

SECTION 7. TITLES AND AWARDS

The Whippet Racing Association Awards Program has been originated to honor racing Whippets at a level of excellence commensurate with their ability.

7.1 Certificates

All Whippets that earn a title will be awarded a certificate signed by the National Race Director to identify the accomplishments of the racing Whippet.

The certificate for the Whippet Race Champion and Whippet Race Champion Excellent shall be framed. One framed certificate shall be given for each dog. If there is a co-owner, a second certificate may be requested at the time the owner is notified that a certificate will be awarded. There will be no charge for the second certificate and the second certificate will not be framed.

7.2 Companion Racer and Companion Racer Excellent Points and Use

The points used for awarding the Companion Racer and Companion Racer Excellent titles are the race points given for placement in each race during a race meet. These points are accumulated from the different race meets entered by the Whippet until the required number are reached for the awarding of the title by the Whippet Racing Association.

When the title Companion Racer Excellent is awarded, the title Companion Racer will no longer be used.

When the title Whippet Race Champion is awarded, the title Companion Racer Excellent will no longer be used.

When the title Whippet Race Champion Excellent is awarded, the title Whippet Race Champion will no longer be used.

7.3 Whippet Race Champion Award Points

Whippet Race Champion Award Points are earned by the Whippets earning the highest number of racing points in a race meet. The points are awarded according to the schedule of points presented below.

- No Whippet which has already earned a Whippet Race Champion shall earn WRCh Award Points.
- If the Whippet(s) with the highest number of race points have their WRCh title the Whippet(s) with the next highest number of racing points, that have not earned their WRCh will receive the Award Points.
- All Whippets with the title of WRCh count as entries when awarding WRCh Award Points.

Whippet Race Champion Award Points Schedule:

80 Adult Starters or more

- 8 WRCh points – High Point Winner
- 6 WRCh points – Second High Point Winner
- 4 WRCh points – Third High Point Winner
- 3 WRCh points – Fourth High Point Winner
- 2 WRCh points – Fifth High Point Winner

70 to 79 Adult Starters

- 8 WRCh points – High Point Winner
- 6 WRCh points – Second High Point Winner
- 4 WRCh points – Third High Point Winner
- 2 WRCh points – Fourth High Point Winner

60 to 69 Adult Starters

- 7 WRCh points – High Point Winner
- 5 WRCh points – Second High Point Winner
- 3 WRCh points – Third High Point Winner
- 1 WRCh points – Fourth High Point Winner

50 to 59 Adult Starters

- 6 WRCh points – High Point Winner
- 4 WRCh points – Second High Point Winner
- 2 WRCh points – Third High Point Winner

40 to 49 Adult Starters

- 5 WRCh points – High Point Winner
- 3 WRCh points – Second High Point Winner
- 1 WRCh points – Third High Point Winner

30 to 39 Adult Starters

- 4 WRCh points – High Point Winner
- 2 WRCh points – Second High Point Winner

20 to 29 Adult Starters

- 3 WRCh points – High Point Winner
- 1 WRCh points – Second High Point Winner

15 to 19 Adult Starters

- 2 WRCh points – High Point Winner

7.4 Whippet Race Champion Excellent (National) Points

National points are earned by the Whippet earning the highest number of racing points in a race meet. The points are awarded according to the schedule of points presented below. All Whippets with the title of WRChX or WRCh count as entries when awarding WRChX points.

Whippet Race Champion Excellent Awards Points Schedule:

80 Adult Starters or more

- 8 WRChX points – High Point Winner
- 6 WRChX points – Second High Point Winner
- 4 WRChX points – Third High Point Winner
- 3 WRChX points – Fourth High Point Winner
- 2 WRChX points – Fifth High Point Winner

70 to 79 Adult Starters

- 8 WRChX points – High Point Winner
- 6 WRChX points – Second High Point Winner
- 4 WRChX points – Third High Point Winner
- 2 WRChX points – Fourth High Point Winner

60 to 69 Adult Starters

- 7 WRChX points – High Point Winner
- 5 WRChX points – Second High Point Winner
- 3 WRChX points – Third High Point Winner
- 1 WRChX points – Fourth High Point Winner

50 to 59 Adult Starters

- 6 WRChX points – High Point Winner
- 4 WRChX points – Second High Point Winner
- 2 WRChX points – Third High Point Winner

40 to 49 Adult Starters

- 5 WRChX points – High Point Winner
- 3 WRChX points – Second High Point Winner
- 1 WRChX points – Third High Point Winner

30 to 39 Adult Starters

- 4 WRChX points – High Point Winner
- 2 WRChX points – Second High Point Winner

20 to 29 Adult Starters

- 3 WRChX points – High Point Winner
- 1 WRChX points – Second High Point Winner

15 to 19 Adult Starters

- 2 WRChX points – High Point Winner

7.5 Titles Awarded by the Whippet Racing Association

7.5.1 The Companion Racer Title (CR)

Any Whippet that accumulates fifteen (15) race points (Race Points are issued for placement in the races during a race meet) earns the title of Companion Racer (CR). Only points earned during meets in which the dog has run the a complete race meet can be utilized in the total for this award.

7.5.2 *The Companion Racer Excellent Title (CRX)*

Any Whippet NOT holding a WRCh or WRChX title that has earned a CR title, and then accumulates an additional sixty (60) race points will earn the title of Companion Racer Excellent (CRX).

Only points earned during meets in which the dog has run the complete race meet can be utilized in the total for this award.

Any holder of the CRX title who accumulates a further sixty race points will earn another title and be known as a CRX-II. Further CRX titles will be awarded with the Roman Numeral being increased to reflect the number of titles earned, and another Title Certificate awarded.

7.5.3 *The Whippet Race Champion title (WRCh)*

Any Whippet that accumulates fifteen (15) Whippet Race Champion Award Points will be awarded the title Whippet Race Champion (WRCh).

7.5.4 *The Whippet Race Champion Excellent Title (WRChX)*

Any male Whippet that accumulates Fifty (50) National Points, and any female Whippet that accumulates Thirty (30) National Points, earns the title of Whippet Race Champion Excellent (WRChX) and will receive a Title Certificate.

Further WRChX titles may be earned with the accumulation of another Fifty (50) National Points for males, Thirty (30) National Points for bitches. A Roman numeral will be added to the WRChX title indicating the number of WRChX titles earned after the first, I.e., WRChX-II and will receive an award ie: Laser engraved crystal block or some variation.

Each year the Parent Club will present a "Breeder of the #1 dog" award. This will go to the person(s) who bred the #1 dog for the previous year. It will be presented in conjunction with the "Top Ten" plaques.

7.5.5 *Division II*

Division II (DII) was created for the whippet whose pedigree is not principally focused on race breeding, but still demonstrates the intense racing characteristic of the breed. To participate in Division II within WRA, you must be registered to race with WRA. As this is a competition within a competition, races during a WRA event are not impacted or altered in any way. DII competitors simply have an opportunity to earn points towards a WRA DII title while competing against similarly matched competition.

Eligibility for DII requires that a whippet's pedigree have no more than three racing champions in three generations. (If a racing champion is listed twice in a 3-generation pedigree, for example, it counts as two racing champions. If a whippet in the pedigree has more than one racing champion title, it counts as only one racing champion.) A racing champion is defined as a whippet that holds a title of WRCh, RCh, or **ORC** or greater as awarded by WRA, NAWRA or NOTRA or the international equivalent. Titles earned through CWA, CARA, or lure coursing activities do not count against eligibility. If an approved DII whippet accumulates more than 5 championship points towards a WRCh, RCh or ORC title or the international equivalent, DII eligibility for points/titles/awards will cease.

Only whippets on the approved DII list maintained by the WRA DII Registrar count as entered eligible DII whippets in a race meet. Any whippets that earned DII points or were listed on the approved DII list since the program's inception in March 2013 are considered approved and retain their points and titles earned prior to WRA's sanction on January 1, 2022.

To participate in DII, a whippet must be approved by the DII Registrar. Requesting approval for DII is the responsibility of the owner/handler. To request approval, a copy of the whippet's AKC, CKC or UKC registration along with the call name, owner(s), and 3-generation pedigree must be sent to the WRA DII Registrar at DivisionII.Whippets@gmail.com at least 48 hours before a meet, if approval is desired prior to a specific meet. If approved and the request was sent at least 48 hours prior to roll call/inspection as listed in the meet premium, the whippet will be considered an eligible DII adult starter for a meet even if the DII Registrar is, for whatever reason, unable to immediately send an official approval notification or immediately update the WRA database. If DII eligibility is questionable for whatever reason, the NRD will appoint a 3-person committee to make the final judgment. An approved DII whippet will be identified as such in the WRA database, and the designation will follow the whippet's registered name.

DII points earned during a meet will be recorded and tracked by the WRA DII Registrar and an updated list will be available on the WRA website. If questions arise regarding eligibility, DII point totals, or DII points awarded at a meet, it is the responsibility of the owner/handler to contact the DII Registrar.

WRA DII Champion racing points and National racing points are awarded at the end of an official race meet in which WRCh/WRChX points are awarded based upon final placement, completion of all programs offered, and the number of approved, eligible DII adult starters at the meet. Titles are then awarded upon accumulation of those points. No points will be awarded if a DII whippet has not defeated at least one other whippet in at least one race during that day's racing, not finished all races, or finished last at the end of the day's racing. There are no ties and points are not split.

7.5.5.1 DII Champion Racing Points

WRA DII Champion racing points are awarded according to the following schedule:

DII Champion Racing Point Distribution				
Eligible DII Adult Starters	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place
2 – 4	2 pts			
5 – 9	3 pts	1 pt		
10 – 14	4 pts	2 pts		
15 – 19	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt	
20 – 24	6 pts	4 pts	2 pts	
25+	7 pts	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt

The number of eligible DII adult starters competing for Champion points is determined at the end of a meet. To calculate the eligible DII adult starters, subtract any DII champion whippets (DIICH, DIICHX) that place above the first DII non-champion whippet. The eligible entry includes the first DII non-champion titled whippet and all DII whippets that place below it (including whippets with DII titles and incomplete meets). Example: Meet entry includes 6 DII approved whippets. The highest scoring or 1st place DII whippet has already earned the DIICH title. The second highest scoring DII whippet has no DII champion titles as awarded by WRA. The eligible DII adult entry for Champion racing points is therefore 5 whippets.

7.5.5.2 DII Champion Excellent (National) Racing Points

WRA DII National racing points will be awarded to the highest scoring DII whippet(s) depending on the number of eligible DII adult starters that meet the criteria listed above except that all DII Adult Starters are counted regardless of placement or title. National racing points will be used to determine ranking throughout the year and lifetime rankings within DII.

WRA DII National racing points are awarded according to the following schedule:

DII National Racing Point Distribution				
DII Adult Starters	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place
2 – 4	2 pts			
5 – 9	3 pts	1 pt		
10 – 14	4 pts	2 pts		
15 – 19	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt	
20 – 24	6 pts	4 pts	2 pts	
25+	7 pts	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt

With the introduction of Champion and National racing points, all DII Champion racing points earned prior to January 1, 2024 will also be considered National racing points, since whippets earning these points finished highest among other DII entries prior to this date.

7.5.5.3 WRA Division II Titles

- Any approved DII whippet that accumulates 15 WRA DII Champion racing points will be awarded the title of Division II Whippet Race Champion (DIICH).
- Any approved DII whippet that accumulates 30 WRA DII National racing points will be awarded the title of Division II Whippet Race Champion Excellent (DIICHX).
- Any approved DII whippet that accumulates 45 WRA DII National racing points will be awarded the title of Division II Whippet Race Champion Excellent II (DIICHXII).

Further DIICHX titles will be awarded with the Roman numeral being increased to reflect the number of titles earned and another Title Certificate awarded for each additional increment of 15 WRA DII National racing points.