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Bord na gCon, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 25 and 48 of the Greyhound Industry Act, 1958 (No. 12 of 1958), and also by subsection (3) of Section 5 of the said Act, hereby makes the following regulations, that is to say:—

### **Revocation.**

1. The Greyhound Race Track (Racing) Regulations, 1993 and subsequent amendments thereto are hereby revoked.

### **Definitions.**

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

"the Act" means the Greyhound Industry Act, 1958 (No. 12 of 1958);

"the Board" means Bord na gCon, established under the Act.

"Control Committee" means the Control Committee established by the Board under the Greyhound Industry (Control Committee and Control Appeal Committee) Regulations, 2007;

"Control Appeal Committee" means the Control Appeal Committee established by the Board under the Greyhound Industry (Control Committee and Control Appeal Committee) Regulations, 2007;

"the I.C.C." means the Irish Coursing Club.

"added money" means money contributed towards stakes, other than money contributed by the owners of greyhounds;

"advertised value" means the amount advertised to be given for a race by way of prize money;

"agent" means a person registered by the Irish Coursing Club to train and manage greyhounds for any one person only provided no fee is charged.

"arrears" means any sums unpaid in respect of entry fees, stakes or subscriptions;

"authorised officer" means a person appointed in writing by the Board to be an authorised officer for the purposes of the Act.

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

"cup" means any prize not given in money;

"disqualified greyhound" means a greyhound named in a disqualification order made under the Act or these regulations;

"feature event" means a race or sweepstake which has a total prize fund of at least €6,300 for a sprint event and a total prize fund of at least €10, 000 for all other events;

"fighting" means in the opinion of the majority of the Stewards acting and present the deliberate interference by a greyhound with one or more than one greyhound during a race or trial;

"graded race" means a race for which the competing dogs are selected by the racing manager in accordance with the rules of the grading system approved by the Board;

"greyhound" includes dog or bitch;

"match" means a race between two greyhounds the property of different owners and not trained by the same trainer;

"meeting" means a greyhound race meeting held at a licensed greyhound race track or at a greyhound race track operated by the Board;

"nominator" means any person other than the owner of a greyhound who nominates any greyhound entered for any race or any qualifying race or heat or for any match;

"open race" means a race open to all registered greyhounds;

"prohibited substance" means any substance which by its nature could affect the performance of a greyhound the origin of which on or in the tissues, body fluids or excreta of a greyhound could not be traced to normal and ordinary feeding. A finding of a prohibited substance means a finding of the substance itself or a metabolite of the substance or an isomer of the substance or an isomer of a metabolite.

"qualifying trial" has the meaning assigned to it in Article 3 of these regulations;

"race" means a competition on a greyhound race track licensed by the Board in which an object propelled by mechanical means is pursued by the greyhounds engaged in the competition and on the result of which a prize in money or money's worth is awarded to the winning and/or placed greyhounds;

"raced greyhound" means a greyhound which has at any time competed in a race;

"race track executive" means the licensee under the greyhound race track licence relating to a greyhound track;

"race track" means a greyhound race track licensed by the Board under the Act or a greyhound race track operated by the Board on which greyhound races are held for reward;

"reserve greyhound" means a greyhound held in reserve to replace a non-runner;

"stewards of the meeting" means the control steward and the stewards appointed by a race track executive, with the approval of the Board, to carry out such duties as may be assigned to them;

"stipendiary steward" means a steward appointed by the Board to supervise the conduct of greyhound racing and the performance of duties by duly authorised officials and stewards;

"suspended greyhound" means a greyhound suspended under these regulations for fighting or for any other reason;

"sweepstake" means an event in which the entry fees, subscriptions or other contributions of three or more owners go to the winner or placed greyhounds, whether or not a money or other prize is added;

"time of entry" means the time fixed for closing of entries.

"track" means the portion of the grounds measured or marked out for races or for any particular race;

"trial" means a test run on a greyhound race track licensed by the Board or at a greyhound race track operated by the Board in which an object propelled by mechanical means is pursued by the greyhounds taking part in the test;

"unraced greyhound" means a greyhound which has never competed in a race;

"warned-off" person means a person to whom an exclusion order under Section 47 of the Act applies;

### **Qualification of greyhounds for racing.**

3. (1) A greyhound under the age of thirteen calendar months shall not be eligible to run in any trial or race.

(2) A greyhound shall not be entered for or compete in any trial or race until:—

(a) it has been duly registered with the I.C.C., and

(b) its identity card has been completed and sealed.

(3) A greyhound shall not be eligible to run in any race unless it has run a qualifying trial within the prescribed qualifying time; in the case of flat races, hurdle trials shall not be taken into account.

(4) the Racing Manager shall not allow to start for a race other than an open race an unraced but qualified greyhound which has not had at least one qualifying trial on the track at which the said Racing Manager officiates.

(5) A qualifying trial shall be a test run on the flat or over hurdles on a licensed greyhound race track in which on the flat, the time recorded by the greyhound concerned is not more than 31.00 seconds for 525 yards or its equivalent over any other distance or in which over hurdles, the time so recorded is not more than 32.00 seconds for 525 yards or its equivalent over any other distance. Due allowance shall be made for the track allowances approved by the Board and the condition of the going. The qualifying times may be amended by a decision of the Board.

(6) Except for a trial involving a raced greyhound, there shall be a minimum of two greyhounds in a qualifying trial. Only greyhounds running first, second or third in such trial shall be deemed to have qualified.

(7) A raced greyhound qualified over 525 yards may qualify for the sprint distance by completing a solo trial over the sprint distance within the qualifying time and vice-versa.

(8) A weight variation trial shall be regarded as a qualifying trial provided the greyhound at least records the qualifying time for the distance over which it runs.

(9) A Racing Manager shall not allow to start for a sprint race any greyhound which has not qualified over a sprint distance. For the purpose of this Article, a sprint distance shall be any distance of not more than 440 yards.

(10) A Racing Manager shall not allow to start for any race of more than 440 yards any greyhound which has not qualified over a distance in excess of 440 yards.

(11) The Racing Manager shall not allow to compete in a race any unraced greyhound whose last qualifying trial was run more than forty-two days prior to the race and shall not permit to compete in a race any raced greyhound whose last previous performance was recorded more than forty two days prior to the race. This provision shall not apply to a greyhound listed as a runner or reserve for a particular race at a particular track where such race could not have been run for any reason provided the said greyhound races within 14 days of the postponed or abandoned race.

(12) A greyhound shall not be qualified to be entered for or to run in any trial, race or sweepstake:—

(a) if and so long as it is in the ownership or part ownership of a warned-off person or so long as such person has any interest in its winnings at race meetings,

(b) if and so long as it is in the kennel of or under the care and management of a warned-off person,

(c) in any case in which it is by these regulations or by the conditions of a race or sweepstake declared to be disqualified.

(13) If a disqualified greyhound be entered or run in any race or sweepstake, the control steward shall report the person or persons responsible to the Secretary of the Control Committee and not allow the greyhound to start for such race or sweepstake.

(14) An unraced greyhound shall not be allowed to trial more than once on the same day unless it fails to leave the traps after they open in the first trial.

#### **Conditions of entry.**

4. (1) The following conditions shall be observed in respect of every greyhound race and shall form part of the conditions of entry therefor:—

(a) entries shall only be made and accepted which conform in all respects with these regulations and with any directions of the Control Committee or the Board;

(b) a greyhound under disqualification or suspension shall not be eligible for entry;

(c) should the entered greyhound run in a trial or race after the time of entry and before the date of the race for which he is entered, then the person who made the entry shall immediately inform the Racing Manager of the fact and of the name of the track upon which the greyhound ran such trial or race;

(d) entries shall be made on an entry form of an approved type signed either by the bona fide owner of the greyhound or his/her authorised agent (who shall be required to give his/her address) and such entry form shall be in the hands of the racing manager before the time of kennelling. Entries made by electronic communication or telephone shall be deemed equally binding and unless such entries are confirmed in writing within 48 hours of the time fixed for the closing of entries, the owner shall, at the discretion of the Board, forfeit all entry fees;

(e) the person making the entry shall state on the entry form or inform the race track executive where the greyhound may be inspected. By entering a greyhound to race or trial at a track licensed by the Board, the owner, trainer and/or agent of the greyhound consents to inspection of the greyhound by an authorised officer of the Board wherever the greyhound is kennelled;

(f) No alteration or addition shall be made in any entry form unless the stewards of the meeting are satisfied that there has been no fraud and that the greyhound's identity is clearly proved. If an owner, trainer or agent fails to give particulars as to a greyhound's performances, as required under Article 19(2)(h) of these regulations, or fails to give additional form between time of entry and the date on which the race is run, then that greyhound may, at the discretion of the Racing Manager, be excluded from competing in the race for which it was entered.

### **Racing procedure.**

5. (1) No person other than the racing manager, control steward, veterinary surgeon or other official having the care of the greyhounds, engaged in races shall be admitted to the kennels or kennel enclosure during racing without the prior permission of the control steward and any person refusing to leave such kennels or enclosure shall be reported to the stewards of the meeting.

(2) Unless otherwise directed by the control steward, every greyhound shall be paraded before going to the starting box.

(3) Every greyhound running in a race shall, as provided for by sub-article (1) of Article 23 of these regulations, wear a coloured sheet bearing a number corresponding with his number on the race card.

(4) Every greyhound shall run in a safety non-biting muzzle of a type approved by the Board.

(5) Every greyhound shall be in the starting box ready to start at the appointed time and the race shall normally start at the time advertised.

(6) Before the starter's bell is rung or his flag dropped, each greyhound shall be placed in its correct compartment in the starting box under the supervision of the control steward.

(7) If a greyhound turns before the control steward gives the starting signal, that greyhound will be taken out and righted. If, however, he turns again no further attention will be given to him. If a greyhound turns while the hare is in motion, the hare should not be stopped and the traps should be released.

(8) If the hare passes the traps and for any reason the traps do not operate then all greyhounds should be taken out and re-examined before they are put into the traps again.

(9) Every greyhound which has been placed in a starting box shall be deemed to have started provided the race is not declared a "No Race" under Article 11 of these regulations and provided the greyhound has not been dealt with as provided for under Article 10(2) of these regulations.

(10) A greyhound shall be deemed to come under starter's orders when it has been placed in the starting box, unless it has been dealt with as provided for under Article 10(2) of these regulations.

(11) In any case in which it is found necessary to re-run a race, the original draw shall stand, based on the runners declared after weigh-in for that race.

(12) At any meeting held at a greyhound race track:—

(a) the maximum distance of any race shall be 1,200 yards and the minimum distance shall be 230 yards;

(b) matches shall be sanctioned by the Board.

### **Trap draw and procedures.**

6. (1) The draw for trap places, at which the public may be present, shall be made at the time and place designated by the Racing Manager with the consent of the Board. Where there are five runners, trap 4 shall be vacant; where there are four runners traps 2 and 5 shall be vacant; where there are three runners traps 1, 3, 5 shall be vacant; where there are two runners traps, 1, 3, 5 and 6 shall be vacant.

(2) The starting box shall consist of a number of separate compartments, each holding one greyhound; the compartment on the inside next to the rails shall be the number 1 position in the draw and the other compartments shall be numbered accordingly.

(3) Draws for heats of classics, feature events and sweepstakes shall be made in public at such times as may be approved by the Board.

(4) The draw for trap numbers shall be conducted as follows:

(i) The first seeded Wide Runner drawn shall receive the highest trap number to be used in the race and the first unseeded runner drawn shall receive the lowest trap number to be used in the race. The draw shall continue with each successive seeded Wide Runner receiving the next highest trap number and each unseeded runner receiving the next lowest trap number.

(ii) Should the race feature seeded Middle Runner(s), they shall be set aside in the order drawn and then be allocated a trap number(s) in descending order from the starting positions that remain.

(5) The trap numbers in an International Race shall be allocated in accordance with the conditions of the race by the Racing Managers concerned.

### **Seeding.**

7. (1) A greyhound classified as a seeded Wide Runner in any race indicated on the race card and published programme by a 'W' against its name or against the trap number shall be a greyhound which in the opinion of the Racing Manager, in consultation with the Control Steward, is best suited to starting outside runners not so classified.

(2) A greyhound classified as a seeded Middle Runner in any race indicated on the race card and published programme by a 'M' against its name or against the trap number shall be a greyhound which in the opinion of the Racing Manager, in consultation with the Control Steward, is best suited to starting on the inside of Wide Runners and outside of unseeded runners.

(3) If the advertised particulars of a Race of Feature Event state that seeding classification under this regulation will apply, an owner, trainer or authorised agent, when making the entry for such a race or feature event, may request that the greyhound be classified as a Wide or Middle Runner for such race or feature event.

(4) Notwithstanding whether or not such request is made, the Racing Manager, in consultation with the Control Steward, shall consider all entries for such a race or feature event and may on the information available to him classify a greyhound as a Wide or Middle Runner under this regulation for such race or for the first round of such feature event. He shall not alter or add to such classifications for any further round of such feature event except that in a feature event of four or more rounds, he may revise them for the second round, in which case the revised classifications shall stand for the remaining rounds. Classifications shall thus not be altered for the semi-final or final of any feature event.

(5) Any request for classification or any classification of a greyhound as a Wide or Middle Runner for a race or feature event shall apply to that race or feature event only and shall not in itself prejudice any subsequent decision or classification.

### **Reserves.**

8. (1) A reserve greyhound may take the place of a greyhound not declared at time of kennelling (viz. half an hour before the start of racing). A reserve shall not replace a withdrawn greyhound if that should entail a Wide Runner starting inside any runner not so classified, a Middle Runner starting outside a Wide Runner or inside an unseeded runner, and an unseeded runner starting outside a Wide or Middle Runner.

(2) Seeded Wide Runners coming into a race as a reserve(s) shall in the first instance and, subject to trap vacancies, be allocated trap 6 and then be allocated trap numbers in descending order. Seeded Middle Runners coming into a race as a reserve(s) shall in the first instance and, subject to trap vacancies, be allocated trap 4 and then be allocated trap numbers in descending order.

(3) Reserves may replace withdrawn greyhounds up to and including the final of any Sweepstake or Feature Event in which the first prize is no greater than €15,000. The selection of a reserve to fill any such vacancy shall be first by order of position and second by time achieved in the heat in which it was eliminated. In any instance where the time achieved by two or more such greyhounds is equal, the matter shall be determined by tossing a coin.

### **Weight variations.**

9. (1) The racing manager shall ensure that:—

(a) where a greyhound entered for a race weighed less than 60 lbs. at the time of its last trial or race a weight variation of not more than 2 lbs. either side of its last recorded weight is allowed,

(b) where a greyhound entered for a race weighed 60 lbs. or more but less than 80 lbs. at the time of its last trial or race a weight variation of not more than 3 lbs. either side of its last recorded weight is allowed.

(c) where a greyhound entered for a race weighed 80 lbs. or more at the time of its last trial or race a weight variation of not more than 4 lbs. either side of its last recorded weight is allowed.

(2) Any weight variation in excess of that allowed under the preceding sub-article shall disqualify the greyhound concerned from that race, which shall then be kennelled as for racing and shall immediately after racing on the date of disqualification be required to run a trial at the

track over the distance for which it was entered, but not greater than 525 yards, unless the greyhound is deemed as unfit to race by the Stewards of the meeting following consultation, if the Stewards so consider necessary, with a Veterinary Surgeon.

(3) In the event of an owner, trainer or any other person in charge of any such greyhound failing to comply with the requirements of this sub-article, the greyhound shall be deemed to be suspended and its identity card shall be impounded by the control steward pending a direction in the matter from the Control Committee.

(4) The entry fee for a greyhound disqualified under this Article shall be forfeited unless the greyhound is replaced by a reserve and no fee shall be charged for the required trial.

(5) Weight variations shall be announced before racing over the public address system. The racing manager shall also ensure that all weight variations are publicly displayed on a special board for the publication of weights, which shall be of such type as may be approved by the Board.

#### **Withdrawal of a greyhound.**

**10.** (1) No greyhound shall be withdrawn after being weighed in save with the permission of the stewards.

(2) Should the starter or any official or steward consider that through apparent illness or injury, a greyhound is unable to start, he shall once notify the stewards of the meeting and they, after consultation (if necessary) with a Veterinary Surgeon, may withdraw that greyhound's number from the runners' board and that greyhound shall not then be considered as having started or come under starter's orders. All such withdrawals shall be publicly announced.

#### **Declaration of "No Race".**

**11.** (1) The stewards of the meeting may declare a "No Race" only in the following circumstances:—

(a) where, in the opinion of the Stewards present and acting, there is a mechanical or other defect of the hare equipment or starting box or any outside interference with the race (a greyhound turning back the track does not constitute interference),

(b) if any of the dogs fight, and as a consequence, all fail to pursue the hare,

(c) if for any other reason all dogs fail to pursue the hare, or

(d) where a greyhound races wearing anything other than its designated race sheet and racing muzzle.

(2) Where a greyhound does not start its race from its designated trap number or races with an incorrectly numbered race sheet, its kennel cover and/or lead, the stewards of the meeting shall declare a "No Race".

(3) A "No Race" may be re-run at a time directed by the stewards of the meeting, but at least twenty minutes shall elapse between the declaration of "No Race" and the re-run race. If a re-run race results in a further "No Race", the race shall be abandoned, except in the case of eliminating heats for or in the final of an open race or cup which shall be brought to a conclusion in such manner as the stewards of the meeting at their discretion may determine, provided that no greyhound is required to race more than twice at any one meeting.

(4) In the event of a "No Race" being declared in the heats of an open event and there being only sufficient runners available for a re-run to provide qualified runners for the next round, the heat need not be re-run and those fit for the re-run may be treated as qualifying for the next round.

#### **Hurdle races.**

**12.** (1) In hurdle races of over 400 yards, at least four flights of hurdles shall be jumped. In races of 400 yards and under, a minimum of three hurdles shall be jumped. In the event of a hurdle being knocked down, it shall be replaced if time permits, but irrespective of whether it is replaced or not, the result of the race shall be allowed to stand, even if advantage is taken of a gap so caused.

(2) All hurdles shall be of a type approved by the Board.

(3) The racing manager shall not allow to compete in a hurdle race any greyhound which has not previously qualified over hurdles.

(4) Performances on the flat shall not be taken into account for hurdle races and vice versa except that a greyhound will not be regarded as out of time under Article 3(11) for a flat race if he has raced over hurdles in the previous 42 days or vice versa.

(5) A trial on the flat within the qualifying time will re-qualify a raced greyhound previously qualified over hurdles to race over hurdles.

(6) A greyhound running an out-of-time trial over hurdles must run its next race over hurdles.

### **Division of stakes.**

13. (1) If in a race a greyhound runs out of the course, it shall forfeit all rights in that race. However, it shall be entitled to any unplaced prize money.

(2) When greyhounds run a dead-heat for first place, the stakes shall be divided between the owners of the dead-heating greyhounds. The dead-heat shall not be run off unless the race is an eliminating heat for a cup or stakes in which only the greyhound winning such heat may compete, in which event the greyhounds which dead-heat may run a trial between them over the same course and from their original traps at a time fixed by the stewards but in any event not sooner than 20 minutes after such dead-heat. The winner of the trial shall go forward to the next heat. Subject to compliance with the seeding regulations, if the draw for traps in the next heat takes place before the result of the trial is known, a blank shall be put in and the winner of the trial shall take the trap drawn by the blank.

(3) If however the persons in charge of the greyhounds which dead-heat agree to the toss of a coin to determine the greyhound to go forward the Control Steward shall toss the coin. The decision to toss the coin shall be taken immediately after the result of the race is announced.

(4) The same procedures shall be followed when greyhounds dead-heat for second place and only two greyhounds go forward to the next round, when greyhounds dead-heat for third place and only three greyhounds go forward to the next round and when greyhounds dead-heat for fourth place and only four greyhounds go forward to the next round.

(5) In any event where the number of points earned by each greyhound determines the greyhounds to go forward to the next round, the conditions attached to that event shall decide which greyhound(s) goes forward.

(6) In the event of a dead-heat in a match, the match shall be void and shall not be re-run on the same day; but this provision shall not prevent a further match.

(7) When owners divide they shall divide equally all the moneys and other prizes which any one of them could take if the dead-heat were run off. If the dividing owners cannot agree as to which of them is to have the cup or other prizes which cannot be divided, the question shall be determined by tossing a coin under the supervision of the Control Steward.

(8) If either owner of greyhounds engaged in a match dies before the match is due to be run, then the match shall be void.

(9) Where only one greyhound is presented for a race other than an eliminating heat of a Classic, Feature Event or Sweepstake, such greyhound shall be entitled to a walk-over but, in such case, it shall not be necessary for the greyhound to be led over the entire course; the greyhound need only be led past the judge's box and shall thereupon be deemed the winner.

(10) Where only one greyhound is presented for racing in an eliminating heat of any event, such greyhound shall be placed in the starting box and shall complete the course in the normal manner.

### **Ownership.**

14. (1) A greyhound shall run in the name or names of its registered owner or owners, who shall be the bona fide owner or owners or part owners and shall not be entered in the name of any person as its owner unless that person's interest or property in the greyhound is at least equal to that of any other person.

(2) Wherever the name under which a greyhound has been registered and under which it has run at any race track in any country is changed and abandoned, the old name and description shall be given in every entry form and shall also appear on the official race card until such greyhound has run in five races and until the change of name has been suitably published in such manner as the Board may direct.

### **Guarding.**

15. Where two or more greyhounds registered in the same ownership or in the same partnership are entered for an event with eliminating heats the greyhounds shall be guarded by the race track executive as far as possible throughout the event but this provision shall not apply where one or more of such greyhounds listed as reserves replace withdrawn greyhounds.

### **Prize money, stakes, entry fees, etc.**

16. (1) All stakes and prize money payable shall, as far as practicable, be paid to the respective winners not later than the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month following the month in which such stakes or prize money were won.

(2) Unless otherwise specified, entry fees shall be paid at the time of entry to the race track executive. The entry fee for events other than graded races shall be stated in the conditions of such events. There shall be a minimum entry fee of €10.

(3) The owner or part owner of the greyhound at the time of entry shall be liable for the entry fee.

(4) Subject to sub-article (5) below, greyhounds sold either privately or by public auction shall be transferred into the names of their new owners forthwith and shall not be eligible to be tried or raced at any licensed race track until they are so transferred.

(5) A greyhound sold during a particular event need not be transferred until after it has fulfilled its engagement.

### **Determining the age of a greyhound.**

17. For the purposes of these regulations:—

(a) the age of a greyhound shall be reckoned as beginning on the first day of the month in which it is whelped,

(b) a greyhound shall be considered a puppy for a period of 24 months from and including the month of whelping.

### **Fighting.**

18. (1) Should a raced greyhound in the opinion of the majority of the stewards present and acting, be deemed to have fought in a trial or race, such greyhound shall be suspended and its identity card impounded and marked "suspended for fighting". Should an unraced greyhound, in the opinion of the majority of the stewards present and acting, be deemed to have fought in a trial, such greyhound shall be suspended and its identity card impounded.

(2) No greyhound shall be reinstated unless it has run two clearance trials, which shall be held at the track where it was suspended except that where the enforcement of the latter provision would cause hardship by reason of distance, it shall be open to the owner to apply to the Secretary of the Control Committee to have the clearance trials run at a track nearer his residence.

(3) A clearance trial shall be a trial over 525 yards or over the distance raced by the greyhound in the race in which it was suspended, if less than 525 yards, and in which the suspended greyhound is handslipped by the control steward behind two other greyhounds and passes the two greyhounds during the course of the trial.

(4) The Board may prescribe the days and times on which clearance trials may be held at any particular race track.

(5) A clearance trial shall not be run within seven days of the date on which a greyhound was suspended for fighting. A greyhound shall not run two clearance trials on the same day.

(6) A raced greyhound's identity card shall be marked "cleared" by the control steward when such greyhound has satisfactorily completed its clearance trials.

(7) A greyhound which has satisfactorily completed its clearance trials shall run a regrading trial before being accepted for racing. In such trial, there shall be at least one other greyhound.

(8) The control steward shall report the result of the clearance trials run by a suspended greyhound to the Secretary of the Control Committee and where such trials are unsatisfactory, the relevant identity card shall be forwarded to said Secretary.

(9) A greyhound disqualified a second time under this Article shall be reported immediately to the Control Committee which shall declare it a confirmed fighter and disqualify such greyhound from running on any greyhound track licensed by the Board.

(10) Details of the names of greyhounds suspended, reinstated or subsequently disqualified by the Control Committee shall be published in such manner as may be approved by the Committee.

(11) Details as to dates of suspension or reinstatement of greyhounds shall be entered by the control steward at each track on a register of an approved type to be kept at the track.

(12) Any greyhound which has had its identity card marked "suspended for fighting" shall not run in or be accepted for any sweepstake, feature event or classic until it has run at least two satisfactory races after it has been reinstated.

### **Race Cards.**

**19.** (1) Every race track executive shall publish a race card of an approved type in respect of every meeting held at the greyhound race track operated by such executive and shall state thereon that every such meeting is held under these regulations and that the track is licensed by the Board.

(2) The particulars shown on a race card for any meeting shall include the following:—

(a) the names of the officials and stewards appointed to act at such meeting,

(b) the amount of the prize money payable in respect of each race to the owners of winning and placed greyhounds,

(c) the distance and grade of each race and type (i.e. whether flat or hurdle),

(d) in respect of each race, the names of the registered owners of the greyhounds entered therefor and the town in or nearest to which each such owner resides,

(e) the name of the licensed trainer or agent in cases where a greyhound is not trained by the owner,

(f) the scheduled time of commencement of the first race and the approximate scheduled time of commencement of each succeeding race,

(g) the registered names and the descriptions of the greyhounds entered, the month and year of whelping and the names of their sires and dams,

(h) in respect of each greyhound entered, save where a greyhound has had less than four public performances, not less than four lines of form which shall include the greyhound's best ever performance, where possible, his best performance over the distance for which he is entered and his two most recent

performances. If, however, all four such performances are in respect of trials and the greyhound has raced, at least one line of race form must be given. In the case of a greyhound which has had less than four public performances, all such performances shall be given,

(i) the greyhound's current grade, weight, trap number and, for each listed performance, the grade of the race and the state of the going,

(j) where a greyhound has been placed, its estimated time shall be published and for the purposes of such estimations, the distances shall be estimated as follows:—

.07 sec. - 1 length,

.05 sec. -  $\frac{3}{4}$  length,

.03 sec. -  $\frac{1}{2}$  length,

.02 sec. - Nk.

.01 sec. - Hd., Sh. Hd.

(k) in all races and trials distances shall be given for all greyhounds finishing within the relevant qualifying time.

(l) in the event of a greyhound being impeded or otherwise interfered with in any performance listed under paragraph (h) of this Article, an indication to that effect shall appear on the race card.

(3) The racing manager shall be responsible for the accuracy of the race card and for the announcement over the public address system before each race of any additional or corrected form or any other correction required.

### **Classics, Feature Events and Sweepstakes.**

**20.** (1) The Board shall publish prior to the commencement of every racing season a list of the events to be known as Classics and Feature Events and shall decide the dates, venues and manner in which such events shall be run. No race track executive may, without the previous permission of the Board, promote a race or sweepstake of an advertised value of more than €1000 (one thousand euro) to the winner during any period fixed for the running of a Classic or Feature Event.

(2) The Board may prescribe from time to time the prize money to be given for Classics. The advertised added money together with the total amount received by way of entry fees shall be distributed in prize money. Provision shall be made for the payment by each greyhound race track executive promoting a Classic of a prize (of such amount as may be approved by the Board) to the breeder of the greyhound winning such Classic.

(3) The conditions of every Classic, Feature Event and sweepstake and the date of commencement of first round heats thereof shall be so advertised by the race track executive as to allow at least seven clear days between the date of the relevant advertisement and the closing date for receipt of entries. No alteration shall be made in the conditions of any such event after the last advertisement, except where special permission has been obtained from the Board. The conditions of each such event shall in all respects comply with the rules of the grading system as approved by the Board from time to time.

(4) Where a greyhound wins or is placed in an eliminating heat of a Classic, Feature Event or sweepstake but is suspended, disqualified before the next round or had its identity card held for conduct trial(s) by the stewards of the meeting, the next placed greyhound in that particular heat shall go forward to the subsequent round, subject to compliance with the seeding regulations. In Classics, Feature Events or sweepstakes where the number of points earned by each greyhound determines the greyhounds to go forward to the next round and a greyhound qualified to go forward is suspended or disqualified before the next round then the greyhound with the next highest number of points shall go forward to the subsequent round, subject to compliance with the seeding regulations.

(5) A race track executive shall not promote a nominator event save with the permission of the Board and any such events shall be run in such manner as may be approved by the Board.

**Track records.**

**21.** (1) A track record at a particular track by any greyhound for any approved distance shall mean the fastest time taken by any greyhound to cover such distance at that track provided:—

(a) that the race in which the record is created or equalled has been timed by an electric timing apparatus or by such other timing apparatus as may be approved by the Board,

(b) that in the case of a flat race at least four greyhounds have competed or that in the case of a hurdle race at least three greyhounds have competed,

(c) that the creation or equalling of the record is duly notified to the Control Committee in the manner prescribed in sub-article (2) of this Article, and

(d) that the relevant record is duly ratified by the Control Committee.

(2) A declaration made by a timekeeper that a track record has been created or equalled shall be made in writing and shall be authenticated by the Control Steward and at least two other stewards of the meeting by their signatures thereto. The authenticated declaration shall then be forwarded together with the greyhound's identity card to the Secretary of the Control Committee.

(3) Track records standing at the date of the coming into operation of these regulations shall be recognised as the existing records for the purposes of this Article.

(4) The required entry on a greyhound's identity card of any record by such greyhound shall be made only by the Secretary of the Control Committee.

(5) Actual times recorded shall be the times recognised by the Control Committee for record purposes.

(6) In the event a new track surface is installed at any track licensed by the Board, a period of six months from when racing commences on the new track shall elapse before any new track record can be notified to the Control Committee for ratification.

### **Appointment of officials.**

**22.** (1) Subject to the provisions of the Greyhound Race Track (Permits for Persons performing Specified Functions) Regulations, 1970 (No. 289 of 1970), the following officials shall be appointed for every greyhound race track, viz. racing manager, judge, timekeeper, control steward, and haredriver.

(2) The race track executive shall immediately notify the Board in writing of any changes in the said appointments at a track.

(3) Every complaint against an official shall be made to the Secretary of the Control Committee in writing, clearly stating the grounds of complaint and shall be accompanied by a deposit of €25.00 (twenty five euros), which will be forfeited if the complaint is found on investigation to be frivolous.

### **Duties of Racing Manager.**

**23.** (1) The racing manager shall ensure that a muzzle and a clean coloured, numbered sheet as approved by the Board is worn by every greyhound competing in a race or trial. The colours of the numbered sheets shall be as follows:—

1 Red 3 White 5 Orange  
2 Blue 4 Black 6 White & Black Stripes.

(2) The racing manager shall have in his possession, for the information of the stewards of the meeting a list of warned-off persons and shall not allow any greyhound owned by such persons to start for a race or trial. He shall also have in his possession a list of disqualified greyhounds and shall not allow any such greyhound to start for a race or trial.

(3) The racing manager (or in his unavoidable absence an official holding a permit from the Board) shall be present at all trials at the track at which he officiates. Where a racing manager is unable to be present, the Secretary of the Control Committee shall be notified of the name of the official who deputised for him.

(4) (i) The racing manager shall not accept for entry for any graded race any greyhound which is the registered property of a director or steward of the track at which he officiates.

(ii) The racing manager and control steward shall ensure that all greyhounds are weighed and placed in racing kennels at least half an hour before the start of the first race and the control steward shall ensure that no owner, trainer or agent subsequently handles any greyhound without his permission.

(5) The racing manager shall not permit any greyhound to compete in a race or trial unless such greyhound's identity card is produced to him at the time of weigh-in except as otherwise approved by the Board.

(6) (i) The racing manager shall ensure:—

(a) in the case of a raced greyhound, that all its trials and races (including trials held for the purposes of sale) are duly recorded on the relevant identity card except as otherwise approved by the Board; and

(b) in the case of an unraced greyhound that all trials run by such greyhound at each track are entered in its identity card and every trial and race after it has recorded the prescribed qualifying time, except as otherwise approved by the Board;

(ii) the provision of this sub-article shall also apply in respect of hurdle racing;

(iii) the racing manager shall verify the correctness of every new entry in an identity card by appending his signature.

(7) On completion of weigh-in, the racing manager shall ensure that the numbers of the declared runners are publicly displayed on a runner's board of an approved type.

(8) It shall be the duty of the Racing Manager to ensure that the racing circuit and equipment is maintained in a proper manner. The Racing Manager shall inspect the racing circuit and equipment before every race meeting and trial session.

### **Judge.**

**24.** (1) (a) The judge shall occupy the judge's box for the duration of each race of a meeting. Unless the stewards of the meeting decide otherwise, the judge shall indicate to them the order of finish. The numbers of at least the first three greyhounds in the order of finish shall be publicly shown and publicly announced. The winning time and the distances between the competing greyhounds shall also be publicly announced.

(b) The judge shall at the conclusion of each meeting furnish a signed report of the result of each race to the racing manager.

(2) The winning greyhound shall be the greyhound whose nose in the judge's opinion first reached the winning line, provided that such greyhound has duly completed the course.

(3) The result of a race shall be the order in which the noses of the competing greyhounds reach the winning line as decided by the judge following any necessary consultation with the stewards of the meeting.

(4) The judge may call for a photo-finish at any time. When a print has been called for, a copy of the print and/or a video picture of the photo-finish on the track monitors shall be displayed at suitable points in the precincts of the race track accessible to all patrons.

(5) If the judge does not call for a print, no print shall be made unless instructed by a decision of the Stewards of the Meeting.

(6) If the judge calls for a photo-finish and, for any reason, a photo-finish print cannot be obtained or is indecipherable, the result of the race shall be decided by the judge and his decision shall be final and the following announcement shall be made over the loudspeakers:—

"For technical reasons, the result cannot be ascertained by photo-finish print. The judge's decision is ..... "

(7) The judge's decision in relation to the result of a race shall be final.

#### **Haredriver and Timekeeper.**

**25.** (1) The haredriver shall take his orders from and be responsible to the racing manager and no one else other than the stewards of the meeting shall have any contact with him while he is on duty. He shall not leave the control tower during the meeting without the consent of the racing manager.

(2) It shall be the duty of the haredriver to set the hare in motion when directed by the Control Steward and to keep it in motion at a proper distance in front of the leading greyhound until it enters the escape.

(3) The haredriver shall have the sole discretion to stop the hare during a race or trial if he decides it is in the best interests of the safety and welfare of the competing greyhounds.

(4) The timekeeper shall time each race and trial and for this purpose shall be provided with a stop watch or electric timing apparatus.

#### **The duties and powers of a Control Steward.**

**26.** (1) The control steward shall check markings of each greyhound at the weigh-in and before each trial and race and, having identified the greyhound, shall append his signature to the identity card opposite the relevant entry in that card relating to the greyhound's participation in such trial or race, except as otherwise approved by the Board.

(2) The control steward shall ensure that a muzzle and a clean coloured, numbered sheet as approved by the Board is worn by every greyhound competing in a race or trial.

(3) The control steward shall observe the exercise of their duties by racing officials and stewards of the meeting and report to the Secretary of the Control Committee if he deems fit on the execution by them of all or any of the functions assigned to them under these regulations.

(4) The control steward shall, as soon as possible, forward to the Secretary of the Control Committee a detailed report of any occurrence at a greyhound race track requiring investigation under these regulations.

(5) The control steward shall forward each week to the Secretary of the Control Committee a list of the greyhounds which were suspended or reinstated under Article 18 of these regulations during the preceding week at the track at which he officiates.

(6) The control steward may in his absolute discretion and subject to the provisions of Section 44 of the Act direct that any occurrence at the track at which he officiates be duly investigated in accordance with these regulations.

(7) The control steward shall conduct a track surface inspection before each race meeting and trial session.

(8) The control steward shall supervise the placing of greyhounds in the correct compartment in the starting box with the correct racing sheet before each race.

#### **Powers of Stipendiary Stewards.**

**27.** (1) A stipendiary steward may supervise greyhound racing, trials and sales and may investigate any occurrence brought to his notice in relation to any matter connected with the greyhound industry. He shall have free access to all parts of the track and to all records relating to the running or sale of greyhounds.

(2) A stipendiary steward shall in particular have power to require:—

- (a) that racing kennels and racing circuit are suitably maintained,
- (b) that the duties of officials and stewards are carried out in accordance with these regulations,
- (c) that the condition and lighting of tracks are adequate, and
- (d) that racing equipment and apparatus are maintained in a satisfactory condition.

(3) A stipendiary steward present at any meeting at a greyhound race track may (subject to the production by him if so required of his appointment) call for or initiate an investigation of any occurrence observed by him or brought to his notice in relation to any race at the meeting, or the performance (including behaviour) of any greyhound at the meeting.

(4) For the purpose of an investigation under this Article a stipendiary steward may:—

(a) require any person to give to him any information which he may reasonably consider necessary, and

(b) give such directions and require such facilities as he may reasonably consider necessary (including directions and facilities as to the examination and testing of greyhounds and the detention under specified control for any purpose of greyhounds or of documents relating thereto).

### **Stewards of the meeting.**

**28.** (1) There shall be at least three acting stewards for every meeting, who shall be present from the start of kennelling until after the last race. There shall also be a paddock attendant or attendants who shall supervise the racing kennels and paddock from the start of kennelling until after the last race.

(2) The names of the stewards of the meeting shall be published in a prominent place on each race and sales meeting programme.

(3) The stewards of the meeting shall supervise all events on a race track in connection with racing and shall maintain the general integrity of racing thereon.

(4) The stewards of the meeting shall watch every race from start to finish and as far as possible watch every greyhound in each race.

(5) The stewards of the meeting shall note the manner of running and the time recorded by each greyhound in each race as compared with previous performances. If they are not satisfied with the running of any greyhound, they shall consult together and if necessary call for the advice of a Veterinary Surgeon and if they think it desirable may cause an investigation to be held; but no such investigation may be held unless the control steward is present.

(6) The stewards of the meeting shall regulate, control, take cognisance of and adjudicate upon the conduct of all owners and persons attendant on the greyhounds participating in events at the meeting.

(7) The stewards of the meeting shall have power to call for proof that a greyhound is neither disqualified in any respect nor the property wholly or in part of a warned-off person and in default of such proof being given to their satisfaction, they may declare a greyhound suspended and in that event notify the Secretary of the Control Committee.

### **Taking of samples.**

**29.** (1) The stewards of the meeting shall have power at any time to order an examination by a Veterinary Surgeon of any greyhound entered for a race or which has run in a race.

(2) The Stewards of the meeting and the Stewards present at trials and/or sales trials shall have power at any time to order a sample of urine, blood, or a sample by vomition or any other means, to be taken from a greyhound for analysis PROVIDED ALWAYS that if the Stewards require a sample of blood to be taken, then such sample may only be taken by a Veterinary Surgeon nominated by the Stewards of the meeting. Such samples ordered as aforesaid by the Stewards of the meeting, save in the case of the taking of a sample by blood, may be taken by such person authorised by the Stewards of the meeting. If the Stewards of the meeting order such sample or samples to be taken as aforesaid, the greyhound shall be kennelled at the track, or at such place as the Stewards may appoint until a sample or samples has or have been obtained. The owner, trainer or their agents or any other person in charge of the greyhound shall not remove the greyhound subsequent to the taking of such sample or samples until permitted to do so by the stewards of the meeting who ordered the sample or samples to be taken.

(3) Should the owner, trainer or their agents or any other person in charge of the greyhound, so require, the sample so taken in accordance with the provisions of sub-article (2) above shall be divided into two parts and each part placed in a container which shall be sealed, provided there is sufficient volume (20 ml) in the sample. One part of the sample shall be dispatched to an Analyst approved by the Control Committee and the other part, if so required, by the owner, trainer or their agents or any other person in charge of the greyhound, shall be sent by the Stewards of the meeting to the Secretary of the Control Committee who, in turn, shall forward same to any public analyst nominated by the owner, trainer or their agents or any other person in charge of the greyhound, the cost of such analysis to be borne by the owner of the greyhound in question. The result of all analyses of samples taken shall be made available to the Control Committee and also to the owner and trainer of such greyhound.

(4) Should the owner, trainer or their agents or the person in charge of the greyhound or any other person obstruct or impede the taking of a sample under this article of the Regulations, the Control Committee may make an Exclusion Order under Section 47 of the Act against such person and, in addition, may disqualify in the manner laid down in Section 45 of the Act any or all greyhounds, kept, owned, trained or managed by such person.

(5) A duly authorised officer of the Board may exercise the powers conferred on the stewards of the meeting by this Article.

(6) The names of greyhounds selected for testing at any race meeting or trial shall be publicly announced.

(7) The prize money won by any greyhound tested at a race meeting under this Article shall be withheld pending the result of the test.

(8) Where a sample has been taken from a greyhound in accordance with sub-article (2), and analysed in accordance with sub-article (3), and such analysis has proved positive for a prohibited substance, the Control Committee may order as follows:—

(a) An Exclusion Order under Section 47 of the Act be made against the registered owner or trainer of such greyhound or against both such owner or trainer;

(b) Disqualification from the race or sweepstake and the prize money won by the greyhound and the trophy, if any, be paid and awarded to the next placed greyhound in the race;

(c) A Disqualification Order under Section 45 of the Act be made against all or some greyhounds kept, owned, trained or managed by the registered owner or trainer of such greyhound;

(d) the sanction of an appropriate fine; and/or

(e) an order be made that greyhounds owned or trained by the registered owner or trainer of such greyhound be tested each time they race for a specified period of no longer than six months.

### **Investigations.**

**30.** (1) No person having any interest in or connection with any greyhound which is the subject to any investigation duly initiated under the Act or under these regulations may effect any transfer of ownership of greyhounds pending the result of such investigation.

(2) (i) Arising out of any investigation duly made under the Act or under these regulations, the stewards of the meeting may at their discretion:—

(a) suspend any greyhound,

(b) caution any owner, trainer or agent,

(c) direct that any greyhound shall run specified trials to the satisfaction of the control steward and racing manager,

(d) accept the explanation offered,

(e) refer the matter to the Control Committee for further investigation.

(ii) the control steward shall immediately report to the Control Committee on any action taken by the stewards of the meeting under sub-article (i) above and a report of such action or of any action taken by the Control Committee may be published in such manner as the Control Committee may deem necessary.

(3) Whenever a greyhound is suspended or directed to run specified trials pursuant to Article 30(2)(i)(c) above, its identity card shall be impounded by the control steward.

### **Disputes, objections, appeals, etc.**

**31.** (1) Any action taken by the stewards of the meeting under Article 30 of these regulations may be subject to appeal to the Control Committee so far as relates to points involving the interpretation of these regulations or to any question other than a question of fact on which there shall be no appeal unless by leave of the stewards of the meeting.

(2) Notice of appeal shall be given in writing to the Secretary of the Control Committee within three days of the decision being made known. A deposit of €25 (twenty five euros) shall be lodged by the appellant, which will be forfeited if the objection is found by the Control Committee to be frivolous. No appeal will lie in regard to a greyhound which has been suspended for fighting.

(3) An objection on the ground:—

(a) that a greyhound which ran was not the greyhound which it was represented to be at the time of entry,  
(b) that a greyhound has run in contravention of the rules of ownership or partnership,  
(c) that a greyhound was not duly registered with the I.C.C., shall not be heard unless lodged with the stewards of the meeting within three days of the conclusion of the relevant meeting.

(4) Except as provided for in sub-article (3) above, an objection shall be made within twenty-four hours of the relevant race being run, exclusive of Sunday, save in the case of fraud or wilful misstatement, when there shall be no limit to the time for objecting, provided the stewards of the meeting are satisfied that there has been no unnecessary delay on the part of the objector.

(5) Every objection shall be made in writing to the control steward or to the racing manager and shall be signed by the owner of a greyhound engaged in the race or by his authorised agent. A deposit of €25 (twenty five euros) shall be lodged by the objector, which will be forfeited if the objection is found by the stewards of the meeting to be frivolous. An objection may also be made by a steward or licensed official of a meeting in his official capacity, in which event no deposit will be required.

(6) Every objection brought under these regulations shall be considered by the stewards of the meeting and an objection shall not be withdrawn without leave of such stewards.

(7) If any objection to a greyhound which has won, or has been placed in a race, be sustained, the greyhound shall be regarded as having been disqualified and the owner and any other person who shall have been paid any prize money or stakes or awarded any prize in respect of the running of such greyhound in the race shall refund any money and stakes and return any other prize so received to the race track executive or the donor thereof, as the case may be, who on receipt thereof shall pay or award the same in accordance with the alteration in the result of the race consequent upon such disqualification.

(8) Pending the determination of an objection or completion of an investigation, the prize which the greyhound objected to may have won or may win in the race shall be withheld.

### **Bribes and corrupt practices.**

**32.** (1) An Exclusion Order may be applied to any person:—

(a) who shall administer or cause or attempt to cause to be administered to a greyhound for any purpose any prohibited substance and the presence of any quantity of a prohibited substance in any body fluid (which term shall include saliva, urine, blood and excreta) collected for testing, constitutes an offence;

(b) who shall be found guilty of conduct of a serious nature causing injury or harm to the welfare of a greyhound(s);

(c) who corruptly gives or offers or promises, directly or indirectly, any bribe, in any form to any person having official duties in relation to a race or a greyhound or to any trainer or agent, or to any person having charge of or access to any greyhound;

(d) who, having official duties in relation to a race, or who, being a trainer, agent or other person having charge of or access to any greyhound, corruptly accepts or offers to accept any bribe in any form; or

(e) who wilfully enters, or causes to be entered, or starts or causes to be started, for any race a greyhound which he knows or believes to be disqualified; or

(f) who is guilty of, or conspires with any other person for the commission of, or is an accessory to any corrupt or fraudulent practice in relation to greyhound racing in this or any other country; or

(g) who wilfully makes any false statement in any entry or registration form, or in any document relating to the registration or racing of a greyhound, or who knowingly signs, or who causes to be signed, a false signature to any such document;

(h) who marks, alters or in any way interferes with a greyhound's identity card; or

(i) any person being an owner of a greyhound or licensed official or trainer who by advertisement, circular letter or other means offers to give information concerning his own or other greyhounds in his care in return for monetary consideration, or any owner, licensed official or trainer who connives at such practice.

### **Greyhound race track executive.**

**33.** (1) Every race track executive shall ensure that:—

(a) greyhound races at the track are conducted in accordance with these regulations and/or any direction issued by the Control Committee or the Board;

(b) registers of an approved type are kept of all greyhounds given trials at the track and of all greyhounds suspended, reinstated or disqualified under these regulations.

(2) For every accounting year, a race track executive shall keep proper accounts of their income and expenditure classified under convenient heads and such accounts shall be submitted annually for audit to a duly qualified auditor at such time as will enable sub-article (3) of this Article to be complied with.

(3) A race track executive shall, within six months after the end of each accounting period or such longer time as the Board may in any particular case allow, send to the Board:—

(a) a copy of the balance sheet for the year with the certificate and report (if any) of the auditor;

(b) a summary, certified by the auditor, of their revenue account for the year showing the income and expenditure for the year classified under convenient heads, and

(c) a copy of any report on their financial position issued by the executive to their shareholders or members.

(4) In this Article, the expression "accounting year" means period of twelve months ending on the day fixed for the closing of their annual accounts by the executive in relation to which the expression is used.

(5) Such other books, accounts and records as may be specified by the Board or the Control Committee shall be kept by each track executive in such manner as may be approved.

(6) A race track executive shall produce to a duly authorised officer of the Board any book, account or record in their possession or procurement and relating to their track the production of which the officer requests and shall permit such officer to inspect and if he so thinks fit to take extracts from any such book, account or record. For the purposes of this Article, a race track executive shall permit such authorised officer to enter any premises where such a book, account or record is kept.

(7) Each race track executive shall keep a register of the dates of receipt and return of identity cards of greyhounds entered, tried or raced at the track and shall ensure that identity cards are only returned when

the full signature of the person collecting the card has been entered on the said register.

(8) Each race track executive shall ensure that the duties assigned by these regulations to licensed officials in their employment are carried out to the satisfaction of the Control Committee and the Board.

(9) A race track executive shall give to the Board every reasonable facility for the performance of its functions and shall comply with any direction which the Board may issue from time to time regarding the establishment, lay-out, construction, maintenance, equipment, use, management or control of greyhound race tracks and the conduct generally of greyhound races at such tracks. In particular, a race track executive shall comply with the following provisions:—

- (a) they shall permit the members of the Board, its authorised officers, servants, agents and licensees to enter, remain on and leave the race track and every building or enclosures thereon at all reasonable times;
- (b) they shall consult with the Board from time to time regarding the accommodation and amenities to be provided on the track;
- (c) they shall furnish the Board particulars including plans and specifications if so required of every work of construction, alteration or improvement which they propose to execute on the track.

### **Betting disputes.**

**34.** (1) Inquiries or complaints concerning betting transactions with bookmakers (including levy deductions made by them) shall be referred to the Board's levy collector at the track concerned. Complaints shall be made in writing in the form prescribed by the Board.

(2) Where it is not possible to secure agreement regarding a betting dispute between a bookmaker and backer, the levy collector shall forward particulars of the dispute to the Board.

### **Betting regulations.**

**35.** (1) Should any greyhound whose number is shown on the public indicator or runners' board be withdrawn by permission of the stewards before the start of a race, all bets on all greyhounds in the event concerned made previous to such withdrawal shall be void and a new market shall be formed.

(2) The result of a race for betting purposes shall be as defined in Article 24(3) of these regulations regardless of any subsequent objection or disqualification.

(3) Should a race result in a dead-heat, all bets on greyhounds dead-heating shall be settled on the basis of full odds to half the stake.

(4) Should the judge signal a photo-finish and if for any reason he finds that he has to decide a race without the aid of the camera, all bets made on the result of the photo-finish shall be void.

(5) Should the photo-finish result in a dead-heat, all bets made after the photo-finish has been signalled, shall be settled on the basis of full odds to half the stake.

**Miscellaneous provisions.**

**36.** (1) Every entry of a greyhound in a race at a licensed greyhound race track shall be subject to:—

( a ) these regulations,

( b ) any condition of entry which may be made from time to time by the race track executive with the permission of the Board, and

( c ) any directions which may be made from time to time by the Control Committee or the Board.

**Citation and commencement.**

**37.** (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Greyhound Industry (Racing) Regulations, 2007.

(2) These regulations shall come into operation on the 19th day of June, 2007.

GIVEN under the Seal of Bord na gCon, this 14th day of June, 2007.

Richard O'Sullivan  
Chairman of the Board.

Adrian Neilan  
Chief Executive of the Board, an officer authorised by the Board to authenticate the Seal of the Board.

**EXPLANATORY NOTE.**

These regulations set out the detailed rules under which greyhound racing will be conducted at tracks licensed by Bord na gCon as and from June 19, 2007 all previous regulations made by the Board in that connection being revoked.