

ARCI-013-020 Judges

The term "judge" as used throughout these rules shall refer only to the presiding judge, the association judge(s) and/or the Commission judge(s). The term "judges" shall refer to an impartial board comprised of the presiding judge, association judge(s) and/or the Commission judge(s).

- (1) To qualify for appointment as a judge the appointee shall meet the experience requirements, education and examination requirements necessary to be accredited by the Racing Officials Accreditation Program in association with the Universities of Arizona and Louisville, and be in good standing with all racing jurisdictions, be in good standing with all racing jurisdictions and complete extensive training process. The training shall include procedures necessary to conduct a racing performance and sufficient knowledge of rules/statutes. Also familiarization with applicable guidelines in the areas of legal/conducting of hearings and medications/prohibited acts are required. The appointee must also pass a written exam that has been approved by the Greyhound Committee of ARCI (Association of racing Commissioners International) and gain approval by the Racing Commission for that jurisdiction.
- (2) A minimum of three licensed judges are required for each racing performance. The composition of the board of judges shall be as approved by the Commission. There shall be a designated presiding judge. The designated presiding judge shall submit a report of any action of the judges as required under these rules to the Commission. All such reports submitted shall be signed by a majority of the judges.
- (3) The laws of (state) and the rules of racing supercede the conditions of a race and the regulations of a race meeting and, in matters pertaining to racing, the orders of the judges supercede the order of the officers of the association.
- (4) The judges shall interpret the rules and decide all questions not specifically covered by the rules.
- (5) Should any incident occur which may not be covered by the rules of racing, it shall be determined by the judges in conformity with justice and in the best interest of racing.
- (6) All decisions and/or rulings within the judges' authority shall be determined by a majority of the judges, subject to the review of the Commission.
- (7) The judges shall have general supervision over all licensees, other racing officials and greyhounds on association grounds.
- (8) The judges shall have authority over and free access to all places in use for the purpose of racing.
- (9) All entries and declarations are under the supervision of the judges who may refuse the entries of any person or the transfer of any entries for violation of the rules or statutes.
- (10) The judges shall have the authority to resolve all conflicts involving entries and racing.
- (11) Persons entering greyhounds to run at licensed association tracks in this jurisdiction agree in so doing to accept the decision of the judges on any questions relating to a race or racing.
- (12) The judges shall have the authority to sanction any person for violation of the rules or statutes.
- (13) The judges may eject or cause to have ejected any person who is currently under suspension or exclusion in any other jurisdiction.

- (14) The judges may order a physical examination by a Commission approved veterinarian of any greyhound entered for a race or which has run in a race.
- (15) The judges shall take appropriate action on alleged rule/statute violations with or without complaint thereof.
- (16) The judges shall record all objections and complaints.
- (17) A written complaint, signed by the complainant, shall be filed with the judges within (time) of the incident causing the complaint. If the complaint involves the judges, it shall be filed directly with the Commission or Commission designee.
- (18) The judges shall investigate or cause to have investigated promptly all objections and/or complaints made to them and make prompt report of their investigation findings and decision and/or recommendation to the Commission.
- (19) The judges shall order the exclusion of persons ruled off from areas under their jurisdiction. They may exclude any person found guilty of any prohibited acts by greyhound racing authorities of any other jurisdictions, or by the judges of any recognized meeting. The names of all persons ordered excluded shall be promptly reported to the Commission.
- (20) The judges shall receive signed written complaints of prohibited acts and other questionable transactions.
- (21) A judge shall be present on association grounds for the weigh-in process for each performance.
- (22) The judge present at weigh-in may scratch a greyhound, and in addition, at the discretion of the judges, the kennel owner and/or trainer may be fined or suspended if:
 - (a) a greyhound is in violation of the rules applicable to greyhound weight or weighing;
 - (b) a greyhound is not present at the weigh-in room promptly at the appointed time; or
 - (c) a greyhound is in violation of any rule of racing.
- (23) Should a vacancy occur among the judges, the judge(s) present shall appoint one or two qualified persons to serve as temporary judges. Appointments made under this rule shall be reported in writing to the Commission. If none of the judges are present, the management of the association shall name at least three qualified persons to serve during the absence of the judges, immediately making a full written report of the absence and the names of their replacements to the Commission.
- (24) Should a vacancy occur among the racing officials other than the judges, the director of racing or the judges, if so designated by the Commission, shall immediately fill the vacancy. The appointment shall be effective only for the day unless the association fails to fill the vacancy on the following day and has notified the judges of its action less than one hour before post time of the first race of the day. Such appointment shall be reported promptly to the Commission by the judges.
- (25) The judges shall determine the official order of finish of the race.
- (26) The judges shall consider only the relative position of the respective muzzles of the greyhounds in determining the places of the greyhounds at the finish of the race. In the event a greyhound loses its muzzle or finishes with a hanging muzzle, the judges shall consider only the relative position of the nose of said greyhound and the muzzles of the other greyhounds in the race.

- (27) The judges shall promptly display the numbers of the first three or four greyhounds in each race in order of their finish if there is no disagreement among the judges.
- (28) Nothing in these rules shall prevent the judges from correcting an error before the display of the sign "Official" or from recalling the sign "Official" displayed through error.
- (29) The photo and video equipment shall be used as needed by the judges. However, if there is a malfunction of this equipment, the decision of the judges shall prevail.
- (30) Any greyhound may be placed on the schooling list by the judges at any time for cause.
- (31) The judges shall make a daily report in writing to the Commission of all infractions of the rules and of all rulings upon matters coming before the judges during the race meeting.

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