

### **ARCI-017-050 Running of the Race**

- (1) All greyhounds must be exhibited in the paddock before post time of the race in which they are entered.
- (2) Muzzles and blankets must be examined in the paddock, during the post parade and before the greyhound is placed in the starting box.
- (3) All persons shall be excluded from the race course when the greyhounds leave the paddock with the exception of racing officials and necessary attendants.
- (4) All greyhounds must wear an approved muzzle and blanket while racing.
- (5) Blinker muzzles must be approved by the judges.
  - (a) Trainers may seek permission from the judges to equip a greyhound with a blinker muzzle.
  - (b) All blinkers must be furnished by the trainer and must be firmly attached to the racing muzzle without the use of glue, tape or wire. Each blinker muzzle employed is subject to the approval of the judges.
  - (c) All blinkers must be black or brown in color and made of leather material or hard plastic.
  - (d) Greyhounds approved and outfitted with blinker muzzles must wear that equipment for every race they participate in.
  - (e) Trainers may seek the approval of the judges to withdraw use of a blinker muzzle.
- (6) In case of mechanical failure with the starting box, the greyhounds shall be removed from the starting box. The judges shall determine whether the race will be declared a no race or will be run after the malfunction is repaired.
- (7) If a greyhound is left in or refuses to leave the box when the doors of the starting box open at the start, it shall be considered a starter.
- (8) The judges shall observe the operation of the lure to ensure consistency of its operation.
- (9) 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 attendant stationed around the course may remove the greyhound from the course. The greyhound shall be considered a starter.
- (10) If a greyhound leaves the course, it shall be disqualified. However, the greyhound shall be considered a starter.
- (11) If a greyhound leaves the course, or runs in the opposite direction during the running of the race, and in so doing, the greyhound, in the opinion of the judges, interfered with any other greyhound in the race, the judges shall declare it no race, except when, in the opinion of the judges, said interference clearly did not interfere with the outcome of the race.
- (12) No race shall be declared official unless the lure is in advance of the greyhounds at all times during the race. If at any time during the race, any greyhound catches or passes the lure, the judges shall declare it no race.
- (13) 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 or more greyhounds finish, the judges shall declare the race finished; but if less than three greyhounds finish, the judges shall declare it no race and all monies shall be refunded.

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