursing Club to Club Secretaries, Control Stewards, Judges and Slippers through the Secretary of the Irish Coursing Club.

The Executive Committee may from time to time issue directives which have the same weight as Rules made by the Club and are binding.

178-Winding up of the Club.

If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Club there remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, no part of such property shall be given to or distributed amongst its members but shall be given to Bord na gCon or on the direction of Bord na gCon, in writing, shall be given to a body of persons within the meaning of the Income Tax Acts, nominated by Bord na gCon, objects of which or each of which are similar to the objects of this Club and the constitution or other governing rules of which or each of which contains or contain provisions prohibiting the distribution of any part of its income or property amongst its members, or shall be given to a body of persons (within the meaning of the Income Tax Acts) or Trust established for charitable purposes only.

- A- The Club may be wound up at any time at a General Meeting of members of which two thirds of such members are in accord. Written notice of any proposal to wind up the Club shall be delivered to the Secretary who shall forthwith notify members of such proposal.
- B-A General Meeting of members of the Club shall be held at a date not later than two calendar months from the date notice of the proposed winding up is received by the Secretary.
- C-In the event of a winding up of the Club, the assets of the Club after discharging its liabilities shall be transferred to some other Club or organisation, having objects similar to the objects of the Club.
- D-In the event of the winding up of the Club, the records of the Club shall be distributed by decision of the Executive Committee.

APPENDIX A (As amended A.G.M. 1993 1994 1997 & 1998)

- 1 Payment of affiliation fee by coursing clubs
 - a. Park Clubs €65
 - b. Open clubs €65
 - c. Associate Clubs €6.
- 2. Payment of affiliation fee by Greyhound Race Track Executives.
 - Tracks situated in Dublin, Belfast, Cork or limerick €65.
 - Tracks situated in any other part of Ireland €38.
- 3. Fee for Meetings-

Coursing Meetings €1.27 per day.

Race Meetings-

Tracks situated in Dublin, Belfast, Cork or Limerick €2.54.

Tracks situated in any other part of Ireland 95c

4. A-Deposit for appeal, Rule 49- €127.

B-Deposit by person lodging an objection -Rule 126A -€127.

C-Fee when making complaint -Rule 46 -€127.

5. Application to inspect new coursing parks €8. Rule 85C.

6. A-Deductions from entry fees for stakes at a Park Meeting 63c Rule 87.

B-Deductions from entry fee for stakes at an Open Meeting €1.27 Rule 87

7. Fine under Rule 90 B not to exceed €63

8. Penalty under Rule 107A for taking dog to slips without proper collar €127.

9. Penalty if both dogs are absent Rule 107C. Each owner €6

10. Fine for infringement of Rule 108C by going forward on wrong side after putting greyhounds in slips €63

11. Fine where a greyhound competes within 12 days of a meeting from which he was absent €127.

APPENDIX B – Registration Fees (Effective on 1st December 2023.)

Fees payable on submission of forms or by arrangement with Secretary.

1. STUD

Registering greyhounds at stud:

12 months – Jan 1 st to Dec 31 st	€73.00	£65.00
15 months – Oct 1 st to Dec 31 st	€76.00	£68.00
6 months – Jul 1 st to Dec 31 st	€35.00	£32.00
1 service in any year	€23.00	£21.00
Fertility rate of stud dogs	€10.00	£9.00

2. MATINGS

Registering Matings:

Within 14 days of mating	€35.00	£31.00
After 14 days but within 30 days	€50.00	£45.00
After 30 days but within 50 days	€85.00	£75.00
After 50 days but within 180 days	€180.00	£160.00
Issue of mating certs before dog is registered for stud duties (per month)	€9.00	£8.00

TITLE: BREEDING NOTIFICATION

Within 14 days from date of mating	€0	£0
After 14 days but not later than 50 days	€36	£32
*After 50 days	€155	£140

* See Rule 77 (J).

3. LITTERS

Registering a Litter:

Within 14 days of whelping	€16.00	£14.00
After 14 days but within 30 days	€36.00	£32.00
After 30 days but within 50 days	€72.00	£65.00
After 50 days	€155.00	£140.00
After 12 months if accepted by Executive Committee and debarred from puppy events	Fine fixed by the Executive Committee	
Registering breeder other than owner (in addition to fee) Leasing Fee	€21.00	£19.00
Notification of Purchase of unnamed greyhound	€5	£4

Microchipping Fees:

Issue of Certificate of Registration/Names form (on receipt of MicroChipping Registration Application Form) Fee per pup (up to 6 months)	€20.00	£18.00
Issue of Certificate of Registration/Names form (on receipt of MicroChipping Registration Application Form) Fee per pup (over to 6 months)	€30.00	£28.00

4. NAMINGS

Registering Name of a greyhound:

Change of owner at Naming stage and issue of certificate of Micro-chip/Registration will incur additional fee of €4 to the below fees

Within 9 months	€16.00	£14.00
10 months to 12 months	€21.00.....	£19.00
13 months to 15 months	€24.00.....	£22.00
16 months to 18 months	€29.00.....	£26.00
19 months to 2 years	€41.00.....	£37.00
Over 2 years	€50.00	£45.00
Duplicate Certificate of Registration	€10.00.....	£9.00
Use of Trade name as name of greyhound (1 st registration) (Subsequent registration)	€155.00	£140.00 normal fee
5. TRANSFERS		
Registering Change of Ownership:		
Within 14 days	€40.00.....	£36.00
After 14 days but within 21 days	€50.00	£45.00
After 21 days but within 30 days	€60.00	£53.00
After 30 days	€80.00	£74.00
Following investigation (irrespective of time limit involved)	€112.00.....	£101.00
Transfer from International Alliance Stud Books	€20.00.....	£18.00
Altering name of a registered greyhound (One alteration only)	€50.00	£45.00
Duplicate Certificate of Registration	€5.00.	£4.00
6. OWNER FEES		
Registering a partnership (in addition to fee) limited to two persons	€10.00	£9.00
Registering the name of a Company as owner	€40.00	£36.00
Registering a Syndicate as owner	€40.00.....	£36.00
7. PREFIX		
Prefix for any five year period	€40.00	£36.00
ADDITIONAL FEES NOT REFERRED TO IN RULES		
PEDIGREES		
Extended Pedigree (4 generations) plus extra charge for additional information	€16.00	£14.00
Export Pedigree (3 generations) plus extra charge for additional information	€16.00	£14.00
Export Pedigree (3 generations with volume number)	€16.00.....	£14.00
8. DUPLICATE CARDS		
Issue of Duplicate Identity Card	€24.00	£22.00
Issue of Duplicate Identity Card for breeding purposes only	€9.00	£8.00
Issue of Duplicate Identity Card for coursing where Identity Card is lost	€9.00.....	£8.00
Issue of Duplicate Identity Card for coursing where Identity Card is withheld for fighting		No Charge
9. AGENTS – Revoked 2022		
10. ASSUMED NAMES		
Registering an assumed name	€40.00	£36.00
11. ADMINISTRATION CHARGES		
Search fee (minimum)	€10.00.....	£9.00
Cover charge for research	€10.00	£9.00
Cover charge for documents which are returned for alteration or correction	€10.00.....	£9.00
Application fee for Judges Licence	€28.00	£25.00
Application fee for Slippers Licence	€28.00	£25.00
Application fee for Trainers Licence	€28.00.....	£25.00

APPENDIX C

Official Fees (As amended 1999)

Application fee for Judges licence Rule 91 €28

Application fee for Slippers licence Rule 91 €28

APPENDIX D

Transfer of Ownership-suspended Rule 73.

Where the owner of a registered greyhound transfers the ownership of such greyhound the following provisions shall apply.

A-Where a registered owner disposes of a greyhound by sale, gift or otherwise, he shall forward directly and immediately to the Keeper of the Stud Book (whose property the card is) a completed transfer of ownership form together with a combined Identity Card and Certificate of Registration and failure to do so shall render him liable to a penalty of €20.

B-No transfer shall be valid unless authenticated by the seal of the Irish Coursing Club.

- C- The application form for transfer of ownership shall be forwarded, duly completed by the new owner with appropriate fee, see Appendix B(5) to the Keeper of the Irish Greyhound Stud Book within fourteen days under penalties as set out in D below.
- D- The following penalties will apply:- For failure to register transfer of ownership within 14 days, Scale of Fees, see Appendix B(5) .
- E-Where a person acquires a greyhound and does not effect a transfer of ownership in the Irish Greyhound Stud Book but requires proof of pedigree, he shall be charged a fee equal to the transfer fee pertaining to the said pedigree. Transfer of ownership may be carried out at a later date free of charge at the absolute discretion of the Keeper of the Irish Greyhound Stud Book.
- F-It shall be an offence for a person or persons to make use of the information in an Irish Identity Card or in the Irish Greyhound Stud Book for any purpose without the expressed written permission of the Keeper of the Stud Book, with approval of the fees to be charged for use of copyright and the issue of the information to a third party.
- G- The information from the Stud Book or any registration documents may not be reproduced in whole or in part, or handed over in either its original or photocopied form without the prior consent of the Keeper of the Irish Greyhound Stud Book in writing, and with any other conditions which the Executive Committee may impose under penalty of €100.
- H-A registered owner or owners not complying with sub-paragraph A, above, in the case of a greyhound sold, given away, or otherwise disposed of, shall not be entitled to any further registration facilities unless and until the penalty in accordance with Sub Para A, has been paid, or an explanation has been accepted.
- J-Where a greyhound registered in the Irish Greyhound Stud Book is subsequently transferred to another person in the Stud Book of another registering authority and if such transfer is not at the time registered in the Irish Greyhound Stud Book, it shall only be possible to record an ownership in the Irish Greyhound Stud Book if a full history of the transfer from one owner to another is supplied to the Keeper of The Irish Greyhound Stud Book and is satisfactory to him. All interim transfers prior to the one being sought must be registered. A cover charge for each such registration together with the stipulated fees may be charged. The said cover charge may be waived or reduced when the Keeper of the Stud Book is satisfied that there are special circumstances.
- K-(1) In the case of dogs sold through an agent, the registered owner is still responsible under
penalty as set out for the forwarding of the Identity Card to the Office of the
Keeper of
the Irish Greyhound Stud Book.
- (2) An agent or any person deemed to be representing the registered owner has the same responsibility as the registered owner in relation to the disposal of a greyhound, by sale, gift or otherwise.
- (3) A Public or Private Trainer has the same responsibilities as a registered owner or agent.
- L-When a greyhound is bought at a public auction sales, the auctioneer shall stamp or seal the transfer form and such seal or stamp shall be accepted as proof of sale. At the sale, the Auctioneer and the Sales Agency shall both satisfy themselves as to the bona fides of the owner and when he has the authority or, in the case of an Agent, the written permission of the owner to sell and the certificate shall be handed to the auctioneers, who shall give a receipt therefor to both the Vendor and the Purchaser, and thereafter, transfer of ownership form and the combined Identity Card and

Certificate of Registration shall be dispatched by the Auctioneers' Agent for the Vendor to the Keeper of the Irish Greyhound Stud Book for authentication of the alteration of the Certificate unless the Sales Agency has authority from the Keeper of the Irish Greyhound Stud Book to effect transfers on his behalf. If the purchaser does not effect a transfer of ownership in such circumstances, subsequent to the sale, the Identity Card must be returned to the Keeper of the Irish Greyhound Stud Book forthwith.

M-An owner sending a greyhound on approbation or to a sale outside of Ireland must lodge with the Keeper of the Irish Greyhound Stud Book the sum equal to the transfer fee by way of deposit under penalty of €20 (see below). This sum will be refunded when the new owner effects transfer, but may be declared forfeit if the transfer is not completed and received within 30 days of sale by the Keeper of the Stud Book.

N-if an owner places a greyhound with an Agent in Ireland, he must deposit transfer fee as security for *t~e* Transfer under penalty of €20 (as above), which sum will be refunded to him if the transfer of ownership is effected within thirty days of sale.

O- Transfer of dogs sold at Sales or following approbation must be notified under penalty.

P-Where a greyhound is purchased during the running of a stake at a coursing meeting, no change of ownership shall take place until the stake is completed and no such greyhound shall be guarded with greyhounds the property of the new owner or owners.

This rule has been suspended with effect from September 25, 1978.

APPENDIX E

Flags and Signals.

Red Flag-indicates the red collar has won the course.

White Flag-indicates the white collar has won the course.

Blue Flag-indicates, with the flag of the dog left in, it is a bye course. **Yellow Flag**-indicates an undecided course is being run off.

Black Flag-indicates a dog is being run under protest or objection.

Green Flag-indicates, with the flag of the dog left in, a reserve runner. No Course-Wave of hand in direction of slips. Undecided-Judge takes off his hat.

Disqualified-Acquaint flag steward verbally and announce disqualification by flag and public address system.

Withdrawal of a greyhound-Acquaint flag steward verbally and announce winner by flag and public address system.

Termination of Course-In a bye course in open coursing, the judge shall draw the flag of the competing greyhound to indicate the course has terminated. A greyhound handled before the flag is drawn is automatically suspended.

These Rules shall be published in every clubs' coursing card.

APPENDIX F

Duties of Acting Stewards of a Meeting.

The Rules of the Irish Coursing Club are the basis for duties of acting stewards at a coursing meeting. Their duties shall include inquiries into any infringement of the Rules.

1. Inquiries by Stewards at Meetings: The stewards acting at any coursing meeting shall have power at such meetings or within seven days after the conclusion thereof, to investigate and inquire into any infringement of these Rules committed or attempted, or alleged to have been committed or attempted or suspected to have been committed

or attempted at the meeting in relation to which such stewards are acting and to investigate and inquire into all complaints and reports of dishonesty, wrongdoing, discreditable conduct, betting misconduct or irregularity, or disorderly conduct alleged to have taken place at the said meeting. In conducting any inquiry under this Rule, the stewards shall give to the person whose conduct is in question such notice as in the circumstances may be reasonable of the holding of such inquiry and of the nature thereof and a fair opportunity of appearing before the stewards at such inquiry to explain and give evidence as to his conduct.

2. Powers of Stewards to Inflict Penalties: Arising out of any investigation made under these Rules the stewards of the meeting may at their discretion caution any owner, agent or trainer.
3. Reporting Decision of Stewards to I.C.C.: If the stewards of a meeting impose a penalty under Rule 32 here or they shall within three days report their decision in writing to the Secretary of the Irish Coursing Club.
4. Withdrawal of Greyhounds: Greyhounds shall not be withdrawn at meetings without the permission of the acting stewards, who may act in consultation with the appointed veterinary officer.
5. Grounds Fit: Stewards shall decide if grounds are fit for coursing.
6. Other Powers of Stewards: Make decisions in special circumstances, e.g., if a horse is not available for the Judge. Rules 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 90, 105 and 122 apply.

APPENDIX G Betting Rules (As amended A.G.M. 1989)

1. Long odds bets shall stand when made after the Draw provided the dog is placed in slips under the slipper's control whether or not the dog leaves slips.
2. If a greyhound listed as a runner be withdrawn from the first round only of an even! before it comes under the slipper's control, bets placed on such greyhound shall be refunded and if the odds on such greyhound immediately before the first course in such round be as set out hereunder, the liability of the bookmaker in respect of long odds bets ..on the winner of the event shall be reduced as follows.-

Odds	Reduction by
Bookmaker Odds on	
€0.50 in € Evens up to 3/1	
€025 in € Over 3/1 and under 8/1	
€0.12', in € 8/1 and over.	
Nil	

The amount staked will not be subject to any reduction.

As regards long odds on doubles, trebles and accumulators in any round of an event, unless each dog comes under the slipper's control for the first course the bet will be void The reduction will not apply to doubles, trebles or accumulators

- 3 In the event of a final not being run for any reason, payment of long odds will be as for a divide.
- 4 The owner or nominator of a greyhound in a Stake in which there is long odds betting shall give notice of withdrawal (in writing) to the Secretary of a Club running the Meeting at least a half hour before the advertised time for the commencement of coursing under penalty as set out in Appendix which will be forwarded to the Executive Committee, who will decide on its allocation.

Explanatory Notes.

- (a) In the event of more than One dog being withdrawn from the first round of a stake, only the shortest priced dog shall be considered for the purposes of such reduction
- (b) Under no circumstances can there be more than one case of a reduction in anyone stake

- (c) The market price involved of the dog withdrawn shall be ascertained by Bond na gCon or Irish Coursing Club Official after consultation with the Bookmakers.
5. A-Once a greyhound is placed under the slipper's control, all short odds bets on that greyhound shall stand notwithstanding the fact that such greyhound may fail to break slips or fail to chase the hare.
- B-A black flag shall be hoisted with the flag of the greyhound running under protest, and no bets shall be made on such a course. Any person not complying with this rule may be removed from the coursing field, and reported to the Executive Committee
- C-Any greyhound found to be beyond control in slips may, by order of the stewards, be taken out of the slips and disqualified after consultation with the judge and slipper and all bets on that course shall be void. This section is not in conflict with Sections A and F.
- D-Should the greyhounds by any neglect or oversight be allowed to run in the wrong collars, the greyhound to whom the judge awards the course shall be the winner and all short odds shall be paid accordingly.
- E-When, after a no course or an undecided course, one of the greyhounds has been officially drawn and the greyhounds are again, by mistake, put into slips and run a course, the arrangements agreed shall stand, whatever the judge's decision may be, and all bets on the course shall be void.
- F-Disqualification of a greyhound in a course shall not cause short-odds betting on such course to be void.

APPENDIX H

Rules Of Procedure-Rule 142.

1. The agenda must be dealt with before any extraneous matters shall be considered.
2. All Motions and Amendments must be seconded; and, except formal Motions, such as Motions for Adjournment or that the Chairman leave the Chair, etc, should be handed to the Chairman in writing.
3. Each Member who rises to speak must direct his speech to the Motion proposed as the question for discussion, or to a Motion or Amendment to be proposed by himself, or a question of order.
4. No Member may speak twice to a question, except in explanation or reply. N.B.- The proposing or seconding of an Amendment shall be deemed to be a speech on the main Motion.
5. A right of reply is allowed to the mover of a substantive motion, but not to the mover of an Amendment or of Motion for Adjournment moved during debate. After the mover has commenced his reply, no other Member shall speak to the question.
6. Upon a matter of order suddenly arising any Member may speak, if he does so immediately and commences by a statement that he rises to order. The Member who was addressing the Meeting must thereupon resume his seat, and so, also, must the Member who rose to order when he has concluded his appeal to the Chair. .
7. An Amendment may be proposed at any time after the proposer of the Motion has spoken,
8. While an Amendment is before the Meeting it shall be open to further amendment. Such Amendment upon an Amendment shall be treated as an Amendment upon an original Motion.
9. Each Amendment shall be taken in the order in which it was proposed. On the adoption or rejection of one Amendment the Meeting shall consider the next amendment and so on, until each Amendment has been dealt with.

10. When the Chairman rises to speak, any member then speaking or offering to speak, must resume his seat, and all must remain sitting in order that the Chairman's words may be heard without interruption.
11. The Chairman may call the attention of the Meeting to continued irrelevance or tedious repetition on the part of a Member, and may direct the Member to discontinue his speech.
12. At any time after a question has been proposed from the Chair, any Member may move 'That the question be now put.' The Chairman, unless he considers it an infringement of the right of reasonable debate, puts that question to a vote. If it is carried, the proposer of the original Motion has a right of reply before his Vote is put to the Meeting.
13. If grave disorder should arise, the Chairman, acting on his discretion as a matter of right, can suspend the offending Member for the rest of the Meeting, or declare the Meeting adjourned and quit the Chair; and by that declaration the Meeting is immediately adjourned, and no business subsequently transacted will be valid.
14. Any one or more of the Rules and regulations for the transaction of business, if a case of urgency arises, or upon Motion made on a Notice duly given, may be suspended at any Meeting, so far as regards any business at such Meeting, provided that three fourths of the Members of the Meeting present and voting, shall so decide.
15. The Order of Business shall be as set out in the Agenda.
16. Points of explanation.
 - A- All motions must be submitted bearing the signature of the president or hon. secretary of both proposing and seconding clubs and the date, An explanatory note should be appended if necessary.
 - B- Motions that have already been submitted and unfavourably voted upon at an Annual General Meeting cannot be accepted again for a period of two years.
 - C- Motions designed to alter the constitutions may be submitted to the Annual General Meeting by the Executive Committee, Provincial Committees or a member club seconded by another member club through the Executive Committee. Such motions thereto shall be passed by not less than two-thirds of the votes cast.
 - D- All motions for the Annual General Meeting of the Club (excluding emergency motions) shall be sent in writing not later than three weeks before date of annual General Meeting.

Matters and Business Terms Relating to Meeting.

- A-Adjournment- The Chairman, with the consent of those present, may adjourn a meeting to postpone further discussion or because of shortage of time. Adequate notice of the new time for the adjourned meeting must be given.
- B-Casting Vote-When there is an equal number of votes 'for' and 'against' a motion a second vote is granted, in accordance with the regulations of the organisation to the Chairman of the meeting.
- C-Closure- A formal motion submitted with the objective of ending the discussion on a particular subject. If this formal motion is seconded and carried, the matter in question must immediately be put to the vote without further discussion. if the motion is defeated, the discussion may be continued.
- D-"Lie on the Table"-A letter or report is said to 'lie on the table' when the meeting decides that no action should be taken on the business it contains.
- E-No Confidence-A vote of no confidence may be passed by the members if they are at variance with the Chairman. If a substantial majority of members are in favour of the decision, the Chairman must vacate the Chair in favour of his deputy or some other person nominated by the meeting.

- F-Out of Order-When a remark or statement involves a breach of the rules governing the meeting, it is said to be 'out of order'
- G-Point of Order- This is a question raised by a member during the course of the meeting in respect of the procedure at the meetings, or alternatively, a query relating to the standing orders or constitution
- H- The Resolution-No resolution can be rescinded at the meeting at which it is adopted.
- J-Rider- This is an addition to a resolution after it has been passed. It adds to a resolution rather than altering it. Any rider must be proposed, seconded and put to the meeting in the same way as the motion.

APPENDIX J

Natural Justice

There are two rules which are referred to by lawyers as rules of natural justice These rules apply to all administrative bodies when deciding disputes.

- A-One of these rules is that the person or body deciding any dispute must be unbiased, that is, that no one ought to be judge in his own cause. Bias may arise from pecuniary interest or from personal attitudes or from personal relationships. Pecuniary interest will disqualify from adjudicating even though it be proved that the decision was not affected by the interest. Examples of personal attitudes which disqualify are animosity or friendship towards a party and partnership shown before or during a hearing. This rule is so obviously acceptable that it is seldom stated in any Act or statutory instrument.
- B- The other rule of natural justice, which is known as the audi alteram partem rule, is that each party to an administrative dispute must know the case made against him and be given an opportunity to answer it. The rule requires that each party be informed of all the evidence and be given an opportunity to rebut it and that no evidence be taken behind the back of a party. The hearing may consist solely of written submissions, in such a case, the rule requires the tribunal to disclose relevant communications made to it by each party to the other and to give reasonable opportunity for reply.

APPENDIX K

Copy of Indemnity form which must be signed, witnessed and dated.

To/THE IRISH COURSING CLUB (hereinafter called "the Club") IN CONSIDERATION of you accepting a registration a transfer into my name of the greyhound without production of the relative document of title namely. Transfer of ownership form/identification Card/Certificate of Registration or application to Name a greyhound.

I, jointly and severally, agree to indemnify the Club and the members thereof against all claims, demands, liabilities, costs, charges and expenses that may be brought against or incurred by the Club or any member thereof arising out of or in connection with the registration of the said greyhound into my name and in the event of legal proceedings being instituted against you in connection with any such claim, from time to time on demand to provide you with such funds as you may require to defend such proceedings and in default of our doing so you shall be entitled to admit or settle such proceedings on such terms as you may think fit without recourse to me.

APPENDIX L (Extract from Greyhound Industry Act, 1958)

2. Membership.

- (i) The members of the Club shall comprise :-

- (a) one representative member appointed by each affiliated coursing club entitled to hold coursing meetings authorised by the Club and by each greyhound race track executive and
- (b) co-opted members as hereinafter provided.
- (ii) Representative members shall be appointed for triennial periods (and shall be eligible for reappointment) except that an affiliated coursing club or greyhound race track executive
- (a) whose representative member dies, resigns or ceases because of disqualification to be a member during any triennial period or
- (b) which becomes affiliated to the Club during any triennial period may, except as hereinafter may, except as hereinafter provided, appoint a representative member for the remainder of such triennial period.
- (iii) A person shall be disqualified from being a representative member of the Club in any triennial period, and if he is already a representative member in that period shall cease to be such member, if
- (a) he is not a member of the affiliated coursing club or the greyhound race track executive concerned in the appointment; or
- (b) he is subject to any disability imposed on him in relation to participating in the greyhound industry for conduct inimical to the breeding or coursing of greyhounds, or for the contravention of rules made by the Club relating to greyhound racing or the training of greyhounds for reward, or for any other irregularity committed in relation to the greyhound industry ; or
- (c) the coursing club or greyhound race track executive concerned in the appointment has failed to hold at least one coursing meeting authorised by the Club (either alone or jointly with a neighbouring coursing club entitled to hold such meetings) or greyhound race track , and disqualification shall be effective twenty-seven months after the date of the last meeting held, in which case such club or greyhound race track executive shall thereby forfeit its right to appoint a representative member.
- (d) the coursing club or greyhound race track executive concerned in the appointment has ceased to be affiliated to the Club; or
- (e) he is absent without an explanation, accepted by the Executive Committee, from three consecutive general meetings of the Club.
- (iv) An affiliated coursing club or greyhound race track executive may appoint for any triennial period an alternate representative member to attend any meeting of the Club in the unavoidable absence of its representative member; an alternate representative member so attending a meeting of the Club shall have the same right to speak and vote thereat as a representative member. Notice shall be given before the meeting to the Secretary of the Club of the proposed attendance thereat of an alternate representative member and the reason for the absence from the meeting of the representative member concerned. Paragraphs (ii) and (iii) above, except clause (e) of the latter paragraph, shall apply to an alternate representative member.

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

S.I. NO. 550 OF 2005

WILDLIFE (WILD MAMMALS) (OPEN SEASONS) ORDER, 2005.

(Extracts as they refer to the hare)

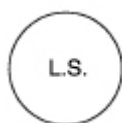
The Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by Sections 8(2) of the [Wildlife Act, 1976](#) (No. 39 of 1976), and the Heritage (Transfer of Departmental Administration and Ministerial Functions) Order, 2002 ([S.I. No. 356 of 2002](#)) hereby orders as follows:

1. This Order may be cited as the Wildlife (Wild Mammals) (Open Seasons) Order, 2005.
2. In this Order a reference to a column is to a column of the Schedule to this Order.
3. The species of protected wild mammals specified in column (1) may be hunted during the periods specified in relation to the species concerned in column (2), in the manner so specified in column (3), in the places in the State so specified in column (4).

4. For the purposes of this order Antlerless Deer will be construed as including any male deer without antlers, of less than one year, i.e. a calf
5. The Wildlife (Wild Mammals) (Open Seasons) Order, 1998 ([S.I. No. 331 of 1998](#)), is hereby revoked.

SCHEDULE

Species of Wild Mammal	Hunting Period	Manner of Hunting	Places in the State
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Hares	The period beginning on the 26 th day of September in each year and ending on the 28 th day of February in the year immediately following that year.	Shooting with firearms; coursing at regulated coursing matches; hunting with packs of beagles and harriers	Throughout the state exclusive of the townlands of North East Slob, North West Slob, Big Island, Beggerin Island and The Raven, in the county of Wexford.



GIVEN under the Official Seal of the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, this 1st day of September 2005

Dick Roche,
Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The effect of this Order is to set hunting seasons for certain species of wild mammals and to revoke the Wildlife (Wild Mammals) (Open Seasons) Order, 1998 (S.I 331 of 1998).

3. RENEWAL OF FIREARMS LICENCE

The following notice is being sent by the Garda authorities to all who are due for renewal of a firearms certificate.

In view of the protection built in to the Wild Life Act in relation to the shooting of hares, coursing clubs can now take a very strong line with those who transgress.

NOTICE

WILDLIFE ACT, 1976

Sections 28 (2) and 29 (5)

A person ordinarily resident in the State who applies to a Garda Superintendent for the grant or renewal of a firearm certificate for a shotgun and who intends to use the shotgun to hunt game birds and hares must, when making application, make a declaration of that intention in the approved form and also indicate in the approved form

his qualification within the meaning of Section 28 (2) of the Wildlife Act, 1976 (as regards having lawful access to shooting rights).

Sections 29 (1) and 62 (a)

A person ordinarily resident in the State who intends to use a firearm to kill any exempted wild mammal within the meaning of the Wildlife Act, 1976 (other than a hare)-in practical terms this means deer in an open season-must state this in his application to a Garda Superintendent for the grant or renewal of a firearm certificate for the weapon and must also produce to the Superintendent a current hunting licence granted to him by the Minister for Fisheries.

4. GENERAL

With regard to the shooting of hares, a hare is now a protected species. The Minister has made, as he can do in this case, and that of other certain protected species, an Order permitting the shooting of hares during the period mentioned in the Order, that is in effect the open season. However, in order to take advantage of this open season for shooting hares, persons ordinarily resident in the State must have a; full shotgun certificate endorsed as in Section 29 Sub Section 8 by the Garda. This in effect transforms his firearms certificate into a hunting licence for the hare. Such an endorsement of firearms certificate will only be granted by the Garda where a person makes a declaration. This declaration will be available at the Garda station where the applicant applies and it must be handed into that station also.

The declaration is to the effect that the applicant is a qualified person under section 28 of the Act. In other words that he has lawful access to shooting rights by virtue of any of the category set out in Section 28 (2) (a) (b) or (c).

Note.- The dates given in the schedule above are renewed annually and published in the Daily Press. Since there could be a change in dates clubs are asked to read the notices

5. Co-Operation with Wildlife Officers and Rangers.

Clubs having problems in protection of their preserves should contact their local Wild Life Officers or Wild Life Rangers and ask them to keep a look out for poachers. Some clubs are of the opinion the work should be left to the Wildlife Officers. This is not correct. Lists of such persons are enclosed with letter to clubs sent annually on the 15th September. Copies may also be obtained directly from this office.

6. Netting of Hares.

Only coursing clubs or members with their permission may net hares. Where clubs propose to give permission to individuals to net hares on their behalf, the Secretary of the Irish Coursing Club will, on request, give written permission. Notification of this written permission should be advised to the Garda and/or Wild Life Officers and Rangers in the area where it is proposed to net hares.

7 Questions on Wild Life Act 1976

From time to time questions are put about the sections of the Wildlife Act dealing with the netting of hares. For the information of clubs I have put Rules 153, 147a, 154 of the Irish Coursing Club Rules and sections 23 (7), section 26 (3) and section 34 (3) (b) together.

153. Members shall not course over the lands preserved by the club except by or with the permission of the committee, or whatever other person the club may authorise to give permission for trials or courses.

147a: The club may, at its general meeting, arrange regarding meetings, trials and other matters for the season, or may refer any oral such arrangements to the committee.

154: An owner who resides on the preserves shall be entitled to have trials on his own land for his own greyhounds only, and shall not, without permission of the club, allow a member or non-member to course. on his land. Any person found poaching hares shall be reported to the Secretary of the Irish Coursing Club, and the Executive Committee may take such action as they deem fit.

23(7): and nothing in this section shall make unlawful (1) the taking and killing of hares by coursing at a regulated coursing match which is held both during a period specified as regards hares in a Hares Order and in a place to which such order applies.

26(3): The Minister may, on an application made by any coursing club which is affiliated to the Irish Coursing Club, grant to the applicant a licence to hold, on such day or days (being a day or days which are not specified in a Hares Order) as are both specified in the licence and are in the year in which the licence is granted, regulated coursing matches.

34 (3) (b): the capture alive by means of nets of hares by or on behalf or at the request, of a coursing club affiliated to the Irish Coursing Club.