

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Regulations 1984, No.29*

Greyhound Racing Rules under the *Racing and Betting Act*

The RACING AND GAMING COMMISSION, in pursuance of section 57 of the *Racing and Betting Act*, at a meeting held on 26 March 1984 made the following amendments to the Greyhound Racing Rules and, for the purposes of section 63(2)(a) of the *Interpretation Act*, authorized Barry Davis, its Chairman, to sign them.

Dated this twenty-seventh day of March, 1984.

B. DAVIS
Chairman

AMENDMENTS OF THE GREYHOUND RACING RULES

1. DEFINITIONS

Rule 3 of the Greyhound Racing Rules is amended -

- (a) by omitting from the definition of "warned off" the words "its control." and substituting "its control;"; and
- (b) by adding at the end thereof the following:
"weight record card', in relation to a greyhound, means the card issued by the Commission to the owner of the greyhound for the purpose of recording the weight from time to time of that greyhound."

2. REPEAL AND SUBSTITUTION

Rules 155, 156, 157 and 158 of the Greyhound Racing Rules are repealed and the following substituted:

"155. WEIGHT OF GREYHOUND

"(1) Subject to sub-rule (2), a greyhound shall not be permitted to start in a race for which it was drawn where its weight varies by more than -

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- (a) one kilogram from the weight it last started in, or qualified for, a race in the Territory, a State or another Territory of the Commonwealth; or
- (b) 0.6 kilogram from a weight established by it in a trial run over a distance of not less than 383 metres, which trial run was conducted before an approved official who -
 - (i) is satisfied with the trial run; and
 - (ii) enters particulars of the trial run in the weight record card relating to the greyhound.

"(2) Subject to sub-rule (3), where a greyhound is in breach of sub-rule (1), the stewards may, where they are of the opinion that, notwithstanding that breach, special circumstances exist which warrants them permitting the greyhound to start in the race to which the breach relates, permit that greyhound to start in that race.

"(3) Where the stewards permit under sub-rule (2) a greyhound to start in a race, they shall -

- (a) notify particulars of their decision over the public address system of the club at which the race is to be run; and
- (b) submit a report on their decision to the Commission not later than 7 days after making that decision.

"156. RECORD OF WEIGHTS

"(1) The Commission shall maintain a record of the weights of all greyhounds produced to compete in a race, or which qualify for a race, and shall retain all such records for not less than 6 months after the date of such race or qualification.

"(2) The owner or trainer of a greyhound shall not, when presenting the greyhound to run in a race or qualifying trial, upon the request of the stewards, fail to produce the weight record card relating to the greyhound.

"(3) Where the owner or trainer of a greyhound does not, when presenting the greyhound to run in a race or qualifying trial, upon the request of the stewards, produce the weight record card relating to the greyhound, the stewards may -

- (a) order the greyhound to be withdrawn from the race or qualifying trial in which it was drawn; or

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- (b) permit the greyhound to start in the race or qualifying trial in which it was drawn and order that the weight record card be delivered to the Commission not later than 3 working days after that race or qualifying trial.

"157. GREYHOUND WITHDRAWN BECAUSE OF ITS WEIGHT

"(1) Where the stewards, after due inquiry, decide that a greyhound that has been produced to compete in a race or qualifying trial is at a weight, or in a condition, which might prevent the greyhound running truly according to its ability, the stewards may order the owner or trainer of that greyhound to withdraw that greyhound from the race or qualifying trial in which it was drawn, and the owner or trainer, as the case may be, to whom the order was given shall, accordingly, comply with that order.

"(2) The owner or trainer of a greyhound the subject of an order under sub-rule (1) shall not permit the greyhound to race at a meeting or qualifying trial within 10 days after the date on which that order was given.

Penalty for an offence against this rule: \$100."

3. REPEAL AND SUBSTITUTION

Rule 210 of the Greyhound Racing Rules is repealed and the following substituted:

"210. WITHDRAWAL BY OWNER OR TRAINER

"(1) The owner or trainer of a greyhound may make an application to the stewards to withdraw a greyhound from a race or qualifying trial.

"(2) Where an application is made under sub-rule (1), the stewards may -

(a) where the application is made -

- (i) on the grounds that the greyhound the subject of the application is injured or sick, subject to sub-rule (3); or
- (ii) on grounds other than grounds referred to in sub-paragraph (i),

grant the application; or

(b) reject the application.

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"(3) The stewards shall not grant under sub-rule (2)(a)(i) an application made under sub-rule (1) unless the greyhound the subject of the application is produced to the stewards on the day of the meeting or qualifying trial from which it is proposed to be withdrawn, or a veterinary surgeon's certificate that the greyhound is not in a fit condition to race is produced or, where no veterinary surgeon is available, a statutory declaration is made by the person responsible for withdrawing the greyhound stating that the greyhound is not in a fit condition to race.

"(4) Where a statutory declaration is made under sub-rule (3), the stewards may still require the person making the statutory declaration to produce the greyhound the subject of the statutory declaration on the day of the meeting or qualifying trial, as the case may be, from which it is proposed to be withdrawn.

"(5) The owner or trainer of a greyhound withdrawn under this rule shall not permit the greyhound to compete, and the greyhound shall not be eligible to start, in a race or qualifying trial within -

- (a) where the greyhound was so withdrawn in pursuance of an application made under sub-rule (1) granted under sub-rule (2)(a)(i) - 10 days after that withdrawal, unless the greyhound is produced to the stewards at the meeting or qualifying trial from which the greyhound was withdrawn, and those stewards decide upon another period of incapacitation; and
- (b) where the greyhound was so withdrawn in pursuance of an application made under sub-rule (1) granted under sub-rule (2)(a)(ii) - 8 weeks after that withdrawal, unless the stewards, after holding an inquiry into the grounds for that withdrawal, decide upon another period of incapacitation.

"(6) For the purposes of assessing the commencing date for a period of incapacitation under this rule, the date on which the greyhound was withdrawn from the meeting or qualifying trial shall count as the first day of the period and the termination of the period shall be deemed to be 11.30 o'clock in the evening on the final day of incapacitation."

4. WHERE NO APPEAL LIES

Rule 257(a) of the Greyhound Racing Rules is amended by omitting "\$100" and substituting "\$200".