

Chapter Game 7

GREYHOUND RACING

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Game 7.01 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to ensure that race meetings held in Wisconsin are of the highest quality and free from practices which are corrupt, incompetent, dishonest or unprincipled and maintain the appearance as well as the fact of complete honesty and integrity of pari-mutuel racing.

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Game 7.02 Registration. (1) The national greyhound association shall be recognized as the official breeding registry of all greyhounds. No trainer or association shall allow any greyhound to be entered, permitted to race or schooled at any racetrack licensed by the division unless properly registered by the national greyhound association of Abilene, Kansas.

(2) No person may enter a greyhound unless it has been tattooed and registered in the national greyhound association stud book.

(3) A certificate of registration for each greyhound shall be filed with the racing secretary by the trainer or kennel owner along with the greyhound's most recent 4 performance lines, except for maidens, which shall contain the greyhound's most recent 2 performance lines, if the maiden has officially schooled or started. All greyhounds shall meet the requirements of s. Game 7.06 (4) (f).

(4) Any change in any ownership or leasehold interest in any greyhound at any race meet shall immediately be registered and recorded with the division by the trainer, lessee or owner. Such change shall immediately be reported to the stewards and racing secretary by the new ownership interest and shall be accompanied by a copy of the documents effecting such transfer.

(5) The lessee of the greyhound shall file an affidavit with the racing secretary attesting to the terms of the lease agreement between the lessee and lessor.

(6) No owner of a greyhound shall have greyhounds in more than 3 kennels at any given racetrack.

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Game 7.03 Schooling. (1) Only schooling races meeting the following requirements shall be considered official by the division:

(a) An official schooling race shall not be conducted unless at least 2 stewards, or a racing official designated by the presiding steward, are present 30 minutes before the start of the race and during the race.

(b) Each association shall provide a photo-finish camera approved by the division to be in operation at all official schooling races.

(c) All schooling shall be at a distance not less than 5/16 of a mile.

(d) Each official schooling race shall consist of at least 6 greyhounds. However, if less than 6, the animals may be schooled with the permission of the stewards.

(e) All greyhounds in official schooling races shall be raced at their established racing weight and started from the starting box wearing racing blankets and muzzles.

(2) PROCEDURES FOR SCHOOLING. (a) Any greyhound that has not raced for a period of 10 racing days or more shall be officially schooled at least once to the satisfaction of the stewards before being eligible for entry. Any greyhound that has not raced for a period of 31 calendar days or more shall be officially schooled at least twice to the satisfaction of the stewards before being eligible for entry.

(b) Hand schooling shall not be considered official.

(c) Any greyhound may be ordered on the schooling list by a majority of the stewards at any time for good cause and shall be schooled officially before being allowed to enter a race.

(d) Each association shall provide unofficial schooling at least 2 times per week, weather permitting, for a minimum of 2 hours per session.

(e) Each association shall provide official schooling at least 2 times per week, weather permitting.

(f) Only greyhounds permanently kenneled in the compound shall be schooled, except for greyhounds entered in open stakes.

(g) No greyhound kenneled in the compound or registered with the racing secretary shall be permitted to be schooled at a facility other than a racetrack licensed by the division.

(h) No charge shall be imposed for conducting schooling races upon any kennel under contract with the association.

(i) Each association shall provide unofficial schooling at least 2 times per week, weather permitting, for a minimum of 2 hours per session.

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Game 7.04 Qualifying time. (1) Each association shall establish a qualifying time for its 5/16 mile distance and inform the stewards in writing of this time prior to the first day of the race meet.

(2) Any change in the qualifying time established during the course of the race meeting shall be reported in writing to the stewards.

(3) Any greyhound that fails to meet the qualifying time as established shall not be permitted to enter.

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Game 7.05 Grading system. (1) GRADE CLASSIFICATIONS. (a) The racing secretary shall be responsible for the proper grading of greyhounds under provisions of this section. Before the first day of a race meet the racing secretary, after sufficiently schooling all greyhounds and considering their past performances, shall classify and assign greyhounds to proper grades.

(b) The racing secretary shall use the following 6 grades; A, B, C, D, E and M.

(c) Grade M refers to maiden classification which indicates a greyhound has not won an official race at a pari-mutuel racetrack supervised by a regulatory agency and is under the age of 24 months. On the last race day of the month in which a greyhound reaches the age of 24 months, maidens shall be graded to grade E.

(d) A greyhound that falls in a race shall be considered a starter. However, a greyhound shall not be considered a starter if the start would result in the greyhound being graded off, but in this event the greyhound shall be considered a starter for purposes of pari-mutuel wagering.

(e) For a greyhound that transfers to the racetrack from another racetrack during a race meeting, the racing secretary shall assign the grade held by the greyhound at the time of the transfer or the equivalent grade of such track, depending on the previous track's grading system, or the next 2 grades higher or lower.

(f) The racing secretary may re-grade a greyhound at anytime within its first 3 starts, but not more than one grade higher or lower.

(g) A greyhound that has advanced from grade M and has been dropped from further racing without winning another official start may be re-qualified after a period of 30 days. Upon requalification the greyhound shall be placed in grade E by the racing secretary.

(h) Greyhounds not racing because of illness or injury for 30 days or more may be re-graded.

(i) All stakes races shall be indicated by the letter "S" and the grade.

(j) The racing secretary may form races of a distance of 3/8 of a mile or greater from 2 consecutive grades, not to include maiden. The races shall be designated by the letter "T" and the grade designation of the highest of the 2 grades and shall pay a purse consistent with the higher grade.

(2) ADVANCE IN GRADE. (a) The racing secretary shall advance a greyhound that wins a maiden race to grade E. A greyhound that wins a maiden race may be entered in grade D at the request of the trainer and with the approval of the racing secretary.

(b) The racing secretary shall advance a greyhound that wins a race one grade until reaching grade A.

(c) On request by a kennel owner or trainer, the racing secretary may advance a greyhound that finishes second, third or fourth in a maiden race to grade E and then must advance as provided in this section. For a greyhound re-graded on request under this subsection, the association shall place the letter "M" after the greyhound's name in the racing program.

(3) DECLINE IN GRADE. (a) Except as provided in par. (b), the racing secretary shall lower a greyhound to the next lower grade if:

1. The greyhound fails to finish in the top 3 positions in 3 consecutive starts; or
2. The greyhound fails to finish third or better at least once in 4 consecutive starts.

(b) The racing secretary shall lower a greyhound in grade D to the next lower grade if it fails to finish in the top 4 positions in 4 consecutive starts.

(4) DROP IN ELIGIBILITY. (a) A greyhound which fails to finish in the top 4 finishing positions in 6 consecutive grade E starts shall be dropped from further racing at that race meet.

(b) A greyhound which fails to finish in the top 4 positions in 6 consecutive maiden starts shall be dropped from further racing at the race meet, except that if it re-qualifies in official schooling, the greyhound shall be given 2 additional starts. If the greyhound fails to finish in the top 4 positions in those 2 starts, the greyhound shall be dropped from further racing at the race meet.

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Game 7.06 Entries. (1) PROCEDURES FOR ENTRY. (a) All entries shall be made to the racing secretary. Every entry in a race shall be in the name of the registered owner, lessee, or kennel name and shall be made in person or in writing.

(b) Joint subscriptions and entries may be made by any one or more of the owners. However, all owners shall be jointly and severally liable for all fees and forfeits.

(c) Entries which have closed shall be compiled without delay by the racing secretary and conspicuously posted.

(d) Entrance money shall not be refunded on the death of a greyhound or failure to start.

(e) Entry into a race shall be free, unless otherwise stipulated in the conditions of the race. If the conditions require an entrance fee, it shall accompany the entry.

(2) ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY. (a) A greyhound shall not be qualified to be entered or to start in any race if owned in whole or in part or is under the control, directly or indirectly, of a person not eligible to hold a license. Any purse money won during the period the greyhound was owned or controlled by a person not eligible to hold a license shall be returned to the association and redistributed as purse money.

(b) No greyhound shall be permitted to enter or to start unless conditioned by a licensed trainer as registered with the division.

(c) No greyhound on the schooling list or the veterinarian's list shall be allowed to enter any official race without being properly removed from such lists.

(d) Female greyhounds coming in season during the race meet shall not be accepted for entry within 30 days following the date the greyhound came in season. Before being accepted for entry the greyhound shall be examined by the division's veterinarian and schooled to the satisfaction of the stewards.

(e) Lactating females shall not be eligible to enter, school or race.

(f) No greyhound under the age of 14 months may enter any official race.

(g) No greyhound shall be permitted to enter schooling or official races unless all persons holding any ownership interest in the greyhound are licensed by the division.

(h) In the event a greyhound starts a race from a post position other than the assigned post position identified in the daily race program, the stewards shall declare a "no race" and all monies wagered shall be refunded. In the event a greyhound starts a race from a post position other than the assigned post position identified in the daily race program, and the stewards fail to declare the race a "no race", then all winning tickets reflecting the posted official order of finish shall be honored as winning tickets and all remaining tickets shall be subject to refund.

(i) After the start of a race no refunds shall be provided in the event a greyhound's blanket comes loose or falls off, or if the greyhound's muzzle falls off, is hanging, or is in the mouth.

(3) STAKES. (a) Entries for stakes races, the conditions of which have previously been published, shall close at the time advertised in such publication and no entry shall be received after that time. If the race fails to fill, additional time may be granted. The time for closing is as follows:

1. When an hour for closing is designated entries and declarations for stakes shall not be received afterwards;

2. If an hour is not designated entries and declarations shall be mailed up to midnight of the day entries close, provided they are received in time for compliance with every other condition of the race.

(b) In the event the number of entries to any stake race is in excess of the number of greyhounds that may be permitted to start, the starters for the race shall be determined by the racing secretary according to the published conditions of the race.

(c) An entry in a stakes race shall not be withdrawn. However, in a multiple race series an entry may be scratched if the division

veterinarian determines that it is unable to compete. A greyhound scratched from a stakes race shall not start officially before the stakes race is final.

(d) In the absence of notice to the contrary, entrance and declarations for stakes races which close during or on the eve of a race meet shall close at the office of the racing secretary. Closing at all other times for stakes races shall be at the office of the association.

(e) All stakes races shall be indicated by the letter "S" and the grade. The letter "S" shall appear at the top of each page of the daily race program for this type of race. After racing in a grade S race, the greyhound's grade shall include the S followed by the greyhound's current grade.

(f) A person entering a greyhound shall be liable for the entrance money or stake. Should the subscriber transfer the entry, the subscriber shall be liable.

(g) If a stakes race is not run all stakes or entrance money shall be refunded.

(h) If the racing secretary allows a greyhound to start in a race without its entrance money or stake having been paid, the racing secretary shall be liable for the money due.

(i) Subscription of entry or right of entry shall survive the death of nominator or subscriber of the greyhound.

(j) An error pertaining to any entry or declaration in a stakes race must be presented to the stewards prior to any qualifying races or the draw.

(4) DRAWING. (a) The post positions of greyhounds starting shall be assigned by random lot or drawing, including computerized drawing.

(b) Entries shall not be drawn and assigned a post position unless a steward or designee representing the division and the racing secretary, assistant racing secretary or director of racing are present. The kennel owner, trainer or assistant trainer may be present, but their absence at the time of drawing shall constitute a waiver of their right to be present.

(c) The racing secretary shall post, in an area previously designated for this purpose, the date, time and place for the drawing of entries and assignment of post positions at least one day prior to the running of the race.

(d) The following provisions apply to the listing of greyhounds not drawn:

1. Immediately after the drawing of entries for a performance the racing secretary shall publish a list of greyhounds not drawn;

2. The list shall be posted in an area available for viewing by kennel owners and trainers;

3. In drawing the entries for the next performance the racing secretary shall give priority to the greyhounds on the list;

4. The racing secretary shall maintain on the list a balance of greyhounds in different grades and distances.

(e) In purse races, there shall be at least 6 greyhounds of completely different ownership. No trainer or greyhound owner shall have more than 2 greyhounds in any race except in stakes or sweepstakes. In all other purse races, the following conditions shall apply:

1. No double entries shall be allowed until all single interests are used and double entries shall be uncoupled for wagering purposes.

2. When no other single entry is available, the racing secretary may use a double entry without the permission of the trainer.

(f) Each greyhound shall have 4 past performance lines, except maidens shall have at least 3 past performance lines.

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Game 7.07 Declarations and scratches. (1) The declaration of a greyhound out of an engagement is irrevocable and shall only be made by the trainer.

(2) Declarations shall be made to the racing secretary or the assistant to the racing secretary at least 1/2 hour before the time designated for the drawing of post positions.

(3) Greyhounds declared or scratched shall lose all preference accrued up to that date unless excused by the stewards.

(4) If 3 or more greyhounds are declared out or scratched in any one race, the stewards may cancel the race.

(5) At any time a greyhound is scratched, it may be required to perform to the satisfaction of the stewards in an official schooling race prior to being reentered for an official race.

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Game 7.08 Weights and weighing. (1) ESTABLISHING OF RACING WEIGHT. (a) Before any greyhound is allowed to school or race, the trainer shall establish its racing weight with the clerk of scales.

(b) The established racing weight may be changed on written request of the trainer and by written consent of the stewards. The new racing weight shall become effective at the next draw following submission and consent of the request.

(c) All greyhounds having an established weight change of more than one pound shall be schooled at least once at the discretion of the stewards at the new weight before being eligible to start.

(d) Greyhounds that have not raced or schooled officially for a period of 3 weeks shall be allowed to establish a new racing weight with the consent of the stewards and shall be schooled officially immediately upon receipt of consent.

(2) WEIGHING IN. (a) All greyhounds shall be weighed not less than one hour and not more than 3 hours before the time of the first race of the race performance in which they are to appear. In cases where the total number of greyhounds entered into a race performance are exceeded by the total number of crates in the lock out kennel, the association may designate two periods for weigh in and the corresponding entries to be weighed in at each period. In cases where more than one weigh in period is conducted, all greyhounds identified for the second weigh in period shall be weighed not less than one hour before the earliest scheduled post time for all greyhounds being weighed in during that period. Only one weigh-in per greyhound shall be permitted.

(b) As each greyhound is weighed in, there shall be an identification tag attached to its collar indicating the number of the race in which the greyhound is entered and its post position. This tag shall not be removed until the greyhound has been weighed out, blanketed and identified.

(c) All greyhounds must be weighed in and weighed out with the muzzle, collar and lead strap approved by the division's paddock judge.

(d) Upon weighing-in, should there be a variation of more than 1¹/₂ pounds from the greyhounds established weight the stewards shall order that greyhound scratched.

(e) Immediately after being weighed in, the greyhounds shall be placed in lock-out kennels under the supervision of the association paddock judge or kennel master.

(f) If at weighing-in time there is more than 2 pounds variation between the present weight and the weight at weighing-in time of its last race, the stewards shall order the greyhound scratched.

(g) Upon placement of the greyhounds in the lock-out kennels after weighing-in, no person except racing officials, lead-outs in the presence of a racing official or designated representatives of the division shall be allowed in the lock out kennels.

(3) WEIGHING OUT. (a) Each greyhound shall be weighed out immediately after being removed from the lock-out kennels. If a greyhound loses weight in excess of 1-1/2 pounds from its weigh-in weight while in the lock-out kennels, the stewards shall consult with the division veterinarian. If, in the opinion of the division's veterinarian, the loss of weight while in the lock-out kennels does not impair the racing condition of the greyhound, the

stewards shall allow the greyhound to race. Otherwise, the greyhound shall be scratched.

(b) A record of all greyhounds losing in excess of one and one-half pounds while in the lock-out kennel shall be maintained by the division veterinarian. The division veterinarian shall identify a greyhound as a weight loser who loses weight in excess of one and one-half pounds on a minimum of three consecutive occasions while in the lock-out kennel. Each greyhound classified as a weight loser shall be identified with the initials "WL" following its name in the daily race program.

(4) MISCELLANEOUS. (a) The clerk of scales shall require a greyhound to remain on the scales until such time as no more than 1-quarter pound movement in scale action is caused by the greyhound moving while being weighed.

(b) The weight regulations provided in this section shall be printed in the daily race program.

(c) The stewards shall have the option of ordering the weighing of a greyhound entered in a race at any time from the time the greyhound is entered in a race until post time.

(d) Entered greyhounds not brought to weigh-in due to illness or injury shall be examined by the division's veterinarian and the results of the examination reported to the stewards.

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Game 7.09 Rules of the race. (1) RACE PREPARATION.

(a) All greyhounds shall wear the regulation muzzle and blanket while racing. Following the race, racing blankets shall not be removed until the greyhounds are under visual observation by their trainer or designee.

(b) Before leaving the paddock for the starting box the muzzles and blankets of each greyhound shall be carefully examined and again examined in front of the steward's stand before the stewards and the public, or on video display terminals with prior approval of the stewards. All muzzles and blankets used shall be approved by the division paddock judge.

(c) All greyhounds shall be exhibited in the display area of the paddock before post time of the race in which they are entered.

(d) After the greyhounds leave the paddock on their way to the starting point, and until the race has concluded, all persons except racing officials and necessary attendants shall be excluded from the track.

(e) Prior to the first post time for each performance the lure operator shall test the lure to ensure that the lure is in proper working order. Any problems that would prevent the operation of a consistent lure shall be reported immediately to the stewards.

(2) RULES OF THE RACE. (a) The greyhounds shall be started from a type of starting box approved by the division and there shall be no start until and no recall after the doors of the starting box have opened. Each starting box shall be equipped with an automatic opener with a manual back-up.

(b) If less than 3 greyhounds finish, the stewards shall declare it "no race" and all wagers and entry fees shall be refunded.

(c) The trainer or designee shall receive the greyhound from the lead-out at the conclusion of each race in which they are responsible for an entry.

(d) No race shall be called official unless the lure is in advance of the greyhounds at all times during the race. If at any time during the race, any greyhound or greyhounds touch or overtake the lure the stewards shall declare it "no race" and all monies wagered shall be refunded.

(e) If a greyhound bolts the course, or runs in the opposite direction during the running of the race, and in so doing, in the opinion of the stewards, interferes with any other greyhound so as to alter the outcome of the race, the stewards may declare it "no race" and all monies wagered shall be refunded.

(f) If a greyhound bolts the course, runs in the opposite direction, or does not run the entire prescribed distance for the race, it shall forfeit all rights in the race, and no matter where it finishes, the stewards shall declare the finish of the race the same as if that greyhound was not a participant. However, that greyhound shall be considered a "starter" for grading purposes.

(g) The stewards at each race meet shall designate individuals who may remove a greyhound from the track when it appears it may interfere with the running of the race. No other person shall enter the track during the running of the race.

(h) If a greyhound refuses to leave the box when the doors of the starting box open at the start, there shall be no refund of monies wagered. Such greyhound shall be considered a starter.

(3) STEWARDS LIST. (a) If the stewards determine that an animal, during a race, is fractious, unruly or otherwise runs so as to cause interference to other animals in the race, the stewards may place that animal on the schooling list.

(b) Any greyhound may be placed on the schooling list at the discretion of the stewards at any time. No animal placed on the schooling list shall be permitted to race without schooling back to the satisfaction of the stewards.

(c) When the stewards charge a greyhound for interference in any official race, films shall be made available for viewing by the kennel owner or trainer. Upon written appeal to the stewards of an interference ruling and placement of the greyhound on the schooling list, the stewards may review the film and their decision in the presence of the kennel owner or trainer.

(4) DEAD HEATS. (a) When greyhounds run a dead heat for first place all monies and prizes to which the winner would have been entitled shall be divided equally. Each greyhound shall be deemed a winner.

(b) When greyhounds run a dead heat for second place, they shall divide equally the second place money and whatever additional placing monies are involved in the dead heat.

(c) When greyhounds run a dead heat for third place, they shall divide equally the third place money and whatever additional placing monies are involved in the dead heat.

(d) If the dividing owners cannot agree as to a prize which cannot be divided, the question shall be determined by lot in the presence of the stewards.

(5) OBJECTIONS. (a) All objections as to eligibility of an animal to race shall be made to the stewards in writing and signed by the objector.

(b) Objections to a greyhound engaged in a race shall be made only by the trainer of another greyhound engaged in the same race, or by an racing official.

(c) All objections shall be made within 48 hours after the race is run.

(d) The stewards may impose a forfeiture upon a determination that an objection was made without reasonable basis.

(e) Pending a decision on the objection, any prize or money due any greyhound involved in the objection shall be withheld until the objection is resolved.

(f) In all cases of fraud or willful deception, the time limitation identified in this section shall not apply if the stewards determine the objector could not have reasonably ascertained the basis of the objection within 48 hours.

(g) If an objection is declared valid, the stewards shall determine the new order of finish and the redistribution of all purse monies. The stewards' decision shall not affect the pari-mutuel payoff.

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Game 7.10 Racing officials. (1) GENERAL. (a) The following are designated racing officials of a race meet:

1. Board of stewards (presiding division steward, division steward, and association steward).

2. Director of racing.

3. Racing secretary.

4. Paddock judge.

5. Chartwriter.

6. Lure operator.

7. Starter.

8. Announcer.

9. Division veterinarian.

10. Clerk of scales.

11. General manager.

12. Brake operator.

13. Director of security.

14. Mutuel manager.

15. All assistant positions of those listed above.

16. All other staff members of the division.

(b) All designated racing officials shall be appointed by the association except the division stewards, division veterinarian, and all other division employees, all of whom shall be appointed by the division. All association racing officials shall be licensed by the division. The successor to an official whom is replaced shall be subject to the approval of the division.

(c) Associations shall submit to the division the names of all racing officials not less than 45 days prior to the first day of the race meeting, with biographical data relating to the expertise and qualifications of the individuals. No person shall serve in more than one racing official position without the prior approval of the division.

(d) No racing official shall accept, directly or indirectly, any gratuity, reward or favor in connection with racing at the meeting.

(e) No racing official shall accept anything of value from any licensee.

(f) Racing officials shall report to the stewards all observed violations of the rules.

(g) No occupational licensee shall use profane or indecent language to a racing official or otherwise disturb the peace of any race meet, nor act in a manner which causes any disturbance or disruption of the racing or other operation of the association, or of the acts of any racing officials or employees of the association, or is in any manner detrimental to the best interests of racing.

(h) Any grievance or complaint against a racing official, a licensee or an employee of the licensee shall be made in writing to the stewards. The stewards shall consider the matter, take whatever action is deemed appropriate, and make a full report of their action to the division. Complaints against the stewards or employees of the division shall be made in writing to the administrator.

(i) Whenever the general manager is to be absent from the grounds of a racetrack for more than one performance, the general manager shall, in writing, inform the stewards of the anticipated length of the absence and provide the name of the racing official who will assume the responsibilities of the general manager. The person designated to assume the responsibilities shall be authorized to exercise all duties and responsibilities of the general manager and shall be licensed as an assistant general manager.

(j) All racing officials shall be at least 18 years of age.

(2) STEWARDS. (a) The stewards shall supervise the race meet to which they are assigned including the actions and decisions of all racing officials in carrying out their duties. In all cases of conflicts, the decisions of the stewards shall control. The stewards shall be responsible for enforcing ch. 562, Stats., and the division's rules. The stewards shall interpret the rules and decide all questions not addressed in statutes or administrative code. All decisions and rulings within the stewards' authority shall be determined by a majority vote of the board of stewards, subject to division review.

(b) There shall be 3 stewards for each race meeting, 2 of whom shall be appointed by the division and one who shall be nominated by the association for approval by the division.

(c) Should any situation occur which may not be covered by the rules of racing, it shall be determined by the stewards in conformity with custom and usage in the industry and in the best interest of racing. In matters pertaining to racing, the orders of the stewards shall supercede the orders of the officers and directors of the association.

(d) The stewards shall have the power at any time to order an examination by the division veterinarian of any animal entered or which has run in a race.

(e) During each racing day the stewards of the race meet shall be at the division offices on the grounds of the association where the race meet is being held not later than 15 minutes prior to weighing—in time to exercise the authority and perform the duties imposed on the stewards by the rules of racing.

(f) In an emergency, when a vacancy occurs among the racing officials other than the stewards, the stewards shall immediately fill the vacancy:

1. The appointment shall be effective only for one day unless the stewards determine continuation of such appointment is required.

2. Such appointment shall be reported immediately to the administrator by the stewards.

(g) In an emergency when a vacancy occurs for an association steward, the presiding steward shall appoint a racing official to serve for that program. The appointment shall only be effective for one day, unless the presiding steward determines continuation of such appointment is required.

(h) If a vacancy occurs for a division steward or division veterinarian prior to or during a race performance, the presiding steward shall appoint an individual to serve for the remainder of the race performance.

(i) If a vacancy occurs for a racing official not listed under par. (h), the general manager or designee shall appoint a racing official to serve for the remainder of the race performance. The general manager's appointment shall be subject to the review and consent of the board of stewards.

(j) The question of whether a start was a fair start shall be the decision of the stewards and such decision shall be final and if the stewards decide that a start was not a fair start the race shall be declared a "no race."

(k) The stewards shall determine the finish of the race by the relative position of the muzzles of the greyhounds. In cases where the muzzle is off, hanging or in the mouth the stewards shall consider the relative position of the nose of the greyhound.

(L) The stewards shall display the numbers of the first 3 greyhounds in each race in order of their finish. If the stewards differ in their placing, the majority shall prevail. Nothing in these rules shall be construed to prevent the stewards from correcting an error before the display of the sign "official."

(m) The stewards shall be responsible for hand timing each race.

(n) All association stewards are required to obtain a license as an association steward from the division. All association stewards shall have a knowledge of the principles and practices of the pari-mutuel racing industry, the use of administrative rules and practices within the pari-mutuel industry, and the principles and practices of oversight of pari-mutuel racetrack operations.

(3) CLERK OF SCALES. (a) The clerk of scales shall weigh all greyhounds in and out and post the scale sheet of weight promptly after weighing.

(b) The clerk of scales shall immediately report to the stewards any infraction of the rules as to weight and weighing.

(4) LEAD-OUTS. (a) Lead-outs shall be employed by the association for the purpose of leading the greyhounds to the starting

box. Only licensed lead-outs shall lead greyhounds from the paddock to the starting box.

(b) There shall be one lead-out for each greyhound on the race-track during races on which pari-mutuel wagering is conducted.

(c) Lead-outs shall present a neat appearance and conduct themselves in an orderly manner and shall be attired in clean uniforms provided by the association.

(d) The lead-out shall handle the greyhound in its assigned box before the race and then retire to a designated place.

(e) The lead-out shall handle the greyhound in a humane manner at all times.

(f) No lead-out shall have any interest in any greyhound participating in the race meet where the lead-out is employed.

(g) Lead-outs shall be assigned to post positions by the paddock judge or designee by lot before each race performance and subject to approval and reassignment by the division stewards.

(h) Lead-outs shall not hold any conversation with the public or with one another, either in the paddock, enroute to the starting post or while returning to the paddock.

(i) Lead-outs shall remain in the restricted area of the paddock at all times, except to accompany an assigned greyhound to the starting box.

(j) No lead-out shall smoke while in uniform and on duty.

(k) It shall be the responsibility of the association to properly train lead-outs in the handling of greyhounds. The training shall include the proper method of leading greyhounds, weighing, placement in and removal from lock-out kennels, handling of blankets, muzzles and leashes, placement in starting box and returning of the greyhound to the paddock after the finish of a race.

(5) PADDOCK JUDGE. (a) No greyhound not fully identified and checked against the card index systems (bertillon card) maintained by each association shall start in a schooling or official pari-mutuel race. The identification cards shall be filled in and completed by the association paddock judge before greyhounds are entered for schooling or for a race.

(b) The paddock judge shall fully identify and check against the card index system of identification maintained by the association the greyhounds starting in schooling and official pari-mutuel races. The paddock judge shall report to the stewards any greyhound who does not conform to the card index identification.

(c) The paddock judge shall unlock the lock-out kennel immediately before weigh-in time to see that the lock-out kennels are in good repair and that nothing has been deposited in any of the crates for the greyhounds' consumption. The division veterinarian shall see that the lock-out kennels are kept in repair and proper sanitary condition and shall direct the association to make the required corrections when deemed necessary. The paddock judge or designee(s) shall receive the greyhounds from the trainer one at a time, and see that each greyhound is placed in its lock-out kennel and remain on guard from that time until the greyhounds are removed for the last race.

(d) The division steward and paddock judge shall not allow anyone to weigh in a greyhound unless that person has in their possession a valid owner's, trainer's or assistant trainer's license.

(e) The association paddock judge or kennel master shall keep on hand and ready for use extra muzzles of all sizes, lead straps and collars.

(f) The paddock judge shall ensure that each greyhound is properly fitted with an approved muzzle, blanket and lead prior to its leaving for the starting box.

(6) STARTER. (a) The starter shall report any causes of delay to the stewards.

(b) All starting boxes to be used during a performance shall be inspected and tested by the association prior to the first race of the performance and the results shall be communicated to the stewards by the starter before the first race.

(c) The starter shall inspect all starting boxes and areas adjacent to the starting boxes to be used each race performance prior to the first race to ensure they are clean and free of any foreign materials.

(d) The starter shall be responsible that each greyhound is correctly placed in its assigned post position as identified in the daily racing program.

(7) RACING SECRETARY. (a) The racing secretary shall maintain a complete and updated file of all lease and ownership papers on greyhounds racing at the race meet. All ownership and lease documents shall be inspected to be sure they are accurate, complete and updated. To perform this responsibility the racing secretary shall have the authority to demand the production of any documentation or evidence relating to the ownership of a greyhound. Kennel owners and trainers shall file with the racing secretary all current ownership and lease records and any other forms required by the division including but not limited to health certificates, live lure affidavits and animal vaccination records. By filing these documents the owner and trainer warrant that the documents are true, accurate and authentic.

(b) The racing secretary shall receive all entries and declarations.

(c) The racing secretary shall form each race, and ensure that only greyhounds which are eligible to start and which meet any special entry requirements are drawn into the race. The racing secretary shall make every effort to ensure fairness and equal opportunity for all greyhound owners and kennel owners in the forming of all races.

(d) As soon as entries have closed for each race performance, the racing secretary shall compile and post a list of entries minus any subsequent withdrawals. Names of greyhounds on the left-over list shall also be compiled and posted in an announced location.

(8) CHARTWRITER. (a) The chartwriter shall compile the past performance information necessary for the daily race program.

(b) The daily race program shall contain:

1. The names of the greyhounds entered to run in each of the day's races, which shall appear in order of their post position;

2. The grade of the race;

3. The numerical designation of the post position at the left of the name and shall correspond to the numeral displayed on each greyhound;

4. Four past performance lines, except maidens shall have at least 3 past performance lines and all such lines shall be in reverse chronological order, with the most recent performance listed first;

5. Name, color, sex, date of whelping, breeding (dam and sire), established racing weight, number of starts in official races and number of times finishing first, second, third and fourth, total purses won, name of owner or lessee, name of trainer, distance of race, track record and such other information as will enable the public to properly judge the greyhound's ability; and

6. In case the name of a greyhound is changed, the new name together with the former name shall be published in the official entries and daily race program until after the greyhound has started 6 times.

(9) TIMER-PHOTO FINISH/TIMER. The association steward shall be the timer-photo finish operator.

(a) The timer-photo finish operator shall maintain the photo finish and timing equipment in proper working order and shall be responsible for photographing each race.

(b) The timer-photo finish operator shall declare the official time of each race. The time of the race shall be taken from the opening of the doors of the starting box to the time of the first greyhound crossing the finish line.

(c) Each association shall install an automatic timing device approved by the division. The timer-photo finish operator shall use the time shown on the timing device as the official time of the

race if the timer-photo finish operator and stewards are satisfied that the timing device is functioning properly. Otherwise, the timer-photo finish operator shall consult with the stewards and use the time shown on the stop watch or other back-up timing device in use to record the time of the race. When the stop watch time or other back-up timing device is used to record the official time of the race it shall be so announced to the public.

(d) When the "photo" sign is posted by the stewards on the totalizator board the timer-photo finish operator shall prepare a photograph which shall be made available and displayed for public viewing. The photo shall be approved by the board of stewards prior to public viewing. A paper copy of the displayed photo shall be retained for a period of 90 days.

(10) LURE OPERATOR. (a) The lure operator shall operate the lure in a smooth, uniform and consistent manner so as not to impede or otherwise disrupt the running of the race.

(b) The location of the lure on the course and the prevailing weather conditions shall be taken into consideration by the lure

operator when calculating the appropriate distance of the lure from the lead greyhound.

(c) The lure operator shall test the operation of the lure prior to the running of the first race of each race performance. Any malfunctions shall be reported to the stewards and corrected prior to the start of the race performance.

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Game 7.11 Fees. The division may require a fee to be paid by persons licensed pursuant to s. 562.05 (1) (a) and (b), Stats. This fee shall supplement funding received to accomplish the statutorily mandated regulatory responsibilities of the division. This fee will be determined by the division on an annual basis. All monies received pursuant to the rule shall be paid to the division, as designated by the division.

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