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GREYHOUND INDUSTRY (USE, MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF
GREYHOUND RACE TRACKS) REGULATIONS, 2025.

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GREYHOUND INDUSTRY (USE, MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF GREYHOUND RACE TRACKS) REGULATIONS, 2025.

Rásaíocht Con Éireann, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 20 of the Greyhound Racing Act 2019 (No 15 of 2019), with the consent of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, hereby makes the following regulations, that is to say:—

Definitions.

1. In these regulations, the following words and expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them, that is to say:—

"Act" means the Greyhound Racing Act 2019 (No 15 of 2019);

"Board" means Rásaíocht Con Éireann / Greyhound Racing Ireland;

"control steward" means a person appointed under permit granted by the Board pursuant to the racing regulations to fulfil the duties of an authorised officer under the Act and the duties assigned to a control steward under the racing regulations;

"handicapper" means a person appointed under permit granted by the Board pursuant to the racing regulations to fulfil the duties assigned to a handicapper under the racing regulations;

"hare driver" means a person appointed under permit granted by the Board pursuant to the racing regulations to fulfil the duties assigned to a hare driver under the racing regulations;

"judge" means a person appointed under permit granted by the Board pursuant to the racing regulations to fulfil the duties assigned to a judge under the racing regulations;

"race" in relation to a meeting, means a competition on a greyhound race track in which an object propelled by mechanical means is pursued by the greyhounds engaged in the competition and on the result of which a prize in money or money's worth is awarded to the winning or placed greyhounds;

"race track executive" in relation to a race track, means the licensee under the greyhound race track licence;

"race track" means a greyhound race track licensed by the Board under the Greyhound Racing Acts 1958 to 2019 or a greyhound race track operated by the Board on which greyhound races are held for reward;

"racing manager" means a person appointed under permit granted by the Board pursuant to the racing regulations to fulfil the duties assigned to a racing manager under the racing regulations;

"racing regulations" means the Greyhound Industry (Racing) Regulations 2025, as may be amended;

"stipendiary steward" means a steward appointed under permit granted by the Board pursuant to the racing regulations to supervise the conduct of greyhound racing and the performance of duties by duly authorised officials and stewards;

"time-keeper" means a person appointed under permit granted by the Board pursuant to the racing regulations to fulfil the duties assigned to a time-keeper under the racing regulations;

"track" means the portion of the grounds measured or marked out for races or for any particular race;

Prohibition on performing certain roles without permit.

2. It shall not be lawful for any person to perform the role of racing manager, handicapper, judge, control steward, stipendiary steward, time-keeper or hare-driver on race tracks save under and in accordance with permits granted by the Board pursuant to the racing regulations.

Prohibition on holding races unless certain persons present.

3. It shall not be lawful for any race to be held unless persons appointed by the Board under permit pursuant to the racing regulations to perform the roles specified in regulation 2 of these regulations are in attendance.

Prohibition on certain persons having a beneficial interest in income of race track, ownership of greyhounds, or placing bets.

4. It shall not be lawful for any person appointed by the Board under permit pursuant to the racing regulations to perform the roles specified in regulation 2 of these regulations, to have any beneficial interest in the income of any race track at which they are required to perform their respective functions and/or in the ownership of any greyhounds raced thereon, and/or to place any bets on any races thereon.

Prohibition on certain persons having a beneficial interest in bookmaking on race tracks.

5. It shall not be lawful for any race track executive and/or any person appointed by the Board under permit pursuant to the racing regulations to perform the roles specified in regulation 2 of these regulations, to have any beneficial interest in bookmaking on any race track at which they are required to perform their respective functions.

Status of regulations

6. These regulations constitute racing sanction provisions, a breach of which:

- (i) constitutes a sanction breach of the Racing Code within the meaning of section 2 of the Act; and
- (ii) may be subject to a racing sanction that may be imposed by the Control Committee and/or the Appeal Committee

Citation and commencement.

7. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Greyhound Industry (Use, Management and Control of Greyhound Race Tracks) Regulations, 2025.

(2) These regulations shall come into operation on the XX day of XXXX, 2025.

GIVEN under the Seal of Rásaíocht Con Éireann/Greyhound Racing Ireland, this XX day of XXXX, 2025.

Pat Flanagan
Chairman of the Board.

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE.

These regulations set out the rules with regard to the use, management and control of greyhound race tracks to provide for a prohibition on persons performing certain roles on greyhound race tracks save under and in accordance with permits granted by the Board, a prohibition on holding greyhound races if certain persons are not in attendance, a prohibition on certain persons having a beneficial interest in the income from a greyhound race track at which they are required to perform their functions, in greyhounds raced thereon and on placing bets on any races thereon, and a prohibition on certain persons having a beneficial interest in bookmaking on greyhound race tracks.