Greyhound Racing (Prohibited Substances) (Amendment) Regulations 2026

Rásaíocht Con Éireann, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 27 of the Greyhound Racing Act 2019 (No. 15 of 2019), after consultation with the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, hereby makes the following regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Greyhound Racing (Prohibited Substances) (Amendment) Regulations 2026.

2. These regulations and the Greyhound Racing (Prohibited Substances) Regulations 2023 may be cited together as the Greyhound Racing (Prohibited Substances) Regulations 2023 to 2026.

3. These Regulations come into operation on the day of 2026.

4. Regulation 2 of the Greyhound Racing (Prohibited Substances) Regulations 2023 (S.I. No. 212 of 2023) is hereby amended: -

(1) By the substitution of the following for the definition of "Prohibited substance":
“prohibited substance” means a class of substance listed in Part 1, or a substance listed in column (1), at the level or higher specified opposite in column (2)(urine) or column (3)(plasma), of Part 2, of the Schedule, and prohibited to be administered to a greyhound under regulation 3. In circumstances where a substance listed in Part 2 of the Schedule is part of a class of substance listed in Part 1, then that substance shall only constitute a prohibited substance in any sample taken under these regulations where the level specified opposite that substance in column (2)(urine) or column (3)(plasma) of Part 2 is met or exceeded. A finding of a prohibited substance means a finding of the substance itself, a metabolite of the substance, an isomer of the substance, or an isomer of a metabolite of the substance.

(2) By the insertion of the following definitions:

"the Board" means Rásaocht Con Eireann / Greyhound Racing Ireland

“level” means the screening limit adopted by the board for a specified prohibited substance.

"medicinal product" means a medicinal product within the meaning of Article 1 of Directive 2001/83/EC as amended by Directive 2004/27/EC.

"screening limit" means the urine, plasma or tissue concentration adopted by the Board for the screening of a specified prohibited substance and which only requires qualitative confirmatory analysis.

5. Regulation 3 of the Greyhound Racing (Prohibited Substances) Regulations 2023 (S.I. No. 212 of 2023) is hereby amended: -

(1) by the substitution of the following paragraph for paragraph (1):

"(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the administration of a prohibited substance to a greyhound is prohibited."

(2) in paragraph (2), by the insertion of "or anabolic agent" after "anabolic steroid".

(3) in paragraph (2) by the substitution of "and the administration of any such substance in such circumstances shall not be prohibited." for ", and the result of any test on any such sample as regards any such substance shall not be subject to paragraph (1)."

(4) By the substitution of the following paragraph for paragraph (4):

"(4) In all cases other than those provided for by paragraph (2), a laboratory result indicating the presence of a prohibited substance shall be declared as an adverse analytical finding."

(5) by the deletion of paragraph (5).

6. The following is substituted for the Schedule to the Greyhound Racing (Prohibited Substances) Regulations 2023 (S.I. No. 212 of 2023):

Schedule

Prohibited Substances

Part 1 – Classes of substances

Anabolic Steroids.
Other anabolic agents including but not limited to clenbuterol, selective androgenic receptor modulators (SARMS), tibolone, zeranol and zilpaterol.
Antidepressants.
Beta –blockers.
Beta-agonists, unless specified in the Second Schedule.
Benzodiazepines.
Cannabinoids.
Cardiac Stimulants and Depressants.
Central Nervous System Stimulants & Depressants.
Diuretics and masking agents with the exception of those listed in Part 2 for which a screening level has been listed.
Erythropoietins and agents affecting erythropoiesis with the exception of those that are natural components of a greyhound's diet.
Growth factors and growth factor modulators.
Noradrenaline agonists including but not limited to substances such as Amphetamines, unless specified in the Second Schedule.
Opiates and opioids with the exception of those listed in Part 2 for which a screening level has been listed.
Peptide hormones and their releasing factors including chorionic gonadotropin, luteinising hormone and growth hormone.
Phosphodiesterase (PDE5) inhibitors.

Part 2 – Substances

Column 1	**Column 2**	**Column 3**
Name of substance	**Level (ng/ml)**	
	Urine	**Plasma**
Amphetamine	zero	zero
Apomorphine	zero	zero
Azaperone	zero	zero
Benzoylecgonine (in the presence of m-hydroxybenzoylecgonine)	20	20
Benzydamine	zero	zero
Benzylpiperazine	zero	zero
Betamethasone	0.2	0.2
Boldenone and metabolites; Boldenone 1,4-androstadien-3,17-dione (Androstadiendione/Boldione) 5β-androst-1-en-17β-ol-3-one	zero	zero
Bromantane and Hydroxybromantane	zero	zero
Budesonide	0.2	0.2
Caffeine in the presence of Paraxanthine	800	800
Capsaicin	zero	zero
Carprofen	5	20
Cetirizine	1	1
Chlorpromazine	zero	zero
Cinchophen	zero	zero
Clenbuterol	zero	zero
Cocaine	zero	zero
Codeine	20	20
Cyclizine	zero	zero
Danazol & its Metabolites; Danazol (4-androsten-[2,3,d]-isoxazole-17β-ethynyl-17β-ol) Ethisterone (4-androsten-17α-ethynyl-17β-ol-3-one)	zero	zero
Dehydronorketamine	100	0.5
Dexamethasone	0.2	0.2
Diclofenac	zero	zero
Diflunisal	zero	zero
Ephedrine	zero	zero
Erythropoietin (EPO)	zero	zero
Ethylestranol & Metabolites; Ethylestranol (4-estren-17α-ethyl-17β-ol)	zero	zero
Fenoprofen	zero	zero
Fentanyl	0.5	0.1
Firocoxib	2	2
Flufenamic Acid	zero	zero
Flumetasone	0.2	0.2
Flunixin	50	1

Fluticasone	0.2	0.2
Furosemide	20	20
Gabapentin	zero	zero
Grapiprant	1	1
Guaiphenesin	1	1
Hydrochlorothiazide	20	20
Hydrocortisone	1000	1000
Hyoscine butylbromide (Butylscopolamine)	10	1
Ibuprofen	zero	zero
Ketamine	zero	zero
Ketoprofen	10	10
Ketorolac	zero	zero
Levamisole (in the presence of aminorex)	zero	zero
Levorphanol	zero	zero
Lidocaine (Lignocaine)	10	10
Meclofenamic Acid	zero	zero
Mefenamic Acid	zero	zero
Meloxicam	40	5
Mephentermine	zero	zero
Mesterolone & Metabolites; Mesterolone (5α-androstane-1α-methyl-17β-ol-3-one) 1α-methyl-5α-androstan-3β,17β-diol	zero	zero
Metamizole (Dipyrone, as 4-methylaminoantipyrine)	1000	1000
Methamphetamine	zero	zero
Methylphenidate	zero	zero
Methylprednisolone	1	1
Methyltestosterone& Metabolites; 17α -Methyltestosterone 5α-androstan-17α-methyl-3β,17β-diol (Methylandrostanediol)	zero	zero
Morphine	200	200
Naftidrofuryl	zero	zero
Nandrolone & Metabolites; Nandrolone (19-nortestosterone) 19-norandrosterone 19-norepiandrosterone 19-noretiocholanolone 5α-estran-3β,17β-diol 5β-estran-3α,17β-diol 5α-estran-3β,17α-diol	zero	zero
Naproxen	zero	zero
Nikethamide	zero	zero
Nimesulide	zero	zero
Norethandrolone & Metabolites; Norethandrolone (4-estren-17α-ethyl-17β-ol-3-one) 19-nor-5α,17α-pregnane-3β,17β-diol	zero	zero
Norethisterone in a sample of urine taken from a male greyhound	zero	Not applicable

Oxyphenbutazone	zero	zero
Phentermine	zero	zero
Phenylbutazone	10	10
Piroxicam	zero	zero
Prednisolone	50	50
Pregabalin	zero	zero
Procaine	200	200
Propranolol	zero	zero
Salbutamol	zero	zero
Sildenafil	zero	zero
Stanozolol (6 a-hydroxystanozolol)	zero	zero
Testosterone as evidenced by the presence of 5β-androstane-3α, 17β-diol above a concentration of 10 nanograms per millilitre and the presence of Epiandrosterone above a concentration of 50 nanograms per millilitre in a sample of urine taken from a female greyhound	10 ng/ml / 50 ng/ml	Not applicable
Theobromine	6000	6000
Theophylline	3000	3000
Timolol	zero	zero
Triamcinolone Acetonide	0.2	0.2
Vardenafil	zero	zero
Xylazine	zero	0.05
Xylazine (as 4 hydroxy xylazine)	5	Not applicable

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_____ of _____ 2026

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Pat Flanagan

Chairman of the Board.

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Tim Lucey

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

These Regulations amend the Greyhound Racing (Prohibited Substances) Regulations 2023 (S.I. No. 212 of 2023) by amending the definition of prohibited substance and by inserting definitions of medicinal product and screening limit, to provide for particular restrictions on the substances which can lawfully be detected in greyhounds, and the permitted level, if any, of such substances, and by amending the Schedule to incorporate additions to the classes of substances in Part 1 and the substances and levels in Part 2.