

BORD NA GCON STRUCTURE FOR NOVICE GREYHOUND RACING - From February 5th 2020

Age Limit of greyhounds in Novice Events:

- Premium Events and ON1 Events – No age limit
- ON2 and ON3 Events – Age limit of 27 months (at time of draw)

Unraced greyhounds above 27 months will have to enter the following “Premium” Unraced Events (where sweepstake conditions permit), ON1 Events which have been approved by the Board or enter the main racing pool.

PREMIUM UNRACED EVENTS

Open Unraced 525 Yards Stake –	Clonmel
Juvenile Unraced Classic –	Tralee
Unraced Bitch Stake –	Newbridge
Easter Unraced Open Unraced Stake –	Enniscorthy
Champion Open Unraced Stake –	Kilkenny
Unraced 525 Stake –	Cork
Future Champion Unraced Stake –	Enniscorthy

When entering the main racing pool with raced greyhounds, such Novice greyhounds will be graded in on the best trial time achieved or its equivalent distance over the 525yards. These Novice Greyhounds will not be afforded a grade allowance when placed for racing with racing greyhounds, as was the case with the previous structure for racing Novice greyhounds.

For example, a 28 month old novice with an A1 trial time is only be eligible for competing in an A1 Race (or its equivalent over the Sprint distance if applicable).

The least grade that any such novice is permitted to race in is A5 or its equivalent over the Sprint distance.

For example, a 28 month old novice with an A8 trial time is required to compete in an A5 Race (or its equivalent over the Sprint distance if applicable).

Open Novice Grading Bands

ON1 – Qualifying time of <28.90 (or equivalent)

- A Novice greyhound with a trial time better than 28.90 recorded, or its equivalent over the Sprint Distance (See New Novice Grading Table below) is only permitted to:
 - a) Enter the “Premium” Unraced Events listed above (where sweepstake conditions permit)
 - b) Enter ON1 Events which have been approved by the Board
 - c) Enter the main racing pool to compete in AAO Races/Sweepstakes or SSO Races/Sweepstakes.
- All Premium Events listed above will run as ON1 events
- Board approval required prior to scheduling ON1 events outside of the Premium Events
- ON2 and ON3 greyhounds may run in ON1 events.

ON2 – Qualifying time of 28.90 to 29.79 (or equivalent)

- Novice greyhounds with a trial time of 28.90 to 29.79, or its equivalent over the Sprint Distance (See New Novice Grading Table below) are eligible for entry into a Novice Sweepstake confined to such greyhounds and greyhounds may also enter the “Premium” Unraced Events listed above and the Board approved ON1 events.

ON3 – Qualifying time of 29.80 to 30.70 (or equivalent)

- Novice greyhounds with a trial time of 29.80 to 30.70, or its equivalent over the Sprint Distance (See Novice Grading Table below) are eligible for entry into a Novice Sweepstake confined to such greyhounds and greyhounds may also enter the ON2 Events, the “Premium” Unraced Events listed above and the Board approved ON1 events.

Open Novice Grading Table:

	500	525	550	300	325	330	335	350	360	375	400
ON1	<27.55	<28.90	<30.25	<16.40	<17.70	<17.96	<18.22	<19.00	<19.52	<20.30	<21.60
ON2	27.55- 28.44	28.90 - 29.79	30.25- 31.14	16.40 - 16.79	17.70 - 18.09	17.96 - 18.35	18.22 - 18.61	19.00 - 19.39	19.52 - 19.91	20.30 - 20.69	21.60 - 21.99
ON3	28.45- 29.35	29.80- 30.70	31.15- 32.05	16.80- 17.50	18.10- 18.80	18.36 - 19.06	18.62 - 19.32	19.40 - 20.10	19.92- 20.62	20.70 - 21.40	22.00 - 22.70

A Time Finding Provision

- A time finding maximum limit of 1.2 seconds on previous best form (over middle distance or equivalent sprint distance) applies for Novice events run over 525 and maximum limit of 0.6 seconds on previous best form (over sprint distance or equivalent middle distance) applies for Novice Events run over Sprint distance. For Sprint and Middle Distance correlations see (***Link***)
- Greyhound (winners and non-winners) which exceed these limits are withdrawn from the Event and precluded from further participation in same.
- Greyhounds finishing down the field in such heats which have not exceeded these limits will be promoted to fill subsequent rounds of Novice events
- Time Finding Provision applies for all Rounds up to the Final of event.

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