

GBGB RULES OF RACING

RULE AMENDMENTS

Rule 6

Licensing requirements - premises, facilities

Amendment

Remove "or in the case of Owner Trainers their residence" from the first sentence.

Amended Rule

- c. all reasonable steps are taken to ensure that Greyhounds kept in Licensed Kennels are maintained in good and healthy condition and are kept secure and that facilities and services necessary to those ends are provided in accordance with the directions of the Greyhound Regulatory Board.

Rule 7

Licensed Officials

Amendment

Remove "One Security Officer" from part (iii) and move remaining numbers up one.

Amended Rule

The following persons shall, before taking up any duties as Licensed Officials, obtain Licences from the Greyhound Regulatory Board, and shall be appointed by the Racecourse Executive:

- i. One Racing Manager.
- ii. Two other Local Stewards, of whom one can be a Judge and the other a Timekeeper.
- iii. One Paddock Steward.
- iv. One Hare Controller
- v. One Starter
- vi. One Veterinary Surgeon being a member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons or veterinary practitioner whose name appears on the supplementary veterinary register maintained by the said college.
- vii. One Greyhound Welfare Officer, who shall be a senior member of the Racecourse management and will be a named point of contact for Greyhound welfare on the Racecourse premises.

Any person appointed as a Director of Racing, Kennel Manager or Assistant Racing Manager or any additional Official in any of the above positions shall, before taking up any duties, obtain a Licence from the GBGB.

No person may undertake any duties until he/she has obtained the relevant Licence from the Greyhound Regulatory Board.

Licensed Official shall mean a Licensed Official appointed in accordance with the provisions of this Rule.

Rule 8

Categories of Licensed Trainers

Amendment

Replace current Rule with the following.

Amended Rule

The following shall be the categories of a Professional Greyhound Trainer licensed by the GBGB.

- i. Band A - Kennel capacity from 1 to 10
- ii. Band B - Kennel capacity from 11 to 24
- iii. Band C - Kennel capacity from 25 to 49
- iv. Band D - Kennel capacity of 50+

Rule 9

Licensing - Trainers, Assistant Trainers, Kennelhands and Paraders

Amendment

Remove "professional" from the first sentence.

Amended Rule

- ii. A Trainer may licence one or more Kennelhands as an Assistant Trainer. An Assistant Trainer shall have had at least three years' experience as a Head Kennelhand. This category of Licence does not alter the responsibility of Trainers as set out in the Rules of Racing

Rule 53

Draft proposal

Amendment

Remove "and shall ensure that written notice of the disqualification of a Greyhound shall be given to the Trainer, or his/her representative under Rule 49(i)(b), and signed acknowledgement of receipt of the notice obtained, before authority is given for the Greyhound to be removed from the Racing Paddock under Rule 117." from the second paragraph.

Add "subject to the criteria listed below" to the second sentence.

Add criteria after the first paragraph as detailed below.

Amended Rule

The term 'Deliberate Interference' shall refer to the intentional interference by a Greyhound with one or more Greyhound(s) during a Trial or Race. The Local Stewards shall disqualify any Greyhound which deliberately interferes, subject to the criteria listed below, and the Owner of the Greyhound shall forfeit rights in that Trial or Race as specified in Rule 95. Such decision shall be final for the purpose of such Trial or Race.

- i. The Local Stewards shall announce that the running of a greyhound is under review for deliberate interference.
- ii. The Trainer or their representative shall be given the opportunity to present any mitigation they feel is relevant to the review.
- iii. At least three of the Local Stewards shall agree about the decision to disqualify any greyhound which deliberately interferes.
- iv. The Local Stewards shall inform the trainer or their representative of the result of the review.

The Local Stewards shall make a public announcement of any disqualifications.

The Trainer shall inform any other Racecourse, at which such a

Greyhound is already entered in a Race or Trial, of the disqualification.

Rule 59

Disease in Kennels or at Racecourse

Amendment

Remove “or in the case of Owner Trainers their residence” from the first and last sentences.

Amended Rule

Any case of a contagious or infectious disease of a Greyhound discovered within the precincts of a GBGB Licensed Racecourse and/or of Licensed Kennels of an attached Trainer shall be immediately reported by the Trainer and Veterinary Surgeon to the Racecourse Executive concerned who shall immediately report it to the GBGB. In the case of an Unattached Trainer’s Licensed Kennels the Trainer shall report it direct to the GBGB and to any Racecourse Executive which might be affected.

Rule 60

Inoculations

Amendment

Remove “or in the case of Owner Trainers their residence” from the first, third and fourth paragraph.

Amended Rule

The Racecourse Executive shall arrange that documentary evidence of any previous inoculations in the form of a certificate issued by a Veterinary Surgeon, shall be required of the Owner of a Greyhound entering the Licensed Kennels of attached Trainers. An Unattached Trainer shall make similar arrangements.

A licensed Trainer shall be provided on request, by the Racing Manager of any GBGB Licensed Racecourse, with details of any inoculations held within the BGRDb for any specified Greyhound. A licensed Trainer shall produce, or arrange for a Veterinary Surgeon to produce, within 7 Days, to any such Racing Manager, documentary evidence of inoculation of any Greyhound while in his/her charge, and shall be given and retain a receipt in the form of a copy of a Vaccination Certificate.

A Greyhound in Licensed Kennels shall be required to have had such

inoculations as may be prescribed by the Greyhound Regulatory Board. Such inoculations shall be by vaccines which are licensed for use in the United Kingdom.

A Greyhound in Licensed Kennels shall be required to have had full inoculations against:

- i. Distemper;
- ii. Viral Hepatitis;
- iii. Leptospira Canicola
- iv. Leptospira Icterhaemorrhagiae;
- v. Parvovirus;

and any other required vaccination as shall be notified from time to time. Booster inoculations shall be required at twelve-Monthly intervals from the date of the initial Puppy inoculations. Before any Puppy is earmarked by the GBGB it shall have completed a primary vaccination course in accordance with the vaccine manufacturer’s instructions by a Veterinary Surgeon against, in particular, Distemper, Viral Hepatitis and Leptospirosis (first dose) and Parvovirus.

Earmarking should only be carried out following these vaccinations to enable the immune responses to vaccination to become more effective. Adult greyhounds presented to race or trial without a valid vaccination record require a primary and secondary vaccination as per manufacturer’s guidelines for a specific vaccine.

Rule 106

GBGB, Stipendiary & Local Stewards - access

Amendment

Remove “or in the case of Owner Trainers their residence” from the first and second sentence.

Amended Rule

The GBGB, its Managing Director, members of the Greyhound Regulatory Board, the Director of Regulation, Members of the Disciplinary Committee, duly authorised representatives of any of them and GBGB Stipendiary Stewards shall have free access to all places used for the conduct of Trials and Races, to all Licensed Kennels and to all records connected with Greyhounds. The Local Stewards shall have similar powers in respect of the Racecourse for

which they are licensed and in respect of the Licensed Kennels of that Racecourse’s attached Trainers and of any other Trainers who enter Greyhounds for Races at that Racecourse.

Rule 110A

Security of Racing Paddock

Amendment

Add “or” between “Local Steward” and “Paddock Steward” in the first sentence. Remove “or Security Officer” from the first and third sentence.

Amended Rule

A Local Steward or Paddock Steward shall examine each individual Racing Kennel and materials* to be used therein for a Meeting, and all other parts of the Racing Paddock immediately before the Greyhounds enter for Kennelling and shall ascertain that all is secure and in satisfactory condition.

*Bedding used in Racing Kennels shall be supplied by the Racecourse Executive. Trainers may bring additional bedding for their Greyhounds at the discretion of the Racing Manager.

From the time of such examination until after the last Trial or Race at least one Paddock Steward shall be present in the Racing Paddock, and shall ensure that all entrances are, except while in use under the surveillance of a Paddock Steward, kept locked.

An additional Paddock Steward or other Licensed Official shall be appointed where necessary to assist the Paddock Steward in carrying out his/her duties under this and succeeding Rules.

Rule 113

Kennelling and weighing procedure

Amendment

Remove “or Security Officer” from part (ii). Remove “Security Officer” from part (v).

Amended Rule

- ii. At the same time of identification and weighing, a separate specific Racing Kennel shall be allocated without set pattern to each Greyhound, recorded, and explicitly intimated to the Trainer

or Kennelhand attending it and to the Paddock Steward supervising the Racing Kennels and such allocation shall not be notified to any unauthorised person.

- v. Immediately after the veterinary inspection, a Greyhound not withdrawn shall be placed in the appropriate Racing Kennel by the Trainer or Kennelhand under the surveillance of the Paddock Steward or other Licensed Official. A quantity of water supplied by the Racecourse, and of an amount agreed by GBGB, will be placed in the Racing Kennel at this time and in a vessel supplied by the Racecourse. The Kennel shall then be locked and all Kennel keys shall be retained by the Paddock Steward.

Rule 114
Access to Racing Kennels
Amendment

Remove "or Security Officer" from the first sentence.

Amended Rule

After a Greyhound has been kennelled no person shall have access to the Racing Kennel except with the authority of and under the surveillance of the Paddock Steward ~~or Security Officer~~ or Veterinary Surgeon, and in the presence of the Trainer or Kennelhand, except in an emergency.

Rule 115
**Paddock procedure before Trial/
Race, Jacket/Muzzle inspection**
Amendment

- i. Remove "or Security Officer" from part (i).

Amended Rule

- i A Greyhound shall be brought out of the Racing Kennel to take part in a Trial or Race by the Trainer or Kennelhand under the surveillance of the Paddock Steward and identified by a Local Official.

Rule 117
**Racing Paddock procedure after
Trial or Race**

Amendment

Remove "Security Officer" from first sentence.

Amended Rule

Each Greyhound shall be taken back to the Racing Paddock after any Race or Trial and shall be locked back into their kennel and kept under the surveillance of a Paddock Steward or Veterinary Surgeon and not given access to any substance other than uncontaminated water until the authority of the Local Stewards has been obtained by the Paddock Steward and a minimum period of 15 minutes has elapsed.

Rule 120
**Starting Traps - use of,
specification, spare, examination of**
Amendment

Remove "or Security Officer" from first sentence.

Amended Rule

Greyhounds taking part in Handslipped Trials as defined in Rule 44 may at the discretion of the Racing Manager be handslipped and not released from a Starting Trap. Otherwise, every Greyhound in a Trial, Schooling Trial or Race shall start from a Starting Trap or compartment thereof, of a pattern approved by the GBGB, and sufficient replacement Starting Traps to cover breakdowns may be provided by each Racecourse Executive. A Local Steward shall examine all Starting Trap(s) to be used in a Meeting immediately prior to such Meeting.

Rule 146
Re-run

Reason for amendment

Race not to be re-run on the night if a greyhound is knocked over.

Amendment

Add "A 'No Trial' or 'No Race' where any greyhound has been knocked over or runs out may not be re-run on the same day unless any greyhound that was knocked over or ran out has been withdrawn." after the first paragraph.

Amended Rule

A 'No Trial' or 'No Race' may be re-run at the same Meeting or subsequently subject to Rule 147, Rule 148 and Rule 149 but at least 15 minutes shall have elapsed between declaration of 'No Trial' or 'No Race' and the re-run.

A 'No Trial' or 'No Race' where any greyhound has been knocked over or runs out may not be re-run on the same day unless any greyhound that was knocked over or ran out has been withdrawn.

The word 're-run' shall be included in Form Lines on subsequent Racecards, and on published records in respect of such re-run.

If a re-run results in a further 'No Trial' or 'No Race' such Trial or Race shall be abandoned, except in the case of an eliminating round of any Race, which shall be brought to a conclusion in such manner as the Local Stewards at their discretion shall determine subject to Rule 147 and Rule 149. A Reserve shall not contest a re-run Race unless it was included in the runners for the No Race.

Rule 149
Qualifiers from 'No Race'
Reason for amendment

Race not to be re-run on the night if a greyhound is knocked over.

Amendment

In Priority 1 remove "on the same Day".

In Priority 2 remove "within 2 Days of the No Race".

Amended Rule

In the event of a 'No Race' being declared in an eliminating round of a Race the following procedures apply in order of priority:

Priority 1. - There being only sufficient runners available for a re-run to provide the required number of qualifiers from that Race for the next round, the eliminating Race need not be re-run, and those Greyhounds available and passed fit by the Veterinary Surgeon to take part in a re-run may be treated as qualifying for the next round.

Priority 2. - Failing resolution by Priority 1 and subject to there being at least three clear Days after the No Race and the Day of the next round, the Greyhounds shall re-run over the

same course and distance from the same starting positions.

Priority 3. - Failing resolution by Priorities 1 or 2, the Racing Manager will make a public draw to determine the qualifiers for the next round.

Rule 173
Examinations, tests, samples - procedure

Amendment

Remove “or in the case of Owner Trainers their residence” from the first sentence.

Amended Rule

- i. The Local Stewards or the licensed Veterinary Surgeon or the GBGB Stipendiary Steward shall have power at any time to order any examination of and/ or test and the taking of samples for test and/or analysis from, any Greyhound which is due to take part in or has taken part in any Trial or Race at, or which is in any Licensed Kennels. Samples shall be taken only when so ordered. The taking of a sample for analysis may or may not result in a Preliminary Investigation.

Rule 181
Effects of suspension of person and/or Greyhound

Amendment

Remove both instances of “or in the case of Owner Trainers their residence” from the first sentence.

Amended Rule

- iii. While a person’s Licence is suspended or withdrawn by virtue of any other provision of these Rules, save with the prior approval of the GRB or Director of Regulation he/she shall not be employed or carry out any duties or engage in any activities in any licensed capacity or otherwise in connection with GBGB Greyhound racing at any GBGB Licensed Racecourse or Licensed Kennels and no Greyhound of which he/she is the Owner or Trainer shall be entered for or run in any Trial or Race or be kept in any Licensed Kennels.

Rule 195
Greyhound Detail Reports - procedure, content

Reason for amendment

To allow local stewards more time to consider the decision on whether a greyhound should be disqualified or not.

Amendment

Add the word “meeting” after the word “race” and “trial” in the second sentence of sub section (iii).

Amended Rule

- iii. Disqualification for Deliberate Interference in a Race or Trial, or satisfactory participation in a Clearing Trial. This shall be reported within the same deadline as that for the record of the Race meeting or Trial meeting concerned. It shall be reported only by the Racing Manager or his/her deputy.

Rule 212
Minimum Requirements for all residential Licensed Kennels and Transportation of Greyhounds

- i. The trainer must read, understand and be compliant with PAS 251 – Specification for greyhound trainers’ residential kennels.
- ii. The following shall be minimum requirements for all residential Licensed Kennels:
 - a. Each Greyhound shall be accommodated in secure Kennels with not more than two Greyhounds housed in each unit.
 - b. Greyhounds in all public places shall be muzzled correctly and securely and kept on a lead and shall not be exercised in parks or other public recreation grounds.
 - c. When Greyhounds are being transported the Trainer will be responsible for the safety and welfare of those Greyhounds. This will include suitable restraint and adequate air management to ensure their well-being at all times, including when the vehicle is stationary. See Appendix II.
 - d. Children under the age of 15 years shall not be in charge of a Greyhound.
 - e. The keeping of any other live animal, bird, rodent, etc that

could be used in any way for training, coursing, etc., or the use thereof, is forbidden absolutely at all Licensed Kennels.

- f. Precautions taken to prevent and control the spread of infectious or contagious diseases shall include the provision of adequate isolation facilities. Isolation Kennels shall be single Kennels of not less than 2.3 metres (7 feet 6 inches) depth by width 1.0 metre (3 feet 3 inches) with a small separate paddock, provided in the ratio of one isolation Kennel to every 12 Greyhounds and shall be entirely separate from the main Kennels.
- g. The GBGB shall be informed of any extensions or construction of new Kennels (including exercise area) and written approval shall be obtained before works commence. All proposals for such works shall be submitted to and approved by the Local Authority, for both Planning Approval and/or Building Regulations Approval as may be necessary.
- h. Any breach of the above requirements may result in the suspension of the Trainer’s Licence. An inspection fee shall then be payable before any new application for a Licence is considered.

New Rule 213 – (currently unused)
