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**NOTICE OF A COMMENT PERIOD ON A PROPOSED RULE**

AGENCY: West Virginia Racing Commission TITLE NUMBER: 178

RULE TYPE: Legislative; CITE AUTHORITY WV Code 19-23-6 (a) (3)

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES  NO

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: Series 2

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: Greyhound Rules

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF NEW RULE BEING PROPOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

IN LIEU OF A PUBLIC HEARING, A COMMENT PERIOD HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED DURING WHICH ANY INTERESTED PERSON MAY SEND COMMENTS CONCERNING THESE PROPOSED RULES. THIS COMMENT PERIOD WILL END ON August 13, 1993 AT 10:00 a.m.

ONLY WRITTEN COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AND ARE TO BE MAILED TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS.

West Virginia Racing Commission

P.O. Box 3327

Charleston, WV 25333-3327

Attn: Lois J. Graham

THE ISSUES TO BE HEARD SHALL BE LIMITED TO THIS PROPOSED RULE.



ATTACH A **BRIEF** SUMMARY OF YOUR PROPOSAL

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CONSENT TO FILE RULE

July 12 , 1993

To Whom It May Concern:

Title of Rule: Greyhound Rules

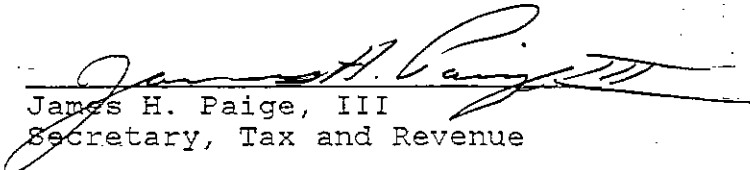
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Pursuant to West Virginia Code § 5F-2-2(a), the undersigned hereby consents to the filing of the foregoing rule.

Signed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1993.

  
James H. Paige, III  
Secretary, Tax and Revenue

APPENDIX B

FISCAL NOTE FOR PROPOSED RULES

Rule Title: Greyhound

Type of Rule:  Legislative  Interpretive  Procedural

Agency Racing Commission

Address West Wing 317, Capitol Complex, Charleston, WV

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1. Effect of Proposed Rule

	ANNUAL		FISCAL YEAR		
	INCREASE	DECREASE	CURRENT	NEXT	THEREAFTER
<u>ESTIMATED TOTAL COST</u>	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
PERSONAL SERVICES	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
CURRENT EXPENSE	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
REPAIRS & ALTERNATIONS	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
EQUIPMENT	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
OTHER	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

2. Explanation of above estimates:

N/A

3. Objectives of these rules:

To implement and set guidelines for House Bill 2785 which was passed April 10, 1993

Rule Title: Greyhound

4. Explanation of Overall Economic Impact of Proposed Rule.

A. Economic Impact on State Government.

N/A

B. Economic Impact on Political Subdivisions; Specific Industries; Specific groups of Citizens.


N/A

C. Economic Impact on Citizens/Public at Large.

N/A

Date: July 12, 1993

Signature of Agency Head or Authorized Representative





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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

The Greyhound Breeders Development Fund will benefit the owners of West Virginia whelped dogs. They will receive points and will be awarded on the points.

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GREYHOUND RACING

§ 178-2-1. General.

- 1.1 Scope. -- These rules regulate greyhound racing in this state.
- 1.2 Authority. -- W. V. Code 19-23-6
- 1.3 Filing Date. --
- 1.4 Effective Date. --

§ 178-2-2. Definitions. As used in these regulations and unless the context clearly requires a different meaning, the following terms shall have the meaning ascribed herein, and shall apply in the singular and in the plural.

2.1 "Added Money" means a sum by which the established purse is increased.

2.2 "Age" means the age of a greyhound is reckoned as beginning on the day it was whelped.

2.3 "Association" means a person or persons, partnership or corporate body licensed by the Commission to conduct a meeting where greyhound racing shall be permitted for any stake purse or reward.

2.4 "Authorized Agent" means an individual appointed by a written instrument signed by the owner and filed in accordance with the Rules of Greyhound Racing.

2.5 "Bookmaking" means a form of gambling that is not authorized by law in which chances are sold to individuals who may win a part or all of the pool depending on the outcome of the event for which the pool is made.

2.6 "Breeder" of a greyhound means the owner or lessee of his dam at the time of whelping.

2.7 "Breeding Place" means the location of whelping.

2.8 "Commission" means the West Virginia Racing Commission.

2.9 "Declaration" means the act of withdrawing an entered greyhound from a race before the time for the posting of post positions for the race in which said greyhound is entered.

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2.10 "Equipment" as applied to a greyhound means muzzles, number blankets and all other paraphernalia common or otherwise which might be used on or attached to a greyhound while racing.

2.11 "Established Weight" means the racing weight established by the owner or trainer as the greyhound's best racing weight.

2.12 "Forfeit" means money due but lost because of an error, fault, neglect of duty, breach of contract or a penalty.

2.13 "Greyhound" means a greyhound registered with the National Greyhound Association of Abilene, Kansas.

2.14 "Kennel Name" means any type of name other than the legal name or names of the owners. If a corporation is involved in the identity behind a kennel name, the licensing rules covering corporations must be complied with.

2.15 "Kennel Owner" may be a person or persons who are contracted by the Association to supply greyhounds for racing.

2.16 "Law", "Laws" or "Racing Act" means chapter nineteen, article twenty-three, of the West Virginia Code, together with any and all amendments thereto.

2.17 "Lawful Authority" means any court of competent jurisdiction.

2.18 "Lead-Out" means the attendant that handles the greyhounds in the paddock and while enroute to the starting box.

2.19 "Lessee" means a person who holds a registered lease certificate for the racing of a greyhound in his name.

2.20 "Licensee" means any person granted an occupational license in connection with greyhound racing issued by the West Virginia Racing Commission.

2.21 "Lure" means a mechanical apparatus consisting of the following component parts: A stationary rail installed around the track; a motorized mechanism which travels on the rail; a pole which is attached to the mechanism and extends out over the track; and an object which shall be attached to the pole.

2.22 "Maiden" means a greyhound which has never, in any country, won an official race. Conditions referring to a Maiden means Maidens

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at the time of starting. A Maiden which has been disqualified after finishing first is still to be considered a Maiden.

2.23 "Matinee" means a schedule of races conducted upon a race track in daylight hours.

2.24 "Meeting" means an entire consecutive period for which permit to conduct greyhound racing has been granted by the Commission to any one association.

2.25 "Night Performance" means a schedule of races conducted upon a race track during night hours.

2.26 "Owner" means the person in whose name the greyhound is registered at the meeting in accordance with the rules and may be the sole owner, part owner or lessee. An interest in the winnings only of a greyhound does not constitute part ownership.

2.27 "Place" means First, Second or Third; and in that order is called Win, Place and Show.

2.28 "Post Position" means the position assigned to a greyhound for the start of the race.

2.29 "Post Time" means the time set for the arrival at the starting box for the greyhounds in a race and must be shown at a reasonable time prior to the race on a clock device, provided for the purpose, prominently displayed and clearly readable from the grandstand.

2.30 "Program" means a schedule of races of either a matinee or night performance conducted in any racing day.

2.31 "Race" means a contest for purse, stakes or entry fees on any course and in the presence of duly appointed racing officials.

2.31.1 "Overnight race" means a race for which entries close seventy-two (72) hours, or less, before the time set for the first race of the day on which such race is to be run.

2.31.2 "Purse Race" means a race for money or other prizes for which the entrance money, if any, must be paid and every other condition complied with at the time of closing entries.

2.31.3 "Race on the Flat" means a race over a course in

which no jumps or other obstacles are placed.

2.31.4 "Sweepstakes or Stakes" means a race publicly declared open to all complying with its conditions to be fulfilled wholly or in part subsequent to its closing and in which required fees are to be paid for each greyhound engaged. No overnight event, whatever may be its conditions, shall be considered a sweepstakes within the meaning of this rule.

2.32 "Race Track" means the entire area licensed to the Licensee.

2.33 "Racing Act" - see Subsection 2.16 of this rule.

2.34 "Recognized Meeting" means: (a) A meeting held under license of the West Virginia Racing Commission; (b) a meeting held in this or any other country under the sanction of a Commission or authority whose jurisdiction over racing of any nature is recognized by the West Virginia Racing Commission, and which gives effect to sentences imposed by the West Virginia Racing Commission upon those guilty of improper practices.

2.35 "Ruled-off" means the act of disallowing a person to enter or remain upon the premises of any or all race tracks and/or simulcast facilities.

2.36 "Rules" means the Rules and Regulations of the West Virginia Racing Commission and any amendments or additions thereto.

2.37 "Scratch" means the act of withdrawing an entered greyhound from a race after the drawing for the post positions in that race has been completed.

2.38 "Starter" means a greyhound is a starter for the race when the doors of the starting box open.

2.39 "Subscription" means the act of nominating to a stake race.

2.40 "Tote" or "Tote Board" means the totalizator system.

2.41 "Touting" means soliciting or providing betting tips on animals for a profit in races under the jurisdiction of the Commission, except that this will not apply to authorized tip sheets specified in the rules of racing.

2.42 "Trainer" means a person employed by an owner to condition

greyhounds for racing.

2.43 "Weighing In" means the weight of the greyhound taken at first weighing in, in accordance with the rules.

2.44 "Weighing Out" means the weight of the greyhound previous to post time or time of the race in which it is entered.

2.45 "Weight Loser" means a greyhound recognized by the officials known to be a consistent weight loser while in the lockout kennel.

2.46 "Whelped" means the time of a greyhound's birth.

§ 178-2-3. Calculation of time.

3.1 When the last day for doing anything under these rules falls on a Sunday, it may be done on the following Monday, unless a race to which such act relates is appointed for that day, in which case it must be done on the previous Saturday.

3.2 A "Month" means a calendar month, a "Day" means twenty-four (24) hours ending at midnight and a "Year" means a calendar year.

§ 178-2-4. Administrative.

4.1 The rules of racing herein prescribed and any amendments or additions thereto apply to all persons, associations, partnerships or corporations holding, conducting or participating in and/or patrons at a meeting within the State of West Virginia, licensed by its Racing Commission.

4.2 In reading the rules, unless the text otherwise requires, it shall be understood, without constant reference thereto, that they apply only in the State of West Virginia.

4.3 The Commission may rescind or modify any penalty or decision on infraction of the rules imposed or made by the racing officials.

4.4 The laws of the State of West Virginia and the rules promulgated by the Commission supersede the conditions of a race, or the regulations of a racing association.

4.5 Members of the West Virginia Racing Commission and its designated representatives shall have the right of full and complete entry to any and all parts of the grounds, and mutuel plants of the association licensed to conduct greyhound racing in West Virginia.

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4.6 The Commission or the judges of any licensed meeting shall have the right to permit and direct any person or persons authorized by them or either of them to enter in or upon the kennels, rooms, trailers, vehicles or other places within the grounds of the associations, at which a licensed race meeting is held or at other tracks where greyhounds are kept which are eligible to race at said meeting, to inspect and examine the person of a trainer, kennel foreman, authorized agent, veterinarian or of any other person who has been granted a license by the Commission; and each licensee in accepting his license does thereby consent thereto.

4.7 Each person participating in and every patron of a licensed race meeting shall abide by said laws and rules, and accept the judges' decisions on any and all questions, subject to the right of appeal to the Racing Commission.

4.8 No person shall in any manner, or at any time, disturb the peace or make himself obnoxious on the grounds of an association.

4.9 Any person ejected from the grounds of an association shall be denied admission to said grounds until permission for his reentering has been obtained from the association and the Racing Commission: Provided, that all licensed personnel ejected shall have the right of appeal to the Racing Commission.

4.10 The state judge shall sound the bell closing the pari-mutuel machines when the lure is called into motion by the state judge.

4.11 The holder of a claim, whether it be a mortgage, bill of sale, or lien of any kind against a greyhound, shall be required to file the same with the racing secretary previous to the time the greyhound starts. Failure to do so shall forfeit his rights in the winnings of the greyhound previous to the time his claim is properly filed.

4.12 No person who is the holder of a racing permit or a director, officer or any employee of a corporation, association, trust or partnership having or holding such permit for a commercial greyhound race meeting, or has any substantial financial interest in such corporation, association, trust or partnership, shall race or permit or cause to be raced any greyhound in which he has an interest, either direct or indirect, at any meeting where racing is conducted under such permit. A substantial interest is hereby defined as being ownership or interest, direct or indirect, of ten percent (10%) or more in the corporation, association, trust or partnership.

§ 178-2-5. Financial responsibility.

5.1 Any official, owner, trainer or any person licensed by the West Virginia Racing Commission who shall obtain food, feed, shelter, drugs, transportation, services for greyhounds, veterinary services or supplies for himself or others, whether they be licensed or not, and fails to pay the person or persons from whom said services or supplies are obtained shall be guilty of conduct detrimental to the best interests of racing and may be suspended at the discretion of the judges or the Commission; however, neither the association nor the West Virginia Racing Commission shall be obliged to collect debts from persons or other personnel licensed by the Commission.

§ 178-2-6. Minors.

6.1 The term "Minor" shall be determined by and be in accordance with the laws of the State of West Virginia.

6.2 No minor shall be sold a pari-mutuel ticket by any racing association nor shall he be employed in any manner about said track, excepting he be employed in such capacity as the Commission may approve.

6.3 No kennel may have in its employment, in any capacity, any employee under sixteen (16) years of age.

6.4 It shall be the responsibility of the racing association conducting a racing meet under a license issued by the West Virginia Racing Commission to assure that all children under the age of sixteen (16) years are properly supervised by an adult when admitted to the racing enclosure. In the event children under the age of sixteen (16) are permitted to be and remain unsupervised in the racing enclosure, the licensed racing association shall be fined two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per occurrence. No minor under the age of eight (8) years may be permitted in the restricted area, prior to twelve noon, on any race day, except in case of an emergency. Any minor eight (8) years of age or older may be admitted to a restricted area with the permission of the judges. Failure of any licensee or permit holder to properly supervise any minor admitted with the licensee or permit holder to a restricted area shall be fined not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) and/or suspended.

§ 178-2-7. Telephone, telegraph, radio and television.

7.1 No telephone, telegraph, teletype, semaphore, signal device, radio, television or other method of electrical, mechanical, manual or

visual communication, shall be installed within the enclosure of an association, until same has been approved by the Racing Commission.

7.2 Associations may allow telephone or telegraph wires on their respective grounds during their race meeting for the benefit of the public press or transacting ordinary business, but no information regarding the results of any race shall be transmitted out of a race track unless prior approval has been granted by the Racing Commission until the results are official, nor shall any message be sent over said wires transmitting money, or other things of value or directing the placing of any wager on the result of a race; nor shall any message be sent in cipher or code, nor unless the same is in plain and intelligible English, under penalty of forfeiture of license.

7.3 An approved type telephone or intercommunication system shall be provided by the association to maintain contact between the judges and other designated stations.

7.4 No telephone calls, telegrams or messages of any kind for any person or persons attending or participating in the conduct of a race meeting shall be accepted nor shall any notice be given pertaining to such message or telephone call starting (30) minutes before post time for the first race and the flashing of the "official" sign following the last race unless permission is first given by the judges or the general manager of the racing association.

7.5 Each association shall furnish to the Commission a list showing the location of all radio and television equipment located within its plant, together with all telephone, teletype and telegraph wires to and within the grounds upon which its race track is located.

§ 178-2-8. Associations.

8.1 Application for License; Filing. Application to the Commission for license to conduct a race meeting must be filed yearly with the Commission, signed by an executive officer of the association, at the time and place designated by the Commission. Said application shall be on the forms prescribed by the Commission.

8.1.1 All applicants for licenses issued by the Commission are required, and all applicants seeking renewal of a license or the issuance or renewal of a permit may be required to furnish their respective fingerprints for examination by the West Virginia Criminal Investigation Division and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The fingerprints shall be furnished by all persons required to be named in the application and shall be accompanied by a signed authorization for

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the release of information by such Criminal Investigation Division or Federal Bureau of Investigation.

8.2 Duty of Licensed Association. Each Association shall observe and enforce the rules of racing and all regulations and orders of the Commission. The license is granted on the condition that the association, its officials, its employees and its concessionaires shall respect any and all decisions and orders of the Commission.

8.3 Jurisdiction of the Commission. The jurisdiction of the Commission over matters related to subjects covered by law or the Rules and/or Regulations of the Commission is continuous throughout the year.

8.4 Each licensee shall file an annual balance sheet and profit and loss statement on or before the fifteenth day of April of each year, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, covering all income and disbursements relating directly and indirectly to greyhound racing activities in the state, including, but not limited to, the following: Concessions, programs, parking, pari-mutuel wagering, and breakage.

8.5 All associations granted a license from this Commission shall, at least thirty (30) days before each meeting, submit the names of the officers and a complete list of administrative personnel, showing addresses, duties and compensations; and at least two (2) weeks after the start of each meeting, submit a complete list of all other employees, with addresses, duties and compensations. All additions or changes in the above personnel must be promptly reported to the Commission for its approval. An association failing to furnish such required information may be fined two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for each day in violation.

8.6 The secretary of the corporation conducting racing in West Virginia shall provide to the Commission a list of all stockholders of the corporation within one (1) week after they have closed stock transfer books, prior to the annual meeting.

8.6.1 The shareholders of an association may, with the written approval of the Commission, transfer the Associations' license through the sale of Association stock. However, assumption of the license through the sale of stock shall not be considered the sale of the associations' assets.

8.7 Each association conducting races on any tracks shall, before distribution, submit to the Commission the conditions for all races it proposes to hold, together with the stake, purse or reward, all of

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which shall be subject to the approval of the Commission. All proposed purses shall be exclusive of any entrance or starting fees that may be charged.

8.8 The minimum number of races per performance at all race tracks under supervision of the West Virginia Racing Commission shall be ten (10), and the maximum number of races per performance shall be fifteen (15) unless otherwise authorized by the Commission.

8.9 Each racing association shall police its grounds at all times in such a manner as to preclude the admission of any person in and around the kennels, excepting those being duly licensed by the Commission.

8.10 Each racing association shall provide and maintain two (2) starting boxes on every race day of its meeting, and every day during the racing season on which it permits the schooling of greyhounds on its racing strip; and an additional reserve unit of such starting boxes shall be provided and maintained on every race day.

8.11 Each racing association shall exclude from the restricted area, in the interest of public safety, all persons who are unauthorized.

8.12. Each racing association shall provide facilities within the racing enclosure for a minimum of twenty (20) kennels with each kennel consisting of not less than fifty (50) crates b. Each contracted kennel must maintain an active list of no less than thirty-five (35) greyhounds. If a kennel's active list drops below the required number (35) the kennel will be evaluated by the Commission.

8.13 All contracts with the respective kennels engaged to race at a scheduled race meeting shall be approved by the Commission.

8.14 The purses for all races conducted at a scheduled race meeting shall be 3.75 percent of the wagering handle as per provided for by law.

8.15 Each racing association shall pay the veterinarian assistants and judges approved by the Commission and assigned to duty on the grounds of said association, such rate of compensation as prescribed by the Commission.

8.16 No racing association conducting a race meeting under a license issued by the Commission shall permit bets to be made on the grounds of said association on any race run outside of said grounds,

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and no foreign book or gambling device of any kind shall be permitted on said grounds, nor shall the association provide or permit to be provided any conveniences or facilities for the use of bookmakers, betting commissioners their agents or their employees. No facilities will be provided or permitted for the handling of "Come-Back" money at the track. The maintenance of credit accounts, the payment of commissions in any form, the providing of telephone or other communication services and any other form of aid to bookmakers, betting commissioners, their agents or their employees is prohibited, and any licensee violating the provisions of this section shall have its license revoked or such other penalty imposed as the Commission, in its discretion, may determine. This rule is not intended to include wire service privileges or any other form of communication service privileges to legitimate and approved news outlets which do not service bookmakers, betting commissioners, or their agents or their employees, but approval of the Commission for such other form of communication service privileges must be obtained before the beginning of the race meeting for which the license is granted.

8.17 No racing association shall permit the making of handbooks on its grounds, and if such practices are found to exist, such association shall take immediate steps to eliminate the same under penalty of having its license revoked, in the discretion of the Commission, and any owner, trainer or other person interested in any greyhound or greyhounds at said meeting, who shall bet with or through any such handbook shall be ejected from the grounds, and refused admission to the grounds of all other licensed associations in West Virginia, and in the case of the owner of any greyhound, the entries of said owner shall be refused for all West Virginia tracks.

8.18 A stand for judges shall be maintained in a position commanding an uninterrupted view of the entire racing strip and shall be subject to approval by the Commission.

8.19 Post time for the first race at each meeting under the supervision of the West Virginia Racing Commission, shall first be approved by the Commission, and each race thereafter shall be run at intervals to be approved by the Commission, unless an emergency arises, and in that event the final decision shall be in the hands of the judge representing the Commission.

8.20 All forms of wagering such as daily doubles, perfectas, quinellas, superfectas and similar pool systems may only be used with the permission of the Commission.

8.21 Each association shall provide within its grounds an office

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and suitable parking space for the use, and to be at the disposal of the West Virginia Racing Commission and all its representatives. The office shall offer sufficient space for private consultation, shall be equipped with a telephone and it must also have sufficient space for the harboring of Commission records and supplies under lock, and the key shall be available only to the secretary of the Commission or the judge representing said Commission. The Commission employees shall have free access to all parts of the grounds while on duty.

8.22 Any racing association contemplating a change of any kind pertaining to the racing strip, or the erection of new buildings, stands or other structures, or the remodeling of any of these, which are to be used as a part of the facilities for conducting a race meeting, on the grounds of the association, shall notify the Racing Commission.

8.23 Each racing association's liability insurance coverage shall have an endorsement naming by position the following as additional named insureds: Three (3) judges, racing secretary, paddock judge, clerk of scales, chart writer, starter, lead-outs, veterinarian, director of racing, patrol judge, kennel master, operator of the mechanical lure, mutuel manager, auditor of pari-mutuels, announcer, photo finish operator, director of security, photographer, state security officer and license clerk, and to include personal liability coverage at the limits of the association policy, but not to be less than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.) per named official.

§ 178-2-9. Officials.

9.1 Officials of a race meeting unless otherwise approved by the Commission are as follows: Three (3) judges, racing secretary, paddock judge, clerk of scales, chart writer, starter, lead-outs, veterinarians, director of racing, patrol judge, kennel master, operator of the mechanical lure, mutuel manager, auditor of pari-mutuel, announcer, photo finish operator, director of security, photographer, state security officer and license clerk. No racing official shall serve in a dual capacity unless otherwise authorized by the Commission.

9.2 No person shall be approved by the Commission as judge or other racing official or employed in a performance observer category unless within one (1) year prior thereto, he has taken and satisfactorily passed an optical examination.

9.3 Unless prior approval is obtained from the Commission, no person shall be approved as an official of any race track who is an

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officer of that race track, or who has any financial interest in that track, or who has any financial interest in greyhounds running on the track.

9.4 No official listed in Section 9.1 of these rules shall directly or indirectly wager money or any other thing of value on the result of a race.

9.5 Drinking of intoxicating liquor, by any racing official or track employee, or licensee, while on duty, is prohibited. Any person violating this rule may be relieved of his duties by the judges or a representative of the Racing Association.

9.6 Where a vacancy occurs among the racing officials, other than the judges, and the association has not notified the judges of the vacancy prior to the post time of the first race of the day, or should a vacancy occur during the running of the races, the judges shall fill the vacancy immediately.

9.7 All other officials herein designated shall be appointed by the association holding the meeting, with the exception of the state security officer, auditor of pari-mutuels, a license clerk and a state veterinarian, who shall be appointed by the Commission. The judges shall be appointed in accordance with Section 10.1 herein. All the appointments, however, are subject to the approval of the West Virginia Racing Commission, which reserves the right to demand a change of personnel for what the Commission, in its sole discretion, deems good and sufficient reason, the successor to the official so replaced to be subject to the approval of the Commission.

9.8 Racing officials shall report to the judges all observed violation of the rules.

§ 178-2-10. Judges.

10.1 There shall be three (3) judges for each race meeting. One (1) of the judges for each race meeting shall be named by the Commission. The association holding the meeting shall name the second judge; and the two (2) judges so selected shall name the third. In the event of a disagreement between the two (2) judges in naming the third judge, it shall then become the duty of the West Virginia Racing Commission to make the third appointment. In the event a judge is temporarily incapacitated, or for some sufficient reason cannot serve, the Commission shall deputize someone to serve for him in his absence. Provided, That, should the association judge be temporarily incapacitated or for some sufficient reason be unable to serve, the

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racing association shall deputize someone to serve for him in his absence.

10.2 The judges are strictly responsible to the Commission for the conduct of all recognized meetings in every detail, directly or indirectly, pertaining to the laws and rules of the Commission relating to racing.

10.3 The judges have general supervision and authority over all licensees and other persons attendant on greyhounds and also over the enclosures of any recognized meeting.

10.4 All entries and declarations are under the supervision of the judges, and they may, with notice, refuse the entries of any person or the transfer of any entries.

10.5 No person may refuse to testify before the judges at any formal hearing on any relevant matter within the authority of the judges, except in the proper exercise of a legal privilege or unless representation is requested by an attorney or their association.

10.6 A majority vote shall decide any question to which the authority of the judges extends.

10.7 The judges may suspend up to and including any indefinite period or they may fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500), or both, anyone whom they have authority to supervise. All such suspensions and fines must be reported to the Commission. The judges' jurisdiction to act in any matter occurring during the race meeting extends after the conclusion of the meeting.

10.8 On each racing day and those days when there is no racing but where entries are being taken for the next succeeding day of racing, one or more judges shall be on duty from the time the racing secretary's office opens until the entries are closed.

10.9 Any complaint against a racing official or officials shall be made to the judges in writing, signed by the complainant. All such complaints shall be reported to management and the Commission, together with the judges' action.

10.10 The judges may order an examination at any time of any greyhound entered for a race or which has run in a race.

10.11 When, in the opinion of the judges after conferring with management, representatives of the kennelmen and the track

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superintendent, the judges determine that the races cannot be run, they shall cancel said races.

10.12 Rulings of the judges or the Commission regarding the order of finish or award of purse money made after the result has been declared official, shall in no way affect the pari-mutuel payoff.

10.13 The judges or management shall have power to suspend or exclude from the stands and grounds improper and objectionable characters and, in case of such notices being disregarded, to enforce them by proper orders.

10.14 The judges shall have control over and free access to all stands, weighing rooms, enclosures and all other places in use for the purpose of racing.

10.15 The judges shall have the power to determine all questions arising with reference to entries and racing.

10.16 Persons entering greyhounds to run on licensed West Virginia tracks agree in so doing to accept the decision of the judges on any questions relating to a race or racing.

10.17 The judges may disqualify a greyhound.

10.18 The judges shall have the power to call for proof that a greyhound is neither itself disqualified in any respect, nor nominated by, nor the property, wholly or in part, of a disqualified person, and in default of such proof being given to their satisfaction, they may declare the greyhound disqualified.

10.19 The judges shall have the power at any time, to order an examination by such person or persons, as they think fit, of any greyhound entered for a race or which has run in a race.

10.20 The judges shall take notice of any questionable conduct with or without complaint thereof.

10.21 The judges shall investigate promptly and render a decision on every objection and on every complaint made to them.

10.22 The judges shall report all objections and complaints to the Commission as soon as received by them and shall make prompt report of their investigation and decision to said Commission.

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10.23 The judges shall take notice of corrupt racing and other questionable transactions on the track. Complaint thereof may be made by any person, but in the failure of the complainant, if he be an owner, trainer or authorized agent, to substantiate the charge, he may be liable for a fine, suspension or both.

10.24 During each racing day all of the judges of the meeting shall be at the office building on the grounds of the association where the racing meeting is being held unless excused by the Commission, not later than weighing-in time, to exercise the authority and perform the duties imposed on the judges by the Rules of Racing.

10.25 A greyhound may be scratched after leaving the paddock for the post for any reason deemed by the judges necessary to protect the public or the animal. All money wagered on such greyhound shall be refunded.

10.25.1 After a greyhound has been placed in the starting box, no refund shall be made and all wagers stand. In case of mechanical failure to the starting box when a greyhound or greyhounds are prevented from starting, a full and complete refund shall be made on said greyhound or greyhounds.

10.25.2 The decision as to whether said greyhound or greyhounds were prevented from starting by a mechanical failure shall be determined by the judges and such decision shall be final.

10.26 The judges shall decide which greyhound wins and assign the respective places to as many greyhounds as they think proper. In determining the places of the greyhounds at the finish of the race, the judges shall consider only the relative position of the respective muzzles of such greyhounds.

10.26.1 In the event that a greyhound loses its muzzle or finishes with a hanging muzzle, the judges shall then consider only the relative position of the nose of such greyhound and the muzzles of the other greyhounds in the race.

10.27 The judges shall promptly display the numbers of the first three (3) greyhounds in each race in order of their finish. If the judges differ in their placing, the majority shall prevail.

10.28 Whenever it is considered advisable to consult a picture from the finish camera, the judges may post without waiting for a picture, such placements as are in their opinion unquestionable and after consulting the picture, make other placements. However, in no

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case shall the race be declared official until the judges have determined the greyhounds finishing first, second and third.

10.29 Nothing in these rules shall be construed to prevent the judges from correcting an error before the display of the sign "Official" or from recalling the sign "Official" in case it has been displayed through error.

10.30 Any greyhound may be placed on the schooling list by the judges at any time.

10.31 The judges shall each day make reports in writing to the Commission of all infractions of the rules and of all rulings of the judges upon matters coming before them during the meeting.

10.32 The judges may demand for inspection any license or papers and documents with respect to any contract; partnership agreement; or the credentials of an authorized agent.

§ 178-2-10a.1. Racing Secretary.

10a.1 The racing secretary shall receive all entries and declarations, and shall be authorized to program three (3) T races per week. Any additional T races must have the approval of the Commission.

10a.2 The racing secretary shall inspect owners and trainer's licenses and all papers and documents dealing with trainers and owners, partnership agreements, appointment of authorized agents, adoption of kennel names and may demand production of same in order to satisfy himself as to their validity and authenticity and that the Rules of Greyhound Racing in regard thereto have been complied with, which papers shall be available to the Commission judge at all times.

10a.3 Conditions of races shall not conflict with the Rules of Greyhound Racing.

10a.4 The racing secretary shall each day, as soon as the entries have closed and have been compiled and the declarations have been made, post in a conspicuous place a list thereof.

10a.5 The racing secretary shall be solely responsible for the accuracy of the program.

§ 178-2-11. Paddock Judge.

11.1 No greyhound shall be permitted to start in a schooling or

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purse race that has not been fully identified and checked against the card index system of identification maintained by each association. The identification cards shall be filled in and completed by the paddock judge before greyhounds are entered for schooling or for a purse race.

11.2 The paddock judge shall fully identify and check against the card index system of identification maintained by the association all greyhounds starting in schooling and purse races. He shall report to the judges any greyhound or greyhounds who do not conform to the card index identification.

11.3 Under the supervision of the paddock judge, the kennel master shall unlock the kennels immediately before weigh-in time to see that the kennels are in perfect repair and that nothing has been deposited in any of the kennels for the greyhounds' consumption. He shall see that the kennels are sprayed, disinfected and kept in proper sanitary conditions. He or his assistant must receive the greyhounds from the trainer, one at a time, and see that each greyhound is placed in its kennel; and remain on guard from that time until the greyhounds are removed for the last race.

11.4 As each greyhound is weighed in, there shall be an identification tag attached to its collar indicating the number of the race in which the greyhound is entered and its post position. This tag shall not be removed until the greyhound has been weighed out and blanketed.

11.5 The paddock judge shall not allow anyone to weigh in a greyhound for racing unless he has in his possession a valid trainer's license issued by the Commission.

11.6 After the greyhounds are placed in the lock-out kennels, no person other than the kennel master, Commission security guard, veterinarians or other persons approved by the Commission shall be allowed in or near the lock-out kennels. At no time shall less than two (2) such authorized persons be present in the lock-out kennels.

11.7 The paddock judge shall carefully compare the identification card with the greyhound while in the paddock before post time.

11.8 Before leaving the paddock for starting box, every greyhound must be equipped with a regulation muzzle and blanket. The muzzles and blankets used shall be approved by the paddock judge and shall be carefully examined by him in the paddock before the greyhound leaves for the post.

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11.9 The paddock judge shall record as soon as the weights are exhibited, any over-weight or variation from the weight appearing on the weight sheet.

11.10 The paddock judge shall promptly report to the judges any infraction of the rules as to weight or weighing.

§ 178-2-12. Timer.

12.1 Time of the race shall be taken from the opening of the doors of the starting box.

12.2 Each racing association shall be required to install an automatic film timing device approved by the Commission, upon which the time of each race is recorded. This time shall be the official time for the race. In the event of a mechanical failure, the judge shall use a stop watch for the official time. When the stop watch is used as the official time of the race, it shall be so announced to the public.

§ 178-2-13. Starter.

13.1 The starter shall give such order and take all such measures, not in conflict with the Rules of Greyhound Racing, as are necessary to secure a fair start.

13.2 The greyhounds shall be started from a type of starting box approved by the Commission and there shall be no start until, and no recall after, the doors of the starting box have opened.

13.3 The starter shall report causes of delay, if any should occur, to the judges.

13.4 A false start, due to any faulty action of the starting box, break in the machinery or other cause, is void, and the greyhounds may be started again as soon as practicable, or the race may be canceled at the discretion of the judges.

§ 178-2-14. Clerk of scales.

14.1 The clerk of scales shall call the weight of the greyhounds in and out of a scale sealed by the duly authorized sealer of weights and measurers and shall exhibit the accurate weight of each greyhound on the weight board. The established racing weight, weigh-in and weighing-out (weight) shall be promptly posted on the weight board for the information of the public.

14.2 The clerk of scales shall deliver to the Commission judge a copy of the weight sheet before each day's race.

14.3 All greyhounds must be weighed in and weighed out in a uniform manner.

14.4 The clerk of scales shall keep a record of the weights and weight changes for each performance.

§ 178-2-15. Chart writer.

15.1 The chart writer shall compile the information necessary for a program which shall be printed for each racing day and shall contain the names of the greyhounds that are to run in each of the races for that day. These names shall appear in the order of their post positions; the said post positions to be designated by numerals placed at the left and in lines with the names of the greyhounds in each race, which numerals shall also be prominently displayed on each greyhound.

15.2 All past performances as shown in the program shall be in order of the races or official schooling held; the last performance appearing on the first line, etc.

15.3 Program or form sheet must also contain name, color, sex, date of whelping, breeding, established racing weight, number of starts in official races and number of times finishing first, second and third, names of owner and/or lessee, name of trainer, distance of race, track record and such other information as will enable the public to properly judge the greyhound's ability.

15.4 In case the name of a greyhound is changed, the new name, together with the former name, shall be published in the official entries and program until the greyhound has started six (6) times.

§ 178-2-16. Lead-outs.

16.1 Owners, trainers or attendants will not be allowed to lead their own greyhounds from the paddock to the starting box. The greyhounds shall be led from the paddock to the starting box by lead-outs provided by each association for that purpose.

16.2 Lead-outs will be required to present a neat appearance and conduct themselves in an orderly manner and must be attired in clean uniforms provided by the association and approved by the Commission.

16.3 The lead-out must put his greyhound in its proper box before

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the race and then retire to his assigned place.

16.4 No lead-out will be permitted to have any interest in the greyhounds racing for said association.

16.5 Lead-outs shall be assigned to post position by the paddock judge by lot before each race and a record thereof shall be maintained.

16.6 Lead-outs are prohibited from holding any conversation with the public or with one another, either in the paddock, enroute to the starting post or while returning to the paddock.

16.7 Smoking while in uniform and on duty is prohibited.

16.8 Lead-outs are prohibited from wagering on the result of any greyhound racing at the track where they are assigned.

16.9 Each racing association shall have not less than fourteen (14) lead-outs on duty for each racing program.

§ 178-2-17. State veterinarians.

17.1 The Racing Commission shall employ a graduate veterinarian licensed by the West Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine, who shall be known as the State Veterinarian. The veterinarian employed by the Racing Commission shall not be permitted during the term of his employment to treat or prescribe for any greyhound on the grounds or registered to race at any race track for compensation or otherwise except in case of emergency, in which case a full and complete report shall be made to the judges. No owner or trainer shall employ or pay compensation to any such veterinarian either directly or indirectly during the period for which he is so employed by the Commission. For violation of this rule the veterinarian, or owner or trainer may be fined, suspended or ruled off after a hearing before the Commission.

17.2 The State Veterinarian shall, in general, familiarize himself with the racing condition of all entrants and if, in his opinion, any entrant is not in condition to race, he shall notify the judges.

17.3 The State Veterinarian shall be present in the paddock before each race, and he shall inspect each entrant. If, in his opinion, any entrant is not in condition to compete in that race, he shall immediately notify the judges, who shall order the greyhound scratched out of the race, and the greyhound automatically goes on the veterinarian's list for at least 10 calendar days, and thereafter shall

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not be permitted to enter until the veterinarian notifies the judges that the greyhound is again fit to compete.

17.4 Should an owner or trainer object to a greyhound in his care undergoing an examination, the fact shall be reported to the judges, and that greyhound may be eliminated from the race.

17.5 The State Veterinarian shall approve employment of all personnel used in the test area and shall be responsible to the Commission for the proper operation of the test area, and the taking of the urine samples.

17.6 In the event there is a desire to scratch a programmed greyhound, the State Veterinarian or his designee shall inspect the greyhound and report his findings to the judges.

17.7 Bitches coming in season during the racing meeting must not be accepted for entry within thirty (30) days from the date of coming in season. Before being accepted for entry these bitches must be examined by the Veterinarian and must school to the satisfaction of the Judges.

17.8 Bitches in milk are not eligible to school or to race.

17.9 Bitches in season must be reported to the judges and the veterinarian. Owners and trainers failing to report this condition promptly shall be fined, suspended or both.

17.10 Any greyhound the veterinarian does not consider in proper physical condition shall be reported to the judges who shall order said greyhound scratched out of the race for which it is entered.

17.11 Veterinarian practicing veterinary medicine on a race track shall use onetime disposable type needles and shall keep them in his possession until disposed of by him off the track.

17.12 Any illness or unusual symptoms of illness shown by a greyhound shall be immediately reported by the trainer or attending veterinarian to the judges, the Racing Commission and state veterinarian.

§ 178-2-18. Test Area.

18.1 An area within a suitable building must be set aside, and be under the supervision of the State Veterinarian for the purpose of collecting specimens for any tests required by the Commission. Said

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building, its location, arrangement, furnishings and facilities, including refrigeration and hot and cold running water, must be approved by the Commission.

18.2 Urine, blood and other specimens shall be taken and tested from such greyhounds as the judges of the meeting or the Commission's representatives may designate. Such tests are to be under the supervision of the Commission. The specimens shall be collected by the state veterinarian or such other person or persons as the Commission may designate.

18.3 All samples collected shall be frozen and forwarded to a laboratory approved by the Commission. All laboratory costs for sample analysis shall be paid by the racing association.

18.4 The winner and/or such other greyhounds as the judges may designate shall be taken immediately after the race to the testing enclosure for examination by the supervisor of drug tests and the taking of such specimens of body fluids and eliminations as shall be directed.

18.5 The state judge or state veterinarian may also require the taking of any or all of the foregoing specimens from any greyhound kenneled at a track during a meeting.

18.6 The owner, trainer or authorized representative shall be present in the testing area when any specimen is taken from his greyhound and shall remain until the sample tag is signed by the owner, trainer or authorized representative as witness to the taking of the specimen.

18.7 Willful failure to be present at or a refusal to allow the taking of any such specimen or refusal to sign the specimen tag to the taking of a specimen, or any act thereat which impedes or prevents or otherwise interferes therewith shall be reported to the judges who shall subject the person or persons guilty thereof to immediate suspension by the judges of the meeting and the matter shall be referred to the Commission for such further action as, in its discretion, it may determine; Provided, That any such owner, trainer, or authorized representative may sign under protest the specimen tag so long as the reason for such protest is stated in writing.

§ 178-2-19. Chemist.

19.1 The official chemists shall be members in good standing of the Association of Official Racing Chemists and shall make all reports

directly to the Secretary of the West Virginia Racing Commission.

19.2 All specimens taken by or under direction of the State Veterinarian or other authorized representative of the Racing Commission shall be delivered to the laboratory of the official chemist for analysis. Each specimen shall be marked and bear such information as may be essential to its proper analysis; but the identity of the greyhound from which the specimen was taken or the identity of its owner, trainer or kennel shall not be revealed to the official chemist or his staff. The container of each specimen shall be sealed as soon as the specimen is placed therein.

19.3 The State Veterinarian, the judges or the authorized representatives of the Commission may take samples of any medicines or other materials suspected of containing improper medication or drugs which could affect the racing condition of a greyhound in a race, which may be found in kennels or elsewhere on race tracks or in the possession of such tracks or any person connected with racing, and the same shall be delivered to the official chemist for analysis under the same conditions as are prescribed for analysis of saliva and urine. Same may be retained by the West Virginia Racing Commission.

19.4 No action shall be taken by the judges on the report of the official chemist unless and until the medication or drug has been properly identified as well as the greyhound from which the specimen was taken now until such time as an official report signed by the chemist has been received by the state judge.

§ 178-2-20. Camera and film patrol.

20.1 All race tracks in West Virginia, operating under the jurisdiction of this Commission, must install and use an approved type "Film Patrol" with not less than one (1) camera operating from a position designated by the Commission.

20.2 Each racing association shall furnish and maintain at its track at all times, during the racing licensed for that track, the necessary camera and equipment to produce motion pictures or video tape of each race from start to finish thereof. The camera and equipment necessary in their operation shall be approved by the Commission. The film of all such pictures shall be retained by the racing association for a period of ten (10) days and shall be available at all times during that period to the Commission.

20.3 On all tracks a proper camera shall be installed as an aid to the judges. However, in all cases, the camera is merely an aid and

the decision of the judges shall be final. The type of equipment used and the operator thereof shall be approved by the Commission.

20.4 No photographer, other than the official licensed photographer, shall be permitted on the track unless special permission is granted by the judges or the Commission, and then only for such pictures as are specifically mentioned and in such places as are indicated by the judges or the Commission.

20.5 On all tracks the operator of the camera taking pictures approaching the finish line, and in the winner's circle after said race, shall be approved by the Commission. In all cases where a still picture is taken, the operator must direct his camera at a point away from the finish line unless special permission is granted by the judges or the Commission.

20.6 All associations shall keep on file for the duration of the meeting and one (1) month thereafter, each plate or film or finished picture of each race for reference or reproduction upon request of the West Virginia Racing Commission.

20.7 Only with the permission of the state presiding judge may video tapes or photo finish pictures be removed from the grounds.

§ 178-2-21. Policing.

21.1 Each association shall maintain and furnish police and watchman service as may be needed or requested by the Commission. Such police must be fully empowered to enforce law and order and cooperate in the enforcement of the rules.

21.2 Each association shall police its grounds at all times in such a manner as to preclude the admission of any person in and around the kennels excepting those having bona fide business or duly licensed by the Commission, such as trainers, kennel attendants, owners or employees of said association.

21.3 A written report shall be made to the West Virginia Racing Commission daily by the head of the police department at each race track, stating in detail all arrests or persons booked in their office. This report shall further include all persons picked up for drunkenness, touting, disorderly conduct, fraudulent use of badges or other misdemeanors, giving in detail the charges, together with the names and addresses of such offenders.

21.4 The Commission after prior consultation with the racing

association, may designate not more than three (3) persons as special investigators, whose duties and responsibilities shall be fixed by the Commission; compensation of such persons shall be paid by the associations; Provided, however, That such compensation shall not exceed that which is comparable for like or similar services in the area of the association. These personnel shall not be considered as employees of the association.

§ 178-2-22. Kennel names.

22.1 A licensed owner wishing to race under a kennel name may do so by registering for the racing season with the Commission and by paying the prescribed fee.

22.2 A trainer, who is also a licensed owner or part owner, may use a kennel name as owner or part owner. However, no trainer may be licensed as trainer other than in his legal name.

22.3 In applying to race under a kennel name the applicant must disclose the identity or identities behind a kennel name.

22.4 If a partnership is involved in the identity behind a kennel name, each of the partners must be licensed as owner and each must comply with the rules covering partnerships.

22.5 If a corporation is involved in the identity behind a kennel name, each such corporations must comply with the applicable rules.

22.6 Changes in ownership identities involved in a kennel name must be reported immediately to and approval obtained from the Commission.

22.7 A licensed owner cannot be a party to more than one kennel name at the same time, nor can he use his real name for racing purposes, so long as he has a registered one.

22.8 A licensed owner who has registered under a kennel name may at any time abandon it, after he has given written notice to the Commission.

22.9 A kennel name may be changed at any time by registering a new kennel name and by paying the prescribed fee.

22.10 A licensed owner cannot register as his kennel name one which is then registered by any other owner.

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22.11 A licensed owner cannot register as his kennel name one which is the real name of any owner or greyhounds racing nor one which is the real or kennel name of any prominent person not owning greyhounds.

22.12 A kennel name shall be plainly distinguishable from that of another duly registered kennel name.

22.13 The Commission reserves the right to refuse any corporation the privilege of registering a kennel name.

§ 178-2-23. Registration.

23.1 The National Greyhound Association of Abilene, Kansas, shall be recognized as the official breeding registry of all greyhounds. The West Virginia Racing Commission may certify any greyhound whose lack of registration with the approved registry is attributable to arbitrary, discriminatory or other unreasonable action or inaction on the part of such agencies.

23.2 A greyhound shall not be entered for racing or schooling at any official track unless it has been tattooed and registered in the NGA stud book and the last six (6) performance lines, if applicable, and the racing history of the greyhound is made available to the racing secretary.

23.3 All certificates of registration must be available at all times for inspection by the Commission judge.

23.4 All transfers of any title to, leasehold or other interest in greyhounds schooled, entered or racing at any track under the jurisdiction of the Commission shall be registered and recorded with the National Greyhound Association of Abilene, Kansas.

23.5 No title, leasehold or other interest in any greyhound will be recognized by the Commission until such title, leasehold or other interest shall be evidenced by written instrument, duly filed with and recorded by the National Greyhound Association of Abilene, Kansas, and notarized copies thereof filed with the Commission and with the racing secretary at the track where said greyhound is to be schooled, entered or raced.

§ 178-2-24. Owners.

24.1 The Kennel owners are presumed to know the rules of Greyhound Racing as adopted by the Commission.

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24.2 A Kennel owner, when his trainer is to be absent from his kennel and the grounds where his greyhounds are racing, shall notify the judges of the licensed trainer, licensed assistant or licensed authorized agent who will assume complete responsibility of the greyhounds he is running.

24.3 All Kennel owners must file with the Commission and the association a roster of his trainer, assistant trainers, authorized agent and other employees and if any kennel owner changes trainer, he must notify the Racing Commission forthwith and require the new trainer or any new employee to sign in at the Commission office at the track where the kennel is racing.

24.4 All kennel owners of greyhounds and their employees are subject to the laws of the State of West Virginia and the rules promulgated by its Commission immediately upon making entry to run on a track in West Virginia.

24.5 Kennel owners and their employees shall abide by said laws and rules and accept the decision of the judges on any and all questions to which their authority extends, subject to the right of appeal to the Commission.

§ 178-2-25. Partnerships.

25.1 Each and every member of a partnership, including husband and wife, must obtain an owner's license to allow such partnership to function on the tracks of West Virginia and complete proper partnership forms.

25.2 Partnership papers shall, among other things, set forth the following:

25.2.1 The name and address of each and every person having an interest in the greyhound or greyhounds involved.

25.2.2 The relative proportions of such interests.

25.2.3 To whom the winnings are payable.

25.2.4 In whose name the greyhound or greyhounds shall run.

25.2.5 With whom the power or entry and declaration rests.

25.2.6 The terms of any contingency, lease or any other arrangement.

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25.3 All partnership papers must be signed by all parties or by their authorized agent.

25.4 In case of emergency, authority to sign declarations of partnerships may be given to the West Virginia Racing Commission by a telegram promptly confirmed in writing.

25.5 The part owner of any greyhound cannot assign his share or any part of it, without the written consent of the other partners, the said consent to be lodged with the Racing Commission and racing secretary.

25.6 An alteration in a recorded partnership registration, to be effective, must be reported in writing to the Commission and signed by all partners.

25.7 All parties to a partnership and each of them shall be jointly and severally liable for all stakes, forfeits and other obligations.

§ 178-2-26. Corporations.

26.1 No license as an owner shall be granted to a corporation or to the lessee or lessees of any corporation unless such corporation shall have no more than ten (10) stockholders or members, each of whom shall be the registered and beneficial owner of stock or membership in such corporation; nor shall any corporation having more than ten (10) such stockholders have the power to lease for racing purposes to any natural person or persons, or partnership, any greyhound owned or controlled by it. Each stockholder must file an application for an owner license. All the stockholders or members of a corporation which own or lease greyhounds for racing purposes in the State of West Virginia and also all such corporations shall make and file with the Commission as and when requested by it, a report or reports containing such information as the Commission may specify; and upon refusal or failure to file such report or reports, the Commission may refuse a license to any lessee or lessees of such corporation, or may revoke any such license which it may have granted.

§ 178-2-27. Authorized agents.

27.1 Each authorized agent shall file a valid power of attorney, it shall be filed permanently with the Racing Commission.

27.2 Any changes must be in writing and filed as above provided.

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27.6 The term of the license shall expire December 31 of each year, unless the agent's appointment is revoked by the owner of the license or revoked by the Racing Commission prior thereto.

27.3 Owner's revocation must be in writing, sworn to before a notary public, and filed with the Racing Commission.

§ 178-2-28. Schooling.

28.1 Greyhounds must be properly schooled in the presence of the judges, and must, in the opinion of the judges, be sufficiently experienced before they can be entered or started.

28.2 All schooling races shall be at a distance not less than the distance nearest to 5/16 mile in use at the track.

28.3 Each official schooling race must consist of at least six (6) greyhounds. However, if this condition creates a hardship, less than six (6) may be schooled with the permission of the Commission judge.

28.4 No hand schooling will be considered official.

28.5 Any greyhound that has not been entered for a period of six (6) racing days and/or has not raced for a period of ten (10) racing days or more shall be schooled at least once at its racing weight before being eligible for entry.

28.6 All greyhounds in official schooling races must be raced at their established racing weight and started from the box wearing blankets.

28.7 Any owner or trainer licensed by the Commission, who has greyhounds under his care and management that are booked to race on tracks licensed by the Commission, and who permits said greyhounds to be schooled on any track in West Virginia or elsewhere, not approved by the Commission during these bookings, shall be subject to the immediate revocation of his license.

28.8 Any greyhound ordered on the schooling list by the judges must be schooled officially and satisfactorily before being allowed to enter a race.

28.9 Each association shall provide a photo-finish camera approved by the Commission, to be in operation at all official schooling races.

§ 178-2-29. Entries.

29.1 Every person who enters a greyhound, or in any way participates in any race or racing under these rules thereby obligates himself to accept these rules upon all questions relating thereto.

29.2 For all races the racing secretary is the person authorized to receive entries and declarations.

29.3 Every entry in a race must be in the name of the registered owner, lessee or his kennel name and must be made in writing or by telephone immediately confirmed in writing. The full name of every person having an ownership in a greyhound or accepting the trainer's percentage, or having any interest in its winnings, must be registered with the racing secretary before it starts at any meeting, as must every change in such ownership or interest, thereafter made during that meeting and a copy thereof be promptly delivered to the Commission by the racing secretary of the track where the greyhound is racing. Any failure to comply with this rule shall be punished by a fine or suspension or both, and if any objection because of such default is duly made and sustained against a greyhound that has run in a race, its winnings in that race shall be forfeited and the purse redistributed by the judges. Such redistribution shall in no way affect the pari-mutuel pay-off for the race.

29.4 A greyhound shall not be qualified to run in any race unless it has been and continues duly entered for the same; and unless otherwise specified by the conditions of a race, or disqualified by violation of racing rules, any greyhound eligible at the time of entry shall continue to be qualified, except in an overnight event, in which it must be eligible at the time of the start.

29.5 The entrance to a race shall be free unless otherwise stipulated in its conditions. If the conditions require an entrance fee, it must accompany the entry.

29.6 Any person having an interest in a greyhound less than the interest or property of any other person is not entitled to assume any of the rights or duties of an owner as provided by these rules including the right of entry, declaration, etc.

29.7 Joint subscriptions and entries may be made by any one or more of the owners. However, all partners and each of them shall be jointly and severally liable for all fees and forfeits.

29.8 The racing officials shall have the right to call on any

person in whose name a greyhound is entered to produce proof that the greyhound entered is not the property either wholly or in part of any person who is disqualified or to produce proof of the extent of his interest or property in the greyhound and failing of such proof shall declare the greyhound out of the race.

29.9 No greyhound shall be permitted to start that has not been fully identified.

29.10 Any person who knowingly attempts to establish the identity of a greyhound or his ownership shall be held to account the same as the owner and shall be subject to the same penalty in case of fraud or attempted fraud.

29.11 No disqualified greyhound shall be allowed to enter or to start in any race.

29.12 A greyhound shall not be qualified to be entered or to start in any race if owned, in whole or in part, or is under the control, directly or indirectly, of a disqualified person.

29.13 The entries of any person or the transfer of any entry may be refused with or without notice or reason being given therefor.

29.14 No greyhound shall be permitted to enter or to start unless he is conditioned by a licensed trainer.

29.15 No entry shall be accepted from husband or wife while either is disqualified.

29.16 No greyhound on the schooling list or the veterinarian's list shall be qualified to enter or to start.

29.17 Entries which have closed shall be compiled without delay by the racing secretary and conspicuously posted.

29.18 No alteration shall be made in any entry after closing of entries, but an error may be corrected.

29.19 In purse races, there shall be at least six (6) greyhounds of completely different ownership. No trainer or owner shall have more than two (2) greyhounds in any race excepting in stakes, sweepstakes or feature race without the permission of the Commission. In all other purse races, the following conditions shall apply: No double entries shall be allowed until all single interests are used and double entries shall be uncoupled for wagering purposes; the owner shall have agreed

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to a double entry; when no other single entry is available then the racing secretary may use a double entry without the permission of the owner; greyhounds nominated for any distance over 5/16 mile are subject to double entry without permission of the owner.

29.20 If an entry from any person or of any greyhound that stands suspended or expelled is received, such entry shall be void and the money, if any, paid for such entry refunded. Any money or prize won under said entry shall be returned.

29.21 No greyhound under the age of fifteen (15) months shall run in any official race other than races conditioned for greyhounds of the same age.

29.22 Entries for stake races, the conditions of which have previously been published shall close at the time advertised in such publication, and no entry shall be received after that time, but in case races fail to fill, additional time may be granted.

29.23 Every greyhound entered for a purse must be a starter unless it be declared or scratched.

29.24 An entry in a sweepstake is a subscription and cannot be withdrawn.

29.25 A greyhound shall not become a starter for a stake race unless there has been duly paid any stake or entrance money payable in respect to that race.

29.26 Entrance money is not refunded on the death of a greyhound or his failure to start.

29.27 The nominator is liable for the entrance money or stake and the death of a greyhound or a mistake in its entry when eligible, does not release the subscriber or transferee from liability for stakes.

29.28 In the absence of notice to the contrary, entrance and declarations for sweepstakes which close during or on the eve of a racing meeting, close at the office of the racing secretary who shall make provisions therefor. Closing at all other times for sweepstakes shall be at the office of the association.

29.29 When an hour for closing is designated entries and declarations for sweepstakes cannot be received afterwards; but if an hour is not designated, they may be mailed or telegraphed up to midnight of the day of closing, Provided, That they are received in

time for compliance with every condition of the race.

29.30 Nomination for stake races received and postmarked before midnight of the day of closing shall be valid if received twenty-four (24) hours in advance of closing overnight entries.

29.31 If a miscarriage of any entry or declaration in a stake is alleged, satisfactory proof that it was mailed or telegraphed must be presented within a reasonable time or it shall not be received.

29.32 A person entering a greyhound thereby becomes liable for the entrance money or stake.

29.33 An entry of a greyhound in a sweepstake is a subscription to the sweepstakes and the subscriber is liable for stake and forfeit, but should he transfer the entry he is liable only in cause of default to the transferee. Similarly, the seller of a greyhound with engagements is liable for stake or forfeit if the engagement is not kept.

29.34 A person making a wrong entry or nomination shall be liable for stake and forfeits under the nomination.

29.35 The entrance money, starting and subscription fees, in every race shall go to the winner unless otherwise provided in the conditions of the race, but when, from any cause, a race is not run off, all stakes or entrance money, if any is paid, shall be refunded.

29.36 When a person is prevented by these rules from entering or starting a greyhound for any race without pay arrears in which he would not otherwise be liable, he may, by paying the same, enter or start the greyhound and have the arrears placed on the forfeit list as due to himself.

29.36.1 If the seller of a greyhound with engagements is compelled to pay arrears through the purchaser's default, he may place the amount on the forfeit list as due from the purchaser to him. This rule shall also apply in the transfer of entries when the transferee defaults.

29.36.2 The racing secretary, with the approval of the judges, shall have full authority to waive the obligations incurred by this rule according to the circumstances of the case.

29.37 Any person not having money to his credit with the association must, before his greyhound can start, pay (in cash, if

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required) to the association, all entrance money, stakes and arrears then due it or on the greyhound he intends to start.

29.38 If a greyhound is sold to a disqualified person, said greyhound's racing engagements shall be void as of the date of sale.

29.39 In case of fire or accident, or for other reasons, after due public notice, all races or stakes may be postponed or declared off, and when so declared off, all subscriptions and declarations money paid must be refunded.

29.40 No more than one (1) greyhound of any licensed owner shall be allowed to run in any race, except as in stake or sweepstakes races unless express written permission has been granted by the West Virginia Racing Commission.

§ 178-2-30. Post position.

30.1 The post position of greyhounds in starting shall be assigned by lot or drawing, supervised by the Commission judge and racing secretary, at a time and place properly posted in the paddock, at least one (1) day previous to the running of the races, so that any and all owners, trainers or authorized agents interested may be present if they so desire.

§ 178-2-31. Declarations.

31.1 The declaration of a greyhound out of an engagement is irrevocable.

31.2 Declarations in sweepstakes shall be made in the same manner as is provided for making entries therein to the racing secretary who shall record the day and hour of receipt and give early publicity thereto.

31.3 Declarations in purse races must be made by the trainer, to the racing secretary or his assistant at any time before the time designated for the posting of post positions on the day previous to the day on which the greyhound is to race.

§ 178-2-32. Scratches.

32.1 To scratch a greyhound entered in a race, sufficient cause must be given to satisfy the judges. All scratches and the cause must be reported immediately to the judges.

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32.2 Any scratches that occur that are the result of a violation of a racing rule must carry a penalty and/or suspension of said greyhound for a period of six (6) racing days. Scratches for other causes must be disciplined at the discretion of the judges.

32.2.1 However, if any owner or trainer fails to have the greyhound entered at the track at the appointed time for weighing-in, and, as a result, said greyhound is scratched, the judges shall impose a forfeiture and/or suspension on the person responsible.

32.3 If three (3) or more greyhounds are withdrawn or scratched in any one race, the race may be canceled.

32.4 The judges may scratch a greyhound entered in a race for sufficient cause.

§ 178-2-33. The race.

33.1 If a greyhound bolts the course, of his own volition runs in the opposite direction or does not run the entire prescribed distance for the race, it shall forfeit all rights in the race and, no matter where it finished, the judge shall declare the finish of the race the same as if said greyhound were not a contender. However, for the purpose of the rule, said greyhound shall be considered a "starter".

33.2 If a greyhound bolts the course, of his own volition or runs in the opposite direction during the running of the race, and in so doing, said greyhound, in the opinion of the judges, interfered with any other greyhound in the race, the judges shall declare it "No Race" and all moneys wagered shall be refunded; except when, in the opinion of the judges, such interference clearly did not interfere with the outcome of the race.

33.3 If it appears that a greyhound may interfere with the running of the race because of failure to leave the box, because of an accident or for any other reason, any person under the supervision of the judges stationed around the track, may remove said greyhound from the track. However, for the purpose of the rule, said greyhound shall be considered a "starter".

33.4 All greyhounds must wear the regulation association muzzle and blanket while racing. Blinker muzzles may not be used.

33.5 Muzzles and blankets must be carefully examined in the paddock by the paddock judge before the greyhounds leave the post and

again be examined before the judges at the judges' stand or before the starter at the starting box by the patrol judge.

33.6 All greyhounds must be exhibited in the show paddock before post time of the race in which they are entered.

33.7 After the greyhounds leave the paddock on their way to the starting point, and until the judges direct the gates to be reopened, all persons except the racing officials and necessary attendants shall be excluded from the track to be run over.

33.8 No race shall be called official unless the lure is in advance of the greyhound at all times during the race, and if at any time during the race, any greyhound or greyhounds catch or pass the lure, the judges shall declare it "No Race" and all moneys shall be refunded.

33.9 The judges shall closely observe the operation of the lure and hold the lure operator to strict accountability for any inconsistency of operation.

33.10 If a greyhound is left in the box when the starting box is opened at the start, there shall be no refunds.

33.11 If a race is marred by jams, spills or racing circumstances other than accident to the machinery while a race is being run, and three (3) or more greyhounds finish, the judges shall declare the race finished; but if less than three (3) greyhounds finish, the judges shall declare it "No Race" and all moneys shall be refunded. This rule remains in force and will be applicable to any and all types of wagering.

§ 178-2-34. Weights and weighing.

34.1 All greyhounds must be weighed not less than one (1) hour before the time of the first race of the day.

34.2 Before a greyhound is allowed to school or race at any track, the trainer must establish its racing weight with the paddock judge.

34.3 At weighing-in time should there be a variation of more than one and one-half (1 1/2) pounds either way from its established weight, the judges shall order said greyhound scratched.

34.4 At weighing-out time, if a greyhound loses weight in excess

of one and one-half (1 1/2) pounds from its weigh-in weight while in the lock-out kennels, the judges shall order said greyhound scratched. However, upon certificate from the veterinarians that such loss of weight while in the lock-out kennels does not impair the racing condition of the greyhound, the judges may allow said greyhound to race.

34.5 If at weighing-in time, should there be more than two (2) pounds variation between the weight of its present race and the weight at weighing-in time of its last race, the judges shall order said greyhound scratched.

34.6 The weight regulations provided in Sections 34.1, 34.2, 34.3, 34.4, 34.5 and 34.6 above shall be printed in the daily program.

34.7 The established racing weight may be changed from time to time on written request of the owner or trainer and by written consent of the judges; Provided, that such change is made four (4) calendar days before the greyhound is allowed to race at the new weight.

34.7.1 All greyhounds having an established weight change of more than one (1) pound must be schooled at least once; or more at the discretion of the judges, at the new established weight before being eligible for starting.

34.8 Greyhounds that have not raced or schooled officially for a period of three (3) weeks will be allowed to establish a new racing weight with the written consent of the judges and may be schooled officially immediately upon receipt of said written consent.

34.9 The judges shall have the privilege of weighing a greyhound entered in a race at any period from the time he is entered in a race until post time.

34.10 Immediately after being weighed in, the greyhounds shall be placed in lock-out kennels under the supervision of the paddock judge, and no owner or other person excepting the paddock judge, veterinarian, kennel master, scales clerk, lead-out, judges or Commission's representatives shall be allowed in or near the lock-out kennels.

§ 178-2-35. Grading.

35.1 There will be six (6) grades for experienced greyhounds. When designating the grades of races, the Grades AA, A, B, C, D, and M will be used. Grade AA shall be the highest classification, but this

grade shall not be in effect unless twenty (20) or more greyhounds are on the premises and capable of being entered in this grade.

Grade D shall be the lowest classification. Grade S indicates a stake race. Grade M refers to Maiden classification, which indicates greyhounds that have not won an official race.

35.2 The winner of any graded race shall advance one (1) grade until reaching Grade AA; Provided, however, That any greyhound which wins in a Maiden classification shall have the option of racing in a Grade C or Grade D event.

35.3 In Grades AA, A, B any greyhound which fails to finish third or better in three (3) consecutive events shall be dropped one (1) grade. In these grades, any greyhound that fails to finish better than one third in any four (4) consecutive starts shall likewise be lowered one (1) grade. In Grade C events any greyhound that fails to finish fourth or better in any four (4) consecutive starts shall be lowered one (1) grade. In Grade D events any greyhound that fails to finish third or better in any four (4) consecutive starts shall be ineligible to race for the balance of the current race meeting.

35.4 T races designate mixed grade races and shall consist of greyhounds within two consecutive grades and shall be at a distance of 3/8 or longer. The greyhound's regular grade shall follow the designation T in the program.

35.5 S (stake races) may be of a mixed grade and may be scheduled by the racing association with the approval of the West Virginia Racing Commission. However, all stake races shall carry a purse of at least one thousand dollars (\$1,000). The greyhound's regular grade shall follow the designation S in the program.

35.6 Stakes qualifying races shall be indicated by "Q". The regular grade of the greyhound shall also be listed.

§ 178-36. Dead Heats.

36.1 When greyhounds run a dead heat for first place, all moneys and prizes to which such greyhounds would have been entitled, shall be divided equally between them and this applies in dividing prizes whatever the number of greyhounds running a dead heat. Each greyhound shall be deemed a winner.

36.2 Likewise, when greyhounds run a dead heat for second place, they shall divide the second and third moneys.

36.3. When greyhounds run a dead heat for third place, they shall divide the third and fourth moneys.

36.4 If the dividing owners cannot agree as to which of them is to have a cup or other prize which cannot be divided, the question shall be determined by lot in the presence of one (1) or more of the judges.

§ 178-2-37. Objections.

37.1 All objections must be made to the judge in writing, signed by the objector and a copy thereof sent immediately to the Commission.

37.2 Permission of the judges is necessary before an objection can be withdrawn.

37.3 Any person or persons lodging an objection must pay all costs and expenses incurred in determining the objection in such proportions as the judges shall decide, unless relieved from such expense by the Commission.

37.4 The judges may require a cash deposit before considering an object on which may be forfeited if the objection should prove to be frivolous or without foundation.

37.5 The judges must decide every objection pertaining to the race. From every decision an appeal in writing may be made to the Commission within forty-eight (48) hours of the time the objector has been officially informed of said decision.

37.6 Objections to a greyhound engaged in a race may be made by the owner or trainer of some other greyhound engaged in the same race or by an official of the meeting to one of the judges.

37.7 Pending a decision on an objection, any prize which the greyhound against which the objection is lodged, may have won or may win in the race shall be withheld until the objection is determined.

37.8 Objections shall be filed with the judges within forty-eight (48) hours (exclusive of Sundays) from the time the race is run in which the greyhound that occasioned the objection participated.

37.9 In all cases of fraud or willful deception, the time limitation shall not apply: Provided, That the judges are satisfied that the allegations are bona-fide.

37.10 If an objection to a greyhound which has won or which has been placed in a race is declared valid, that greyhound is disqualified and the other greyhounds in the race are entitled to place in the order in which they finished.

§ 178-2-38. Disciplinary action.

38.1 No racing official other than the judges shall have the right to impose a fine or suspension.

38.2 All fines shall be paid to the West Virginia Racing Commission license clerk at the Commission office within forty-eight (48) hours after imposition.

38.3 No person shall assume or pay, directly or indirectly, a fine imposed upon another.

38.4 An unpaid fine may not be rescinded except with the approval of the Racing Commission.

38.5 Violators of any rule shall be subject to ejection from the grounds and/or to fine, suspension or to be ruled off.

38.6 If any licensee or permit holder be guilty of using profane, indecent or vulgar language to any racing official, carry or exhibit a deadly weapon, or otherwise disturb the peace on any track enclosure, he or she may be fined and/or suspended.

§ 178-2-39. Licenses and Licensees.

39.1 Any person who is engaged in or employed by those engaged in racing or operating a race meeting, or those operating concessions for or under authority from any association, except those persons in an executive capacity by the association, must be licensed by the West Virginia Racing Commission.

39.2 In the event that a dispute should arise between a West Virginia licensee and West Virginia permit holders, at any race track in the State of West Virginia and in the event the said permit holders or said licensee desire to terminate or discontinue their activities under an existing license or permit, then in such event the said licensee or said permit holders, as the case may be, shall give seven (7) days notice, in writing, of their intention to terminate or discontinue all activities under their existing license or permit to the licensee or permit holders, as the case may be, and to the West Virginia Racing Commission. The Commission may, upon request from

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either party, within the foresaid seven (7) day period conduct hearings in an attempt to arbitrate and settle any disputes by and between the parties. In the event either the West Virginia licensee or West Virginia permit holders fail to provide by the notice provision set forth herein, same shall be grounds for permanent suspension by the West Virginia Racing Commission.

39.3 Applicant for license may be called upon to submit satisfactory evidence of financial responsibility, and after license has been issued, must maintain a record of financial responsibility during the period for which license is issued.

39.4 The Commission may refuse to issue or renew a license, or may suspend or revoke a license issued pursuant to these rules, if it shall find that the applicant, or any person who is a partner, agent, employee or associate of the applicant, has been convicted of a crime in any jurisdiction, or is or has been associating or consorting with any person who has or persons who have been convicted of a crime or crimes in any jurisdiction or jurisdictions, or is consorting or associating with or has consorted or associated with bookmakers, touts or persons of similar pursuits, or has himself engaged in similar pursuits, or is financially irresponsible, or has been guilty of or attempted any fraud or misrepresentation in connection with racing, breeding or otherwise, or has violated or attempted to violate any law with respect to racing in any jurisdiction or any rule, regulation or order of the Commission, or adopted by the Commission, or has been guilty of or engaged in similar, related or like practices.

39.5 All applications for licenses shall be filed with the West Virginia license clerk in the Commission office and submitted to the judge who shall have the authority to issue the license, hold the application for further investigation, or refer it to the Racing Commission for final action. All judges shall review and sign all license applications.

39.6 The association shall provide equipment for fingerprinting and photographing all licensees and shall provide such equipment necessary to plastic coat the license with the picture and fingerprints of the applicant.

39.7 The following fees shall be charged by the West Virginia Racing Commission for licenses issued effective calendar year 1976 and thereafter:

Kennel Name

\$ 20.00

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Corporation	20.00	
Vendor	20.00	
Owner - Trainer	25.00	Owner
	12.50	
Trainer	12.50	
Assistant Trainer	12.50	
Veterinarian	12.50	
Veterinarian Assistant	5.00	
Mutuel Employee	5.00	
Photographers, totalizator, film patrol	5.00	
Officials - Judges		
Paddock Judge		
Racing Secretary	12.50	
Minor		
Officials - Patrol Judge		
Starter		
Clerk of Scales		
Brakeman		
Boxman		
Chart Writer		
Lead-Out		
Lure Operator		
Kennel Helper		
Kennel Master		
Assistant Racing Secretary	6.00	
All other licensees not specified	5.00	

39.8 Every person who is suspended, or whose license is revoked, or to whom a license is denied by any racing board or commission belonging to the National Association of State Racing Commissioners, must apply to and be reinstated by the Board or Commission of the state in which the original ruling was made before being eligible to be licensed in any capacity by the West Virginia Racing Commission.

39.9 All licensed personnel shall visibly display their card at

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all times in restricted areas and shall be held responsible for the safekeeping of it. No license shall be transferable and no duplicate cards shall be issued except upon payment of a fee of five dollars (\$5.00).

39.10 Any licensed person who allows another to use his license card or badge or any person who used the license card or badge of another person for the purpose of transferring any of the benefits pertaining thereto may be suspended, fined or both.

39.11 When the denial of the license has been ordered by the Racing Commission, the secretary of the Commission shall report the particulars to the applicant and shall further report the matter to the Association of Racing Commissioners International, Inc., giving detailed reasons why the denial was made.

39.12 Any license applicant may be permitted by the judges to pursue his vocation pending action upon his application upon issuance of a temporary license; but any person, trainer or owner having been suspended or ruled off and subsequently reinstated after the expiration of his license, shall not be permitted to pursue his vocation until a license has been granted.

39.13 Every license shall be for not more than one (1) year and shall expire on December 31 of each year.

39.14 The Commission may deny issuing any license or revoke any license issued to any person who shall have been refused a license by any other state racing commission or racing authority: Provided, That the State Racing Commission or racing authority of each other state extends to the Racing Commission of West Virginia reciprocal courtesy to maintain the disciplinary control. The Racing Commission may deny or revoke any license where the holder thereof has violated the Rules and Regulations of the Commission or who has falsified his application of or for said license.

39.15 The responsibility of licensing an employee rests with the employer. Employment of a non-licensed individual without reporting such employment to the judges and immediately obtaining a license for said employee may be cause for fine, suspension or both.

39.16 No application for a license will be considered for, or license granted to, anyone under sixteen (16) years of age, nor will a license be granted to any minor which will in any manner violate any statute pertaining to child labor which now exists in the State of West Virginia or which may be enacted in the future.

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39.17 The judges or the Racing Commission may impose such condition or conditions on the issuance of a license or permit as they deem necessary in their sole discretion to protect the best interest and integrity of racing. The judges or Racing Commission may deny a license or permit if a conflict of interest exists or could exist as a result of the issuance of said license or permit.

39.18 Any person under suspension, by the licensing body of any country, shall remain under suspension in this State until reinstated by the original licensing country.

39.19 The following conditions must be observed in obtaining a license as a tip sheet vendor:

39.19.1 Any family, corporation, partnership or sole proprietorship, or any employees thereof, may publish no more than one version of a tip sheet for use at any one track on any given race day. There is no limit on the number of copies of the one version that may be produced and sold.

39.19.2 To ensure fair conditions for the betting public, a tip sheet vendor may not use the same facilities to produce a tip sheet as are used by another tip sheet vendor at the same track.

39.19.3 All tip sheet vendor applicants must meet the conditions set forth in subsections 39.19.1 and 39.19.2 above to the full satisfaction of the state presiding judge.

§ 178-2-40. Trainers.

40.1 Each trainer must obtain a license from the Racing Commission, listing on the application for said license all the names of owners or part owners of all greyhounds trained by him.

40.2 No owner or trainer shall harbor on the grounds of an association, engage or retain in his employ, any unlicensed person.

40.3 When a trainer is to be absent from his kennel or the grounds where his greyhounds are racing for a period of one racing performance, performance and his greyhounds are entered or are to be entered, he must provide a licensed trainer to assume the complete responsibility of the greyhounds he is entering or running. Such licensed trainer shall sign in the presence of the judges a form furnished by the West Virginia license clerk accepting complete responsibility of the greyhound or greyhounds being entered or running.

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40.4 A trainer shall have his greyhound in the paddock at the time appointed.

40.5 If, for any reason, the trainer of a greyhound is not or cannot be present at the time of collection of urine, it shall be deemed by the Commission that the person actually in custody of the greyhound is duly authorized to witness the taking and sealing of the specimen and has the trainer's authority to sign as witness to such action.

40.6 A trainer shall be responsible for the condition of a greyhound trained by him.

40.7 Each trainer shall register with the racing secretary all the greyhounds in his charge giving the name, age, sex, breeding and ownership of each. Any greyhound kenneled on the grounds of the association or under the jurisdiction of the association without having been so registered, will be cause for disciplinary action.

40.8 Each trainer shall register with the West Virginia license clerk and the security department every person in his employ. He must also be responsible for the licensing of each employee and not harbor, engage or have in his charge, any person or persons not so licensed.

40.9 A trainer shall not have in his charge nor under his supervision any greyhound owned, in whole or in part, by a disqualified person.

40.10 No trainer shall accept, directly or indirectly, any bribe, gift or gratuity in any form which might influence the result of any race or which would tend to do so.

40.11 No trainer shall move or permit to be moved any greyhound or greyhounds in his care from the grounds of an association without permission from the racing secretary and the judges.

40.12 The trainer shall be responsible as an absolute insurer of the condition of the greyhounds he enters regardless of any act of a third party.

40.13 Trainers shall report greyhounds under their care or superintendence that are off racing form or in poor physical condition to the racing secretary who shall immediately notify the judges. Greyhounds so reported shall not be eligible to enter or to start until approved by the state veterinarian and schooled to the satisfaction of the judges. Violators of this rule may be subject to a fine,

suspension or to ruling off.

§ 178-2-41. Postponement and cancellation of races.

41.1 If the whole or a part of a racing program is abandoned, any purse race involved must be declared off.

41.2 If the whole or a part of a racing program is abandoned, any stakes race involved may be postponed or declared off.

41.3 If a stakes race is declared off, all subscriptions and fees paid in connection with that race shall be refunded.

§ 178-2-42. Illegal and corrupt practices.

42.1 If any person found guilty by the Commission or other lawful authority of giving, offering or promising directly or indirectly, any bribe in any form to any person having official duties in relation to any race or racing greyhound, or to any trainer or agent, or to any person having charge of or access to any racing greyhound; or

42.1.2 If any person having official duties in relation to a race, or if any trainer, agent or other person having charge of or access to any racing greyhound accepts, or offers to accept any bribe in any form; or

42.1.3 If any person willfully enters, or causes to be entered or starts in any race, a greyhound which he knows or believes to be disqualified; or

42.1.4 If any person be guilty of or shall conspire with any other person for the Commission of or shall connive with any person being guilty of any corrupt or fraudulent practices in relation to racing in this or any other state or country; or

42.1.5 If any person fraudulently offers or receives any amount of money or other consideration for declaring an entry out of purse or stake; or

42.1.6 If any person be guilty of other corrupt or fraudulent practices on any track in West Virginia or on any track in this or any other country; or

42.1.7 If any licensee or other person under the jurisdiction of the Commission subjects or permits any animal under his

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or her control, custody or supervision to be subjected to or to incur any form of cruelty, mistreatment, neglect or abuse or abandon, injure, maim or kill or administer or deprive any animal of necessary care or sustenance, shelter or veterinary care. Then such person or persons found guilty by the Commission or other lawful authority of any violation of any provision of this rule shall be fined and/or ruled-off for a period of time to be determined by the Commission and/or the license of such guilty party revoked.

42.2 No electrical or mechanical device or other expedient designated or intended to increase or decrease the speed of a greyhound shall be possessed by anyone or applied by anyone to a greyhound at any time during a meeting whether in a race or otherwise.

42.3 No person shall tamper or attempt to tamper with any greyhound in such a way as to affect its speed in a race, nor shall he counsel or in any way aid or abet such tampering.

42.4 Any greyhound that has been the subject of corrupt practices may be disqualified by the judges of the meeting for no longer period than the duration of the meeting and they shall report the circumstances to the Commission for such action as it may deem proper.

42.5 The judges shall have the power to declare any act which they deem to be an unfair advantage to any or all persons engaged in the sport of racing in any way, or any act which would tend to mislead the betting public, or any act which they deem to be detrimental to the best interest of racing, a corrupt practice and shall have the power to impose fitting punitive action, and such action shall be referred to the Commission.

42.6 All persons guilty of any dishonest or corrupt practices, fraudulent act, or other conduct detrimental to racing, including bookmaking, touting or selling or purchasing mutuel tickets other than through mutuel machines, committed while within or without any racing enclosure, either a licensee or not, shall be ruled-off all racing enclosures under the jurisdiction of the Commission, and it shall be the duty of judges and those authorized by them to exclude from all places under their jurisdiction persons who commit such offenses or are so ruled off.

42.7 No person who has been convicted of illegal possession, sale or giving away of narcotics shall be permitted on the grounds of any association.

42.8 Any action or substance, drugs or otherwise which may

interfere with the testing procedure, is forbidden.

42.9 No person shall make a handbook or a foreign book on the grounds of an association.

42.10 No person shall solicit for or bet with a handbook or a foreign book on the grounds of an association. Resale of any mutuel ticket from an individual to another is prohibited, and the transferor and transferee shall be permanently ejected from the grounds.

42.11 Any person having been convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude within the last ten (10) years shall be denied a license and/or excluded from the grounds of an association during the conduct of a racing meet.

42.12 No person who is known as or reputed to be a bookmaker, or a vagrant within the meaning of the statute of West Virginia, or a fugitive from justice, or whose conduct at a race track in West Virginia, or elsewhere is or has been improper, obnoxious, unbecoming or detrimental to the best interests of racing, shall enter or remain upon the premises of any licensed association conducting a race meeting under the jurisdiction of this Commission, and all such persons shall, upon discovery or recognition, be forthwith ejected.

42.13 Any person, other than a veterinarian licensed by the West Virginia Racing Commission, who injects, gives, uses or administers any analgesics or drugs of any kind whatsoever, allows or permits any other person to give, inject, or administer any analgesics, or drugs of any kind whatsoever, to a greyhound within forty-eight (48) hours prior to the running of a greyhound in a race, must give notice to the judges of the use, injection or administering of said analgesics or drugs prior to the running of said race. Any such person failing to give such notice shall be suspended or his license revoked.

42.14 No person shall have in his possession within the confines of a race track or within the kennels, buildings, sheds or grounds where greyhounds are lodged or kept, which are eligible to race over a race track of an association holding a race meeting, any drugs or stimulants, unless authorized and approved by the judges.

§ 178-21-42. Medication.

43.1 The trainer shall be the absolute insurer of and responsible for the condition of the greyhound entered in a race, regardless of the acts of third parties. Should the chemical, or other analysis of urine samples, or other tests prove positive showing the presence of any

narcotic, stimulant, depressant, local anesthetic or any other drug or medication not authorized, the trainer of the greyhound may have any or all of the following penalties inflicted: Be fined, be suspended, his license revoked or ruled off and, in addition, the owner of the greyhound, the foreman in charge of the greyhound, the attendant and any other person shown to have had the care, or attendance, of the greyhound may have any or all of the following penalties inflicted: Be fined, be suspended, his license revoked or ruled off.

43.1.1 Any moneys won by a greyhound found to have been administered to as above shall be forfeited, and the same, upon its return, shall be redistributed.

43.2 Vendors of greyhound feed or medicine. Any vendor of greyhound food or medicines, of any kind or description, shall file with the state veterinarian a list of products which he proposes to sell or deliver within the enclosure of a race track, and shall further submit any new preparation to be offered for sale for approval of the state veterinarian. Should such vendor offer any preparation not so approved, or not so listed, he shall be denied the privileges of the kennel area.

43.3 The owner, trainer or any other person having charge, custody or care of the greyhound is obligated to protect the greyhound properly and guard it against such administration or attempted administration, and if the judges shall find that any such person has failed to show proper protection and guarding of the greyhound, or if the judges find that any owner and/or lessee and/or trainer is guilty of negligence with respect thereto, they shall impose such punishment and take such other action as they deem proper under any of the rules including reference to the Commission.

43.4 The owner and/or lessee of a greyhound so found to have received such administration shall be denied or shall promptly return any portion of the purse or sweepstakes together with any trophy in such race and the same shall be distributed as in the case of a disqualification. If a greyhound shall be disqualified in a race because of this rule the eligibility of other greyhounds which ran in such race and which have started in a subsequent race before announcement of such disqualification shall not be in any way affected.

43.5 The kennel of the owner under investigation for violation of any rule pertaining to corrupt practices or illegal medication shall not be permitted to race until a hearing has been held by the judges and a decision has been rendered.

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43.6 Hearings concerning the violation of medication and drug rules shall be held by and before the judges.

43.7 Any portion of the purse, if not already paid, which is to be redistributed in accordance with the provisions of this section, shall be held until such redistribution is approved by the Commission. This rule shall apply only to the amount payable to the owner or owners of the disqualified greyhound and shall not prevent payment due to other greyhounds in the race pending approval of the Commission.

43.8 Every owner, trainer or authorized agent shall immediately, whenever requested by the Commission, submit any greyhound or greyhounds of which he is the owner, trainer or authorized agent, to any veterinary surgeon designated by the Commission for such examination or tests as said veterinarian may deem advisable.

43.9 Any test or examination made by the veterinarian designated by the Commission may be witnessed by the Commission or any of its representatives and by the owner or his authorized agent, or by the trainer of the greyhound or greyhounds so examined or tested.

43.10 Any person found guilty by the Commission of any participation in or knowledge of the fact that any drug, narcotic, stimulant, depressant, local anesthetic or any electrical, mechanical or other application has been used which, in the opinion of the judges, is of such character as could affect the racing condition of such a greyhound in a race may be ruled off all tracks in West Virginia.

43.11 Every association and all officials and employees thereof, shall give every possible aid and assistance to any department, bureau, division, officer, agent, inspector or any other person connected with the United States Government or with West Virginia who may be investigating or prosecuting any such person they may suspect of being guilty of possessing any drug, narcotic, stimulant, depressant or local anesthetic or any electrical, mechanical or other device which, in the opinion of the judges, is of such character as could affect the racing condition of a greyhound in a race.

§ 178-2-44. Appeal and review.

44.1 A majority of the judges at any greyhound race meeting may suspend a license and such suspension or revocation shall be effective immediately. The judges shall, as soon as thereafter practicable, make and enter an order to that effect and serve a copy thereon to the license holder, either personally or by certified mail, return receipt requested. Such order shall state the grounds for the action taken.

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44.2 Any person or persons penalized or disciplined under the laws of the State of West Virginia or under these rules and regulations may request a hearing before the Commission. All such hearings shall be governed by West Virginia Procedural Regulations, 178 C.S.R.4 (1991), Dispute Resolution Procedures.

§ 178-2-45. Auditor of pari-mutuel.

45.1 A director of audit and auditor of pari-mutuel betting shall be appointed annually by the Commission and shall be compensated by the Commission. Their duties shall be determined from time to time by the Commission and such auditors shall be subject to removal at any time by the Commission.

45.2 The director of audit, and any other auditors employed by the Racing Commission who shall also be certified public accountants or experienced public accountants, shall have free access to the space and enclosure where the pari-mutuel system of wagering is conducted or calculated at any greyhound race meeting for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the licensee is deducting and retaining only a commission as provided in the current Racing Act, and is otherwise complying with the other provisions of the Racing Act relating to the pari-mutuel system. They shall also, for the same purposes only, have full and free access to all records and papers pertaining to such pari-mutuel system of wagering, and shall report to the Racing Commission in writing, under oath, whether or not the licensee has deducted and retained any commission in excess of that permitted under the Racing Act or has otherwise failed to comply with the provisions of those sections of the Racing Act pertaining to the pari-mutuel system.

45.3 The auditor of pari-mutuels shall be afforded every facility for performing all the duties that may be assigned to him by the Commission, including the following:

45.3.1 Every association licensed by the Commission shall furnish the West Virginia Racing Commission copies of their first payroll and any other that might be requested, both mutuel and operative and covering all employees performing services during any race meeting.

45.3.2 Carbon copies of all mutuel work sheets are to be turned over to the auditor of pari-mutuels immediately after each race.

45.3.3 At the end of each race day, a consolidated report showing detailed figures of the mutuel handle, commission or take and

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breaks shall be handed to the auditor of pari-mutuels. Also, the opening and closing ticket numbers used during that day in all machines issuing daily double, perfecta and big perfecta tickets, along with copies of the consolidated report, report of outs paid, calculating sheets, daily double sales sheets, all perfecta sales sheets, machine printed take-off cards and summary thereof.

45.3.4 At the end of each day, every signed complaint made by any customer, with reference to transactions with sellers or cashiers, shall be reported on printed blanks and furnished to the auditor of pari-mutuels.

45.3.5 A written report shall be kept available by the manager of the money room of all errors made by the mutuel sellers or cashiers, commonly called "shorts or overs." Such reports shall detail the name of the seller or cashier, his working place and the amount involved. At the end of each meet this report shall be given the auditor of pari-mutuels for filing with the daily records enumerated in subsections 45.3.1, 45.3.2 and 45.3.3 above.

45.3.6 All moneys held by any licensee for the payment of outstanding and unredeemed pari-mutuel tickets if not claimed within ninety (90) days after the close of the greyhound race meeting in connection with which the tickets were issued, shall be turned over by the licensee to the Racing Commission within fifteen (15) days after the expiration of such ninety (90) day period and the licensee shall give such information as the Racing Commission may require concerning such outstanding and unredeemed tickets including but not limited to, the outs ledger enumerating all outstanding tickets at the end of such ninety day (90) period. In addition, a statement to accompany said ledger setting forth the quantity and amount of each denomination redeemed in the ninety (90) day period. This sum is to be subtracted from the outs balance on the closing day of the meeting with the remaining balance to be included in the remittance of the association in settlement of the "outs" account for the meeting.

45.3.7 Each association shall provide a work area for the exclusive use of the auditor of pari-mutuels. Subject to the approval of the Racing Commission, this work area shall:

45.3.7.1 Be located within or adjacent to the totalisator room with desk and chair facilities;

45.3.7.2 Permit direct view or view by closed circuit television of the totalisator facilities within the totalisator room, such as control desk consoles, inside totalisator board or closed

circuit television monitor of the outside totalisator board whichever is used, and printers;

45.3.7.3 Include space for locking file cabinets within the work area or other proper storage facilities to be supplied by the association,

45.3.7.4 Include an audio listening device for the public address system to be heard intelligibly in the work area.

45.3.7.5 Include power outlets to operate electronic equipment.

45.3.8 All outs tickets purging sessions shall occur only after at least two (2) weeks prior notice in writing is given to the Racing Commission of such sessions. Further, the actual purging shall occur in the presence of a totalisator representative, an association representative and a representative of the Racing Commission.

45.3.9 Cashed tickets and computer printout:

45.3.9.1 Access of all totalisator employees to cashed tickets and used computer printouts storage shall be prohibited.

45.3.9.2 Cashed tickets and all used computer printout sheets shall be secured in a facility where fire protection devices are installed and operable.

45.3.9.3 Cashed tickets and used computer printout sheets storage shall be secured by a locking system. Access to the locked storage facilities is the responsibility of the mutuel manager. The facilities must be locked at all times except when access is needed by the mutuel manager or his designee and the Racing Commission.

§ 178-2-46. State Security Officer

46.1 It shall be the duty of the state security officer to work in conjunction with the license clerk to determine that all required personnel have a West Virginia license. This will require a daily check of the program to verify that all persons listed thereon hold West Virginia license. The state security officer shall likewise make a weekly inspection of the kennel area to determine if all individuals in said area are licensed.

46.2 It shall be the duty of the state security officer to make a daily check of the kennel area to determine if proper security

measures are in effect, namely: The presence of a guard at all gates and entrances and note the guard's actions in checking the license of all persons who enter and depart.

46.3 It shall be the duty of the state security officer to make a daily check of the test area to determine if proper security is in effect, that a guard is present.

46.4 It shall be the duty of the state security officer to make a daily routine check of the betting areas to determine if proper security measures are being taken to prevent the resale of tickets to minors and as well to any "exotic" wagering tickets.

46.5 It shall be the duty of the state security officer to assist the judges and the track security in all "shake-downs" of the kennel area, or in such other matters as may be directed by the judges.

§ 178-2-47. Greyhound Breeding Development Fund.

47.1 The Racing Commission shall maintain a registry for West Virginia Bred Greyhounds.

47.2 ~~To qualify for purse money in a stake's race that is funded by awards supplements from the West Virginia Greyhound Breeding Development Fund, the owner or lessee of the greyhound must be a member in good standing of the National Greyhound Association and be a bona fide resident of the State of West Virginia for at least two years.~~ West Virginia Greyhound Owners and Breeders Association.

47.3 An Owner or lessee of the Dam at the time of whelping must be a member in good standing of the ~~National Greyhound Association and have been a bona fide resident of West Virginia for at least two (2) years prior to the date the litter was whelped~~ West Virginia Greyhound Owners and Breeders Association. The litter must have been whelped in the State of West Virginia and remain domiciled in West Virginia at least until six (6) months of age.

47.4 Beginning July 1, 1989, the owner or lessee will file the appropriate affidavit with the West Virginia Racing Commission affirming that the owner or lessee meets all requirements. The owner or lessee further understands that if any West Virginia bred be removed from West Virginia prior to six (6) months of age, it shall be the owner's or lessee's responsibility to notify the West Virginia Racing Commission within ten (10) days of removal. The West Virginia Racing Commission will then remove that West Virginia bred from the registry.

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47.5 The owner or lessee of any greyhound that was littered and registered before July 1, 1989, will be given West Virginia bred status if the owner or lessee signs the appropriate affidavit with the West Virginia Racing Commission affirming that the applicant meets all requirements in Subsections 42.2 and 47.3 above.

47.6 An affidavit attesting that all requirements have been met must be on file at the Racing Commission's office ~~prior to the first day of the month in which the qualified West Virginia bred greyhound is entered to run in a race exclusively for West Virginia bred.~~

47.7 Affidavits shall be accompanied by the Litter Registration Form for the National Greyhound Association and ~~a check or money order made payable to the Racing Commission for the appropriate fee per litter registration. The Racing Commission will process and forward the Litter Registration Form and fee to the National Greyhound Association. The National Greyhound Association will stamp the Litter Registration Form as West Virginia bred and send the Litter Acknowledgment to the owner or lessee indicating West Virginia bred.~~

~~47.8 When a qualified West Virginia bred greyhound is individually registered, the National Greyhound Association will then provide the Racing Commission with the names of the qualified West Virginia bred greyhounds.~~

§ 178-2-48. Alcohol and drug testing.

48.1 (a) No licensee or employee of any entity associated with the conduct of racing while on the grounds of a licensed or franchised race track shall have present within his/her system any amount of alcohol which would constitute legal impairment or intoxication.

Acting with reasonable cause, the judges or a designated Racing Commission representative may direct any such licensee or employee to submit to a breathalyzer test. Such licensee or employee shall, when so directed, submit to such examination. If the results thereof show a reading of .05 percent alcohol content or more, such licensee or employee shall not be permitted to continue his/her duties for that day. Such licensee or employee shall then be subject to fine or suspension by the judges or Racing Commission.

For a subsequent violation such licensee or employee may be subject to Procedures Following Positive Chemical Analysis (below).

48.2 No licensee or employee of any entity associated with the conduct of racing while on the grounds of a licensed or franchised

racetrack shall have present within his/her system any controlled substance as listed in schedule I-V of the U.S. Code, Title 21 (Food and Drugs Section 812), or any prescription legend drug unless such prescription legend drug is obtained directly or pursuant to valid prescription or order from a duly licensed physician who is acting in the course of his/her professional practice.

Acting with reasonable cause, the judges or a designated Racing Commission representative may direct any such licensee or employee to deliver a specimen of urine in the presence of a person designated by the Racing Commission or subject himself/herself to the taking of a blood sample or other body fluids by a person designated by the Racing Commission.

In such cases, the judges or the designated Racing Commission representative may prohibit such licensee or employee from participating in the day's racing or until such time as said licensee or employee evidences a negative test result.

Sufficient sample should be collected to insure a quantity for a split sample when possible.

Refusal by such a licensee or employee to provide the samples herein described, as so directed shall be in violation of these rules and shall subject such licensee or employee to sanction by the judges or the Racing Commission.

All testing shall be at the expense of the Racing Commission or racing association.

48.3 For a licensee's or employee's first violation he/she shall not be allowed to participate in racing until such time as his/her condition has been professionally evaluated.

After such professional evaluation, if said licensee's or employee's condition proves non-addictive and not detrimental to the best interest of racing, said licensee or employee shall be allowed to participate in racing provided he/she can produce a negative test result and agrees to further testing at the discretion of the judges or designated Racing Commission representative to insure his/her unimpairment.

After such professional evaluation, should said licensee's or employee's condition prove addictive or detrimental to the best interest of racing, said licensee or employee shall not be allowed to participate in racing until such time as he/she can produce a negative

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test result and show documented proof that he/she has successfully completed a certified alcohol drug rehabilitation program approved by the Racing Commission. Said licensee or employee must agree to further testing at the discretion of the judges or Racing Commission representative to insure his/her unimpairment.

For a licensee's or an employee's second violation, he/she shall be suspended and allowed to enroll in a certified alcohol/drug rehabilitation program approved by the Racing Commission, to apply for reinstatement only at the discretion of the Racing Commission.