

THE FOLLOWING PAGES ARE EXTRACTS  
FROM THE GBGB RULES OF RACING WITH  
SPECIFIC RELEVANCE TO RACECOURSES

ALL LICENCE HOLDERS HAVE A  
RESPONSIBILITY TO READ ALL OF THE  
GBGB RULES OF RACING

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**Rule 2 Persons subject to Rules**

Each Director, occupier, or Authorised Representative of a Racecourse Executive (see Rule 5), and every person who is an Owner, Authorised Agent, Licence holder or the holder of a temporary appointment under Rule 104, or who is a subject of Rule 83(v), or is a registered Sales Agent shall be deemed to have read the GBGB Rules of Racing, including the GRB Guidelines, Process and Penalties (Appendix VI) and then and thereafter whether or not he/she subsequently ceases to fall within one of the above categories to submit himself/herself to such Rules howsoever amended and to the jurisdiction of the GBGB, and to authorise and consent to the publication to the British Greyhound Stud Book (National Coursing Club), the British Horseracing Authority, the Irish Coursing Club, the Irish Greyhound Board (Bord na gCon), the Kennel Club, the Press and the public, and the publication in the Press and in the GBGB Calendar and otherwise, of details of any step taken, decision given or order made under these Rules.

When the GBGB, the Greyhound Regulatory Board or the Disciplinary Committee have power under these Rules to make any Inquiry or to make or to give any decision or order relating to any person who at any time has been within any category mentioned above, or have authority under these Rules to publish any decision or order given or made by them relating to such person, they shall have such power and authority notwithstanding that at the time of such Inquiry, decision order or publication such person is no longer within such category.

In exercising its powers the Disciplinary Authority shall have regard to the GRB Guidelines, Process and Penalties (Appendix VI).

Every person subject to the GBGB Rules of Racing shall notify the GBGB in writing of any change of address for that person within 28 Days of any such change in address.

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.

**Rule 3 Disciplinary Committee quorum**

At any Meeting of the members of the Disciplinary Committee a quorum shall be formed by such number of members of the Disciplinary Committee as the Constitution of the GBGB shall from time to time require to be present to form a quorum at such Meeting.

**Rule 4A GBGB powers and absolution from liability**

**(See also Rule 160(vi) and Rule 174)**

- i** The GBGB, acting as appropriate through the Greyhound Regulatory Board or the Disciplinary Committee shall have power;
  - a** in accordance with advice from the Greyhound Regulatory Board to repeal, amend, suspend or add to the Rules of Racing and shall advertise every such permanent alteration in the GBGB Calendar with the date of its adoption with the proviso that where the number of repeals, amendments, suspensions or additions to the Rules of Racing are such that the GBGB consider that the publication of each of them in the Calendar would be impracticable, they place a half page advertisement in the Calendar giving notice of changes, the date of their adoption, and making a copy of the amended Rules of Racing available at the GBGB's registered office.
  - b** to grant Licences with or without conditions, to make general directions to Licence holders as they may think appropriate, to grant registrations, and to make directions to Local Stewards regarding persons who may not be

**Section 2 LICENSING****Rule 5 Licensing - Racecourses and Kennels, & Special Licences**

- i The GBGB may grant a licence to a person nominated by the Executive of a Racecourse, who will be known as the Authorised Representative of that Racecourse (subject to paragraph 5(ii)). The sole purpose of granting such a licence is for the conduct of greyhound racing staged through a series of race meetings. Such licence may be granted, upon such terms and conditions as it shall consider to be reasonable having regard to the GBGB's powers and duties and particularly with a view to maintaining and promoting the welfare of Greyhound(s), the promotion of the sport of Greyhound Racing, the maintenance of confidence in the sport of Greyhound Racing, its integrity and proper regulation. Consideration may be given to the suspension of a licence held by the Authorised Representative in circumstances where there is a serious or immediate risk to integrity of the sport of greyhound racing or welfare of the greyhound. Revocation of the licence of an Authorised Representative may only be undertaken by the Disciplinary Committee of the GBGB.

The criteria to which the GBGB shall have regard when granting a New Racecourse Licence are set out in Appendix VII.

A Racecourse in respect of which a Licence has been granted by the GBGB shall be a "GBGB Licensed Racecourse".

- ii Before the issue by the Greyhound Regulatory Board of a Licence to a Racecourse Executive such Racecourse Executive shall nominate to the GBGB the name of an individual being an occupier, senior Director or senior representative (hereinafter referred to as the 'Authorised Representative', and a deputy) who, until his/her nomination is terminated, whether by him/her or by the Racecourse Executive or upon his/her ceasing to be an occupier, senior Director or senior representative of the Racecourse Executive, shall be responsible to the GBGB for the Racecourse Executive's due compliance with its obligations and responsibilities under the Rules of Racing. A Racecourse Executive may from time to time revoke the nomination of its Authorised Representative, or deputy, and nominate another Authorised Representative, or deputy in his/her place.

The Licence of a Racecourse Executive which ceases for any reason to have a properly nominated Authorised Representative shall ipso facto be suspended until a replacement is nominated pursuant to this sub-Rule. All nominations and revocations pursuant to this sub-Rule shall be in writing signed in the case of a Racecourse Executive which is a corporation by a duly authorised officer thereof and in the case of a Racecourse Executive which is not a corporation by an occupier duly authorised in that behalf, and in the case of all nominations by the person nominated.

The Directors of any Racecourse Executive which is an incorporated body and the occupiers of any Racecourse Executive which is other than an incorporated body shall be ultimately responsible to and be within the jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Authority if the Authorised Representative of that Racecourse Executive is found to be in breach of any of the Rules of Racing and is able to prove to the satisfaction of the Disciplinary Authority that had it not been for the direct instructions of the occupiers or Directors (as the case may be) of the Racecourse Executive he/she would not have been so.

- iii Licensed Kennels shall be those areas within which Greyhounds are kennelled and which are subject to Licences issued in respect of a GBGB Licensed Racecourse and/or a Trainer.

- iv** The Racecourse Executive of GBGB Licensed Racecourse shall not provide or permit the transmission of any Race without first obtaining a Transmission Licence for that purpose from the Greyhound Regulatory Board. The issue of such a Licence shall be subject to the conditions set out in Rule 186.

"Transmission" for the purposes of these Rules shall include (but not be limited to)

- i** any form of television broadcast (whether for public or private viewing and whether on a 'free to air' or 'pay per view' basis)
- ii** any webcasting services made available on the Internet, and/or
- iii** any video images made available on mobile phone networks or which may be viewed/received on any other form of technology.

### **Rule 6 Licensing requirements - premises, facilities**

- i** the Greyhound Regulatory Board shall have power to require that:
  - a** all premises the subject of a Licence are situated, constructed, serviced, equipped and maintained to their satisfaction.
  - b** all Licence holders are provided with such facilities as will satisfy the Greyhound Regulatory Board that such Licence holders can properly carry out their duties.
  - 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.
- ii** The Greyhound Regulatory Board may of their own motion take any steps which they deem necessary and proportionate to satisfy themselves that the foregoing requirements are being complied with and in particular may appoint persons to inspect and report to them and may make such order as they deem fit and reasonable and may require that the fees and expenses of such examination and report are borne in whole or in part by the Racecourse Executive and/or Trainer.

### **Rule 7 Licensed Officials**

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 Security Officer.
- iv** One Paddock Steward.
- v** One Hare Controller
- vi** One Starter
- vii** 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.

- viii 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**

The following shall be the categories of Trainers licensed by the GBGB.

- i A Professional Trainer who shall train Greyhounds in any ownership.
- ii A Greyhound Trainer who shall train a maximum of twelve racing Greyhounds in any ownership.

### **Rule 9 Licensing - Trainers, Assistant Trainers, Kennelhands and Paraders**

- i Every Trainer and every other person in Licensed Kennels, who shall be termed Kennelhand (this includes Head Kennelhand and Assistant Trainer) shall, before taking up any duties, obtain a Licence from the GBGB which shall only extend to the area set out in the Licence. No Trainer shall cause to be Licensed any person as a Kennelhand who has previously been Licensed as a Kennelhand without referring to the last Trainer to Licence him/her and receiving a reply.

Every Trainer shall advise the GBGB of each and every change in the employment of Kennelhands.

- ii A Professional 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
- iii A person employed to handle Greyhounds in the charge of a licensed Trainer for Parade duties at Race Meetings shall be termed a Parader and the Racecourse Executive shall, before the Parader takes up any duties, obtain a Parader's Licence from the GBGB.

### **Rule 10 Person holding more than one licensed position**

If more than one licensed position is to be held by one person, except as provided for in Rule 7(ii) or Rule 104, the prior permission of the GBGB shall be obtained.

**Rule 13 Persons ineligible as Owners**

A Licence holder in respect of an GBGB Licensed Racecourse, except for the Racecourse Executive (Rule 11(iv) applies), shall not be an Owner of a Greyhound which races at that Racecourse.

**Rule 14 Owner's Authorised Agent**

Subject to the approval of the Greyhound Regulatory Board an Owner may appoint and register an Authorised Agent, empowering such agent to act for him/her in all matters connected with the Rules of Racing.

**Rule 15 Part-Ownership, Syndicates**

Any persons who have an interest in, responsibility for and/or benefit from the same Greyhound, except in the case of a Lease or a Syndicate, shall be termed Part-Owners of that Greyhound. No registered Greyhound shall have more than four Part-Owners. The respective interests of Part-Owners in any Greyhound shall be shown on the registration and Change of Ownership forms in respect of that Greyhound unless notice of those interests is given to the GBGB in writing and the GBGB authorises in writing the omission of that information from those forms or either of them.

All Part-Owners shall be jointly and severally responsible for compliance with these Rules, and where action may be taken under these Rules in relation to any Part-Owner or any Greyhound registered in the name of such Part-Owner that action may be taken notwithstanding that it may affect other Part-Owners.

A Syndicate shall be a group of more than 4 persons given a collective name, or a company or business or other body, registered as the Owner of a Greyhound. One person shall be nominated to the GBGB as solely responsible for all matters relating to the Syndicate as an Owner under these Rules, and shall act accordingly.

**Rule 16 Lease of Greyhound**

An Owner may assign the whole, or part of, his/her interest in a registered Greyhound for a period to a Lessee, provided that the Lease, registered by a document obtained from the GBGB, satisfies the Greyhound Regulatory Board.

In this case, the lessor shall retain the Greyhound in his/her name in the appropriate Stud Book(s) and the granting of the Lease and its termination shall not be treated as normal changes of ownership. After registration of the Lease and until its termination, the Lessee shall be treated as the Owner, and neither the lessor nor the Lessee shall dispose of the whole or part of his/her interest in the Greyhound.

**Rule 17 Change of Ownership**

Subject to the Greyhound Regulatory Board's power to refuse registration of any Owner or Greyhound, every Change of Ownership of a registered Greyhound, except as in Rule 20, shall be registered on the application of the proposed transferee. Such application for registration shall be preceded by registration of the change with the appropriate Stud Book(s) and the appropriate document(s) shown under Rule 24(ii)(a) shall be produced to the Racing Manager of a GBGB Licensed Racecourse or a qualified employee thereof appointed by him/her. The latter shall forward such document(s) and the completed GBGB Change of Ownership form to the GBGB.

The registered Owner shall make available all documents necessary for registration of the change and shall ensure that the GBGB are notified of the change.

- iv every registration of a Greyhound shall also require registration by the Greyhound Regulatory Board of the Owner concerned.
- v a Part-Owner shall identify all existing and prospective Part-Owners or Lessees or other persons having an interest in the Greyhound.

**Rule 25 Greyhound name**

The name of a Greyhound shall have the same spelling and separation into words as that in which it is registered in the appropriate Stud Book(s). The GBGB may however authorise its publication using a different case for any letter(s), and with any amended punctuation, as they may decide. In the case of duplication of names in the Stud Book(s), the name of the second and any subsequent Greyhound registered with the GBGB shall have its name changed under Rule 27. Any Change of Name at or after registration shall be preceded by the registration of the change with the appropriate Stud Book(s).

**Rule 26 Change of Name of Greyhound**

An Owner may apply for a Change of Name of a registered Greyhound by submitting to the GBGB the appropriate form duly completed, which form shall include details of existing and/or prospective Part-Owners of the Greyhound, where relevant. Any such application shall include confirmation that the prior permission of the appropriate Stud Book authority has been obtained by the Owner and/or Part-Owners.

**Rule 27 GBGB requiring Change of Name of Greyhound**

The Greyhound Regulatory Board shall have the power to require that a Greyhound's name be changed for registration or before the Greyhound races again if it is already registered. In this case the GBGB fee for Change of Name may be waived.

**Rule 28 Advertising connotation in Greyhound name**

If the name of a Greyhound appears to the Greyhound Regulatory Board to have any advertising connotation, they shall have power either to charge an extra fee for registration or to require the name to be changed.

**Rule 29 Length of Greyhound name**

The name of any Greyhound which includes more than 16 letters shall not be acceptable for registration and the name shall be changed. For purposes of this Rule a space between words or a punctuation mark shall count as a letter.

**Rule 30 Publication of Change of Name of Greyhound**

After the name of a Greyhound is changed, the name under which it was previously registered with the GBGB and/or in the appropriate Stud Book(s) shall be shown prominently in addition to the new name on the Racecard and the published programme, and deemed to be part of its name until the Greyhound has subsequently raced five times.

The Change of Name shall be published in the GBGB Calendar.

**Rule 31 Microchip - location uncertain**

In the event that a microchip cannot be located, but registration documentation proves that an identifiable microchip was inserted, then the greyhound can race

or trial as planned, but a replacement microchip must be inserted following that race or trial, provided three clear days exist before its next race or trial. The Racing Manager shall provide the Registry with the replacement microchip barcode.

### **Rule 32 Scan Markings and cards - Definition**

The term Scan Markings where used without further qualification shall mean that issued by the Greyhound Regulatory Board. The term Irish Identity Card shall mean that issued by the Irish Coursing Club.

### **Rule 33 Greyhound registration and markings**

- i The colour, sex and markings, including earmarks, of a Greyhound shown on the registration application forms shall be a true copy of details obtained by careful examination of the Greyhound by the Racing Manager or a qualified Licensed Official of an GBGB Licensed Racecourse appointed by him/her, and details of such colour, sex and markings shall be sufficient for that Greyhound to be distinguished from all others. The person completing the registration application form shall forward the appropriate Stud Book document(s) shown under Rule 24(ii) (a) with the registration application form, current microchip barcode and the current inoculation certificate, to the GBGB. If the GBGB register the Greyhound, they shall stamp the registration application form and the Greyhound shall not be deemed registered until such stamping.
- ii The details of such registrations shall be registered on the GBGB Registry Database as defined in Rule 188(i) and a copy of the greyhounds Scan Markings will then be made available by the Registrar.

### **Rule 34 Discrepancies, change of appearance of Greyhound**

If any discrepancy is discovered between any documents in respect of the same Greyhound, or between any document or microchip and the Greyhound itself, the person discovering such discrepancy shall immediately report the facts to the Racing Manager of GBGB Licensed Racecourse, who shall immediately notify the authority/authorities issuing such documents.

In the event of any permanent change in appearance of a registered Greyhound, the Racing Manager of a GBGB Licensed Racecourse shall be informed. He/she shall inform the Area Stipendiary Steward who shall cause the Greyhound to be re-identified. The GBGB shall arrange for the stamped registration application form to be endorsed subject to a satisfactory report by the Stipendiary Steward and new Scan Markings issued.

### **Rule 35 Prohibited alterations to Scan Markings**

No alteration, addition or deletion shall be made to the Scan Markings.

### **Rule 36 Entries in Identity cards**

The Racing Manager shall be responsible to the Greyhound Regulatory Board for arranging that for any Greyhound not registered with the Greyhound Regulatory Board the details of any Race or Trial except Schooling Trials run by that Greyhound at that Racecourse shall be entered:

- a in the Irish Identity Card as shown in the headings thereof if the Greyhound is registered by name in the Irish Greyhound Stud Book
- b in the Identity Card of the British Greyhound Stud Book as shown in the headings thereof if the Greyhound is registered by name in the British Greyhound Stud Book.



c in the Identity Card of any other Stud Book approved by the GBGB.

**Rule 37 Possession of Scan Markings property of GBGB**

Scan Markings shall be the property of the GBGB and no person except a member of the Disciplinary Authority, Racing Manager, Assistant Racing Manager, Local Steward, Paddock Steward, Judge, or person authorised by the GBGB or Racing Manager may be in possession of it.

**Rule 38 Availability of Scan Markings**

The Racing Manager of a GBGB Licensed Racecourse shall be responsible for arranging that the Scan Markings of each registered Greyhound to run in a Trial or Race at that Racecourse is available for the prior identification of the Greyhound.

**Rule 39 Identification Official**

The Racing Manager of a GBGB Licensed Racecourse shall appoint one or more Officials licensed in respect of that Racecourse to be responsible for the identification of each Greyhound as required by Rule 113 and Rule 115. Such Officials shall have been instructed in identification procedure.

**Rule 40 Identification of registered Greyhound**

A registered Greyhound shall be identified by comparison with its Scan Markings and microchip.

**Rule 41 Identification of International Entry**

An International Entry for an Open Race shall be registered and shall be identified with the Irish Identity Card or other appropriate document(s) and an identifiable microchip, issued and recorded by a recognised Greyhound Authority.

**Rule 42 (currently unused)**

**Rule 43 Named Unregistered Greyhound**

A Greyhound not registered with the GBGB but registered by name in a Stud Book shown under Rule 24(i), shall be termed a Named Unregistered Greyhound.

A Named Unregistered Greyhound shall be identified as far as possible with documents which shall be produced at Kennelling and which are shown under Rule 24(ii)(a).

The person entering a Greyhound for a Trial shall be responsible for informing the Racing Manager whether or not it is registered. In case of doubt, the Racing Manager shall enquire of the GBGB.

**Rule 44 Definition of Trial, Schooling Trial & Handslip**

A Trial shall be any test run on a GBGB Licensed Racecourse other than a Race or Schooling Trial.

A Schooling Trial on a GBGB Licensed Racecourse shall be a Trial for one or more registered or Named Unregistered Greyhounds, identified according to these Rules, such Trial being held at the discretion of the Racing Manager for a Greyhound not exceeding 15 Months of age to ascertain whether the greyhound will properly chase the artificial hare. A Schooling Trial shall not be treated as a Trial for the purposes of the qualification of a Greyhound for any Race or for Rule 47. The

A Greyhound whose weight varies as above at Kennelling prior to a Trial may run in that Trial, but shall run at least one further Trial before it races subsequently.

**Rule 53 Deliberate Interference - Definition, disqualification for, notice to Trainer**

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 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.

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

The Trainer shall inform any other Racecourse, at which such a Greyhound is already entered in a Race or Trial, of the issue of such notice.

**Rule 54 Clearing Trials, re-instatement, reporting of disqualifications, etc.**

Any Greyhound disqualified under Rule 53, or the equivalent Irish Greyhound Board Rule, may subsequently be reinstated provided that it runs at least three satisfactory Clearing Trials at a GBGB licensed racecourse on separate Days or it has been cleared by the Irish Greyhound Board and subsequently raced in Ireland. Rule 45(iii) applies.

A Racecourse Executive where a Greyhound is disqualified shall provide reasonable facilities for Clearing Trials but the Owner or his/her Authorised Agent of the disqualified Greyhound shall first obtain the permission of the Owners of the other Greyhounds necessary for such Trials.

A Clearing Trial for a Greyhound shall be with at least three other registered Greyhounds of approximately equal grade with the disqualified Greyhound or handicapped to that end. The Clearing Trials shall be run over a distance of at least 370 metres except where a greyhound's disqualification was in a race or trial of less than 370 metres.

The Racing Manager shall report to the Greyhound Regulatory Board details of all such disqualifications and any reinstatements. Disqualification or reinstatement of a Named Unregistered Greyhound shall be endorsed by the Racing Manager on the appropriate Stud Book documents shown in Rule 24 (ii) (a).

**Rule 55 Confirmed Offenders**

A Greyhound disqualified a second time under Rule 53 shall immediately be reported to the GRB or Director of Regulation who shall declare it a Confirmed Offender, warn off such Greyhound from running on any GBGB Licensed Racecourse and publish such warning off in the GBGB Calendar.

**Rule 56 Bitch - in season, not to run**

A bitch may not run in any Trial or Race after coming in season, for a minimum period of 21 Days nor until, in the opinion of the Racecourse Veterinary Surgeon, it is fit to do so subsequently.

**Rule 57 Reporting of season details, spaying, whelping litter**

A licensed Trainer having a bitch in his/her charge, or an Owner having a bitch kennelled other than with a licensed Trainer, shall inform the Racing Manager at any GBGB Licensed Racecourse within 7 Days when that bitch comes in season, has a false heat, is spayed, or whelps a litter, or is treated with medication that could alter the normal oestrus cycle, and shall be given and retain a receipt in the form of a copy of a Greyhound Detail Report prepared under Rule 195(iv) and Rule 194(vii).

**Rule 58 Greyhound - euthanasia, urgent operation on, treatment of**

If in the opinion of the attending Veterinary Surgeon the euthanasia of, an urgent operation on, or the urgent treatment of a Greyhound in the charge of a licensed Trainer is necessary for the Greyhound's welfare the Veterinary Surgeon shall be entitled to proceed with such euthanasia or operation or treatment without the permission of the Owner.

A Greyhound in the charge of a licensed Trainer shall not be euthanased except with the approval of and under the direct supervision of a Veterinary Surgeon unless in the Veterinary Surgeon's absence immediate euthanasia is obviously essential, in which case the circumstances shall afterwards be reported by the Trainer to the GBGB.

**Rule 59 Disease in Kennels or at Racecourse**

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**

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 61 Report of sickness, injury, etc.**

- i Any case of sickness, lameness or other indisposition of a Greyhound discovered after Kennelling for, or immediately after, a Race or Trial, shall be reported to the Local Stewards without delay. Any other case of indisposition of a Greyhound due to or likely to be due to run shall be reported by the Trainer to the Racing Manager(s) concerned without delay.
- ii When a greyhound is injured when participating in a race, trial or sales trial the attending Veterinary Surgeon must make a record which the Racecourse Executive must keep at the racecourse, setting out;
  - a the nature of the injury sustained;
  - b either the microchip number or earmark of the Greyhound;
  - c details of any treatment administered to the Greyhound;
  - d the distance of the race, trial or sales trial in which the injury occurred; and
  - e the date of the injury.

The information referred to in sub-paragraph (ii) must be kept for at least 10 years from the date of the injury.

#### **Rule 62 Death of a Greyhound**

In the event of the death from whatever cause of a registered Greyhound, the Owner or his/her Authorised Agent, or a Veterinary Surgeon, or a licensed Trainer on behalf of the Owner, shall immediately report the death, and the cause thereof, to the Racing Manager of any GBGB Licensed Racecourse and shall be given and retain a receipt in the form of a copy of a Greyhound Detail Report prepared under Rule 195(ii) and Rule 194(vii).

**Rule 69B Withdrawal - fees in respect of, not eligible for delayed Race**

Any Entry Fee and other contribution in respect of a Race shall still be due in respect of a Withdrawal, except where otherwise stipulated in the terms of a Match or Private Sweepstakes, or except when such Withdrawal is replaced by a Reserve.

A Withdrawal from a particular Race at its advertised time and date shall not be eligible to run in that Race if it is for any reason postponed or re-opened.

**Rule 70 Trap Number - definition**

The term Trap Number shall mean the number drawn for or allocated to a Greyhound, corresponding to the number subsequently shown against it on the Racecard in the case of a Race, and to the number on the Racing Jacket worn by it for the Race or Trial concerned.

**Rule 71 Starting position of Trap Numbers**

Except by permission of the Greyhound Regulatory Board or the Director of Regulation acting under its authority a Greyhound drawing or allocated Trap Number 1 shall start from the Starting Trap or compartment of a Starting Trap nearest to the inner rail/fence, the runners starting in numerical order of Trap Numbers outwards across the course, except as provided for in Rule 75.

**Rule 72 Trap Numbers for Handicaps - starting position, & draw for**

In a Handicap Trial or Race the Greyhound(s) handicapped nearest to Scratch shall start from the Starting Trap(s) or compartment(s) nearest to the side of the course on which the hare passes the start, the runners starting in ascending order of Handicap allotment as described in Rule 64(i)(g) across the course from that side.

Where two or more Greyhounds have the same Handicap, the Rules relating to the draw for or allocation of Trap Numbers shall apply between those Greyhounds for the group of Trap Numbers applicable to them collectively.

**Rule 73 Vacant traps - starting positions**

In the case of there being less than the advertised number of runners in a Trial or Race for any reason, the runners shall start from the same positions on the course according to their Trap Numbers, subject to Rule 75, as they would if the vacant Trap Numbers were occupied.

**Rule 74 Reserves - Trap Numbers, order of inclusion**

In the case of one or more Withdrawals from a Race, and subject to Rule 67 and Rule 146, Reserve(s) in the order of inclusion, which order may be at the option of the Racing Manager unless the Reserves are designated, shall be allocated the vacated Trap Numbers in the order of their becoming vacant, and shall not be transposed subsequently.

**Rule 75 Starting position of Reserves, and Parade order**

A Reserve permitted under Rule 67 to run shall start from the same position relative to the other runners as the Withdrawal it replaces would have done, across the course, except that;

If, in a Handicap Race, a Reserve which is allotted a different Handicap from that of a Withdrawal replaces the latter so that it thereby becomes impossible under Rule 72 and Rule 74 to comply fully with Rule 71. Rule 71 shall be waived only as far

**Section 7 TRIALS MEETINGS AND RACE MEETINGS****Rule 102A General arrangements for Meetings**

The Racecourse Executive shall be responsible for the general arrangements for a Trials Meeting and a Race Meeting. The Local Stewards shall be responsible for the conduct of Trials and Race Meetings and shall have full regard for the welfare of Greyhounds and its duties and responsibilities under the Animal Welfare Act 2006. A Trials Meeting may be held before and/or after but not during a Race Meeting. Each shall be treated as a separate Meeting. The Racing Manager shall be responsible for arranging the programme of Trials or Races.

**Rule 102B Sales Trials**

All persons or organisations who conduct Greyhound sales on premises licensed by the GBGB shall first be registered with the GBGB. The fees for registration shall be decided by the Greyhound Regulatory Board who shall have power to refuse the registration of any such person or organisation without assigning a reason. The right of appeal against such a decision exists within current Appeal Procedures.

A Sales Trial shall be a Trial run at a Trials Meeting composed entirely of Sales Trials, each run in connection with a subsequent offer for sale at the Meeting of any Greyhound contesting such a Trial.

Except where explicitly stated otherwise in this or any other Rule, a Greyhound Sales Trials Meeting shall be treated as a normal Trials Meeting under these Rules.

The following provisions shall apply specifically to Sales Trials:

- i** No dispensation from veterinary attendance at Kennelling under Rule 113(vi) shall be granted, nor any such existing dispensation apply, in respect of a Sales Trials Meeting.
- ii** A Sales Trial shall not count as an Initial Trial under the provisions of Rule 47 and Rule 48.
- iii** All Greyhounds to run in a Sales Trial shall have in-date inoculation records in accordance with those specified in Rule 60 or shall be inoculated in accordance with Rule 60 at the Meeting by the Veterinary Surgeon at the expense of the person in charge of the Greyhound. In respect of Greyhounds from Ireland, inoculations shall be entered in the Irish Identity Card and the inoculation certificate shall also be produced.
- iv** A separate Kennel shall be provided for each Greyhound to run in a Sales Trial. Any Kennels other than Racing Kennels, which shall be in a secure area, may only be used subject to prior agreement with the area Stipendiary Steward but in each case only one Greyhound shall be accommodated in each Kennel. Greyhounds shall not be kept in any other form of accommodation such as cars, vans etc.
- v** Copies of the sales catalogues shall be sent, to arrive at least 7 Days prior to the date of the Sales Trials Meeting, to the GBGB and to the Area Stipendiary Steward. The following notice shall be incorporated in the condition of sales published in the sales catalogue:  

“Intending purchasers are advised that the acceptance by the GBGB for registration of any Greyhound offered in this catalogue is subject to the Greyhound being eligible for registration under the Rules of Racing.”
- vi** All agents or persons who supply Greyhounds to the persons or organisations conducting sales at a Sales Trials Meeting shall be registered with the GRB -

registered sales organisation, which shall keep a register of such persons, which shall be open to inspection by the Area Stipendiary Steward and all such registered Agents shall be subject to the Rules of Racing.

- vii Suitable transport for the conveyance of Greyhounds to/from a Sales Trials Meeting shall be to the satisfaction of the persons or organisation conducting the sales and in accordance with any code of practice as may be determined by the Greyhound Regulatory Board.
- viii All other arrangements for the feeding, watering and exercising of Greyhounds brought to a Sales Trials Meeting shall be to the satisfaction of the Greyhound Regulatory Board.
- ix The Racecourse Executive in conjunction with the registered sales organisation may arrange to take random urine samples from Greyhounds at a Sales Trials Meeting and these may, by financial arrangement with the GBGB, be analysed by the GBGB - appointed analyst.
- x In respect of unsold Greyhounds, the persons or organisations responsible for the sales Trials shall make reasonable arrangements for the welfare of such Greyhounds until their eventual sale or disposal.
- xi Irish transfer forms for Greyhounds sold at a Sales Trials Meeting shall only be accepted by the GBGB for registration purposes if they are appropriately stamped by the sales organisation. The stamp shall show the name of the registered sales person or organisation, the GBGB Licensed Racecourse at which the sale was held, and the date.

### **Rule 103 Required presence of Local Stewards and Officials**

At least 3 Local Stewards shall be present from before the first Race, 2 of them from the start of Kennelling, until after the last Race of a Race Meeting. At least 2 Local Stewards shall be in the Stewards' Box during a Race.

At least 2 Local Stewards shall be present from the start of Kennelling until after the last Trial of a Trials Meeting.

A Racing Manager or Assistant Racing Manager shall be present at a Race Meeting and at a Trials Meeting, otherwise the Local Stewards shall appoint one of their number to assume the necessary duties for such Meeting and shall inform the GBGB of the circumstances.

### **Rule 104 Temporary appointments of Local Stewards and Licensed Officials**

If there are less than the required number of Local Stewards present for a Race Meeting or Trials Meeting or if any other Licensed Official required by these Rules to be present is absent, the Local Stewards shall appoint suitably experienced persons to fill such vacancies and shall report the circumstances to the GBGB.

No person in respect of whom a direction has been made by the Greyhound Regulatory Board or the Director of Regulation acting under its authority pursuant to sub-Rule (b) of Rule 4A(i) shall be so appointed without the prior approval of the Greyhound Regulatory Board or the Director of Regulation acting under its authority.

### **Rule 105 Local Stewards to control and supervise conduct**

The Local Stewards shall control and supervise the conduct of all Licensed Officials, Trainers and Kennelhands, of all Owners and of all unlicensed persons, connected with the Greyhounds and/or the conduct of Trials and Races.

**Rule 106 GBGB, Stipendiary & Local Stewards - access**

The GBGB, its Chief Executive, 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 107 Variation of arrangements for Meetings**

The Local Stewards shall have full power to make, and, if necessary, to vary, all such arrangements for the conduct of a Trials Meeting or a Race Meeting as they deem fit provided that such variation does not conflict with the requirements of the Rules. They shall, for example, have power to abandon the Meeting, or to abandon any Trial(s) or Race(s), or to alter the order of running Trials or Races, or the time of Kennelling. Any such variation for a Race Meeting shall be notified to the GBGB or the Area Stipendiary Steward concerned. Such notifications shall be made as soon as practicable and not later than 24 hours after the date of the Race Meeting concerned.

**Rule 108 Racecard**

The Racecourse Executive shall publish an official Racecard for a Race Meeting and shall as a minimum publish thereon:

- i The name of the Racecourse and the date of the Meeting.
- ii That such Meeting is held under GBGB Rules of Racing.
- iii The names of all Licensed Officials to act at that Meeting.
- iv If any Graded Race is included at such Meeting, a notice stating whether the Trap Numbers in such Races under Rule 76 have been allocated or drawn for.
- v A notice showing the name(s) of the person(s) making or witnessing any draw under Rule 80 and the date(s) of such draw(s), in respect of any Race at that Meeting.
- vi For each Race to be run at that Meeting and any Substitute Race:
  - a The distance and whether flat or Hurdles; a Handicap to be prominently shown as such.
  - b All prizes in respect of that Race.
  - c The title, if any has been advertised.
- vii For each Greyhound to run in a Race, except a Reserve:
  - a The Trap Number allocated or drawn except where the Greyhounds for a Race are decided during a Meeting from those appearing elsewhere on the same Racecard.
  - b If a Handicap Race, the Handicap allotment prominently displayed.
  - c A letter 'W' in the case of a classified Wide Runner and a letter 'M' in the case of a classified Middle Runner.
  - d Its name, colour, sex, sire and dam, and Month and year of whelping.



- e If a bitch, the date on which it last came in season or whelped a litter or was spayed or where season has been suppressed or postponed.
- f The name(s) of the Owner(s), or where a Greyhound is Leased, the names of the lessor(s) and Lessee(s).
- g The name of the licensed Trainer
- h At least three Form Lines in respect of Trials or Races at GBGB Licensed Racecourses and for an Irish Greyhound participating in its first Race at least one additional Form Line shall be included to show the Irish form most relevant to this Race in the opinion of the Racing Manager.

At least the 2 most recent Trials and/or Races shall be shown in the required Form Lines and the most recent Form Line applicable to the Racecourse and distance in question or, failing this, the third most recent Trial or Race. Form Lines should include for each Trial or Race; the date, distance, whether over Hurdles, weight at Kennelling, Winning Time, 're-run' if applicable, 'hand-timed' if applicable, Trap Number and/or Handicap allotment, position in the Order Of Finish, the distance the Greyhound won by or finished behind the winner; and the name of any other Racecourse where such Trial or Race took place.

A Form Line shall indicate if it is for a No Race or a No Trial not re-run and such Form Line shall include date, distance, whether over Hurdles, weight at Kennelling, Trap Number and/or Handicap allotment.

- viii For each Reserve, all items shown under (vii) except that the word, or abbreviation for, Reserve, shall replace the Trap Number under item (a) and Form Lines other than the most recent under item (h) may be omitted according to available space.

Any Form Line required by (vii)(h) and omitted from the Racecard, either in respect of a Reserve called upon to run, or in respect of any Greyhound because it was not available when the Racecard was printed, and any corrections to errors or omissions shall be published on notice boards in each public enclosure and announced publicly before any Race affected thereby.

The Racing Manager shall be responsible to the GBGB for the accuracy of the Racecard and shall ensure that all abbreviations used thereon are defined on the Racecard or by public notices.

### **Rule 109 Racing Paddock and Kennels – definition**

- i The Racing Paddock, containing the Racing Kennels, shall be a securely enclosed area at a GBGB Licensed Racecourse. It shall be adequately lit to allow safe examination and handling of a Greyhound.
- ii Each racing kennel must;
  - a if installed after 6 April 2010, be at a minimum 136cm long, 87cm wide and 110cm high internally;
  - b be occupied by no more than one Greyhound;
  - c have walls and floors with a cleanable surface;
  - d be cleaned between use;
  - e have a comfortable area for the Greyhound to lay;
  - f allow a Greyhound to be observed when inside;
  - g be constructed so as to minimise any risk of injury to a Greyhound;

- h** have a regular flow of clean air, whether by natural or artificial means, to allow sufficient ventilation for a Greyhound;
- i** have an ambient temperature suitable for Greyhounds just raced;
- j** be disinfected and dried between days on which races, trials or sales trials take place.

### **Rule 110A Security of Racing Paddock**

A Local Steward, Paddock Steward or Security Officer 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 or Security Officer, 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 110B Veterinary Treatment Room**

- i** The attending Veterinary Surgeon must have access to either a room or a mobile facility which;
  - a** is clean and has walls and floors with an impervious and easily cleanable surface;
  - b** is lockable;
  - c** is well lit;
  - d** has heating and ventilation;
  - e** has hot and cold running water;
  - f** has an examination table suitable for examining Greyhounds;
  - g** has a lockable cupboard suitable for the storage of veterinary medicines;
  - h** has a fridge suitable for the storage of veterinary medicines;
  - i** is located close enough to the area where a race or trial or sales trial is being undertaken to allow quick access in the case of an emergency;
  - j** has a freezer suitable for the storage of a Greyhound carcass;
  - k** the Racecourse Executive shall ensure is kept clean and tidy at all times.
  - l** contains a kennel, which complies with the Racecourse Executive's requirements in relation to kennels and which is within reasonable proximity to the room or mobile facility used for emergency veterinary cases;
  - m.** has instruments, steriliser, veterinary medicines, dressings, cadaver bags, sharp disposal container etc. which shall be provided by the Veterinary Surgeon and paid for by the Racecourse Executive;

- n shall offer a telephone link between the treatment room and the Stewards' Box;
  - o unless dispensation is requested by the Racecourse Executive and granted by the Greyhound Regulatory Board or the Director of Regulation acting under its authority, shall have a monitor connected to the track's closed circuit system (so that the Veterinary Surgeon is able to view replays and thus be more able to ascertain the cause of an injury), together with a speaker connected to the public address system.
- ii The facilities described in sub-paragraph i must be for the sole use of the attending Veterinary Surgeon at all times.
- iii The Veterinary Surgeon shall be responsible for disposal of all sharps and surgical waste.

### **Rule 111 Admission to Racing Paddock**

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 of GBGB, the Director of Regulation, the Head of Security of GBGB, 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**

Kennelling procedure under Rule 113 shall not commence prior to 1 hour 45 minutes, and shall be completed at least 30 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.

When more Greyhounds are due to take part than can be accommodated in Racing Kennels at once, any surplus Greyhound(s) may be kennelled later, but at least 45 minutes before their Trial or Race.

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.

**Rule 113 Kennelling and weighing procedure**

Kennelling procedure for a Trial or Race shall be as follows:

- i** Each Greyhound shall be weighed by a Licensed Official, to the nearest 100 grams. Either immediately prior to being weighed or immediately afterwards, it shall be identified and the greyhound scanned to ensure the presence of an identifiable microchip. The Licensed Official shall, on completion of Kennelling, hand to the Racing Manager a record of the weights and the name(s) of the official(s) responsible for identification at that Meeting under Rule 39.
- 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 or Security Officer supervising the Racing Kennels and such allocation shall not be notified to any unauthorised person.
- iii** After identification and weighing the Greyhound shall be inspected by the Veterinary Surgeon, who shall not pass at this time or any other inspection any Greyhound as fit to run which in his/her opinion is unfit to do so, or which has been treated in any way with any substance which in his/her opinion might affect its, or any other Greyhound's, normal performance.
- iv** After weighing of a Greyhound has been completed it shall not have access to any food, drink or other substance prior to its Race or Trial with the exception of Rule 113 (v).
- 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, Security Officer 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.
- vi** At the Greyhound Regulatory Board's sole discretion, dispensation from veterinary attendance at Kennelling may be granted provided the following conditions are met:
  - a** The Veterinary Surgeon shall be in attendance for Race Meetings and Trials Meetings at least 30 minutes before the first Race or Trial.
  - b** All Greyhounds shall be inspected by the Veterinary Surgeon prior to their Race or Trial.
  - c** Following the veterinary inspection the Greyhounds shall not be returned to their Kennels but shall be kept in a secure situation.

Any dispensation given shall be reviewed annually. Apart from the dispensation factor, the Rules of Racing, specifically for Kennelling, shall remain unaltered.

Authorised Representatives of Racecourse Executives seeking dispensation shall write to the GBGB Director of Regulation.
- vii** All weighing apparatus must be re-calibrated at least once annually by an accredited person.

**Rule 114 Access to Racing Kennels**

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**

- 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 or Security Officer and identified by a Local Official.
- ii The Paddock Steward shall allocate the Racing Jackets in accordance with Rule 118. The Greyhound shall be identified and scanned for the presence of an identifiable microchip after the Racing Jacket and muzzle are placed on it. The Trainer shall be entirely responsible for ensuring that the correct Greyhound wears the correct Racing Jacket and muzzle on leaving the Racing Paddock to take part in the Trial or Race.
- iii The Paddock Steward or other Licensed Official appointed by the Racing Manager shall examine all Racing Jackets and muzzles on the Greyhounds immediately prior to their leaving the Racing Paddock, or while on Parade, in order to ensure that each is correctly fitted and adjusted, and in suitable condition.

**Rule 116 Veterinary Surgeon's further examination, and attendance**

- i A register of attendance of Veterinary Surgeons shall be kept at the racecourse, recording;
  - a the date of the race, trial or sales trials; and
  - b the name, Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons membership number and signature of the attending Veterinary Surgeon.
- ii The attending Veterinary Surgeon must attest in the register that, before each race, trial or sales trial, he or she inspected every Greyhound which took part.
- iii The information referred to in sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) must be kept for at least 3 years from the date of the race, trial or sales trial.
- iv Every Greyhound to take part in a Trial or Race shall again be inspected by a Veterinary Surgeon, or a person jointly nominated by the Racing Manager or his deputy and the Veterinary Surgeon in attendance, on leaving the Racing Paddock prior to such Trial or Race.
- v The Veterinary Surgeon shall remain at the Racecourse throughout a Trials or Race Meeting, shall as far as possible watch every Trial and Race and shall inspect each Greyhound prior to or on its return to the Racing Paddock after a Trial or Race, and shall carry out all reasonable requests made to him/her by the Local Stewards.

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

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, Security Officer 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 118 Racing Jackets**

Each Greyhound in a Trial or Race shall wear a Racing Jacket of a pattern approved by the GBGB and the Local Stewards, with the colour of each jacket and numeral to correspond with the Trap Number as follows:

- 1 Red jacket with white numeral

- 2 Blue jacket with white numeral
- 3 White jacket with black numeral
- 4 Black jacket with white numeral
- 5 Orange jacket with black numeral
- 6 White and black stripes with red numeral
- 7 (Leaf) green jacket with red numeral
- 8 Yellow (front) and black halved jacket with white numeral positioned on black portion

The Trap Number shall be shown on each side of the Racing Jacket in the above designated colour. A Racing Jacket worn by a Reserve called upon to run shall bear an additional letter 'R' prominently on each side.

The jackets used in any Race or Trial may be all of the traditional design or all of a new design, but the types shall not be mixed.

Only jackets with buttons (on the offside of the jacket) or ribbon fastenings are acceptable. Jackets with Velcro fastening, logos or coloured borders/piping are not permitted.

#### **Rule 119 Muzzles**

Each Greyhound in a Trial or Race shall wear a safety muzzle preventing biting and complying with the specification published in the Appendix to these Rules. The Paddock Steward shall have available suitable muzzles of all sizes and shall provide one for any Greyhound on request.

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

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 or Security Officer shall examine all Starting Trap(s) to be used in a Meeting immediately prior to such Meeting.

#### **Rule 121 Distance measurement**

The distance(s) in use for any Trial or Race shall have been measured one metre from the inside rail and marked by a qualified surveyor, from the winning line, and certificates lodged with the GBGB accordingly.

#### **Rule 122 Starting Traps for Handicap to be checked**

A Licensed Official other than the Starter shall check that the Starting Traps have been correctly set upon the course for a Handicap Trial or Race.

#### **Rule 123 Automatic/hand-start**

A mechanism shall be fitted to the hare equipment so that the Starting Trap(s) in use for a Trial or Race is/are opened automatically to become fully open at the time the hare is approximately 11 metres ahead of the front of the Starting Trap(s) except that:

in a Handicap Trial or Race, the Starting Traps shall become fully open when the hare is approximately 11 metres ahead of the front of the Starting Trap at the

highest Handicap allotment in use, and if this cannot be arranged automatically permission shall be obtained from the GBGB to start such Trials or Races by hand in similar manner.

#### **Rule 124 Starter**

Greyhounds in a Trial or Race shall be started under the supervision of a licensed Starter who shall give all necessary orders and signals for securing a fair start, and shall also be responsible for any hand-starting under Rule 123 and for arranging any necessary removal of the Starting Trap(s) and ancillary equipment from the course expeditiously after the start.

#### **Rule 125 Parade for Race**

Unless otherwise directed by the Local Stewards, because of adverse weather or exceptional circumstances, every Greyhound to take part in a Race shall be paraded in public before going to the Starting Trap(s).

#### **Rule 126 Exhibition of Trap Numbers**

The Trap Numbers of Greyhounds to take part in a Race shall be exhibited in view of all public enclosures at least 10 minutes before the Race is run.

#### **Rule 127 Late Withdrawal**

Once the Parade has commenced, no alteration to the runners for a Race shall be permitted except that, until the hare signal is given for the start of the Race, a Greyhound may be withdrawn if it appears to be, and is confirmed by the Veterinary Surgeon to be, unfit to run. A Greyhound so withdrawn shall be termed a Late Withdrawal and the Race shall be postponed until a minimum period of 10 minutes has elapsed since the Late Withdrawal occurred.

#### **Rule 128 Starting time**

The Racing Manager or their Deputy must check that their timepiece, used for determining the Off-Time, is accurate before racing begins.

A public announcement or signal shall be made at least two minutes before the Greyhounds enter the Starting Trap(s) for a Race. The Greyhounds shall not be held stationary for more than one minute behind the Starting Trap(s) before being placed therein. A Race shall normally start no earlier than the time advertised or shown on the Racecard subject to Rule 107.

It is the responsibility of the Local Stewards to ensure that any and all off-times, or times relative to any other incident, recorded in race meeting data, are accurate.

#### **Rule 129 Greyhounds in Starting Traps**

A Greyhound shall be placed in the appropriate Starting Trap or compartment thereof by the Trainer or Kennelhand or Parader or Local Official, under the orders and surveillance of the Starter; or by him/her.

When all the Greyhounds are in the Starting Trap(s), all persons other than the Starter and his/her assistants shall retire from the course to wherever directed and shall give no further care or attention to the Greyhounds prior to the Race unless recalled.

If a Greyhound appears to the Starter to have become unfit or to have damaged its Racing Jacket or muzzle, he/she shall make the appropriate adjustments and, if

necessary, recall the appropriate persons. He/she shall have all the Greyhounds removed from the Starting Trap(s) if any delay appears likely.

The Veterinary Surgeon shall be called to examine any Greyhound thought to be unfit.

### **Rule 130 Start signal**

When the Starter is satisfied that all is in order under Rule 129 and all Greyhounds are facing forward, he/she shall give a public signal for the hare to be started. After that time, the Greyhounds shall receive no further attention and the start shall not be deliberately prevented or postponed except when permitting the start would lead to declaration of 'No Trial' or 'No Race' under Rule 145.

### **Rule 131 Failure to start or complete course**

Once the Starting Trap(s) open(s), any failure of a Greyhound to start shall not in itself be reason for declaration of 'No Trial' or 'No Race'.

Every effort shall be made to detain or remove a Greyhound that fails to start or stops or turns back during a Trial or Race.

### **Rule 132 Starting Trap or hare failure**

If a Starting Trap fails to open, the hare shall be stopped as quickly and as safely as practicable and, if possible, out of sight of the Greyhounds. After any hare or Starting Trap failure, if the hare is to be moved, the Greyhounds shall be taken back to the Racing Paddock or other approved designated area under the surveillance of the Veterinary Surgeon or Local Official while necessary adjustments and tests are carried out.

### **Rule 133 Hare not to pass twice**

Under no circumstances shall the hare be allowed to pass the Starting Trap(s) twice before the Greyhounds therein are released or removed, whatever the cause of the Starting Trap(s) failing to open the first time it passes.

### **Rule 134 Hare Controller**

The hare shall be controlled for a Trial or Race by a licensed Hare Controller.

The Hare Controller shall be responsible for starting the hare from a position out of direct vision of Greyhounds in the Starting Trap(s), for maintaining a constant speed of the hare as it passes the starting point in each Trial or Race, and for keeping it within a reasonable distance of the leading Greyhound throughout a Trial or Race except where otherwise necessary in the interests of safety.

### **Rule 135 Hurdles specification**

Hurdles shall be of a type and size approved by the GBGB.

### **Rule 136 Hurdle damaged or knocked down**

If a Hurdle is damaged or knocked down during a Trial or Race it shall be replaced if time permits without distraction of the Greyhounds, but a Greyhound shall be entitled to take advantage of any gap so caused.



**Rule 137 Running Out**

If a Greyhound runs out of the defined course, whether it returns and crosses the winning line or not, it shall be regarded as not completing the course. It shall be disqualified for, and the Owner shall forfeit all rights in, the Trial or Race concerned.

**Rule 138 Timing, Timekeeper**

Timing for all Trials and Races shall be by photo- or ray-timing apparatus. A licensed Timekeeper shall record by hand held stopwatch a time for the apparent first Greyhound in the Order Of Finish and shall draw the attention of the Local Stewards to any unusual discrepancy between this and any time recorded as above; the Local Stewards shall, if they have reason to suspect a fault in any apparatus normally used, return such hand-time for that Trial or Race, shall make an announcement accordingly and instruct that this is also indicated in all records of such Trial or Race. The official Winning Time for a Trial or Race including a Handicap shall be that recorded by the first Greyhound(s) in the Order Of Finish, from the time the Starting Trap(s) front(s) reached 45 degrees from the perpendicular to the time the nose(s) of such Greyhound(s) reached the winning line on completing the course, whatever method of timing is used.

**Rule 139 Beaten distance, Calculated Time**

All details recorded by photo-finish apparatus shall be ascertained therefrom by a Local Steward. Where photo-timing apparatus is used, the distances between Greyhounds shall be calculated from the times thus recorded at the rate of 1 length per 0.08 of a second, except that very small distances may be determined from the image of the greyhounds. Where handtiming or other apparatus is used, which records a time for the apparent first Greyhound in the Order Of Finish only, the distances between Greyhounds shall be ascertained from the photo-finish film, and Calculated Times of the other Greyhounds computed therefrom. For a Handicap Trial or Race, the Calculated Time published for each Greyhound, including the winner, shall be the recorded or Calculated Time as above, with the addition of 0.08 of a second for each metre of Handicap allotment from the Scratch position. Where qualification is determined by times, the times calculated as above shall be those used.

**Rule 140 Order of Finish, Result, definitions**

The Order of Finish shall mean the order in which the noses of the Greyhounds which have completed the course in a Trial or Race reach the winning line.

The Result of a Race shall mean the Order of Finish subject to amendment, by any disqualification. For the purposes of competition points and prizes, a Greyhound disqualified for Deliberate Interference shall be treated as finishing last and the remaining Greyhounds moved up in place accordingly subject to Rule 91. A Greyhound disqualified for any other reason shall be treated as completely unplaced and shall forfeit all rights and competition points in respect of that Race, and the remaining greyhounds moved up in place.

**Rule 141 Officials and Stewards to watch Races and Trials**

The Racing Manager, Assistant Racing Manager and Local Stewards shall watch every Trial or Race at a Meeting at which they are acting under Rule 103 and as far as possible shall watch every Greyhound therein.

**Rule 142 Judge, post-Race procedure, No Race declaration**

The Judge shall occupy a suitable position in the Local Stewards' Box or Judge's Box throughout the Race. Unless the Local Stewards decide otherwise, the Judge shall indicate to them the Order of Finish and when this has been approved by them the Trap Numbers of the Greyhounds occupying the first three places shall be publicly announced and displayed. When Order of Finish has been confirmed the Local Stewards shall announce 'Order of Finish Official' (and where available, display a green light) and the Order of Finish shall then be final.

If the Local Stewards decide to declare 'No Race', an immediate announcement 'No Race' made (and where available, display a red light).

If anything happens in a Race which causes the Local Stewards to give consideration to the declaration of 'No Race' they shall defer giving to the Judge their approval of any Order of Finish and shall cause an announcement to be made that a Local Inquiry is to be held.

**Rule 143 Judge for Trials**

The Racing Manager, Assistant Racing Manager or a Local Steward may act in place of the Judge for Trials Meetings, and in this case shall be responsible for deciding the Order of Finish subject to the approval of the other Local Steward(s).

**Rule 144 Photo-finish, Judge's decision final**

Where photo-finish apparatus is used by the Judge or person deciding the Order of Finish under Rule 142 or Rule 143 to assist him/her, it shall in no way alter his/her responsibilities and his/her decision shall be final in this respect.

**Rule 145 No Trial, No Race - declaration of - permitted circumstances**

The Local Stewards may declare 'No Trial' or 'No Race' in the following circumstances only:

- i A mechanical or other defect of the hare equipment or Starting Trap(s).
- ii Any outside interference with the Trial or Race, with the proviso that the Local Stewards can within their discretion declare a Result or Part Result of a Race that is subject to outside interference in circumstances when a leading Greyhound has (or two or more leading Greyhounds have) run on and crossed the winning line.
- iii If the hare is not kept within a reasonable distance of the leading Greyhound.
- iv If no Greyhound completes the course within a reasonable time.
- v When the hare is stopped in the interests of safety before the Trial or Race has been completed.
- vi Where the Local Stewards consider, as a consequence of any error by a Licence holder, that the Result of a Race may be unfairly affected.

**Rule 146 Re-run**

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.

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

**Rule 189 Provision of facilities for, staffing of, and use of, Racing Office Systems**

Whether or not hardware, software, support or training is provided by any other parties, it shall ultimately be the responsibility of the Racecourse Executive that adequate facilities are provided, that sufficient competent staff are employed, and that adequate arrangements are made for attendance at any suitable training provided within the industry, for the Racing Manager and his/her staff to properly operate the Racing Office System and carry out other duties required of them for the BGRDb.

It shall be the responsibility of the Racing Manager to familiarise himself/herself with all aspects of the Racing Office System, including instructions for its use, to supervise its proper efficient use by his/her staff, and to liaise and co-operate as necessary with those managing the Registry System, the Form Database, and all other Racing Office Systems.

**Rule 190 Communication methods and facilities**

Communication of data in the BGRDb normally being by email, the Racecourse Executive shall maintain adequate arrangements for Internet access for email communications from and to the Racing Office System, and make adequate arrangements for alternative communication in case of email failure.

**Rule 191 Communication deadlines and receipts**

Each form of communication defined in these Rules shall meet the deadline defined for it. The Racing Manager shall ensure arrangements for, and shall retain a record of receipt by the addressee of, any email communication from the Racing Office System under these Rules. Such receipts for Race or Trials Meetings programmes or records shall be kept for at least 12 weeks; those for Greyhound Detail Reports shall be kept for at least 1 year.

**Rule 192 IDs for Greyhounds**

Greyhounds shall be uniquely referenced in BGRDb communications by the use of alphanumeric identity codes, referred to as IDs. An unregistered Greyhound shall be referenced by an ID formed from an ID allocated to it by the appropriate Stud Book. Upon GBGB registration the Greyhound's ID shall become that allocated by the Registry System, which shall promulgate the details and draw attention to the change in a file distributed to Racecourses and to the Form Database at least weekly. The file shall contain ID data for all Greyhounds registered during the current and the nine preceding calendar years.

The Registry system shall record the microchip identification number of each greyhound in a field that shall permit identification of the greyhound details via the microchip number, and vice versa.

**Rule 193 IDs for Trainers**

Trainers shall be uniquely referenced in BGRDb communications by the use of IDs allocated by the Registry System, which shall promulgate details, including numeric IDs, of all Trainers licensed in the current calendar year, in a file distributed to Racecourses and to the Form Database at least weekly.

**Rule 194 Communications from Racing Office Systems, and Deadlines**

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.

### **Rule 195 Greyhound Detail Reports - procedure, content**

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 or Trial 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.

#### **Rule 196 Standardised Form**

Standardised Form shall be an industry-established set of specifications for data used in Racing Office Systems and racecards and other documents, and in the Form Database and BGRDb communications, including the permitted range, formatting, and abbreviation, and the interpretation of such data.

The set of Standardised Form reference files shall be maintained by, and available from, the GBGB.

Amendments to Standardised Form specifications shall be made only by the GBGB, of their own volition or if approving suggestions received. Proposed amendments shall normally be made available for comment by Racing Managers and by Racing Office System suppliers and the Form Database contractor before being implemented. Approved amendments to Standardised Form shall be published in the Calendar.

Racing Office Systems and the Form Database shall be constructed and amended when necessary, so as to maximise their contribution to compliance with Standardised Form within the BGRDb.

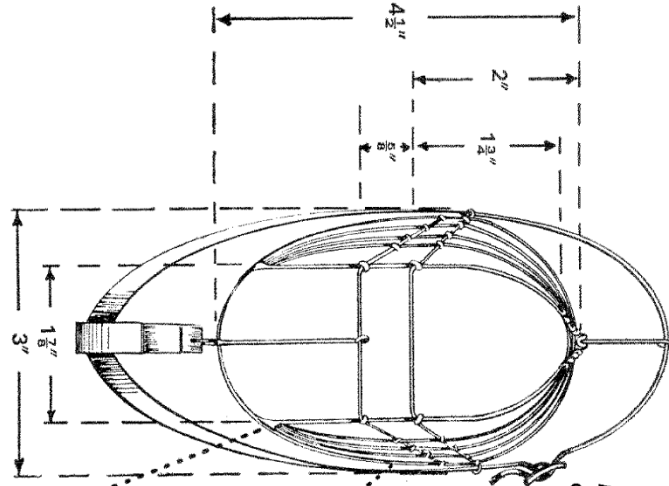
Deliberate or negligent non-compliance with Standardised Form shall be a breach of these Rules.

Section 14 APPENDICES

Appendix I WIRE RACING MUZZLE

**WIRE RACING MUZZLE**  
Specification approved by GBGB under Rule 119

FRONT VIEW



Minimum wt of size 7 : 1 1/2 oz.  
Other sizes in proportion

Tension Loops  
Round Steel Wire  
Diameter .028"  
Tensile Strength  
160/170 tons per sq.in.  
Plated or Galvanised

All Twist Joints  
are in main  
body structure

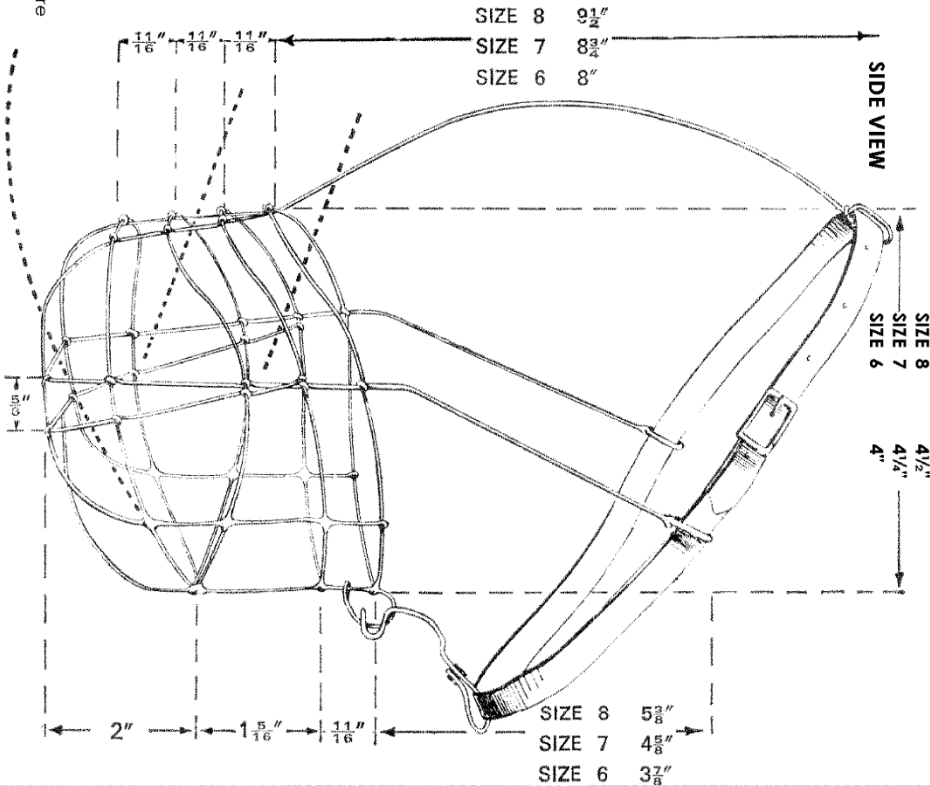
These Joints are not  
twisted round, but are  
'blob' soldered.

**Main Body Structure**

Round Steel Wire  
Diameter: .050"/.054"  
Tensile Strength: 100/120 tons per sq.in.  
Plated or Galvanised

Recommendation for Soldering  
Joints: 'Timmans' = 75% tin + 25% lead

SIDE VIEW



**Appendix IV TESTS, SAMPLES – PROCEDURE**

Only one Greyhound at any one time shall be in the charge of a Trainer or Kennelhand who is the handler for the purpose of obtaining a sample.

A Licensed Official shall, in the presence of the handler:

- i** identify the Greyhound from its Scan Markings,
- ii** provide disposable gloves that the handler must wear on the bowl carrying hand,
- iii** provide a clean bowl for the handler,
- iv** supervise the obtaining of the sample,
- v** wear disposable gloves on the bowl carrying hand,
- vi** pour the sample from the bowl into the plastic bottle,
- vii** screw the cap on to the bottle, (avoiding gripping the security ring at the base of the cap),
- viii** attach the GBGB bar code label to the body of the bottle,
- ix** place the bottle in the numbered plastic bag, and seal it,
- x** complete the Sample Analysis form,
- xi** Clearly write the plastic bag number on the top copy of the green sample analysis form in the space provided. Ensure the number is readable on all three copies of the green form,
- xii** give the bottom copy of the form to the handler.

Following the above procedure a Licensed Official shall:

- xiii** retain the middle copy of the form,
- xiv** send the top copy of the form to the GBGB,
- xv** place the plastic bag into the individual cardboard box and post by first class mail to the designated laboratory approved by the GBGB.
- xvi** where a greyhound has died in circumstances described in Rule 173(iv) the trainer may ask another licensed trainer or local official to oversee the collection of a sample from the cadaver of the greyhound and sign the sample analysis form on their behalf.