

GBGB RULES OF RACING

RULE AMENDMENTS TAKE EFFECT FROM FRIDAY 6TH MAY 2022

Rule 2 Persons subject to Rules

Reason for amendment

To ensure that persons living in Scotland have full regard for the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006.

Amendment

Insert “or the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 as applicable” after 2006 in the 5th paragraph.

Amended Rule

Every person subject to the GBGB Rules of Racing shall have full regard to Greyhound welfare and shall accept the provisions of the Animal Welfare Act 2006 or the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 as applicable, to ensure that the needs of a greyhound for which they are responsible are met to the extent required by good practice.

Rule 80 Draw procedure

Reason for amendment

In a recent competition draw it became evident that the allocation of vacant traps in a random draw as middle seeds caused middle seeds to run from trap 6 when trap 4 was drawn as vacant.

Amendment

To allocate the vacant traps as the last middle runners drawn thus not denying a middle runner the opportunity for a better draw.

Amended Rule

A draw under Rule 76 for Graded Races shall be made either in public or in the presence of independent witnesses. The draw under Rule 76 for an Open Race shall be made either in public or by the GBGB. Owners shall be entitled to be informed of the time and place of the draw on request and to be present. The draw for Trap Numbers shall take place as follows:-

- i. For a single event, the first classified Wide Runner drawn shall receive the highest Trap Number to be used in the Race and the first non-classified (Railer) runner drawn shall receive the lowest

Trap Number to be used in the Race. The draw shall proceed with each successive classified Wide Runner receiving the next highest Trap Number and each non-classified (Railer) Greyhound receiving the next lowest Trap Number.

Should the Race feature classified Middle Runner(s) they shall be set aside in the order drawn. The classified Middle Runner(s) shall then be allocated a Trap Number(s) in ascending order from the starting positions that remain, e.g. 2 - 3 - 4.

- ii. For a race with eliminating rounds, greyhounds will be drawn based on their seeding in the following order:

Allocation of Rails runners

In a draw made for solely the rails runners, the first drawn rails runner will get trap one in the first heat, the second drawn rails runner will get trap one in the second heat and so on until the last rails runner is drawn. In the event that there are more rails runners than heats the rails runner drawn after the last heat will be allocated trap two in the first heat and so on.

Allocation of Middle runners

In a draw made for solely the middle seeded runners, the first drawn middle seed will be placed in the lowest trap number available in the last heat, the second drawn middle seed will be placed in the lowest trap number available in the penultimate heat and so on until the last middle seeded runner is drawn. In the event that there are more middle seeded runners than heats the middle seeded runner drawn after the first heat will be allocated the lowest trap number available in the last heat and so on.

Vacant Traps

If there are any vacant traps in the draw, subject to Rule 77, they will be drawn as middle seeds. Vacant traps must be allocated as the last middle seeds in the draw procedure.

Allocation of Wide runners

In a draw made for solely the wide seeded runners, the first drawn

wide seed will get trap six in the first available heat, the second drawn wide seed will get trap six in the second available heat and so on until the last wide seeded runner is drawn. In the event that there are more wide seeded runners than heats the wide seeded runner drawn after the last heat will be allocated trap five in the first available heat and so on.

Rule 90 Dead-heat for qualifying place

Reason for amendment

Remove the need for a run-off.

Amendment

Remove “either” from the first sentence. Remove sub rule (i). Remove “or” and (ii) after sub section (i). Remove “If the Owners of the Greyhounds in the dead heat agree and request it,” from sub section (ii). Remove “run-off or such” from the second sentence in sub rule (ii).

Amended Rule

When two or more Greyhounds dead heat for a place in an eliminating round for a Race, which qualifies a lesser number of them for the next round, the Local Stewards shall decide by lot which Greyhound(s) shall go forward.

The loser(s) of the lottery shall be allowed to stand as Reserve(s) for the ensuing round, and may be allowed to compete if their classification permits their inclusion.

Rule 106 GBGB, Stipendiary & Local Stewards – access

Reason for amendment

Update the Rule to reflect the change of role from Managing Director to Chief Executive Officer at GBGB.

Amendment

Replace “Managing Director” with “Chief Executive Officer”.

Amended Rule

The GBGB, its Chief Executive Officer, 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 111
Admission to Racing Paddock

Reason for amendment

Update the Rule to reflect the change of role from Managing Director to Chief Executive Officer at GBGB.

Amendment

Replace "Managing Director" with "Chief Executive Officer".

Amended Rule

Only the following persons shall be admitted to the Racing Paddock:

- i) Officials licensed in respect of the Racecourse.
- ii) Holders of temporary appointments under Rule 104.
- iii) Members of the Disciplinary Committee, the Chief Executive Officer of GBGB, the Director of Regulation, the Manager of Welfare and Integrity Services, GBGB Sampling Stewards and GBGB Stipendiary Stewards.
- iv) Licensed Trainers and Kennelhands having charge of any Greyhound at the Meeting
- v) Any person specifically authorised to be admitted on a particular occasion by the Racing Manager or the appropriate Members of the Disciplinary Committee or Local Steward and accompanied by a Local Steward throughout.
- vi) Registered sales persons and their registered agents at a Sales Trials Meeting.

Rule 112
Kennelling time

Reason for amendment

Remove the 30-minute wait after kennelling. Allow additional kennelling and set a maximum time for greyhounds to be in kennels.

Amendment

Remove "and shall be completed at least 30 minutes" from the first sentence. Remove the second paragraph. Add new second and fourth paragraph as below.

Amended Rule

Kennelling procedure under Rule 113 shall commence no earlier than 1 hour 45 minutes before the first Trial or Race of a Meeting, but each Greyhound shall be kennelled at least 45 minutes before its Trial or Race.

The Racecourse must appoint times for kennelling to start and finish. There may be additional kennelling for any meeting but there must be a break in trials or races to allow the Veterinary Surgeon on duty to conduct their duties as per Rule 113, Rule 116, and Rule 117.

The Trainer of a Greyhound who fails to have such Greyhound in the Racing Kennel by the time appointed shall be reported to the Local Stewards, who may at their discretion disqualify the Greyhound from running at that Meeting and who shall in any case report the circumstances to the GBGB.

A greyhound should not be kennelled for more than five hours. In the event of a greyhound being kennelled for more than five hours the greyhound must be removed from their kennel to be emptied, exercised, and inspected by a Veterinary Surgeon for assessment and then inspected by a Veterinary Surgeon every hour thereafter. A greyhound will only be permitted to remain kennelled if the Veterinary Surgeon is satisfied that it is appropriate for the greyhound to continue to be kennelled and to race or trial.

Rule 113
Kennelling and weighing procedure

Reason for amendment

To prevent kennels being used more than once at a meeting unless it is an emergency.

To ensure suitable amounts of water are being provided in the racecourse kennels the trainers must provide their own bowls and fill them with at least 500ml of water sourced from the racecourse.

Amendment

Add "Kennels must be disinfected and dried between use by different greyhounds." At the end of sub rule (ii).

In the second sentence add the word "minimum" before the word "quantity". Add "of 500ml" after the word "quantity". Delete " , and of an amount agreed by GBGB,". Replace "Racecourse" with "Trainer".

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. Kennels must be disinfected and dried between use by different greyhounds.
- 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 minimum quantity of 500ml of water supplied by the Racecourse will be placed in the Racing Kennel at this time and in a vessel supplied by the Trainer. The Kennel shall then be locked and all Kennel keys shall be retained by the Paddock Steward.

Rule 146
Re-run

Reason for amendment

To prevent a re-run taking place on the same day.

Amendment

Replace "the same Meeting or subsequently" with "a separate Meeting". Delete "but at least 15 minutes shall have elapsed between declaration of 'No Trial' or 'No Race' and the re-run." At the end of the first sentence.

Delete the second paragraph.

Amended Rule

A 'No Trial' or 'No Race' may be re-run at a separate Meeting, subject to Rule 147, Rule 148 and Rule 149.

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 147
Greyhound not to run more than once in a four-day period

Reason for amendment

Introduce a mandatory rest period for greyhounds.

Amendment

See wording below.

Amended Rule

A Greyhound shall not run more than once in any four-day period and shall only run a maximum of six times in any 28-day period.

A run is a trial or a race, for this Rule, no-races and no-trials do not count as runs.

As an example, a Greyhound that runs on Monday is next available to run on Friday.

A Racecourse may apply to GBGB for dispensation to this Rule for re-run races that are eliminating rounds.

Rule 149
Qualifiers from 'No Race'

Reason for amendment

To simplify the process of scheduling a re-run.

Amendment

New Rule reads as follows.

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:

- i. Subject to Rule 147, including the dispensation from GBGB if required, the Greyhounds shall re-run over the same course and distance from the same starting positions at the next available race meeting i.e. not at the same meeting and not a meeting at the final advance stage.

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.

- ii. Failing resolution by (i) the Racing Manager will make a public draw to determine the qualifiers for the next round.

Rule 168
Complaints

Reason for amendment

To ensure that all racecourses are displaying the relevant contact information for GBGB with regards to complaints in either the racecard or on displays in the stadium.

Amendment

Add second paragraph as below.

Amended Rule

Any Complaint against a Licence holder shall be made to the appropriate Local Stewards where applicable or otherwise to the GBGB, the Greyhound Regulatory Board or the Director of Regulation. The complaint may be verbal, written or reported in the public domain and subject to the procedure under Rule 159.

Details of how to contact the GBGB, the Greyhound Regulatory Board or the Director of Regulation with a complaint must be displayed at the racecourse in the racecard or a prominent location in the public enclosure.
