

GBGB RULE CHANGES

(EFFECTIVE FROM 1ST JANUARY 2024)

Rule 48 – Trials and Qualification for Graded Races

Reason for amendment

- i) To remove the requirement for one of the required mixed trials to be within 22 Days before a greyhound's first graded at a particular racecourse.

Current Rule

A Greyhound to run in its first Graded Race at a particular Racecourse shall run at least two satisfactory Trials at the GBGB Licensed Racecourse where it is to grade, on separate Days over the distance it is to initially run, each with at least two other greyhounds.

If the Greyhound has previously raced at that GBGB Licensed Racecourse, any Race it has run at that Racecourse, while in the charge of a licensed Trainer, within 12 weeks of the Race in question, may count in place of one of the Trials required. All Trials may be so replaced, provided that the condition below is complied with. In any case, a Trainer having charge of a Greyhound for such first Graded Race shall have had continuous charge of it since at least 7 Days prior to its final Trial or replacement Trial or Race as above, which shall have been run within 22 Days prior to the Race.

If a Greyhound is qualified for a Graded Race at a particular Racecourse, but since qualifying has run in a Graded Race elsewhere, it shall first re-qualify by completing either a Trial or an Open Race there.

Amended Rule

A Greyhound to run in its first Graded Race at a particular Racecourse shall run at least two satisfactory Trials at the GBGB Licensed Racecourse where it is to grade, on separate Days over the distance it is to initially run, each including a minimum of two satisfactory trials with at least two other greyhounds.

If the Greyhound has previously raced at that GBGB Licensed Racecourse, any Race it has run at that Racecourse, while in the charge of a licensed Trainer, within 12 weeks of the Race in question, may count in place of one of the Trials required. All Trials may be so replaced, provided that the condition below is complied with. In any case a Trainer having charge of a Greyhound for such first Graded Race shall have had continuous charge of it since at least 7 Days prior to its final Trial or replacement Trial or Race as above, which shall have been run within 22 Days prior to the Race.

Rule 63 – Race – definition, & particulars, terms, conditions of

Reason for amendment

To reduce the minimum race distance from 210 metres to 200 metres.

Current Rule

The term Race shall normally mean a simultaneous contest between a maximum of eight Greyhounds on a GBGB Licensed Racecourse, over a distance of not less than 210 metres and not more than 1105 metres.

The term Race may also be used to describe an event consisting of a series of Races as defined above, but it shall be so interpreted in these Rules only where stated or implied.

The particulars and/or terms and/or conditions of a Race shall have the force of Rules and a breach thereof shall be deemed a breach of these Rules, and words and phrases therein shall have the same meaning as in these Rules.

Amended Rule

The term Race shall normally mean a simultaneous contest between a maximum of eight Greyhounds on a GBGB Licensed Racecourse, over a distance of not less than 200 metres and not more than 1105 metres.

The term Race may also be used to describe an event consisting of a series of Races as defined above, but it shall be so interpreted in these Rules only where stated or implied.

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Rule 111 – Admission to Racing Paddock

Reason for amendment

To update the rule to reflect which personnel shall have access to the racing paddock, and to include rules relating to the admission of Greyhounds to the racing paddock.

Current 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, GBGB Regulatory Veterinary Surgeons 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.

Amended Rule

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 - b) Holders of temporary appointments under [Rule 104](#).
 - c) Members of the Disciplinary Committee, the Chief Executive Officer of GBGB, the Director of Regulation, the Manager of Welfare, GBGB Sampling Stewards, GBGB Veterinary Executive, GBGB Regulatory Veterinary Surgeons and GBGB Stipendiary Stewards.
 - d) Licensed Trainers and Kennelhands having charge of any Greyhound at the Meeting
 - e) 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.
 - f) Registered sales persons and their registered agents at a Sales Trials Meeting.
- i) Only the following greyhounds shall be admitted to the Racing Paddock:
 - a) Those greyhounds due to race or trial at a particular meeting.

- b) For the purposes of registration.
- c) By prior arrangement with the racecourse or racecourse veterinarian.

Greyhounds that require urgent veterinary attention shall not be brought to a racecourse and shall be taken to an appropriate veterinary practice.

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

Reason for amendment

To remove the condition for a Racecourse to apply for dispensation to re-run races that are eliminating rounds.

Current 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.

A Racecourse may re-run a trial at the same meeting if the Greyhounds available are passed fit by the Veterinary Surgeon to take part in that re-run.

Amended Rule

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Rule 194 – Communications from Racing Office Systems, and Deadlines

Reason for amendment

To ensure the Advanced Programme and final further programme are successfully validated by the Form Database within the allotted timescale.

Current Rule

The following communications shall be transmitted from Racing Office Systems:-

- i) A schedule of Race and Trials Meetings which the Racecourse requires to “book” for the following Month, giving details of the anticipated start and finish times for all Meetings on each Day. This shall reach the Registry System and the Form Database at least 14 Days prior to the start of the Month.

In exceptional circumstances a Meeting may be added to the schedule late, but at least 24 hours prior to the start of the Race Meeting, or at least 4 hours prior to the Trials Meeting.

No Race or Trials Meeting shall be run unless it has been booked as above.

- ii) An Advance Programme for each Race Meeting giving details of the Races and the Greyhounds taking part as required by the Form Database. This, except for a Standby Meeting (one which will only take place in circumstances not definite at the time), shall reach the Form Database before 1500hrs 2 Days prior to the Meeting date, except that Sunday programmes shall arrive by 1600hrs on Thursday and Monday programmes by 1600hrs on Friday.

A further final version of the programme, or the only version for a Standby Meeting, shall arrive before 1400hrs on the Day prior to the Meeting date, except one for a Sunday Meeting, which shall arrive before 1500hrs on Friday.

- iii) An Advance Programme for each Trials Meeting giving details of the Trials and the Greyhounds taking part as required by the Form Database. This shall reach the Form Database in time for the latter to confirm (or otherwise) each Greyhound’s qualification to Trial according to data held by it, to the Racecourse, before the start of the Trials Meeting.

No Greyhound shall run in any Trial until such confirmation has been received.

- iv) Details required by the Form Database of the record of each Race which shall include any Withdrawals. This shall reach the Form Database before the following Race is run, and in the case of an Open Race or the final Race of a Meeting within 15 minutes of announcement of the Result. Going Allowances may be omitted, but in that case a further transmission of such records including Going Allowances, shall reach the Form Database within 30 minutes of announcement of the Result of the last Race at the Meeting.

- v) Details required by the Form Database of the records of all Trials. These shall reach the Form Database within 2 hours of the running of the last Trial at the Meeting.
- vi) Details of amendments to a scheduled Race Meeting, such as timing or order of running of Races. These shall reach the Form Database within 30 minutes of the decision being taken and before the running of any Race affected.
- vii) Greyhound Detail Reports, comprising information originating at or reported to a Racecourse under [Rule 195](#). These shall reach the Registry System and the Form Database (which shall each extract the details appropriate to that System), by the earliest deadline appropriate to any individual entry in the Report.

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Rule 195 – Greyhound Detail Reports – procedure, content

Reason for amendment

To increase the time allowed for the reporting of a death or retirement of a greyhound through a Greyhound Detailed Report from the current 24 hours to 48 hours.

Current Rule

The Racing Manager shall arrange that a Greyhound Detail Report is prepared whenever necessary to communicate changes to individual Greyhound data held by the Registry System and/or the Form Database. The detail may originate at the Racecourse, or be reported to it by an Owner, a Trainer, or a Veterinary Surgeon, whereupon it shall become the responsibility of the Racing Manager to include it

in a Report, and to issue a copy of such report as receipt to each person reporting detail in it.

The report shall give in each case the ID and name of the Greyhound, the type of detail, the actual detail and relevant date, the person reporting each entry, the person producing the report, and the date of its transmission. It may contain any combination of any of the following details, :-

- i) Earmark Discrepancy, being a discrepancy between what is expected to be found according to the available data for the Greyhound, and what is found upon examining the Greyhound. (If the data already records e.g. an illegible character, finding it so shall not be considered a discrepancy). Any Earmark Discrepancy discovered at a Racecourse shall be reported within 24 hours subject to [Rule 1\(vi\)](#). An Earmark Discrepancy shall be reported only by the Racing Manager or his/her deputy.
- ii) Death or retirement shall be reported within 24 hours of being reported to the Racing Manager. Retirement shall be reported only by the Owner or by a Trainer on behalf of the Owner.
- 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.
- iv) A bitch coming into season, being spayed, whelping a litter, being treated to suppress season, or having a false heat. This shall be reported within 24 hours of being reported to the Racing Manager.
- v) Vaccinations under [Rule 60](#). This shall be reported within 24 hours of the official vaccination certificate being lodged with the Racing Manager or his/her Deputy.
- vi) Microchip insertion following microchip failure or replacement as authorised by the Registry.

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