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GREYHOUND RACING

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RACE 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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RACE 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 board 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 last 4 performance lines, except for maidens, whose certificates shall contain the last 2 performance lines, when available. All greyhounds must meet the requirements of s. RACE 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 board 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 a copy of the lease agreement with the racing secretary. The lease agreement shall include:

- (a) The name of the greyhound;
- (b) The name and address of the owner;
- (c) The name and address of the lessee;
- (d) The kennel name, if any, of each party;
- (e) The terms of the lease.

(6) No owner of a greyhound shall have greyhounds in more than 2 kennels at any given racetrack.

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

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(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 board 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 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.

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RACE 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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RACE 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.

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(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.

(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-classified.

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

(2) **ADVANCE IN GRADE.** (a) The racing secretary shall advance a greyhound that wins a maiden race to grade E.

(b) The racing secretary shall advance a greyhound that wins a race 1 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) If a greyhound in grade E fails to finish in the top 4 positions in 4 consecutive starts the greyhound shall be dropped from further racing at that race meeting. However, a greyhound that wins a maiden race and advances to grade E in its initial entry in that grade may fail to finish in the top 4 finishing positions in 6 consecutive starts before being dropped from further racing.

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(b) If a maiden fails to finish in the top 4 positions in 6 consecutive starts, the greyhound shall be dropped from further racing at the meeting, except that if it re-qualifies, 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 meeting.

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RACE 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.

(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 disqualified person. Any purse money won shall be returned.

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

(c) No greyhound on the schooling list or the veterinarian's list shall be allowed to enter.

(d) Female greyhounds coming in season during the race meeting shall not be accepted for entry within 30 days from the date noted the greyhound came in season. Before being accepted for entry the greyhound shall be examined by the board'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.

(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
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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 board 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 racing 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 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.

(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 representing the board and the racing secretary are present. The kennel owner or 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.

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(e) In purse races, there shall be at least 7 greyhounds of completely different ownership. No trainer or 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. The kennel owner shall have agreed to a double entry.
3. When no other single entry is available, the racing secretary may use a double entry without the permission of the owner.
4. Greyhounds nominated for any distance over 5/16 mile shall be subject to double entry without permission of the owner.

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

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RACE 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 ½ 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.

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RACE 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, providing the change is made 4 calendar days before the greyhound is allowed to race at the new weight.

(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 before the time of the first race of the program in which they are to appear. Only one weigh-in 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
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greyhound is entered and its post position. This tag shall not be removed until the greyhound has been weighed out and blanketed.

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

(d) Upon weighing-in, should there be a variation of more than 1½ pounds from the greyhounds established weight the stewards shall order that greyhound scratched.

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(e) During each racing day the stewards of the meeting shall be at the board offices on the grounds of the association where the racing meeting is being held not later than 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 director 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) 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."

(i) 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.

(j) 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."

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

(l) All stewards are required to obtain a license as a steward from the board. All 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. Stewards which are employees of the board or provide services to the board pursuant to a professional services contract shall comply with the following; s. 562.045, Stats., and all published policies and procedures as set forth from time to time by the state of Wisconsin department of employment relations. All salary ranges, benefits, etc. shall be set by Wisconsin department of employment relations.

(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.

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(b) There shall be one lead-out for each greyhound on the racetrack 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 put 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 board paddock judge or designee by lot before each race program.

(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 board 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 board paddock judge shall report to the stewards any greyhound who does not conform to the card index identification.

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

(d) The board 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.

(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 tested by the association prior to the first race of the performance and the results of such tests shall be communicated to the stewards by the starter before the first race.

(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 forms. 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 program, the racing secretary shall compile and post a list of entries minus any subsequent withdrawals. Names of greyhounds on the leftover list shall also be compiled and posted in an announced location.

(8) **CHARTWRITER.** (a) The chartwriter shall compile the information necessary for the program.

(b) The 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

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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 program until after the greyhound has started 6 times.

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

(b) The photo finish operator/timer 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.

(c) Each association shall install an automatic timing device approved by the board. The timer shall use the time shown on the timing device as the official time of the race if the timer is satisfied that the timing device is functioning properly. Otherwise, the timer shall consult with the stewards and use the time shown on the stop watch. When the stop watch time is used as 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 photo finish operator/timer shall prepare a photograph which shall be made available and displayed for public viewing.

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

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