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## GREYHOUND INDUSTRY (PUBLIC SALE OF GREYHOUNDS) REGULATIONS 2025.

Rásaíocht Con Éireann, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 25 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:—

### **Revocation.**

1. The Public Sales of Greyhounds Regulations S.I. No 76/1966 and the Public Sales of Greyhound (Amendment) Regulations, S.I No 223/2018 are hereby revoked.

### **Definitions.**

2. 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;

"Club" means the Irish Coursing Club;

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

"disqualified greyhound" means a greyhound named in a disqualification order made pursuant to Section 47 of the Act or these regulations;

"fighting" means, in the opinion of the majority of the stewards of the meeting acting and present, the deliberate aggressive interference by a greyhound with one or more than one greyhound during a race or trial;

"Identity Card" means an identification card for a greyhound issued by the Club in accordance with rules of the Club;

"Principal Act" means the Greyhound Industry Act 1958 (No. 12 of 1958);

"prohibited substance" carries the same meaning as that set out in the prohibited substances regulations;

"prohibited substances regulations" means the Greyhound Industry (Prohibited Substances) Regulations 2023 to 2025, as may be amended;

"qualifying trial" has the meaning assigned to it in regulation 3 of 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 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 regulation 22 of the racing regulations to fulfil the duties assigned to a racing manager under these regulations;

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

"stewards of the meeting" means the control steward and the stewards appointed by a race track executive, with the confirmation of the Board, to carry out such duties as shall be assigned to them under these regulations;

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

"suspended greyhound" means a greyhound suspended under the racing regulations for fighting or for any other reason;

"time of entry" means the time fixed for closing of entries;

"RCÉTS" has the same meaning as it has in the Greyhound Industry (Traceability) Regulations 2025

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

"trial" means a test run on a greyhound race track in which an object propelled by mechanical means is pursued by the greyhounds taking

part in the test and where the details of participating greyhounds is recorded by the stewards of the meeting;

"unraced/novice greyhound" means a greyhound which has never competed in a race by way of by way of coming under starters orders;

"welfare regulations" means the welfare regulations for the time being in force under the Act and/or the Principal Act.

### **Holding of Public Sales.**

3. It shall not be lawful for any person to hold public sales of greyhounds save under and in accordance with a licence granted by the Board pursuant to these regulations.

### **Applications for Licences.**

4. (1) A licensed stadium, or person who proposes to hold a public sale of greyhounds, shall make an application to the Board for the grant or the renewal (as the case may be) of a licence under these regulations and the application shall be made on a form published on the Board website. The application shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee as prescribed in regulation 8 of these regulations.

(2) The Board shall have the full authority to request any additional information to assist in their consideration of a proposed public sale of greyhounds.

(3) The Board may vary the information and detail requested on the application form provided for in regulation 4 (1) of these regulations and any such amended form shall be published on the Board website.

### **Conditions attaching to Licences.**

5. (1) It shall be a condition of any licence granted under these regulations, that all sales trials comply in all respects, with the racing regulations.

(2) It shall be a condition of any licence granted under these regulations, that all sales trials comply in all respects, with the prohibited substance regulations.

(3) It shall be a condition of any licence granted under these regulations, that all sales trials comply in all respects, with the welfare regulations.



(4) The holder of a licence granted under these regulations shall in respect of sales held, comply with all directions of the Board.

(5) It shall be a condition of any licence granted under these regulations, that the control and holding of greyhounds before and after any auction, comply with the directions issued by the Board and/or every lawful instruction of any attending authorised officer of the Board.

(6) It shall be a condition of any licence granted under these regulations, that any public auction held thereunder, is presided over and managed by an auctioneer:-

(i) that is in good standing with the Board,

(ii) holds a current licence issued by the Property Services Regulatory Authority (the "P.S.R.A"), (or any subsequent body replacing this area of regulation and licensing) to act as an auctioneer,

(iii) holds an authorisation to act as an auctioneer at a public sale of greyhounds, issued by the Board.

(7) It shall be a condition of any licence granted under these regulations that, within seven days of a public sale of greyhounds being concluded, a list of all greyhounds sold at a public sale of greyhounds shall be furnished to the Board to include the registered Club number of the purchaser.

### **Grant, suspension, revocation and renewal of Licences**

6. (1) The Board may grant or refuse an application for a licence or for the renewal of a licence under these regulations.

(2) The Board may suspend or revoke, for such time as it sees fit, any licence granted under these regulations.

(3) A licence granted under these regulations shall not be transferable to another person or licensed stadium and shall be valid until the 31<sup>st</sup> December for the year it relates to.

(4) A person or director of a race track who applies for a licence under these regulations shall satisfy the Board that they are :-

(i) not a person who has committed a breach which, in the reasonable opinion of the Board, constitutes a significant breach of the Racing code or regulations made pursuant to the Act or its subsequent amendments.

(ii) not a person who has an unpaid fine(s) issued by the Control Committee or the Appeal Committee;

(iii) not a person who has unpaid fixed payment(s) issued by the Board pursuant to Section 27 of the Welfare of Greyhounds Act, 2011, or its subsequent amendments.

(iv) not a person who has an unpaid fine(s) issued by the Greyhound Board of Great Britain or the Club.

(v) not a person who has committed an offence which, in the reasonable opinion of the Board, constitutes a significant offence pursuant to the Welfare of Greyhounds Act 2011, or its subsequent amendments.

(vi) not a person who has committed an offence which, in the reasonable opinion of the Board, constitutes a significant offence pursuant to the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013, or its subsequent amendments.

(vii) not the holder of a licence to train greyhounds for reward issued pursuant to Section 24 of the Act or regulations made thereunder.

(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 6 (4) of these regulations, a decision to refuse to grant or renew, or to revoke or suspend, a license under these regulations, may be made at any time at the discretion of the Board, in circumstances where the Board deems such refusal or revocation necessary to protect the integrity of the greyhound industry.

(6) Any decision to refuse to grant or renew, or to revoke or suspend, a licence, pursuant to regulation 6 (1) and 6 (2) of these regulations, may be appealed by the applicant/licensee pursuant to the provisions of Section 51 of the Principal Act (as amended).

### **Authorisation to act as an Auctioneer at a Public Sale of Greyhounds**

7. (1) Following written application to the Board, any person who wishes or purports to officiate as auctioneer at a public sale of greyhounds must first obtain an authorisation to act as an auctioneer at a public sale of greyhounds from the Board, such applications may be granted by the Board once conditions as set out in regulation 7 (3) of these regulations are satisfied.

(2) No person, other than a person who holds an authorisation granted under regulation 7 (1) of these regulations, is permitted to manage any

aspect of auctioneer's responsibilities, be it in a limited capacity or not, at a public sale of greyhounds.

(3) An applicant for an authorisation to act as an auctioneer at a public sale of greyhounds shall comply in all respects with these regulations and satisfy the Board that they are;

(i) not a person who has committed a breach which, in the reasonable opinion of the Board, constitutes a significant breach of the Racing code or regulations made pursuant to the Act or its subsequent amendments.

(ii) not a person who has an unpaid fine(s) issued by the Control Committee or the Appeal Committee;

(iii) not a person who has unpaid fixed payment(s) issued by the Board pursuant to Section 27 of the Welfare of Greyhounds Act, 2011, or its subsequent amendments.

(iv) not a person who has an unpaid fine(s) issued by the Greyhound Board of Great Britain or the Club.

(v) not a person who has committed an offence which, in the reasonable opinion of the Board, constitutes a significant offence pursuant to the Welfare of Greyhounds Act 2011, or its subsequent amendments.

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(vii) not the holder of a licence to train greyhounds for reward issued pursuant to Section 24 of the Act or regulations made thereunder.

(4) The Board may grant or refuse an application for an authorisation to act as an auctioneer at a public sale of greyhounds under these regulations.

(5) The Board may suspend or revoke, for such time as it sees fit, any authorisation to act as an auctioneer at a public sale of greyhounds granted under these regulations.

(6) Notwithstanding the provisions of regulation 7 (3) of these regulations, a decision to refuse to grant or to suspend or revoke, an authorisation to act as an auctioneer at a public sale of greyhounds may be made at any time at the discretion of the Board, in circumstances



where the Board deems such refusal or revocation necessary to protect the integrity of the greyhound industry.

(7) Any decisions to refuse to grant or renew, or to suspend or revoke, an authorisation to act as an auctioneer at a public sale of greyhounds may be appealed by the applicant pursuant to the provisions of Section 51 of the Principal Act (as amended).

#### **Fees for Licences.**

8. The charges payable to the Board for the grant and renewal of licences shall be as determined by a resolution of the Board from time to time and published on the Board's website.

#### **Production of information on demand.**

9. (1) The holder of a license granted under these regulations shall produce such licence for inspection at all reasonable times on the demand of an authorised officer of the Board.

(2) The holder of a licence granted under these regulations shall furnish to an authorised officer of the Board any documentation or information requested by such authorised officer.

#### **Conditions as to the acceptance of greyhounds for sale at public sales.**

10. (1) Entries of greyhounds at public sales shall be made on an entry form, in a form as may be specified by the Board from time to time and published on its website, which shall be signed by the registered owner or trainer of the greyhound

(2) The person making the entry shall state on the entry form or inform the race track executive where the greyhound may be inspected. By entering a greyhound in a sale at a public sale, the owner and trainer of the greyhound consent to the inspection of the greyhound, and to samples being taken from the greyhound, by an authorised officer of the Board wherever the greyhound is kennelled (whether at the registered premises at time of entry or not) and whether before or after such sale. Where such a greyhound is determined not to be present at the registered premises at the time of entry by an authorised officer of the Board, or where an owner or trainer of the greyhound does not inform the racing manager at time of entry that the greyhound is kennelled at a location other than the registered address, or provide reasonable



facilities, including access to the registered kennels and greyhounds contained therein, any such greyhound shall be immediately withdrawn from public sale in which the greyhound happens to be entered and shall not be subsequently accepted for racing, trialling or any public sale until the location of the greyhound is made known to the authorised officer.

(3) The minimum entry fee to be charged for the entry of a greyhound for sale at a public sale shall be as determined by a resolution of the Board from time to time and published on the Board's website.

(4) The Board may, in the arrangement of different classes of sales, vary the conditions for entry of greyhounds at a public sale of greyhounds. Such conditions shall be expressly stated in the advertisement for any such public sale of greyhounds.

(5) A greyhound that has been disqualified, suspended for fighting or is subject to satisfactory trials pursuant to the racing regulations shall not be listed by a racing manager on a sales catalogue.

(6) Every person who enters a greyhound for sale or purchases a greyhound at a public sale of greyhounds, shall be deemed to have express notice of the conditions of entry, the terms of sale and of the racing regulations and to have agreed to be bound by them and the conditions of sale.

### **Sales Catalogues.**

11. (1) Every person holding public sales of greyhounds shall publish a sales catalogue, or catalogues, of a type approved by the Board in respect of every sale held and shall state on the catalogue that the sales are held pursuant to these regulations.

(2) The particulars of a greyhound shown on the catalogue or catalogues shall include the following:-

- (i) The registered names of listed greyhounds, their assigned lot number, registered owners and licensed trainers, sire, dam and whelp date.
- (ii) Not less than two lines of form if available for any greyhound entered.
- (iii) The greyhound's best ever performance.
- (iv) The greyhound's most recent performance.

(3) A greyhound that has been suspended for fighting or is subject to satisfactory trials pursuant to the racing regulations shall not be listed on a sales catalogue.

(4) The holder of a licence granted under these regulations shall ensure the accuracy of the sales catalogue and be the responsible person for

ensuring the sales catalogue published is in accordance with the directions of the Board, is accurate in every detail and for any announcement before each greyhound is offered for sale.

(5) The sales catalogue shall list the name of the attending auctioneer authorised under regulation 7 of these regulations and shall include the conditions of sale applicable to the auction of greyhounds as may be approved by the Board from time to time.

#### **Procedure at Public Sales of Greyhounds.**

12.(1) Save as provided in sub-regulation (2) of this regulation, every greyhound offered for sale shall be required to run a trial on the day on which it is being offered for sale unless the Board or the attending stewards shall authorise otherwise.

(2) Every such trial shall be arranged by the control steward and not more than five greyhounds shall complete in a trial run on date of sale.

(3) Unless otherwise determined by the Board or the attending stewards, in a trial run on date of a sale, the greyhound with the lowest lot number in the sales catalogue shall start, where seeding permits, from the inside trap, and so on.

(4) Where a greyhound which is offered for sale is deemed to have fought in a trial run on date of sale, or is the subject of a satisfactory trial(s) subsequent to its performance in a trial on the date of a sale, an announcement to that effect shall be made.

(5) If so directed by the Board, the identity card of the greyhound in question shall be impounded until such time as the greyhound is reinstated or permanently disqualified.

(6) Trials run on date of sale shall be recorded in the identity cards of the participating greyhounds and in electronic format, if so directed by the Board.

(7) Trials run on date of sale shall be timed by a ray-timing apparatus or by such other timing apparatus as may be approved by the Board. The numbers of the placed greyhounds and also the winning distances shall be publicly announced. The times recorded by the greyhounds winning the trials shall be publicly announced or displayed.

(8) Greyhounds shall be offered for sale in catalogue order. Where greyhounds are late for their allotted trials, they may only be trialled at the conclusion of all other allotted trials and may be put up for sale either in catalogue order or when all other lots have been offered.

(9) Only greyhounds advertised on the sales catalogues shall be offered for sale.

#### **Duties and Powers of Control Stewards.**

13. (1) There shall be at least two control stewards officiating at each public sale of greyhounds except where otherwise approved by the Board. A control steward shall check the markings of each greyhound before the trial run on date of sale and shall, if so directed by the Board, verify the entry in respect of such trial in the greyhound's identity card by appending his/her signature in full.

(2) A control steward shall check the markings of each greyhound immediately before it is offered for sale.

(3) A control steward shall carry out all aspects of his/her duties in accordance with those set out in the racing regulations.

(4) A control steward may investigate any occurrence during a public sale of greyhounds at which he/she officiates and shall, as soon as possible, forward to the Board a detailed report of any occurrence at a public sale of greyhounds requiring investigation under these regulations.

#### **Powers of Stipendiary Stewards.**

14. (1) A stipendiary steward may supervise public sales of greyhounds and may investigate any occurrence brought to his notice in relation to any matter connected therewith. He/she shall have full access to such sales and to all records and any other documentation relating to the sale of any greyhound thereat.

(2) A stipendiary steward present at any public sale of greyhounds shall as soon as possible forward to the Board a detailed report of any occurrence at a public sale of greyhounds requiring investigation under these regulations.

(3) For the purpose of carrying out his/her duties as an authorised officer, a stipendiary steward may:—

(a) require any person to give to him/her any information which he/she may consider necessary, and

(b) give such directions and require to be given to him/her such facilities as he/she may consider necessary (including but not limited to directions and facilities for the examination and detention of greyhounds, inspection of vehicles present at sales and/or of documents relative thereto).



### **Conditions of Sales.**

15. The detailed conditions of sale shall be in a form approved by the Board and shall be included in the sales catalogue on the date of sale. The conditions of sale shall additionally be published on the Board's website.

### **Sales Commission.**

16. The rate of commission to be charged in respect of sales at public sales of greyhounds shall be set out in the conditions of sale published in the sales catalogue and published on the Board's website.

### **Duties of Persons holding Public Sales of Greyhounds.**

17. (1) The holder of a licence granted under these regulations shall:—

(a) grade trials run on the day of sale and shall not allow greyhounds belonging to the same owner to be graded together or to run in the same trial,

(b) keep and maintain the sales enclosure in a manner approved by the Board,

(c) in respect of each public sale of greyhounds held by him/her, enter in a record in respect of such sale the following particulars in respect of each greyhound entered for such sale, that is to say, the name and address of the purchaser thereof, the sale price thereof, and whether the same was sold by auction or by private treaty.

(d) within 48 hours from the date of sale, prepare a publication for the Board's website, which shall clearly set out:-

- (i) the results of each sales trial
- (ii) details of lots sold by action
- (iii) details of the sales price attained by auction.

### **Duty of Industry Participants and Status of Regulations**

18 (1) It is the duty of all persons engaged in greyhound racing and subject to these regulations, to have express knowledge of these regulations.

(2) 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.**

**19.** (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Greyhound Industry (Public Sale of Greyhounds) 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.

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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 set out the rules, conditions and procedures under which a public sale of greyhounds may be held and include arrangements for trials, allocation of traps, seeding requirements, duties of participants, and the arrangements for assigning catalogue lot numbers to greyhounds and the publication of sales outcomes.