

PROPOSED RULE AMENDMENTS REQUIRED TO INCORPORATE THE WELFARE OF RACING GREYHOUNDS REGULATIONS 2010 INTO THE GBGB RULES OF RACING.

Rule 24

Current Rule

Rule 24 Greyhound - earmarking, qualification for registration

The Greyhound Regulatory Board shall have the power to make arrangements for the earmarking of Greyhound litters. They shall also have power to order the earmarking and/or micro-chipping of adult racing Greyhounds prior to registration and to appoint staff to carry out such work and to charge fees therefor. The earmarks of litters and adult Greyhounds shall be duly recorded on the appropriate registration forms.

Subject to the Greyhound Regulatory Board's power to refuse the registration of any Owner or Greyhound, a Greyhound shall be eligible for registration provided that;

- i it is already registered by name, in the name of the Owner, in at least one of the following:
 - a. The British Greyhound Stud Book
 - b. The Irish Greyhound Stud Book
 - c. Another Greyhound Stud Book of which the GBGB approve.
- ii the following documents are produced.
 - a. Either the British Greyhound Stud Book certificate or Identity Card, or the Irish Identity Card, or in the case of (i)(c) above, a certificate of pedigree, stating the name, Month and year of whelping, sire and dam, sex and colour of the Greyhound, and any marks by which it may be distinguished, endorsed by the official authority of the Stud Book concerned.
 - b. A completed registration form showing the detailed markings of the Greyhound, which are compatible with the details on any accompanying document and with Stud Book records, and the details as appropriate of the earmarkings of the litter and adult Greyhound, authorised by the appropriate authority, drawing attention to any discrepancy.
 - c. A micro-chip barcode corresponding with the inserted micro-chip attached to one of the above.
- iii it shall not be so eligible if any Owner remains warned off and/or disqualified by the Disciplinary Committee, or has, or has had, custody of the Greyhound when such warning off and/or disqualification was ordered or at any time thereafter.
- iv every registration of a Greyhound shall also require registration by the Greyhound Regulatory Board of the Owner concerned.
- v a Part-Owner shall identify all existing and prospective Part-Owners or Lessees or other persons having an interest in the Greyhound.

Amended Rule

Rule 24 Greyhound - earmarking, qualification for registration

The Greyhound Regulatory Board shall have the power to make arrangements for the earmarking of Greyhound litters. An earmark shall be a tattoo of a unique combination of letters and/or numbers located on the inside of the ear pinnae, which shall be registered in the GBGB Registry Database. They shall also have power to order the earmarking and/or micro-chipping of adult racing Greyhounds prior to registration and to appoint staff to carry out such work and to charge fees therefor. The earmarks of litters and adult Greyhounds shall be duly recorded on the appropriate registration forms.

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Rule 33

Current Rule

Rule 33 Greyhound registration and markings

(This rule will be affected by the introduction of computer Graphics Files to record greyhound markings - see Rule 204 and Rule 205).

The colour, sex and markings, including earmarks, of a Greyhound shown on the registration application forms shall be a true copy of details obtained by careful examination of the Greyhound by the Racing Manager or a qualified Licensed Official of an GBGB Licensed Racecourse appointed by him/her, and details of such colour, sex and markings shall be sufficient for that Greyhound to be distinguished from all others. These details shall be copied into the Identity Book by the Racing Manager of a GBGB Licensed Racecourse responsible for obtaining them as above or by a qualified employee thereof appointed by him/her. The person completing the Identity Book shall forward the appropriate Stud Book document(s) shown under Rule 24(ii) (a) and the Identity Book with the registration application form, correct micro-chip barcode and the current inoculation certificate, to the GBGB. If the GBGB register the Greyhound, they shall seal the Identity Book and the Greyhound shall not be deemed registered until such sealing.

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- B. The details of such registrations shall be registered on the GBGB Registry Database as defined in Rule 188(i).

Rule 61

Current Rule

Rule 61 Report of sickness, etc.

Any case of sickness, lameness or other indisposition of a Greyhound discovered after Kennelling for, or immediately after, a Race or Trial, shall be reported to the Local Stewards without delay. Any other case of indisposition of a Greyhound due to or likely to be due to run shall be reported by the Trainer to the Racing Manager(s) concerned without delay.

Amended Rule

Rule 61 Report of sickness, Injury, etc.

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- ii. When a Greyhound is injured when participating in a race, trial or sales trial the attending Veterinary Surgeon must make a record which the Racecourse Executive must keep at the racecourse, setting out:

- a. the nature of the injury sustained;
- b. either the microchip number or earmark of the Greyhound;
- c. details of any treatment administered to the Greyhound;
- d. the distance of the race, trial or sales trial in which the injury occurred; and
- e. the date of the injury.

The information referred to in sub-paragraph ii must be kept for at least 10 years from the date of the injury.

Rule 109

Current Rule

Rule 109 Racing Paddock - definition

The Racing Paddock, containing the Racing Kennels, shall be a securely enclosed area at a GBGB Licensed Racecourse.

Amended Rule

Rule 109 Racing Paddock and Kennels - definition

- i. The Racing Paddock, containing the Racing Kennels, shall be a securely enclosed area at a GBGB Licensed Racecourse. It shall be adequately lit to allow safe examination and handling of a Greyhound.
- ii. Each racing kennel must:
 - a. if installed after 6 April 2010, be at a minimum 136cm long, 87cm wide and 110cm high internally;
 - b. be occupied by no more than one Greyhound;
 - c. have walls and floors with a cleanable surface;
 - d. be cleaned between use;
 - e. have a comfortable area for the Greyhound to lay;
 - f. allow a Greyhound to be observed when inside;
 - g. be constructed so as to minimise any risk of injury to a Greyhound;
 - h. have regular flow of clean air, whether by natural or artificial means, to allow sufficient ventilation for a Greyhound;
 - i. have an ambient temperature suitable for dogs just raced;
 - j. be disinfected and dried between days on which races, trials or sales trials take place.

Rule 110 B

Current Rule

Rule 110 B Veterinary Treatment Room

A designated lockable room adjacent to the Racing Paddock shall be provided as a veterinary treatment room.

Its entrance shall be wide enough to facilitate the bringing in of a badly injured Greyhound.

The lighting shall be good especially over the treatment area.

The room shall be heated in the winter and have adequate ventilation in the summer.

Washing facilities with hot and cold running water shall be provided.

The room shall be fitted with a stout table with a non-slip surface which is easily cleanable and large enough to take a recumbent Greyhound.

Adequate and easily cleaned work surfaces to take dressings, instruments etc., shall be fitted, and adequate storage space for safely and cleanly storing dressings and surgical material shall be provided.

A secure metal lockable cupboard which is bolted to the wall in which to store drugs shall be provided.

The Racecourse Executive shall ensure the room is kept clear and tidy at all times.

Where the Racecourse Executive is responsible for the disposal of the cadaver a chest freezer of adequate size to store Greyhound bodies shall be provided within the Racecourse.

Instruments, steriliser, drugs, dressings, cadaver bags, sharp disposal container etc. shall be provided by the Veterinary Surgeon and paid for by the Racecourse Executive.

The Veterinary Surgeon shall be responsible for disposal of all sharps and surgical waste.

There shall be a telephone link between the treatment room and the Stewards' Box.

Unless dispensation is requested by the Racecourse Executive and granted by the Greyhound Regulatory Board or the Director of Regulation acting under its authority, a small fridge shall be provided to store certain non-steroidal anti-inflammatories and cold dressings and vaccines, and a monitor connected to the track's closed circuit system shall be provided (so that the Veterinary Surgeon is able to view replays and thus be more able to ascertain the cause of an injury), together with a speaker connected to the public address system.

Amended Rule

Rule 110 B Veterinary Treatment Room - facilities

- i The attending Veterinary Surgeon must have access to either a room or a mobile facility which;
 - a. is clean and has walls and floors with an impervious and easily cleanable surface;
 - b. is lockable;
 - c. is well lit
 - d. has heating and ventilation;
 - e. has hot and cold running water;
 - f. has an examination table suitable for examining Greyhounds;

- g. has a lockable cupboard suitable for the storage of veterinary medicines;
 - h. has a fridge suitable for the storage of veterinary medicines;
 - i. is located close enough to the area where a race or trial or sales trial is being undertaken to allow quick access in the case of an emergency;
 - j. has a freezer suitable for the storage of a Greyhound carcass;
 - k. the Racecourse Executive shall ensure is kept clean and tidy at all times.
 - l. contains a kennel, which complies with the Racecourse Executive's requirements in relation to kennels and which is within reasonable proximity to the room or mobile facility used for emergency veterinary cases;
 - m. has instruments, steriliser, drugs, dressings, cadaver bags, sharp disposal container etc. which shall be provided by the Veterinary Surgeon and paid for by the Racecourse Executive;
 - n. shall offer a telephone link between the treatment room and the Stewards' Box;
 - o. unless dispensation is requested by the Racecourse Executive and granted by the Greyhound Regulatory Board or the Director of Regulation acting under its authority, shall have a monitor connected to the track's closed circuit system (so that the Veterinary Surgeon is able to view replays and thus be more able to ascertain the cause of an injury), together with a speaker connected to the public address system.
- ii. The facilities described in sub-paragraph i must be for the sole use of the attending Veterinary Surgeon at all times.
 - iii. The Veterinary Surgeon shall be responsible for disposal of all sharps and surgical waste.

Rule 113

Current Rule

Rule 113 Kennelling and weighing procedure

Kennelling procedure for a Trial or Race shall be as follows:

- i Each Greyhound shall be weighed by a Licensed Official, to the nearest 100 grams. Either immediately prior to being weighed or immediately afterwards, it shall be identified and the greyhound scanned to ensure the presence of an identifiable micro-chip. The Licensed Official shall, on completion of Kennelling, hand to the Racing Manager a record of the weights and the name(s) of the official(s) responsible for identification at that Meeting under Rule 39.
- ii At the same time of identification and weighing, a separate specific Racing Kennel shall be allocated without set pattern to each Greyhound, recorded, and explicitly intimated to the Trainer or Kennelhand attending it and to the Paddock Steward or Security Officer supervising the Racing Kennels and such allocation shall not be notified to any unauthorised person.
- iii After identification and weighing the Greyhound shall be examined by the Veterinary Surgeon, who shall not pass at this time or any other examination any Greyhound as fit to run which in his/her opinion is unfit to do so, or which has been treated in any way with any substance which in his/her opinion might affect its, or any other Greyhound's, normal performance.

- iv After weighing of a Greyhound has been completed it shall not have access to any food, drink or other substance prior to its Race or Trial.
- v Immediately after the veterinary examination, a Greyhound not withdrawn shall be placed in the appropriate Racing Kennel by the Trainer or Kennelhand under the surveillance of the Paddock Steward, Security Officer or other Licensed Official. The Kennel shall then be locked and all Kennel keys shall be retained by the Paddock Steward.
- vi At the Greyhound Regulatory Board's sole discretion, dispensation from veterinary attendance at Kennelling may be granted provided the following conditions are met:
 - a. The Veterinary Surgeon shall be in attendance for Race Meetings and Trials Meetings at least 30 minutes before the first Race or Trial.
 - b. All Greyhounds shall be examined by the Veterinary Surgeon prior to their Race or Trial.
 - c. The examinations shall be carried out both efficiently and thoroughly, i.e. 'hands on'.
 - d. Following the veterinary examination the Greyhounds shall not be returned to their Kennels but shall be kept in a secure situation.

Any dispensation given shall be reviewed annually. Apart from the dispensation factor, the Rules of Racing, specifically for Kennelling, shall remain unaltered.

Authorised Representatives of Racecourse Executives seeking dispensation shall write to the GBGB Director of Regulation.

- vii All weighing apparatus must be re-calibrated at least once annually by an accredited person.

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- iii. After identification and weighing the Greyhound shall be *inspected* by the Veterinary Surgeon, who shall not pass at this time or any other *inspection* any Greyhound as fit to run which in his/her opinion is unfit to do so, or which has been treated in any way with any substance which in his/her opinion might affects its, or any other Greyhound's, normal performance.
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Rule 116

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Rule 116 Veterinary Surgeon's further examination, and attendance

- i. Every Greyhound to take part in a Trial or Race shall again be examined by a Veterinary Surgeon on leaving the Racing Paddock prior to such Trial or Race.
- ii. The Veterinary Surgeon shall remain at the Racecourse throughout a Trials or Race Meeting, shall as far as possible watch every Trial and Race and shall examine each Greyhound prior to or on its return to the Racing Paddock after a Trial or Race, and shall carry out all reasonable requests made to him/her by the Local Stewards.

Amended Rule

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- i. A register of attendance of Veterinary Surgeons shall be kept at the racecourse, recording:
 - a. the date of the race, trial or sales trials; and
 - b. the name, Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons membership number and signature of the attending Veterinary Surgeon.
- ii. The attending Veterinary Surgeon must attest in the register that, before each race, trial or sales trial, he or she inspected every Greyhound which took part.
- iii. The information referred to in sub-paragraphs i and ii must be kept for at least 3 years from the date of the race, trial or sales trial.
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Rule 150

Current Rule

Rule 150 Walk Over

If a Greyhound is the only one not withdrawn from a Race and subject to other Rules is therefore eligible to 'walk over' to be deemed the first in the Result for the purpose of qualification and/or prizes, it shall be examined by the Veterinary Surgeon prior to leaving the Racing Paddock and if pronounced fit to race shall be led past the Local Stewards' Box and thereupon deemed to have so walked over.

A Walk Over shall be treated and recorded as the Result of a normal Race and shown as such in Form Lines.

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Rule 188

Current Rule

Rule 188 System and database definitions

- i The Registry System shall be the licensing and registration computer system installed at the offices of, and managed by the GBGB.
- ii Racing Office Systems shall be the computer systems installed in the Racing Offices of GBGB Licensed Racecourses, each managed by the respective Racing Manager, such management being subject to these Rules.
- iii The Form Database shall be a computer system which obtains, and shall permanently retain a database of, the record of every Trial and Race run at GBGB Licensed Racecourses from 1st May 2000 onwards, and which has access to records of Trials and Races run at Racecourses in Ireland held by the Irish Greyhound Board, and to information originating from the Greyhound Stud Book and the Irish Coursing Club. The Form Database shall also record other information enabling it to compile at any time a similar life history of a Greyhound to that historically recorded in an Identity Book. This information shall include a history of the Owners, Trainers, Breeders, seeding, vaccination and season details of each Greyhound. The Form Database shall be managed under contract by a specialist company. A security copy of the Form Database shall be maintained under the contract on a connected system installed at the offices of the GBGB.

- iv The British Greyhound Racing Database, referred to elsewhere in these Rules as the BGRDb, shall be the overall term for the management and combination of the above three systems using defined operations, responsibilities and procedures. Its operation, where such operation is the responsibility of persons subject to the jurisdiction of the Greyhound Regulatory Board, shall be subject to these Rules.

Amended Rule

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- i. The Registry System shall be the licensing and registration computer system installed at the offices of, and managed by the GBGB. The Registry System will contain the following information in relation to each Greyhound registered:
 - a. the name and address of the owner, or owners where there is joint ownership;
 - b. a contact telephone number for each Owner;
 - c. the name of the Greyhound;
 - d. the microchip number, which shall be a unique number that complies with either ISO standard 11784-1996 or Annex A to ISO standard 11785-1996 of the International Standards Organisation's standards for microchips;
 - e. the earmark, which shall be a tattoo of a unique combination of letters and/or numbers located on the inside of the ear pinnae;
 - f. the sex of the Greyhound;
 - g. the year of birth of the Greyhound; and
 - h. a reference to any other Greyhounds registered under the Owner's name on the database.

The GBGB Registry must record or update this information within 5 working days of receipt of the information. (A 'working day' is any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a day which in England is a bank holiday).

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Rule 192

Current Rule

Rule 192 IDs for Greyhounds

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The Registry system shall record the micro-chip identification number of each greyhound in a field that shall permit identification of the greyhound details via the micro-chip number, and vice versa.

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