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SECTION 1.0 PURPOSE AND ELIGIBILITY

The Whippet Racing Association sponsors and supports Whippet Races as a part of its overall Breed Improvement Program. The authority and responsibility for the administration and operation is delegated to the National Race Director and Board of Directors. The authority to operate WRA Race Meets is then delegated to the local Club or Group.

1.1 Purpose of the Whippet Racing Program

- To encourage properly trained, registered race Whippets to compete against one another in an organized manner, in a safe environment, with high quality equipment, and knowledgeable people in charge.
- To respect the all-purpose Whippet as:
 - ♦ A racer with speed, endurance and intelligence.
 - ♦ A dog with proper conformation to be able to compete in all Whippet activities.
 - ♦ A friend and companion, of disposition and discipline to be a pet in the home.
- To reward race Whippets with recognition commensurate with their ability as outlined in the award program. (See 7.5, Titles Awarded by the Whippet Racing Association.)

1.2 Whippets Eligible to Participate in the WRA's Racing Program.

1. Whippet must be registered by the American Kennel Club, the United Kennel Club, or the Canadian Kennel Club.
2. A Whippet with a foreign registration (and a certified COO pedigree of three generations) shall be issued a temporary WRA registry, and be allowed to race for a period of six (6) months, subject to receiving AKC, UKC or CKC registration. This temporary registry may be extended for a period of three (3) months. No further extensions will be permitted. Any points toward a WRCh, or WRChX under the temporary registry shall be awarded to the dog upon receipt of its AKC, UKC or CKC registration. In the event that the dog is not AKC, UKC or CKC registered within the maximum nine (9) month time frame, any WRCh/WRChX points garnered by said dog shall then be awarded to the 2nd place dog (and on down the line of winners) in the meet(s) in which the points were awarded.
3. Prior to the first WRA Practice or official WRA Meet in which a Whippet will participate, a copy of the AKC, CKC, or UKC registration shall be sent to the Registrar/Recorder. The \$5.00 registration fee shall be sent to the Secretary/Treasurer. However, the copy of the Whippet's registration may be sent with the race results by the Club Secretary. A litter registration number will be accepted on Whippet racers 8 to 14 months of age for entries in the puppy class only, but at the adult level, 14 months, an individual registration number is required.

4. The person entering a Whippet for racing, must be the owner of the Whippet, or be the authorized agent for said Whippet, or be in possession of the AKC papers transferring the ownership to the name of the person entering the Whippet for racing.
5. Whippets carrying Indefinite Listing Papers (ILP), from the AKC, a Limited Privilege Listing (PL) from the UKC, or a Performance Event Number (PEN) from the CKC are NOT eligible to run in the WRA Program.
6. Spayed/Neutered Whippets are eligible to run in all WRA events.
7. DISQUALIFICATIONS ENFORCED BY THE WRA INCLUDED IN THE AKC STANDARD FOR THE BREED ARE:
 - ◆ A Whippet bitch measuring more than one-half (1/2) inch above twenty one (21) inches or below eighteen (18) inches.
 - ◆ A Whippet male measuring more than one-half (1/2) inch above twenty two (22) inches or below nineteen (19) inches.
 - ◆ Coat other than short, close, smooth and firm in texture.
 - ◆ Deafness.
8. DISQUALIFICATIONS ENFORCED BY THE WHIPPET RACING ASSOCIATION PROGRAM ARE:
 - ◆ Whippet bitches in heat or season (any sign of discharge or swelling).
 - ◆ A Whippet that shows positive evidence of sickness or abnormality (ie. Lameness) that could be detrimental to the whippet or to other whippet racers.
 - ◆ The use of any drug, stimulant or narcotic.
9. Whippets must be qualified to race (see Section 2.6).

SECTION 2.0 REQUIREMENTS

2.1 Requirements for Whippet Racing Association Racing

Any group or club interested in participating in the WRA sponsored Racing and the Whippet Race Champion (WRCh) programs must demonstrate to the National Race Director (NRD) the ability to fulfill the requirements of the program as listed in The Official Rules and Regulations, by:

1. Conducting a qualifying WRA race meet.
2. Or have been granted a waiver of the requirement for a qualifying meet by the NRD using the below listed criteria.

2.2 Requirements for a qualifying Whippet Racing Association race meet

1. The group or club requesting a qualifying WRA meet must send the request to the NRD at least 60 days in advance of requested date, in writing, although initial contact may be by telephone. The group or club requesting an approved WRA meet must hold at least one (1) successful qualifying meet.
2. The group or club must have a minimum of fifteen (15) adult Whippets starting in the first race program.
3. There should be four complete race programs. Three programs would be acceptable only in the event of severe weather or other racing conditions that would make further racing hazardous to the Whippets and/or their owners. The reduction to only three programs must be with the approval of the Regional Race Director (RRD) or his/her representative at the qualifying meet, or the Race Committee for said meet and with a 2/3 or greater vote from those in participation at that meet.
4. Results of the race meet must be sent to the NRD within two weeks, with a copy to the RRD.
5. The official qualifying race meet must be free of written, factual complaints to the NRD.
6. The group or club requesting permission for a WRA meet must show they are capable of operating a race meet under WRA Official Rules and Regulations.

Following compliance with all of the above requirements, the NRD will then notify the group or club of official approval to hold WRA race meets and of their acceptance as a WRA member club. At this time, the new member club will be asked to inform the NRD of the identity and location of its member representative.

2.3 Requirements for granting a waiver of the requirement for a qualifying meet

1. Has an experienced Race Secretary
2. Either has other trained people to do the necessary work within the club, or a guarantee of help from trained people from other clubs who will also help train the host clubs workers at the meet.
3. The National Race Director, or another individual appointed by the NRD, must attend the race meet to observe. Based on the observer's report the NRD may grant or deny permission for further race meets or require a practice meet before another race meet may be held.

2.4 Scheduling of Approved Whippet Racing Association Race Meets

1. Any approved group or club must write or otherwise communicate with the RRD having jurisdiction, requesting race dates at least sixty (60) days in advance of the proposed Official Race Meet.

The RRD will give preference to clubs that asks for dates on which they traditionally hold race meets.

The number of weekends into the year (see the corresponding dates table, in the race meet section of the website) will decide what is the traditional date for a race meet, with the following exception:

Those clubs that have meets tied to a specific weekend in a month, or a holiday shall be allowed to request ONE weekend, per year, that might not be the corresponding weekend per the corresponding dates table, for any particular year.

Otherwise, the RRD is to disapprove a date only for reasons of date conflict. All other problems or questions on race dates must be handled directly by the NRD.

2. Announcements of an approved Whippet Race Meet should be made at least thirty (30) days prior to the event. Should a cancellation be necessary, ALL ENTRANTS must be notified by the local Race Secretary. Any means possible may be used for notification as long as all entrants are notified. Notification may be carried out by, but is not limited to, letter, telephone, e-mail, or instant messaging. The Registrar/Recorder must be notified as soon as possible of a cancellation by the local Race Secretary.
3. No member club will hold WRA race meets on more than four (4) **weekends** per year if a club is within a radius of four hundred (400) miles of another club, or more than eight (8) weekends per year if that club is greater than a radius of four (400) miles of another club. (Each weekend may contain one or two WRA meets, for a maximum of eight or 16 WRA meets per club per year, respectively.)

2.4.3.1 Weekends when race meets are held in conjunction with the AWC (American Whippet Club) or NWCC (National Whippet Club of Canada) National Specialty or an AWC or NWCC Regional Specialty, and held on a weekend other than one of the traditional weekends used by the host club, will not count against the limit of four weekends per year with WRA racing.

4. A memberclub may hold two (2) race meets in one weekend.
5. Two (2) Clubs may have meets in conjunction with each other on the same weekend if the race meets are no more than 50 miles from each other. Special permission for a greater separation may be given by the NRD in some cases if requested by both member clubs.
6. Regardless of regional boundaries, WRA race meets may be held on the same weekend provided the meet locations are separated by a driving distance of 400 miles. (For convenience, a computerized mapping program may be used to determine driving distance.)

2.5 Running an Official Race Meet

1. Owners/Handlers at WRA events accept and agree to abide by the WRA rules, and generally accepted rules of conduct and good sportsmanship. Physically or verbally abusive behavior towards race meet officials, workers, or other participants or attendees will not be tolerated, and the Race Committee may evict any persons exhibiting such behavior from the race meet site. In this event, entry fees shall not be refunded. Further, they shall pick up after their hound, keep the grounds clean, and treat their hounds with respect and in a humane manner.

2. No alcohol or other mind-altering substances, legal or illegal, shall be consumed by any attendees during the race meet hours. Race meet hours shall be construed as starting 30 minutes prior to specified check-in time until after the final program has been completed. Violations of this rule shall be reported to the Race Secretary who will advise the National Race Director (NRD). The NRD will direct the WRA secretary to send a written notice to the individual in violation.

First violation – The individual will receive a written notice of violation which shall include a copy of this rule.

Second violation – The individual will be suspended from attending/participating in any WRA event for 12 months from the start of the suspension.

3. The Group or Club must have a minimum of 15 adult Whippets starting the first race heat.

4. There should be four complete race heats. Three heats would be acceptable only in the event of severe weather or other racing conditions that would make further racing hazardous to the Whippets and/or their owners. The reduction to only three heats must

be with the approval of the RRD or his/her representative at the meet, or the Race Committee for said meet, and with a 2/3 or greater vote from those in participation at that meet.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL TWO PROGRAMS EVER BE CONSIDERED AN OFFICIAL MEET.

5. Checking dogs in: Refer to section 3.2
6. Setting the board: Refer to section 5.3
7. Reporting results: Refer to section 2.6

2.6 Qualifying to Race

Dogs or puppies entering their first WRA meet must have run a qualifying race.

Minimum Requirements:

- 150 to 200 yard race from the boxes (200 is preferred)
- One or two other dogs of a similar speed (two is preferred with qualifying dog between the 2 experienced dogs)
- No hesitation, quitting, bumping, head turning, or fouling by the qualifying dog.
- The qualifying dog passes, is passed by, and/or runs next to another dog for a significant amount of time. (preferred)
- Witnessed by a Race Secretary or designated official.

A dog that has run a complete program with at least one other dog in CWA, AOK9, CARA, or NOTRA will be considered qualified for WRA, unless the dog was disqualified for fouling in that or a subsequent meet.

2.7 Reporting Results of an Official Race Meet

By the end of Tuesday immediately following the completion of the meet, the approved group or club operating a WRA Meet must enter the results for the meet in the meet reporting section of the official WRA website.

Once the Race Secretary has entered the results and checked for errors he or she will notify the Registrar/Recorder by e-mail or phone that the results are ready for verification.

The webmaster will provide the location of the website, login information, password and instructions for reporting results and use of the web site to all Race Secretaries, the Secretary/Treasurer, the Registrar/Recorder, the Awards Chairman and the NRD.

2.7.1 In the event that the official website ceases to exist or is down for more than two weeks, the following procedures will apply:

By the Tuesday immediately following the completion of the meet, the Registrar/Recorder must receive the results of the meet by phone, fax, or e-mail. Within two weeks following the race meet, the approved group or club operating a WRA Meet must send the complete results of the meet to the NRD, the Registrar/Recorder, and the Regional Race Coordinator. A sample WRA race report is shown in *Figure 1*. These results should include the following information.

- Number of Whippet adults and puppies starting
- Registered name of each starter, its owner, and AKC/CKC registration papers included for the first time entered (FTE) Whippets
- Individual points, and placement earned by each Whippet
- Placement or position, with race points earned, of each Whippet in each race or heat. A photocopy of the race results sheets for each heat, copied from the results board, is the preferred way to do this.
- Names of Whippets eligible to receive WRCh or WRChX (National) points with the names and complete address of the owner(s).
- Disqualifications and scratches
- Any other information needed to properly award WRA title points. Sending of the above information is compulsory, and it must be sent to the NRD, the RRD and the Registrar/Recorder in writing within two weeks following the meet. Failure to supply this information could result in points being withheld. This information is needed in order for all to maintain proper grading records. The NRD will send all race reports to all RRD at year end.

2.7.2 Per Capita Payment

The local Race Secretary is to send the per capita fee for all dogs and puppies who started the meet, and the \$5.00 registration fee for any dog not previously listed in the Grading Guide to the Secretary/Treasurer. The per capita fee may be paid in the currency of the country hosting the meet. The final report and any registration papers collected shall be sent to the Registrar/Recorder. This requirement covers both adult and puppy racers. All records and fees must be received by the within 14 days or be postmarked within 10 days of the Monday following the race meet. The per capita will be waived for the club hosting the WRA National race meet.

The amount of per capita is specified in the Policies and Procedures of the Whippet Racing Association.

2.8 National Meet

Once a year WRA will celebrate a National WRA Meet. Member club(s) are encouraged to volunteer to host this meet. Offers to host the WRA National Race Meet and Fun Match must be submitted before September 1st at 11:59pm (NRD's local time) each year. When more than one host club location has been received, club members will be allowed to vote to determine the national meet location. However, when taking bids for the National WRA Meet, the NRD will give preference to a rotation between the three major regions, East (Eastern and Southeastern), Midwest (Midwest and Southern) and West (Western and Northwest), rather than having a member vote. National bids will be accepted up to two years in advance. If no request to hold the national is received by the closing date, the first offer received after September 1st will be granted; if, in the NRD's judgment, the club is capable of hosting the National. If no club requests to host the national meet, then the NRD may solicit a host club. The WRA will make a monetary donation to the trophy fund for the National.

2.8.1 Seniors and Legends Classes

In addition to the regular puppy and adult classes held at the national meet, the host club is encouraged to have a **Parade** for the special classes of seniors and legends. **Each individual club may determine when, during the National Meet the Parade will be held.**

1) The criteria for eligibility to **be entered in the parade is as follows:**

a) If the national is held prior to June 30th:

Seniors will be dogs who will turn nine prior to June 30th of that year.
Legends will be dogs who will turn 11 prior to June 30th of that year.

b) If the national is held after July 1st:

Seniors will be dogs who will turn nine prior to December 31st of that year.
Legends will be dogs who will turn 11 prior to December 31st of that year.

2.9 Nonaffiliated Events

The lure coursing, oval racing, exhibition racing of AKC/CKC registered Whippets, or other breeds must not interfere with the conduct of an official WRA race meet. Nor may such events be advertised or construed as part of the WRA race program.

2.10 Official Entry Blank for Approved WRA Race Meets

A sample official WRA entry blank appears in the Appendix. The official entry blank must be sent to the local Race Secretary, with all the information requested on the form, by the entrant. Grade and average information will be taken from the grading guide if one is available. If a Whippet is first time entered (FTE), it should be so noted in the average

column. All titles that each Whippet has earned should be noted on the entry form, and check, cash, or money order should be included for entry fees.

Alternatively, the Quick Entry Form, also found in the Appendix, may be used. This Quick Entry Form will contain the club name, date of the meet, name of the Race Secretary, the dogs call name and registered name with all titles, the owners name, class (Adult, Puppy or Veteran), whether FTE (yes or no), the required Disclaimer of Liability, the owners, or agents, signature and address.

The following statement must appear on all entry forms returned and must be signed by the actual owner, or the owner's agent, of Whippet or Whippets entered.

"I and my heirs, legal representatives and assignees shall hold harmless and defend _____(Name of Club), its officers, directors, committeemen and agents, from any claim arising from participation in this event. I agree to abide by the Official Rules and Regulations of the Whippet Racing Association during the period of this race meeting.

Actual Owner of Whippet or Owner's Agent.

Date.

The recommended closing entry dates for clubs and groups sponsoring WRA meets which require hard copy entry forms to be sent, should be 10 – 14 days prior to the approved race meet. All others, which are taking entries by electronic methods, should be 3 – 5 days prior to the approved meet.

SECTION 3.0 RACING OFFICIALS AND DUTIES

It is most important that each group or club make every effort to have officials that are well trained. The officials can come from other clubs or can all belong to the club offering the race meet. The important point to remember is that no race meet is better than the efficiency and honesty of the officials in charge. It is important to plan in advance the duties to be assigned to each official or group of officials.

Many people racing Whippets travel hundreds of miles to participate, and spend countless hours training their Whippets for a WRA meet. Therefore, it would be most unfair to use unqualified or opinionated officials that could influence results on a negative basis. Officials must not be under the influence of alcohol, or any other mind-altering substance (such as, but not limited to illegal drugs), during the period they are acting in any official capacity. Any Owner racing a Whippet in a WRA Meet will report any such violation(s) directly to the local Race Secretary.

3.1 Local Race Secretary

The Race Secretary is responsible for the conduct of the race meet. Should there be a change of the local Race Secretary on the day of the race meet, an announcement so stating the change must be made at the time of Inspection. The local Race Secretary will appoint qualified people to perform the necessary details of the race meet, and will act as coordinator of these individuals and/or committees and will assume responsibility only when true emergencies arise. If the Race Secretary deems it to be necessary, there may be an Assistant Race Secretary appointed. The local Race Secretary is responsible for race meet publicity, entering meets in the official web site and reporting meet results in the prescribed manner.

3.2 Inspection Committee

It is the responsibility of the local Race Secretary to select an Inspection Committee of three qualified people for each approved race meeting. The Race Secretary, or his/her appointee, will officially check-in those Whippets that qualify to participate in the meet. This person can also be the "Timer for Measuring Procedure." The purpose of this committee is:

- To measure and inspect all Whippets following procedures described in section 3.2.2 (Measuring)
- To check and inspect all Whippets for all characteristics that might disqualify them from racing.
- To check muzzle of each racer for safety.

These are all done before the racing begins.

This committee of three should not include the RRD (Regional Race Director) or the NRD (National Race Director). However, if the RRD or NRD is present, he/she may step in to help only after allowing the host club reasonable time to solve a situation.

3.2.1 Disqualifications

If the Inspection Committee finds a Whippet which possesses a disqualification listed in Section 1.2, that particular Whippet will not be allowed to run at that race meet. All Whippets racing in WRA meets must be inspected at each meeting, except in cases where two race meets are held on the same weekend, by the same club and at the same location. In such instances, the inspection committee may choose to inspect for disqualifications only those Whippets who did not compete in the first day's meet. All Whippets must be inspected each day for soundness and bitches checked for evidence of being in season.

3.2.2 Measuring

3.2.2.1 Purpose

The purpose of Measuring is to determine through the use of the wicket whether the Whippet is within the height limits as described in the Whippet Standard of the Breed, "19 to 22 inches for dogs"; "18 to 21 inches for bitches" as measured across the shoulders at the highest point. More than One Half inch above or below the above stated measurements will disqualify.

3.2.2.2 Site

The measuring site will be picked by the local Race Secretary. This site will be located away from "traffic" and other disturbances. In addition to the Measuring Committee and Race Secretary, only the Whippet being measured and handler will be allowed in this area. During the measuring procedure, there will be NO activity on the track, no testing of boxes, no lure machines going, or loudspeakers speaking! We must do everything possible to maintain "quiet," so to avoid distractions that could "trigger" the racing personality, thus making the "natural, relaxed stance" harder to obtain. The place of inspection will be a level, hard, even surface, into which the legs of the wicket will not sink, that is not smooth so it will give good traction to the whippets when standing on it.

If such a surface is not available, there will be an inspection board, generally made to these requirements: ½ inch to 1 inch plywood 24 inches wide, 44 inches to 45 inches long, and will be flat over its entire surface. The board may be unpainted, but if painted, only nonskid paint will be allowed. The Race Secretary, or an appointee, will check-in each entrant on the program that, after the measurement and inspection, is acceptable, and will be responsible to time each measuring attempt. The wickets for measuring each entrant will be approved by the NRD. Approved wickets are available through the WRA.

3.2.2.3 Procedure

Each Whippet is entitled to two (2) measuring procedures, of three (3) minutes each. In the event a Whippet does not measure properly on the first attempt, the whippet may be brought back for a second measurement before the Committee closes. To eliminate wasted time with this procedure, the owner and/or handler is encouraged to train the Whippet at home, so all become

familiar with the exercise! The Inspection Committee will not speak other than answering questions from the handler, or to request that the handler properly position or handle the dog for inspection. The Committee will not touch the Whippet on the board except to perform individual inspection duties.

Any Whippet whose shoulder touches the crossbar of the wicket and either, or both legs of the wicket fail to touch the surface on which the Whippet is standing will, at the second measurement, be disqualified for that particular WRA meet. The entry fee will not be returned.

Any Whippet that has the crossbar of the wicket touch the shoulder and the legs of the wicket still touch the surface on which the Whippet is standing is qualified to run in that particular meet

3.2.2.4 *Proper Positioning*

The Whippet being measured should be walked or placed on the measuring board, and the handler should ready the Whippet for the wicket. The Whippet will be posed in a naturally alert position, with the head up, but not stretched upward in an exaggerated position nor will the top of the head be lowered below the level of the top of the shoulder blades; its feet should be well under it, and its forelegs vertical, ie, the front legs must be perpendicular to the board, and parallel to each side of the wicket, as viewed from front and side. The front legs cannot be spread far apart, nor can they be angled or stretched in front of the Whippet's head. The hindquarters may not be pulled back, and hocks must be at a right angle to the board. ABOVE ALL, the handler is not allowed to push, poke, pinch, slap, or in any way attempt to alter or change the height of the Whippet. (Stroking or scratching will be allowed only to relax the Whippet.) If two (2) of the three (3) inspectors on the Inspection Committee agree a handler is attempting to alter the height of the Whippet, the handler will be excused and thereby forfeit one turn.

Once the handler feels he has attained the proper pose, the call is made for the wicket. A member of the Committee then brings the wicket quickly from behind the Whippet, over the back and lowers it so that the crosspiece comes directly over the highest point of the shoulder blades. That is the moment the majority (2 of 3) of the Inspection Committee must agree that the Whippet is within or outside of the limits as covered by the Breed Standard. A Whippet is disqualified if above or below a certain height, ie, dogs under 18 1/2 inches or over 22 1/2 inches; bitches under 17 1/2 inches or over 21 1/2 inches. It must be noted that the wicket should never be allowed to hang or rest temporarily in place to see if the Whippet will "settle-down."

3.2.2.5 *Exempt Status from Measuring*

A Whippet will be granted an exempt status from measuring if it is 2 years of age or more and has participated in 30 race meets. An owner of another dog entered and successfully measured in the meet can challenge the measurement. A fee of \$50 is required for a challenge. The dog in question will be allowed to measure twice by the measuring committee for that meet. If the dog measures in, the club and owner each get \$25 from the challenge.

If the dog fails to measure, the owner that challenged the measurement is refunded \$50. Whippets meeting the necessary qualifications are noted in the Grading Guide. Also exempt from measurement are Whippets that raced and measured the previous day at back-to-back WRA meets held at the same venue.

3.2.3 Paddock Scratches

No Whippet may be scratched by its owner after the racers have been regrouped for the next racing program, unless the Whippet is injured or ill. Late scratches must be approved by the Inspection Committee. Owners scratching a sound, healthy Whippet after racers are regrouped, are subject to have all their Whippets disqualified from further competition at that event.

3.3 Foul Judges

For every race, there should be three thoroughly qualified judges who understand what constitutes intentional fouling by a Whippet or Whippets. Judges should stand in appropriate locations on opposite sides of the track, along the side of the track. The first judge should be approximately 50 yards from the front of the box. However, the first judge may be the box operator if qualified. The third judge should be standing in the general area of the finish line for either puppy or adult races, and the second judge should be approximately halfway between the first and third judge. This should provide the best possible vantage points for certainty when an intentional fouling occurs.

At least two foul judges must agree that a Whippet or Whippets has committed the same intentional foul. The foul judges will individually report the blanket number of the Whippet or Whippets creating the intentional foul to the Race Secretary ***prior to discussion of the foul with any other person, including other foul judges.***

3.4 Finish Line (Placement) Judges

The Race Secretary will appoint a head Finish Line Judge, who, in turn, will select the necessary finish line judges for each race. Judges must be thoroughly qualified to honestly place all dogs in each race. Whippet owners may act as judges, but must ask to be replaced when their dogs are competing.

There should be a camera present for all races. There should be 2 line judges present for all races. The video results will be reviewed by the line judges immediately following the race and results recorded and labeled "camera". The judges will also record placements, and their results will be used as a backup in case of camera failure. The use of a second camera is also permitted. If a second camera is used, it will be noted as the backup camera at the start of the meet. If the primary camera fails to record, the line judges will utilize the backup camera to record the results of the race. If the backup camera fails to record, then the line judges results will be utilized.

Each Judge will write placements by number on the finish line report form immediately after each race and give this information to the Head Line Judge. Care must be taken to see that spectators are not blocking the placement judges' view of the races, and that there is "quiet" with the judges until all placements reports are submitted to the Head Placement Judge. Owners and judges should learn to call races BY BLANKET

NUMBERS ONLY, not by color of blanket. The color can be helpful to judges, but should not be relied upon in lieu of the actual number on the blanket. At no time should the numbers or colors of racing blankets be called out loud as this may confuse the other judges.

The finishing positions of all whippets in a race shall be recorded according to the order in which their muzzles (noses) reach the vertical plane of the finish line nearest the starting box.

3.4.1 How to calculate Official Placement when the Head Line Judge finds no consensus between the judges.

Placement Judges should decide quickly about placement in order not to confuse the owners of dogs racing. Should there be a disagreement on a placement the decision of a majority of the judges will make the placement decision official.

3.4.1.1 Formula for determining ties.

In the case of judges disagreeing in such a way that it is not immediately apparent which dog or dogs are in which placements, the judges sheets will be given to the Race Secretary, who will use, or make sure that the following method was used, to determine official placements. A number is assigned to each placement 1st = 1, 2nd = 2 etc. Then those numbers are assigned to the blanket numbers/colors as the judges have placed them. In this example the #1 dog was given 1st place by two judges, therefore it gets 1 + 1 for those two placements. It was put in 3rd place by the other two judges, it gets 3 + 3 for those two placements for a total of 1+1+3+3 or 8. Each dog's score is calculated using this method, and then the scores are placed LOWEST TO HIGHEST, for the official placement of each dog.

This method is to be used ONLY when there is a clear discrepancy between all line judges. First and foremost, there should always be an attempt to discern whether there is any agreement on placements by a majority of judges. This may require the head line judge or race secretary to simply list the order of each dog, as describe above without assigning any points and closely look at it.

In addition, this method can only be used, if all judges have all placements. Point assignments cannot be made to dogs that have no placement, thus this method cannot be used without all placements by all judges. (exception: If there are 6 dogs in the race and all judges have 5 or more placement, then this method may be used; or all judges have 4 or more placements in a 5 dog race, etc.)

ANY TIME THIS METHOD IS USED TO CALCULATE PLACEMENTS, IT MUST BE POSTED PUBLICALLY ALONG WITH THE INDIVIDUAL JUDGES SHEETS FOR THAT RACE.

	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	Judge 4
1st place	1	1	4	4
2nd place	2	2	3	3
3rd place	3	3	1	1
4th place	4	4	2	2
5th place	5	5	5	5
6th place	6	6	6	6

Placement Score
1st = 1 pt
2nd = 2 pts
3rd = 3 pts
4th = 4 pts
5th = 5 pts
6th = 6 pts

Calculation				
red = 1	red = 1	red = 3	red = 3	#1 blanket 1+1+3+3 = 8
blue = 2	blue = 2	blue = 4	blue = 4	#2 blanket 2+2+4+4 = 12
white = 3	white = 3	white = 2	white = 2	#3 blanket 3+3+2+2 = 10
green = 4	green = 4	green = 1	green = 1	#4 blanket 4+4+1+1 = 10
black = 5	black = 5	black = 5	black = 5	#5 blanket 5+5+5+5 = 20
yellow = 6	yellow = 6	yellow = 6	yellow = 6	#6 blanket 6+6+6+6 = 36

Official Finish
#1 is 1st
#'s 3 & 4 are tied for 2/3
#'s 3 & 4 are tied for 2/3
#2 is 4th
#5 is 5th
#6 is 6th

3.4.1.2 Use of Camera to determine Finish

An owner may protest the FINISH of a race and must do so before **drawing of the next program**. The judges will view the tape and rule on the finish. The owner will be allowed to view the video of the protested race with the judges but may not participate in, or attempt to influence, any discussion of what is viewed.

Cameras: The camera shall be a digital video camera or **phone/iPad** capable of recording moving images in a digital format and playing them back in slow or stop motion with no loss of clarity. The playback equipment must be able to view individual frames in a stop motion format.

Mounting and Positioning: The camera will be on a firm base at least 5 feet (60 inches) above the ground and on the side of the track which gets the best light to see the dogs, the idea is that no dog is hidden behind any other dog, with higher mounting preferable. A camera on each side of the

track is preferable to one mounted on one side of the track, to catch dogs not seen by the other camera. Ideally the camera would be mounted over the center of the track with enough height to see the full track width. The camera shall be placed on the finish line and pointed across the track with a clear view of the full width of the finish line and track. The camera will not follow the dogs down the track. It will allow the dogs to run through its field of view. The camera will have an unimpeded view of the finish.

Use: The camera shall be **set to Slow Motion or Super Slow Motion**, to achieve the greatest clarity.

The camera will record the Heat and race numbers, preferably before the race. The recording of the heat and dogs may be visual or audio. The camera should be started before the race starts and shall run until after all dogs that finish cross the finish line.

Retention: The recordings will be retained until the race meet results have verified official by the WRA Registrar/Recorder.

3.4.1.3 Final Judgement. Once the final placements are determined, under no circumstances should these placements be reversed.

3.4.2 Dealing with Questions. Any Questions or complaints regarding placement or order of finish should be directed to the local Racing Secretary only! Judges, under no circumstance, should discuss placement with owners or spectators.

3.5 Paddock Judges

This individual should be thoroughly qualified to ascertain all racing Whippets are in the paddock area on time, properly blanketed and wearing a safe, secure, and properly adjusted muzzle. Any muzzle that allows a Whippet to grab the lure is a serious safety threat to other Whippets and handlers, and therefore will not be allowed. The Paddock Judge shall note each Whippet for any obvious indication of ill health before each race and is empowered to recall the inspection committee to determine if a Whippet, which has not been scratched, is lame, injured or ill before the Whippet is allowed to run in a race. The Paddock Judge should work closely with the local Race Secretary, or may be the local Race Secretary. Either the Paddock Judge or Race Secretary may be the official announcer of the race meet. All owners must report to the Paddock Judge, and proceed, AT A WALK, to the starting box as a group.

3.6 Lure Operator

The Lure Operator will be trained to properly place the lure. The lure should be kept approximately 25 feet ahead of the lead Whippet for adults, and 15 feet for puppies, to provide the best possible racing. The lure is to be pulled at a steady pace, rather than a jerking motion, and continued at full speed for at least 20 yards beyond the finish line.

3.7 Box Operator

If possible, two persons should be assigned to work the starting box, but one will suffice if a second qualified person is not available. The Box Operator may serve as a foul judge also, if qualified. The lure and string with loop should be placed at least

fifteen (15) feet down track, directly in front of, and at the center of the starting box in the circle specially outlined (usually with white spray paint), in clear view for all the Whippets to see. By watching the movement of the string, and with practice, the boxes should be opened the very instant the loop in the string moves. A delay in opening the box after the lure moves can cause Whippets to charge the door and be off balance when the door opens, causing an unfair advantage.

The Box Operator may serve as a foul judge also, if qualified. The lure should be placed ten to fifteen (10-15) feet down track, directly in front of, and at the center of the starting box. By watching the movement of the lure, and with practice, the boxes should be opened the very instant the lure moves. A delay in opening the box after the lure moves can cause Whippets to charge the door and be off balance when the door opens, causing an unfair advantage.

Whippets should be placed (loaded) in the starting box in numerical order, one (1) through six (6) after all entrants reach the boxes. The Box Operator should check all Whippets and racing equipment as the dogs are placed in the starting box, it is the responsibility of the Box Operator to see that all Whippets are muzzled and jackets are on properly before the box is opened. The operator may assist owners in placing Whippets in boxes when necessary. After all Whippets are in the starting box, the Box Operator will tease the Whippets with the lure, and ascertain at that time all racers are facing the front and have their blankets and muzzles ON! The Box Operator will then place the lure in the center of the area, at the front of the box, in the marked circle. Box Operators will not delay the start of a race due to untrained Whippets that persist in turning around in the boxes. If a muzzle is broken, or pulled off by a dog, or if the jacket comes loose, the Box Operator must hold up the race until all problems are corrected! If a delay of more than a few seconds is necessary, all Whippets will be removed from the box by their handlers.

3.8 Timer

It is not necessary to have a timer, but if one is available, it is most important to have a thoroughly qualified individual with a stopwatch, or better still, an electric timer. Ideally, two stopwatches would be averaged for more accurate results. Time is irrelevant unless distance is exact, track conditions are thoroughly understood and proper vision of the race is available for the trained person operating the stopwatch.

3.9 Extra Officials

When possible, there should be extra people who are experienced and available to assist in the actual operation of the racing program. EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE BY THE GROUP OR CLUB HOLDING A WRA MEET TO USE ONLY QUALIFIED OFFICIALS.

3.10 RACE COMMITTEE

The Race Committee consists of three (3) knowledgeable individuals including the Race Secretary. Duties are as follows:

1. Render a decision on any question regarding interpretation of the WRA Rules and Regulations.

2. Render a decision on any complaint or protest lodged by any owner or handler of a racer.
3. Supply a written decision when requested by the person lodging the protest or complaint.
4. Rule on barring, scratching, dismissing or disqualifying a racer based on the reports of the concerned officials.
5. Rule on as to whether a race shall be re-run.

SECTION 4.0 DISQUALIFICATIONS, DISMISSALS, MISCONDUCT AND SPORTSMANSHIP

Any Whippet who fouls other racers based on unnecessary, intentional bumping, fighting, riding or interfering in a race, will be disqualified from all placements in the race where the foul was committed. The Whippet or Whippets causing the intentional foul will not be allowed to race again during that particular WRA Meet. All racing points accumulated by a Whippet before an intentional foul will be allowed. For more information regarding "fouling situations," please see "*Lets Get Something Straight*," in the appendix.

Only the Foul Judges can disqualify a racer and they should do this fearlessly, but only when sure of the identity of the hound. Prior to discussing the foul with **ANY OTHER PERSON**, each Foul Judge shall write the foul on his/her Foul Judge Report Form. Then each Foul Judge shall go directly to the Race Secretary or Head Foul Judge (if one has been appointed) and show the written report.

If **at least two** Foul Judges have written up the same foul, then the Race Secretary shall issue a written notice of Disqualification to the owner (or handler) of the hound stating the foul committed and race/program when it occurred. The written notice must be given prior to re-drawing of the score board for the next program.

The original foul judge reports and a copy of the notice given to the owner/handler must be forwarded to the Registrar/Recorder and be held for a minimum of 21 days.

If a minority of the foul judges calls a foul, the owner of the Whippet will be told that a minority of the foul judges called a foul on their Whippet that it is not disqualified, and there may be a problem that the owner would wish to address to prevent a future disqualification.

4.1 Disqualifications

Any Whippet, adult or puppy, disqualified twice (2 times) for "Intentional Interference" in any one (1) year (twelve (12) month period beginning with the date of the first foul) will not be allowed to race again until 12 months, from the date of the second foul.

Should a Whippet with two (2) disqualifications in one twelve (12) month period beginning with the date of the first foul again race in the following 12 month period, or periods, and be disqualified for "Intentional Interference," said Whippet will be permanently barred from all future WRA Meets.

Should a Whippet with two (2) disqualifications in one twelve (12) month period beginning with the date of the first foul again race in the following 12 month period or periods and run clean for six (6) race meets or twenty-four (24) complete heats, one of the two fouls will be removed.

Any Whippet racing with one foul or disqualification in any one year (twelve (12) month period beginning with the date of the first foul may continue to race as long as it incurs only one foul per twelve (12) month period beginning with the date of the first foul.

4.2 Owner Conduct and Other Considerations for Possible Dismissals

Owner making frivolous claims of fouls not allowed by officials are subject to having their Whippets dismissed at that particular meeting and a full report covering frivolous claims sent to all Member Club Representatives for distribution to their club members.

Owners who walk toward their Whippets on the track area while a race is in progress and interfere with the other dogs in the race can have their Whippets dismissed, if so ruled by the racing officials in charge.

No owner or handler will be allowed to remain within six (6) feet of the starting box, after the Whippets have been loaded and the starter is preparing to release the Whippets for the start of the race. Such action can cause a dismissal of owner's Whippet in said race. Handlers must stay outside the designated track area. Handlers are not allowed to touch the lure or have any type of lure to tease his/her Whippets once the racer has been placed in the starting box. No owner or handler should be at the front of the starting box after the Whippets are loaded in their respective stalls. Any action by an owner or handler attempting to take unfair advantages of other Whippets in a given race can cause owner/handler to be excused from said meet and all accumulated race points at that meeting will be canceled.

All persons waiting to catch a Whippet at the finish of a race must stand outside the designated track area and beyond the finish line.

Owners or visitors should not be standing at the trackside with their dogs on a lead. Such Whippets on leads can distract the Whippets running in a race. If owners are advised by judges or by the Race Secretary that their dogs are creating possible interference, Whippets owned by these people who do not respond to the request, will have their Whippets dismissed, and all points canceled for that meet.

Any loose dog entering the track area more than once during a race will be excused by the local Race Secretary from further competition during said meet. A fine of \$5.00 will be assessed to any owner having a dog that gets loose from the time the Whippets leave the paddock until the lure stops and the race Whippets stop at or pass the lure after the finish line. This fee must be paid before the Whippet can run in the next program. This is necessary for the safety of Whippets, handlers, owners and visitors.

Race muzzles that are of poor construction may not be used running WRA races. If the Paddock Judge or Race Secretary find muzzles of poor construction, a Whippet will not be allowed to race until a muzzle that is acceptable and in good condition is provided. Races are not to be delayed because of improper muzzles. Very hard plastic muzzles with sharp corners, heavy wire muzzles with metal in the nose strip that could injure another Whippet during or at the finish of a race should not be used. Muzzles that allow a Whippet to grab the lure at the end of a race are forbidden. If a Whippet loses its muzzle in two races, the owner will be warned by the Race Secretary that said Whippet may be excused from the current meet and all racing points voided. If a muzzle comes off in the starting box or during the running of a third race the Race Secretary may excuse the Whippet. Again for safety, every effort must be made to minimize injury during or at the finish of a race due to muzzles of poor quality.

4.3 Rerunning of a Race

Only the Race Committee may decide to rerun a race. The Race Secretary will gather evidence from the Box Operator, Foul Judge or Lure Operator, as appropriate to the reason for a possible rerun, in deciding whether or not, to rerun a race.

- If a Whippet or Whippets catch or pass the lure, or any part of the lure, at any point from the starting box to the finish line, it will be declared "NO RACE," and the race will be rerun after a rest period of twenty (20) minutes.
- If the starting box fails to open properly, giving any starter an unfair advantage or disadvantage, the race will be rerun after a period of at least twenty (20) minutes. The decision must be made by the Box Operator and Race Secretary only.
- If a Whippet or Whippets not running in a race should escape from their owners and interfere with the actual racers, affecting the finish, the race is to be rerun. If the escaped Whippet or Whippets in no way interfered with the racers, then the race should be declared official. (Do not rerun an official race unless there is absolute certainty that the outcome of the race was altered by outside interference.)
- A race may be rerun on extremely rare occasions when there is undue intentional roughness based on extreme interference involving many Whippets in a race.
- A race will not be rerun or a Whippet placed in a substitute race if a Whippet is left out of a program through human error on the part of racing officials. It is the Whippet owner's responsibility to check the official score board to make certain his/her Whippets have been placed for the following program.

4.4 Cautions

- Any Puppy or adult Whippet who "INTENTIONALLY INTERFERES" in a qualifying schooling race may be temporarily excused from a race meet if the Race Secretary at said meeting feels such a Whippet would create interference during the said official race meet.
- Any adult or puppy who fails to finish a race, or finish in a true racing style will receive no racing score. The Race Secretary MAY ALLOW further racing of this Whippet, but should it not finish another race, then it will be excused from the remainder of the WRA meet and no refund will be made.
- It is the responsibility of the Whippet owner to see that his/her racer is listed on the paddock identification board before each race program. (See "Rerunning of a Race.")
- It is the responsibility of the owner to go postward promptly with his/her racer when a scheduled race is called to the post. Any Whippet left out of a race due to neglect or oversight on the part of the owner will not be allowed to race further at that particular race meet.

- It is the responsibility of the owner to arrange to have a “catcher” before the start of each race.
- No Whippet should have its muzzle removed at the finish of a race until it has been taken from the track area.
- No Whippet participating in a race may be carried to the starting box. All whippets must walk to the starting box.

4.5 Protest Procedures

Any person racing a Whippet at a race meet held under the Official Rules and Regulations for The Whippet Racing Association has the right to lodge a claim of protest in writing with the NRD. Such a person must first contact the local Race Secretary with the complaint. If the matter is not settled to satisfaction, said person may then contact the Regional Racing Coordinator having jurisdiction at the race meet for his ruling. The protest to the RRD must be filed within 10 week days of the race meet. If the dispute cannot be handled regionally, then a complaint should be forwarded to the NRD. A check for \$20.00, made payable to “The Whippet Racing Association,” must accompany the complaint. The \$20.00 will be returned to the person making the claim if it is considered justifiable by the NRD and the Protest Committee after a thorough and impartial investigation has been made of the complaint. The same policy covers misconduct charges. Protest of the conduct of a WRA meet must be settled before any WRA Title points can be awarded. The Protest Committee may sanction the Member club through any means it chooses, up to but not including suspension, such as fines or requiring the running of Practice meets. The Protest Committee is not required to disallow a race meet if, in its opinion the Rules violation did not compromise the integrity of the placements in the race meet. If suspension is appropriate then the Committee will advise the NRD to invoke the procedures for Suspension and Expulsion as stated in the Bylaws.

If the protest involves any official (for example, Race Secretary at the meet in question, RRD of the Region where the meet took place) the protest procedure will bypass that person and immediately move to the next level.

If the protest involves the NRD, or a dog or dogs owned or handled by the NRD, the protest will be handled by the Secretary/Treasurer if the protest goes beyond the Local Race Secretary and RRD.

4.6 Sportsmanship

All attendees at WRA events agree to abide by the WRA Rules, and conduct themselves according to principles of good sportsmanship: fair play, honesty, courtesy, vigorous competition, and winning and losing with grace. All participants and attendees must deal fairly with all others and not embarrass the sport, the WRA, the host clubs, nor themselves while taking part in the sport.

Physically or verbally abusive behavior towards race meet officials, workers, or other participants or attendees will not be tolerated, and the Race Committee may evict any persons exhibiting such behavior from the race meet site. For purposes of this rule, WRA events shall be construed as starting 30 minutes prior to check-in until after the final program has been completed. Unsportsmanlike conduct may include, but is not limited to:

1. Physically or verbally abusive behavior towards race officials, workers, other participants, or attendees.
2. Masking an injury or illness of a hound (e.g., lameness) that could be detrimental to the hound or to other racers.
3. The use of any drug, stimulant, steroid, or narcotic on a hound participating in the WRA Event in an effort to mask or conceal an injury or lameness, or affect performance, excluding any vet prescribed medications.
4. No alcohol or other mind-altering substances, legal or illegal, shall be consumed by any race official, worker, participant or attendee that may adversely impair judgement during the Race Meet hours.

Penalties for unsportsmanlike conduct may include:

1. Verbal warning from host club, Race Committee, or WRA official in attendance at the event. The NRD and WRA Secretary shall be notified in writing when a verbal warning has been issued.
2. Excusal from WRA event by the host club, Race Committee, or WRA official in attendance. The NRD and WRA Secretary shall be notified in writing when an individual is dismissed from a WRA event.
3. As determined by the WRA BOD, a written notice of violation and warning will be sent which shall include a copy of this rule.
4. As determined by the WRA BOD, the individual may be suspended from attending or participating in any WRA event for up to 12 months from the start of the suspension.

SECTION 5.0 OPERATION OF THE NATIONAL GRADING SYSTEM

5.1 Objectives

To match properly trained racing Whippets against each other by a point system based on actual racing performance. Weight, height, or sex have no bearing on the grading of Whippets in WRA.

5.2 How Whippets Are Graded

All adult Whippets must have a point average and starting grade in the first program of any official WRA Race Meet. Whippets that have run before will come into subsequent races with a point average that will dictate the letter grade.

Whippets that are entered for the first time in the Adult Division must be at least 8 months of age and thus are designated as 'FTE' (First Time Entered), and are classed as grade D Whippets in that first race meet, with the following exceptions:

- 1) Any Whippet having a racing grade from the North American Whippet Racing Association (NAWRA), or the National Oval Track Racing Association (NOTRA), or the Canadian Amateur Racing Association (CARA) will retain that grade when FTE in a WRA race meet. Any Whippet having a racing grade from the Continental Whippet Alliance (CWA) should be placed one grade below their CWA grade. After dogs are placed within the grade in the first Heat by the grade from the other organization, then they are placed within that grade by the underlying WAVE or Average from the other organization as if the number is the average from the WRA. If that number is not available the dog will be placed at the bottom of the dogs in its grade.
- 2) Any Whippet that the Race Secretary has personal knowledge of, either from having seen it race as a puppy, or in training races, may be started, with the approval of the owner, at any grade other than grade A. Decision must be based upon personal knowledge; information acquired from others may not be used.

From that point on, the Whippet will earn his/her average, and therefore, grade qualification.

To obtain an adult Whippet's point average, the race points from the last three (3) meets are considered. The average is the average of scores from completed meet, in the last three meets. If a Whippet has no completed meets in the last three entered, then its average will be the average of the incomplete meets (where the dog scratched, disqualified or was OFF course).

The letter grading of race entrants is a more simplified grouping which will be used in first adult race program setup, and may be used for trophy presentations or for other general recognition of current achievement level. The letter grade is based upon the numerical point average as follows:

29.0 – 15.0 = Grade A	9.9 – 4.0 = Grade C
14.9 – 10.0 = Grade B	3.9 – 0.0 = Grade D (and FTE)

By being precise, the job of Race Secretary is more objective; the Whippets earn their average, and again, it is the responsibility of the owners to keep accurate records from the races they have attended, so that proper entries are made for the next performance.

Whippets which have no change in their racing average may have their grade reduced by one grade if it meets the following criteria:

- 1) One year has passed since a race meet was completed.
- 2) A Whippet's grade may be reduced by one grade for each year in which it has not finished a complete race meet.
- 3) If a Whippet has not competed in WRA race meets for more than two years then the racing grade from another organization will be used for grading the Whippet.
- 4) The Race Secretary may use his/her judgment in grading Whippets that are veteran racers that have not been in the WRA system for more than two (2) years even if graded in another race system. This down grading must reflect the Whippet's current level of ability.

5.3 Selection of Post Positions

The first complete program is arranged to run Whippets of comparable speed together, based upon their past performances. In the second, third, and fourth programs, racers are placed in races according to points scored in the previous program or programs.

There are two options for the first program set up. The Host Club will decide which option they will use and this choice will be noted on the race schedule and in the Host Club's announcement. The option choice will also be stated on the WRA website. A Host Club may change which option is used providing that change is announced 14 days in advance of the meet in the methods prescribed above.

5.3.1 First Program

OPTION #1

The first step in selecting post positions in the first complete race program is to determine the total number of entrants in that program, adult, or puppy). Then group the Whippets in the first adult program according to grade. If there is more than one race in any grade, then the Whippets of that grade will be seeded by alternating, according to point averages, between the races in that grade. If there is more than one race in any grade, then the Whippets of that grade will be divided as evenly as possible between the races, with the higher race containing the highest number of dogs. The whippets will be seeded by alternating, according to point averages, between the races in each grade starting with the highest average in the 'last' race within that grade. (Example: If there are 2 races in the 'A' grade, the dog with a 29 point average will go in the last/final race within that grade, not the first race). For puppies,

use random draw. Whenever possible, when two (2) or more Whippets have the same numerical point average, they are arranged in ascending order within the group by the score of each Whippet on its last complete race meet. When this information is not readily available, the Race Secretary may use personal knowledge or a random draw to determine placement.

OPTION #2

In the first program, Whippets shall be seeded in the order of national ranking. All boxes must be filled in accordance with the Set-up Chart. First Time Entered Whippets will be dispersed through the Grade D entrants as the Race Secretary deems appropriate. Post positions in all programs shall be determined by random draw. If there are 5 dogs in a race, box #3 shall remain empty. If there are 4 dogs in a race, boxes #2 and #5 shall remain empty. If there are 3 dogs in a race, boxes #2, #4 and #6 shall remain empty. If Whippets owned by the same owner, or which are kenneled together, are scheduled to be in the same race because of their averages, they shall not be placed in adjacent starting boxes unless there is no alternative. First Time Entered (FTE) Whippets of same ownership should be separated, if possible. There will be two high point races in the first program if there are 48 or more starters. If two high point races are required, dogs must be seeded alternately, by ranking, between the two high point races.

The actual selection of post positions in the first complete race program is then accomplished by randomly drawing the names of the individual Whippet racers for each race. The first name drawn for each race will get box #1, the second name will get box #2 and so on down through all races in the first complete program. If an owner has two or three entries that carry close averages, they will probably be running in the same race, but that's just the way it is. In the D races, First Time Entered (FTE) Whippets of same ownership should be separated, if possible.

5.3.2 Rotation by Points

After the first complete program Whippets are regrouped by race points earned in the preceding programs. This procedure of grouping by similar points continues until the end of the meet. Each Whippet's points are taken from the board or race sheets in sequence from the highest points earned, down to the lowest. Whippets having the same number of points are removed in sequence from the highest race [for purposes of this paragraph, the "highest" race is the last one run in each grade and the lowest is the first race run in each grade.] to the lowest and within any given race by the order of finish. For the final program rotation (i.e. 4th Program), If a dog finishes in last place in the 3rd Program high point race and has the same number of points as the dog that wins the 3rd Program semi- feature race, then the winner of the semi-feature will move up to the high point race and the last place finisher will move down to the semi-feature. The racers are then grouped into their race according to the set up chart. Whippets are then randomly drawn within each race as stated in section 5.3 above, meaning the first name drawn for each race will get box #1, the second name will get box #2 and so on down through all races in the complete program.

The high point adult race should always have six (6) starters, except for the first heat where all dogs are grouped by grade only. When necessary, the semi-feature on down may have less than six (6) starters. These gaps should begin in the second race, and go consecutively upward, and should not be intermittent throughout the race program. (Please refer to Figure 2 "Quick Setup Chart").

5.4 Adult Point Scoring

First Complete Race Program

Grade A Races:

1 st Place – 8 points	4 th Place – 4 points
2 nd Place – 6 points	5 th Place – 3 points
3 rd Place – 5 points	6 th Place – 2 points

All Other Grade Races, Grades B, C, & D

1 st Place – 5 points	4 th Place – 0 points
2 nd Place – 3 points	5 th Place – 0 points
3 rd Place – 2 points	6 th Place – 0 points

Second Complete Race Program

High Point Race Points:

1 st Place – 5 points	4 th Place – 2 points
2 nd Place – 3 points	5 th Place – 1.5 points
3 rd Place – 2.5 points	6 th Place – 1 points

All Other Grade Races, Grades B, C, & D

1 st Place – 5 points	4 th Place – 0 points
2 nd Place – 3 points	5 th Place – 0 points
3 rd Place – 2 points	6 th Place – 0 points

Third and Fourth Complete Race program

High Point Race Points:

1 st Place – 8 points	4 th Place – 4 points
2 nd Place – 6 points	5 th Place – 3 points
3 rd Place – 5 points	6 th Place – 2 points

All Other Grade Races, Grades B, C, & D

1 st Place – 5 points	4 th Place – 0 points
2 nd Place – 3 points	5 th Place – 0 points
3 rd Place – 2 points	6 th Place – 0 points

5.5 *Puppy Races*

5.5.1 Age

Young Whippets who have reached the age of eight (8) months, but have not reached the age of fourteen (14) months the first day of a WRA meet are eligible to run in a special series of puppy races. Should a Whippet under fourteen (14) months of age compete in an adult race, it is no longer eligible to run in any puppy race at any meet thereafter. (Abuse of this ruling on age will disqualify, and all trophies, money, ribbons, etc., must be returned by the owner.) A young puppy under fourteen (14) months of age cannot be entered on the same program as both a puppy and adult racer.

5.5.2 Grouping Puppies by Races

There are no grades used in puppy races. The name of each puppy is written on a slip of paper. The Racing Secretary when possible, draws not more than four names to make up each race for the first program. Puppies should not be grouped by age, and when possible, an owner should not have more than one puppy in each race of the first program. After the first program, puppies are then rotated by points like the adult racing Whippets. No high point puppy racer should be in the #1 box more than twice. There should be only four puppy starters per race, per Figure 3 "Puppy Quick Setup Chart".

Owners should not enter Whippet puppies that are not fully trained for racing. Should a puppy not finish a race, and not intentionally interfere, the Race Secretary may allow further racing of the non finishing puppy at that race meet.

5.5.3 Scoring of Puppy Races

The scoring by points differs between adult and puppy racers. The scoring listed below rotates the puppies on true speed and ability, not age. Often a well-trained, fast younger Whippet can easily outrun older Whippets who might be poorly trained or lack speed.

First Puppy Race Program, All Races:

- 1st Place – 5 points
- 2nd Place – 3 points
- 3rd Place – 2 points

All Other Puppy Race programs

High Point Race:

- 1st Place – 8 points
- 2nd Place – 5 points
- 3rd Place – 3 points

All Other Races:

- 1st Place – 5 points
- 2nd Place – 3 points
- 3rd Place – 2 points

All Puppy races are to be run over a distance of 150 yards, and have three programs per race meet.

5.6 Trophies and Awards

Each approved group or club offering a Whippet Racing Association Race Meet selects its own trophies, ribbons, etc., and sets a precedent that these awards should be used to the very best advantage. While the emphasis is on rewarding the race Whippets who accumulate the most points, such as the “Top Ten,” awards for Whippets in certain special categories may also be considered by each host club, such as High Point AKC Champion, High Point Obedience, High Point Puppy, High Point B, C, D and First Time Entered. The purpose of the WRA is to honor the fastest and most consistent Whippet, but these special categories offer an opportunity to support and encourage other Whippet owners. If awards are so noted, (advertised), in the host club race program, those awards must be given, if applicable.

In some cases there will be a tie in total race points earned by several dogs, and only one trophy is available for the award. It is up to the host club to decide the policy for this situation, but usually the award goes to the Whippet that comes off the board first. Tie scores can be run-off, or a flip of the coin could decide. However, in no way does a tie score change the total points earned in the race

SECTION 6.0 RACE TRACK AND EQUIPMENT

6.1 Race Track

All WRA meets should be run over a straight, flat, level surface.

(a) All puppy races will be 150 yards.

(b) Adult Whippets may race 4 programs at 150 yards, 175 yards, or 200 yards. All rules and points applicable to races at 200 yards will be applicable to races at any distance run. The National Race Meet must be run at 200 yards, not at any other distance.

An extra 30 to 50 yards should be allowed from the finish line to where the lure stops, the over-run. The width of the track should be not less than 20 feet in width, preferably 20 feet wide at the box area, increasing to 30 feet at the finish line and after.

The track can be of any texture, such as turf, dirt, synthetic footing, etc., providing it does not injure the pads and feet, or hinder the natural stride of a Whippet during the running of a race. A wide, smooth track allows freedom of stride, resulting in less bumping and body contact by the racers taking part.

The track, when at all possible, should have both inside and outside rails to keep spectators and Whippet owners off the track at all times during the running of a race.

In case of rain or other unavoidable reasons, at a scheduled race meet, the location must be quickly changed, the following policy is in effect:

That two-thirds (2/3) of the original Whippets entered (allowing for a minimum of 15 adult starters) are still available, and their owners are willing to race under the existing condition, then it can be considered an official race meet. If less than 15 adult Whippets originally entered are available for racing, the event will be considered unofficial, even though those Whippets present might actually run in a series of races.

It should be the responsibility of the group or club offering a race meet to check the racing surface thoroughly several days before a scheduled meeting, as well as the day of the race meet. Every effort must be made to offer only the best possible racing surface.

6.2 Paddock Area

An area should be set aside by bunting or rope adjacent to the track so racing Whippets can be called to this area by the announcer. The paddock area will do much to speed the race meet: Blanket check, muzzle check, and organize the racers in a group to "parade" to the starting boxes. The Whippets should be loaded into the starting box in numerical order, 1 to 6.

6.3 Paddock Identification Board or Official Score Board

A board showing race number, each Whippet racer's official name, post position and racing points will be located in the paddock area. The board should be large enough so Whippet owners can easily identify their Whippets and post positions in each race for each program. It is the responsibility of the local Race Secretary to provide legible tags for the meet that include the call name, registered name and titles and owner(s) of the whippet entered.

6.4 Loudspeaker

Some type of loudspeaker equipment should be available to properly inform Whippet owners and spectators of all activities in connection with a WRA meet.

6.5 Racing Blankets

Only the following colors are used:

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| #1 Red Blanket, White Number | #4 Green Blanket, White Number |
| #2 Blue Blanket, White Number | #5 Black Blanket, White Number |
| #3 White Blanket, Black Number | #6 Yellow Blanket, Black Number |

Blankets must have bright, pure colors. The use of neon, pastel or faded colors is not allowed. The Race Secretary may excuse any Whippet with improper color or number. Numbers should be large, 4 1/2 inches to 5 inches tall, and be placed in proper order - not backward!

Race blankets should be designed to give the racing Whippet complete freedom of stride. Do not make these blankets too tight or so big or loose as to create extra wind resistance. Methods for fastening the blanket around the Whippet can be of Velcro, cotton ties, etc., and should be strong enough to prevent the blanket from coming loose from the Whippet during the running of a race. That could cause a serious injury to the racer. The race blanket should fit along the Whippet's topline from shoulder blade to slightly beyond the last rib.

6.6 Racing Muzzles

All Whippets must wear racing muzzles of good quality and in good condition during the regular race event and schooling races. Muzzles should be of the box type and should give a Whippet full freedom to open its mouth before, during and after a race. Any owner new to racing should first inquire of the experienced race Whippet owners before having a special muzzle made. There are several types available constructed of leather, plastic and Teflon. Muzzles made of heavy wire that could bruise or cut other Whippets at the finish of a race are forbidden. Also, muzzles that allow a Whippet to grab the lure at the end of a race are forbidden. Light wire muzzles covered with a heavy rubber or plastic coating of the English type are permissible, but not recommended. Uncoated wire muzzles are not allowed. Anyone using an uncoated wire muzzle will have his or her Whippets excused from the race

meet. Race muzzles will be inspected by the Inspection Committee before racing begins, at "Check-in and Measuring."

Whippets will wear muzzles while parading to the starting box. The Race Secretary may alter this ruling in cases of extreme heat or under any emergency situation where it might be considered abusive to the racing Whippet. "NO BARK" type muzzles are forbidden.

6.7 Lure Equipment

The lure machine and the actual lure used to attract the racing Whippet are the most important factors in offering top quality Whippet racing.

6.7.1 Lure Machine

The lure machine may be the hand-wind type or battery driven. The important thing is to have a machine that can pull the lure at a consistent, steady pace approximately 25 feet ahead of the Whippets. An operator and lure machine that jerks the lure away from the Whippets and then slows it down or keeps the lure so far ahead that the Whippets become unsighted makes a mockery of true Whippet racing. Even the very best racers will turn in a poor performance when there is poor pacing of the lure. Two or more lure machines should be available at any WRA meet in case of mechanical breakdown.

6.7.2 The Lure

The lure will be of the squawker style, "Jack-A-Lure," type. It's made of real or synthetic fur and contains a squawker. This squawker type lure has been proven to create extra keenness and diminish dishonest tendencies. The lure should be large enough and should bounce in a straight line during the race so it can be sighted at all times by the Whippets. Rags, towels or cloth can be used as part of the lure, but it must include some fur. The small amount of fur that is attached helps to bring the Whippets to the lure at the finish of a race.

See the WRA web site, under Information and Racing Supplies, for information on the availability of lures, squawkers and replacement reeds.

At times many tracks are dusty or muddy, making it virtually impossible for the Whippets to see the lure. Here it might be well to add a piece of white plastic, white rags, or something else light in color and weight, so that the lure will be more visible to the lure operator as well as the running Whippets. Therefore, the lure should not be allowed to take on the same coloring as the track; such blending of colors make it impossible for the Whippets to see the lure.

Too much emphasis cannot be placed on having a lure that can be seen by the Whippets from the time they are placed in the starting box until they hit and attempt to kill the lure at the finish of a race. Do not be afraid to replace a lure several times during a race meet if the lure becomes so dirty it cannot be seen by the racers. It is advisable to have several spare lures for each race meet. It would

be well for all people participating in a WRA meet to be constantly reminded that unsighted Whippets at any point from the starting box to the finish line, have little chance of winning, and most often this is the reason for strictly honest racers causing unnecessary bumping crowding, fighting, etc. Also, it should be remembered that the lure must always be brought to a halt well beyond the finish line. This encourages the Whippets to finish strongly, and it also makes it much easier to pick the Whippets up at the end of a race because they are trying to pin down or "kill" the lure after it has stopped.

An important reminder, the lure, at the start of each race, should be centered at least fifteen (15) feet in front of the starting box in the circle specially outlined (usually with white spray paint), in clear view for all the Whippets to see.

6.8 Starting Box

The great majority of races are won by Whippets who leave the starting box promptly, and then give their best efforts during the running of the race. More races are won or lost leaving the starting box than at any other point during the race. It is absolutely necessary to have all starting boxes of virtually the same type (standardization). Various sizes, types of door, strange noisy devices only hinder and confuse racers who are not familiar with all the different box configurations. For WRA meets it would be well to consider a starting box of lightweight materials. The box can have a base of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch plywood, a top of $\frac{1}{2}$ inch plywood. The door should be of metal tubing with the lower 10 inches made of $\frac{1}{2}$ inch rods set vertically on one inch centers. The upper $\frac{2}{3}$ should be of fiberglass, painted so the Whippet cannot see through, forcing the racer to take a good position for starting. The floor of the starting box should be covered with matting of some type to avoid slipping. Rear doors should not fit flush with the bottom; allow one (1) to two (2) inches of space so the Whippets' tails will not be smashed when the rear door is slipped down. The rear doors must also be painted the same colors as the racing blankets - Red, Blue, White, Green, Black, and Yellow - #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6.

Boxes should be of such construction to make dismantling a simple process in the event the box must be transported.

Before building a box, it would be advisable to write the NRD for plans on starting boxes; several plans are on file that have proven to be satisfactory for our WRA program. In the interest of standardization of box plans, local groups or clubs wishing to use boxes which differ greatly from those recommended under Official Rules and Regulations, should request special permission from the NRD regarding box building plans. Written approval by the NRD for box plans prior to construction for WRA is mandatory. Please see the Starting Box Plan in the Appendix.

WRA Starting Box reimbursement program - Any new (has not held a WRA, or other racing venue such as CWA or NAWRA meet) club which acquires starting boxes prior to or within thirty-six months of their first race meet, the meet which made them a WRA member club, and continues to hold WRA meets would be reimbursed \$100 for each of their first three WRA meets.

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.

FIGURE 1 SAMPLE RACE REPORT 2010 WRA RULEBOOK

GREATER CHICAGO WHIPPET CLUB, INC. WHIPPET RACING ASSOCIATION RACE MEET AUGUST 31, 1996 EYLELAND KENNELS, ANTIOCH, ILLINOIS

PLACE	POINTS	CALL NAME	REGISTERED NAME	OWNER
1 Puppy				
1	21	Jules	Queenie's Royal Crown	Boutelle
21 adults				
1	28	Rio	Lyth Vitorio Arm	Polosini
2	22	Tosca	Winsom Tosca's Kiss	Burlingame
3	18	Kiki	Casino's Keyhole ARM, ORC	Weilbacher
4	15	Fizz	Queenie's Wild Cherry Cola	Boutelle
5	14	Imp	The Marbled Imp Of Intent SORC, Fch	Glenn
6	13	Gryphon	Lyth Gryphon	Belknap
7	12.5	Ozzie	Queenie's All Star Shortstop ARM ORC	Boutelle
8	12.5pds	Tawny	Ringdove Rhapsody Of Reata SORC, RCh, FCH	Lewis
9	12	Ferrari	Lookout Ferrari Testarosa	Stewart
10	12	Pepper	Queenie's She's A Pepper Too	Wasso
11	10	King	Casino's Viking, ORC	Weilbacher
12	10	Elliot	Finghin Fyndragon O Belarist	Veitch
13	9.5	Casper	Regalstock Casper Of Bayview ORC	Lewis
14	8	Echo	Casino's Echo	Weilbacher
15	7.5	Spot	Casino's Sputnik, ORC	Weilbacher
16	6	Diablo	Lookout Lamborghini Diablo	Stewart
17	5	Flame	Queenie's Hearts A Fire	Boutelle
18	5	Ziggy	Fortune Frequent Flyer	Janoski
19	5	Georgia	Hych's Hollow Georgia Belle	Waters/McNulty
20	3	Tatum	Queenie's League Of Her Own Vet	Boutelle
21	2 scr4	Woody	Itsme Woody S.C. Vet	Gammie
22	2 scr2	Murphy	Queenie's Blood Sweat And Tears	Boutelle
23	2 scr2	Grace	Lyth Amazing Grace ARM	Polisini
24	0	Pippen	Plumcreek Believe It Vet	Janoski
25	0	Mandy	Cyranno's Cameo Mandolin Vet	Waters/Kelly
26	0 scr2	Willie	Rah's Fran Ray's Willie Wonkel	Stewart
27	0 scr2	Lola	Lookout for Lola of Danjere	Stewart
28	0 scr2	Smokey	Sundance Q Quicksilver Vet	Polisini
29	0 scr2	Max	Casino's Solar Max Vet	Weilbacher
30	0 scr2	Katie	Rialcel's Allegro Prelude ORC, CD, Fch	Glenn

WRCh Points
Winsom Tosca's Kiss RCh : 4
Queenie's Wild Cherry Cola : 2

National Points
Lyth Vitorio ARM, ORC : 4
Winsom Tosca's Kiss RCh : 2

HEAT 1

Race 1: Jules
Race 2: Pepper, Georgia, Woody, Max, Mandy, Katie
Race 3: Casper, Tatum, Grace, Lola, Smokey, Ziggy
Race 4: Diablo, Flame, Murphy, Willie, Pippin
Race 5: Ferrari, Fizz, Gryphon, King, Echo
Race 6: Ozzie, Spot, Imp, Elliott
Race 7: Rio, Tosca, Tawny, Kiki

HEAT 2

Race 1: Jules
Race 2: King, Echo, Elliott, Ziggy, Pippin, Mandy Race

HEAT 3

Race 1: Jules
Race 2: Echo, Elliott, Ziggy, Pippin, Woody, Mandy Race
Race 3: Gryphon, King, Pepper, Flame, Georgia
Race 4: Fizz, Ozzie, Casper, Diablo, Spot
Race 5: Rio, Tosca, Tawny, Kiki, Ferrari, Imp

HEAT 4

Race 1: Elliott, Ziggy, Georgia, Pippin, Mandy
Race 2: Pepper, Casper(Tie), Spot(Tie), Diablo, Flame
Race 3: Imp, Ozzie, King, Echo
Race 4: Rio, Tosca, Kiki, Fizz, Gryphon, Ferrari

Race 3: Imp, Gryphon, Flame, Georgia, Woody Race
Race 4: Kiki, Fizz, Spot, Casper, Pepper
Race 5: Rio(Tie), Tosca(tie), Tawny, Ferrari, Ozzie, Diablo

APPENDIX B - 2021 WRA RULE BOOK

ADULT QUICK SETUP CHART

# of Dogs	6 Dog Races	5 Dog Races	4 Dog Races	3 Dog Races	2 dog Races	1 Dog Races	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1*			* indicates high point race						
2	0	0	0	0	1	0	2*			1-dog races use blanket # 1						
3	0	0	0	1	0	0	3*			2-dog races use blanket #'s 1 & 3						
4	0	0	1	0	0	0	4*			3-dog races use blanket #'s 1, 3 & 5						
5	0	1	0	0	0	0	5*			4-dog races use blanket #'s 1, 3, 4 & 6						
6	1	0	0	0	0	0	6*			5-dog races use blanket #'s 1, 2, 4, 5 & 6						
7	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	6*								
8	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	6*								
9	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	6*								
10	1	0	1	0	0	0	4	6*								
11	1	1	0	0		5	6*									
12	2	0	0	0		6	6*									
13	1	0	1	1		4	3	6*								
14	1	0	2			4	4	6*								
15	1	1	1			5	4	6*								
16	1	2	0			5	5	6*								
17	2	1	0		6	5	6*									
18	3	0	0		6	6	6*									
19	1	1	2			5	4	4	6*							
20	1	2	1	5		4	5	6*								
21	1	3	0	5		5	5	6*								
22	2	2	0	6		5	5	6*								
23	3	1	0	6		5	6	6*								
24	4	0	0	6		6	6	6*								
25	1	3	1		5	4	5	5	6*							
26	1	4			5	5	5	5	6*							
27	2	3			6	5	5	5	6*							
28	3	2			6	5	5	6	6*							
29	4	1			6	5	6	6	6*							
30	5	6			6	6	6	6	6*							
31	1	5			5	5	5	5	5	6*						
32	2	4	6		5	5	5	5	6*							
33	3	3	6		5	5	5	6	6*							
34	4	2	6		5	5	6	6	6*							
35	5	1	6		5	6	6	6	6*							
36	6	0	6		6	6	6	6	6*							
37	2	5		6	5	5	5	5	5	6*						
38	3	4		6	5	5	5	5	6	6*						
39	4	3		6	5	5	5	6	6	6*						
40	5	2		6	5	5	6	6	6	6*						
41	6	1		6	5	6	6	6	6	6*						
42	7	0		6	6	6	6	6	6	6*						
43	3	5		6	5	5	5	5	5	6	6*					
44	4	4		6	5	5	5	5	6	6	6*					
45	5	3		6	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	6*				

46	6	2
47	7	1
48	8	0
49	4	5
50	5	4
51	6	3
52	7	2
53	8	1
54	9	0
55	5	5
56	6	4
57	7	3
58	8	2
59	9	1
60	10	0
61	6	5
62	7	4
63	8	3
64	9	2
65	10	1
66	11	0
67	7	5
68	8	4
69	9	3
70	10	2
71	11	1
72	12	0
73	8	5
74	9	4
75	10	3
76	11	2
77	12	1
78	13	0
79	9	5
80	10	4
81	11	3
82	12	2
83	13	1
84	14	0
85	10	5
86	11	4
87	12	3
88	13	2
89	14	1
90	15	0
91	11	5
92	12	4
93	13	3
94	14	2

6	5	5	6	6	6	6	6*		
6	5	6	6	6	6	6	6*		
6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6*		
6	5	5	5	5	5	6	6	6*	
6	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	6*	
6	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	6*	
6	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6*	
6	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6*	
6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6*	
6	5	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	6*
6	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	6*
6	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6*
6	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6*
6	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6*
6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6*

For programs with more than 50 dogs, the 5 dog races will always begin with race 2

# of Dogs	6 Dog Races	5 Dog Races
95	15	1
96	16	0
97	12	5
98	13	4
99	14	3
100	15	2
101	16	1
102	17	0
103	13	5
104	14	4
105	15	3
106	16	2
107	17	1
108	18	0
109	14	5
110	15	4
111	16	3
112	17	2
113	18	1
114	19	0
115	15	5
116	16	4
117	17	3
118	18	2
119	19	1
120	20	0
121	16	5
122	17	4

# of Dogs	6 Dog Races	5 Dog Races
123	18	3
124	19	2
125	20	1
126	21	0
127	17	5
128	18	4
129	19	3
130	20	2
131	21	1
132	22	0
133	18	5
134	19	4
135	20	3
136	21	2
137	22	1
138	23	0
139	19	5
140	20	4
141	21	3
142	22	2
143	23	1
144	24	0
145	20	5
146	21	4
147	22	3
148	23	2
149	24	1
150	25	0

**APPENDIX C – 2020 WRA RULEBOOK
PUPPY QUICK SET-UP CHART**

# of Dogs	4-dog races	3-dog races	2-dog races
4	1	0	0
5	0	1	1
6	0	2	0
7	1	1	0
8	2	0	0
9	4	1	1
10	4	2	
11	2	1	
12	3	0	
13	1	3	
14	2	2	
15	3	1	
16	4	0	
17	2	3	
18	3	2	
19	4	1	
20	5	0	
21	3	3	
22	4	2	
23	5	1	
24	6	0	
25	4	3	

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4						
2	3					
3	3					
3	4					
4	4					
2	3	4				
3	3	4				
4	3	4				
4	4	4				
3	3	3	4			
4	3	3	4			
4	3	4	4			
4	4	4	4			
4	3	3	3	4		
4	3	3	4	4		
4	3	4	4	4		
4	4	4	4	4		
4	3	3	3	4	4	
4	3	3	4	4	4	
4	3	4	4	4	4	
4	4	4	4	4	4	
4	3	3	3	4	4	4

For 4 to 25 Pups ---> High Point-->

JACKET COLORS

- 1 RED
- 2 BLUE
- 3 WHITE
- 4 GREEN
- 5 BLACK
- 6 YELLOW

PROGRAM _____ **RACE** _____**PLACING** **JACKET NUMBER OR COLOR****1ST** _____**2ND** _____**3RD** _____**4TH** _____**5TH** _____**6TH** _____**JUDGE** _____**JACKET COLORS**

- 1 RED
- 2 BLUE
- 3 WHITE
- 4 GREEN
- 5 BLACK
- 6 YELLOW

PROGRAM _____ **RACE** _____**PLACING** **JACKET NUMBER OR COLOR****1ST** _____**2ND** _____**3RD** _____**4TH** _____**5TH** _____**6TH** _____**JUDGE** _____**JACKET COLORS**

- 1 RED
- 2 BLUE
- 3 WHITE
- 4 GREEN
- 5 BLACK
- 6 YELLOW

PROGRAM _____ **RACE** _____**PLACING** **JACKET NUMBER OR COLOR****1ST** _____**2ND** _____**3RD** _____**4TH** _____**5TH** _____**6TH** _____**JUDGE** _____**JACKET COLORS**

- 1 RED
- 2 BLUE
- 3 WHITE
- 4 GREEN
- 5 BLACK
- 6 YELLOW

PROGRAM _____ **RACE** _____**PLACING** **JACKET NUMBER OR COLOR****1ST** _____**2ND** _____**3RD** _____**4TH** _____**5TH** _____**6TH** _____**JUDGE** _____

Whippet Racing Association

FOUL JUDGE SHEET

(Mark "OK" and initial if race is clean. Fill out interference tab if interference is detected. Report to Race Secretary and Scorekeeper immediately if there is interference of any nature).

Race	Program I	Race	Program II
1		1	
2		2	
3		3	
4		4	
5		5	
6		6	
7		7	
8		8	
9		9	
10		10	
11		11	
12		12	
13		13	
14		14	
15		15	
Race	Program III	Race	Program IV
1		1	
2		2	
3		3	
4		4	
5		5	
6		6	
7		7	
8		8	
9		9	
10		10	
11		11	
12		12	
13		13	
14		14	
15		15	
INTERFERENCE Program _____ Race _____		INTERFERENCE Program _____ Race _____	
INTERFERENCE Program _____ Race _____		INTERFERENCE Program _____ Race _____	
INTERFERENCE Program _____ Race _____		INTERFERENCE Program _____ Race _____	

WRA OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM



Club: _____

Date: _____

QUICK ENTRY (for dogs that have previously raced in WRA events)

Call Name: _____ Call Name: _____
Call Name: _____ Call Name: _____
Call Name: _____ Call Name: _____

FTE (First time entered dogs):

Call Name: _____ Sex: _____

Registered Name (include titles) _____

Sire: _____

Dam: _____

Registration papers attached: Yes No

FTE (First time entered dogs):

Call Name: _____ Sex: _____

Registered Name (include titles) _____

Sire: _____

Dam: _____

Registration papers attached: Yes No

FTE (First time entered dogs):

Call Name: _____ Sex: _____

Registered Name (include titles) _____

Sire: _____

Dam: _____

Registration papers attached: Yes No

I and my heirs, legal representatives and assigns shall hold harmless and defend from any claim for personal injury, illness or property damage arising out of participation in this race meet, (club) _____, it's officers, directors, committees, agents and members, and the Whippet Racing Association, its officers, directors, committees, agents, and members. I agree to abide by the Official Rules and Regulation of WRA and it's code of conduct during this race meeting.

Signature of Owner: _____

Owners Name (print) _____

Address: _____

Phone or E-mail: _____

Meet Score Sheet

Program_____		Race_____		Time_____	
#	Name	Place	Pts.	Prev Pts	Total
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					

Program_____		Race_____		Time_____	
#	Name	Place	Pts.	Prev Pts	Total
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					

Program_____		Race_____		Time_____	
#	Name	Place	Pts.	Prev Pts	Total
1					
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3					
4					
5					
6					

Program_____		Race_____		Time_____	
#	Name	Place	Pts.	Prev Pts	Total
1					
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4					
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Program_____		Race_____		Time_____	
#	Name	Place	Pts.	Prev Pts	Total
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Program_____		Race_____		Time_____	
#	Name	Place	Pts.	Prev Pts	Total
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5					
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Program_____		Race_____		Time_____	
#	Name	Place	Pts.	Prev Pts	Total
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Program_____		Race_____		Time_____	
#	Name	Place	Pts.	Prev Pts	Total
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4					
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6					

Program_____		Race_____		Time_____	
#	Name	Place	Pts.	Prev Pts	Total
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3					
4					
5					
6					

Program_____		Race_____		Time_____	
#	Name	Place	Pts.	Prev Pts	Total
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					

Bylaws of the Whippet Racing Association An Unincorporated Association

Article I Offices

Section 1.01 Principal Offices

The principal office of the Association for the transaction of its business is located at the address of the Secretary - Treasurer. The National Race Director is authorized to change the principal office at his or her discretion, and shall notify all Member Clubs of any such change in writing.

Article II Members

Section 2.01 Club Membership

- (a) There shall be two classes of Club Membership: Active and Inactive.
- (1) Active Clubs: Those Member Clubs, which have held at least one race meet within the twenty-four (24) months prior to November 1st (the date that ballots are mailed to the clubs for voting). [see Bylaws section 6.03(b)]
- (2) Inactive Clubs: Those Member Clubs, which have NOT held at least one race meet within the twenty-four (24) months prior to November 1st (the date that ballots are mailed to the clubs for voting). [see ByLaws section 6.03(b)]
- (b) Clubs which do not conduct WRA race meets for two consecutive calendar years will automatically be dropped from membership and must re qualify as Members before conducting WRA race meets.
- (c) A Member Club shall be a club duly admitted to membership by the Association.
- (d) Only Members Clubs which are active shall have voting rights in the Association, and the rights of each voting Member Club shall be equal.
- (e) The interest of any Member Club of this Association is the personal property of that Member Club, and no Member Club shall have any interest in property held by the Association, regardless of the time or manner in which said property is acquired.

Section 2.02 Qualifications

An application for Membership shall be a Club which has qualified to hold race meets under the Racing Rules of this Association.

Section 2.03 Admission

Qualified Clubs shall be admitted to membership on making application therefore and on approval of the application by the Board of Directors. Application for Club Membership shall contain the statement that the applicant's directing officer and club representative have read the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules of this Association, are familiar with and understand them, and that if admitted to membership, agree to be bound thereby.

Section 2.04 Fees, Dues, Assessments, and Application Fees

- (a) No fees shall be charged a Member Club applying for membership in the Association.
- (b) Club Membership in the Association is subject to assessments, which shall be levied and collected in the form of a per capita charge, the amount to be determined annually by the Board of Directors, for each Whippet entered in a race sponsored by the Member Club pursuant to the Rules of the Association.
- (c) The Member Clubs may be assessed annual dues, upon recommendation of the Board of Directors, in an amount determined by a majority vote of the Club Representatives.

Section 2.05 Termination, Rights, and Reinstatement of Membership

- (a) The membership of any Member Club of the Association shall automatically be terminated:
 - (1) On its written request for such termination mailed to the Secretary - Treasurer; or
 - (2) By its failure to pay its assessments when they become due within thirty (30) days thereafter; or
 - (3) By its failure to provide results of a Race held pursuant to the Rules of this Association within fourteen (14) days of the date of the Race.
 - (4) By failing to hold a WRA race meet in two (2) consecutive calendar years.
- (b) All rights and interest of a Member Club in the Association shall cease upon termination of membership as herein provided.
- (c) Any Member Club whose membership is terminated may have its membership reinstated on such terms as the Board of Directors deem appropriate by filing a written request therefore.

Section 2.06 Suspension and Expulsion

- (a) The Board of Directors is authorized to suspend or expel from membership a Member Club or a Club Representative for good cause.

- (b) "Good cause" as used in this section means:
 - (1) Any conduct that brings the Association into public disrepute or violates the purposes for which this Association is formed:
 - (2) Any willful failure or refusal to abide by the Constitution, Bylaws, or Rules of this Association.
- (c) Definitions:
 - (1) A "suspension" requires violation of Section 2.06 Subparagraph (b)(1) and/or (b)(2). A suspension will be for no longer then eighteen (18) months from the time of the judgment of the hearing committee. A suspension will include all privileges of membership, including but not limited to voting.
 - (2) The termination of a Member Club shall require the violation of Section 2.06 Subparagraph (b)(1) and/or (b)(2). The membership of the Member Club and Club Representative in the Association shall be terminated as of the judgment date of the hearing committee.
 - (i) Termination shall not relieve the Ex-member from any liability for the payment of assessments, or legal judgments against the Association, accruing prior to the hearing on charges against said Member Club.
 - (ii) A terminated Member Club may reapply for Membership no sooner than Twenty-four (24) months from the date of judgment. All requirements for a new Member Club must be met. All assessments must have been paid before re-application. The Board of Directors may impose additional requirements, relating to the nature of the expulsion, if it sees fit.
- (d) Procedure
 - (1) Proceedings against a Member Club may be initiated by a resolution of a majority of the Board of Directors specifying charges, and served by personal service or by certified mail on the Club Representative or President of the Member Club, and, if by mail, a Return Receipt shall be required. Said Resolution shall specify a hearing date not less than fifteen (15) days, nor more than forty-five (45) days after passage and service of the resolution of the Board of Directors.
 - (2) The Member Club shall be entitled to participate in the hearing. The National Director shall appoint a hearing committee consisting of the Regional Director from the region of the club and two additional members. The hearing shall be open, informal and provide for fair presentation of evidence from both sides. The rules of evidence and rules of judicial procedure need not be observed.
 - (3) The hearing shall be presided over by the Regional Race Director for their club's region who shall:

- (i) Read the charges against the subject member;
 - (ii) Require that the charges be verified by the testimony of the person making them, and such witnesses as the President deems appropriate;
 - (iii) Allow the subject Member Club, by its Club Representative to question each witness or written statement;
 - (iv) Allow the Member Club, by its Club Representative, to make a statement in its own behalf, and call witnesses in its own behalf;
 - (v) Allow the Board of Directors to question witnesses; and
 - (vi) Rule on the admission and exclusion of evidence and on questions of hearing procedure.
- (4) After the hearing is closed, the committee shall vote on whether to impose discipline or dismiss the matter. The vote imposing discipline or dismissing the matter shall be reviewed and approved or rejected by the Board of Directors within 14 days, prior to the vote becoming final. All parties concerned will be notified of the Board of Directors final decision in writing.

Article III Meetings of Active Members

Section 3.01 Meetings

Due to the widely dispersed geographical area of the Association, and its nonprofit nature, the lack of compensation of its officers and members, there shall be no Member meetings, and business of the Association and elections shall be conducted by mail, phone, or other means of communication. However, the National Race Director is authorized to schedule meetings at such time and place as he or she may designate.

Section 3.02 Meetings and Notices

Written notice of the time and place of meeting shall be sent by United States Mail to the Club Representative at least twenty one (21) days prior to such meeting.

Section 3.03 Voting

Voting shall be by mail on ballots, by e-mail by ballots or a web-polling site which is set up to allow voting only by the appropriate members set up by, or overseen by the secretary. Each of the Club Representatives shall respond in the appropriate manner to the ballot. Election of the officers by the Club Representatives shall be by secret ballot.

Section 3.04 Conduct of Meetings

- (a) In the event a meeting of Club Representatives is held, the meeting shall be presided over by the National Race Director, or in the National Race Director's absence, by a chairman chosen by the Club Representatives present. The Secretary of the Association shall act as secretary of all meetings, provided that in the absence of the Secretary, the presiding officer shall appoint another person to act as Secretary.
- (b) A quorum shall be one half (1/2) the Club Representatives.
- (c) Any actions suggested by the meeting must be mailed to the Member Clubs. Two thirds of the responding Member Clubs must then approve, or disapprove, the items on the ballot by the due date. Clubs will be given at least three (3) weeks to return their ballots.
- (d) Meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, insofar as such rules are not in conflict with these Bylaws or the Constitution of this Association, or with the law.

Article IV Club Representatives

Section 4.01 Election or Appointment, and Term of Office

Club Representatives shall be elected or appointed by the Member Clubs. Each Member Club shall advise the Secretary - Treasurer in writing of the name, address, and telephone numbers of its representative. Until the NRD is notified otherwise, each Member Club's Race Secretary of record is that Club's Representative.

Section 4.02 Qualifications

When possible, the Club Representative who is elected or appointed by a Member Club should have at least two (2) years experience in Whippet racing.

Section 4.03 Duties and Compensation

It shall be the duty of the Club Representative:

- (a) To perform any and all duties imposed on them collectively or individually by law, by the Constitution, Bylaws, or Rules of this Association.
- (b) To register their addresses and telephone numbers with the Secretary - Treasurer of this Association.
- (c) Club Representative shall serve without compensation.

- (d) Any three (3) Club Representatives by joint written request presented to the Association Secretary - Treasurer, may require any decision or act of the National Race Director, or Board of Directors, be placed before the Club Representatives for approval or reversal. A two thirds 2/3) majority of Clubs voting are required to reverse a decision of the National Race Director or the Board of Directors.

Section 4.04 Removal

Club Representatives shall serve at the pleasure of the Member Club electing or appointing them, and can be removed by their respective Member Club.

Section 4.05 Vacancies

A vacancy of Club Representative shall be filled by election or appointment of the Member Club whom the Club Representative represents. The Member Club shall provide the Association with notice, as set forth in Section 4.01.

Article V Officers

Section 5.01 Officers and Titles

The Board of Directors of this Association and their titles shall be:

- (a) National Race Director
- (b) Secretary/Treasurer
- (c) Regional Race Director

Section 5.02 Election and Term of Office

The two (2) officers and the Regional Race Directors named in Section 5.01 shall be elected by the members clubs by written ballot. The term of office shall be two (2) years commencing on January 1st following the election. The term of the NRD and Secretary/Treasurer shall start and end on years that end with an even number, i.e. 1996. The terms of the Regional Race Directors shall start and end on years that end with an odd number, i.e. 1997. The following procedure shall be followed.

- (a) Nominations shall be made in writing by the club representatives and approved by the nominee, and mailed to the Secretary between September 1st and October 15th.
- (b) Each candidate for office shall prepare a short campaign statement to be included with the ballot. This statement should include why they want to run for office and what they intend to do while in office.
- (c) The Secretary shall prepare and mail the candidate statements along with the ballots to the club representatives by November 1st.

- (d) Regional Race Directors are elected by the vote of club representatives from their region only.
- (e) The club representatives shall vote promptly and mail the ballots back to the Secretary. The ballots must be received by the Secretary no later than the second Monday in December to be counted. Ballots received after that date will not be counted.
- (f) To be considered elected, each officer must receive fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) vote of the ballots being received on, or before, the closing date. If no candidate receives a majority plus one of the votes for an office, a run-off election between the top two contenders for that office shall be conducted.
- (g) The Secretary shall tally the ballots one day after the closing date, and mail notice of the results of the election to the members within fifteen (15) days of tallying the ballots.
- (h) The Secretary shall preserve the ballots for a sixty (60) day period, from the time the result notices are mailed, during which time they shall be available for inspection by any club representative.

Section 5.03 Compensation

Officers and Board of Directors of this Association shall serve without compensation. This Association will, to the best of its ability, reimburse officers, members of the Board of Directors, or its committees, the direct and reasonable expenses necessary to fulfill the duties required by the Constitution, Bylaws, or Rules of this Association.

Section 5.04 Removal

Any or all officers may be removed from office at any time by the vote of Seventy five percent (75%) of the Club Representatives.

Section 5.05 Vacancies

The following procedures shall be the used in filling vacant positions on the Board of Directors:

- (a) The following order of preference shall be used to fill the vacant unexpired term of the National Race Director:
 - (1) The duly elected Secretary – Treasurer
 - (2) A person selected by the remaining members of the Board of Directors.
 - (3) If no duly elected person remains on the Board of Directors to fill this position, the Club Representatives shall elect a National Race Director to fill the unexpired term of the ex-National Race Director.

- (b) The National Race Director shall have the power to appoint an acting replacement to serve out the remaining term of all other vacant Board of Directors positions.

Section 5.06 Duties of the National Race Director

- (a) The National Race Director shall serve as the President and Chief Executive officer of the Association and shall in general be subject to the control of the Club Representatives.
- (b) The National Race Director shall supervise and control the affairs of the Association.
- (c) The National Race Director shall perform all duties incident to his office and such other duties as may be required by law, by the Constitution of this Association, or by these Bylaws, or which may be assigned to him from time to time by the Club Representatives.
- (d) The National Race Director shall be the final reviewing authority for all protests received, and is responsible for appointing all protest committees with the chairman of the committee being one of the Association's Board of Directors. If a protest directly involves the National Race Director the Secretary/Treasurer will fill the duties of the National Race Director concerning that protest.
- (e) The National Race Director shall see that complete records regarding all Whippets racing in the Whippet Racing Association are properly kept, and that awards are granted in a timely manner.
- (f) The National Race Director shall issue WRA Titles to the owners of those whippets which complete the requirements set forth in the Rules.

Section 5.07 Duties of the Secretary/Treasurer

- (a) The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep the principal office of the Association, the original Constitution, as amended, and the original Bylaws, as amended.
- (b) The Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining and annually publishing any changes to the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of the Whippet Racing Association.
- (c) The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep in the Minutes Book the minutes of all meetings of the Club Representatives, and those in attendance.

- (d) The Secretary/Treasurer shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws, or as required by law.
- (e) The Secretary/Treasurer shall be custodian of the records of the Association.
- (f) The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep the name and address of each Member Club and its respective Club Representative.
- (g) The Secretary/Treasurer shall have charge of and custody of, and be responsible for all funds and assets of the Association, and deposit all such funds in the name of the Association in a bank or depository.
- (h) The Secretary/Treasurer shall receive and give receipt for moneys due and payable to the Association.
- (i) The Secretary/Treasurer shall distribute the funds of the Association as directed by the Board of Directors.
- (j) The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep and maintain adequate and correct accounts of the Association's properties and business transactions, including accounts of its assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, gains, and losses.
- (k) The Secretary/Treasurer shall render to the National Race Director and Board of Directors an account of any and all transactions as requested.
- (l) The Secretary/Treasurer shall perform all duties incident to his or her office and such other duties as may be required by law, by the Constitution of this Association, or by these Bylaws, or which may be assigned to him from time to time by the Board of Directors.
- (m) The Secretary/Treasurer will keep a book, separate from the meeting minutes, containing all policy decisions of the Board of Directors, the National Race Director, and The Club Representatives.
- (n) The Secretary/Treasurer shall distribute racing titles to the owners of those whippets which complete the requirements set forth in the Rules.

Section 5.08 Regional Race Directors: Selection and Duties

- (a) Regional Race Directors (RRD) shall be elected by the Member Clubs from their region. This election shall be conducted on the same timetable as the national officers election. RRD's shall be responsible for scheduling race meets within their respective regions, shall resolve conflicts between racing dates within their region and shall serve as members of the Board of Directors.
- (b) Each of the following geographical regions with Active Member Clubs shall be represented by one (1) RRD. The East Coast, The Southeast, The South, The Midwest, The West, The Northwest, Canada. The map that follows clearly outlines each region. When there is no RRD for Canada, the RRD's with the area contiguous to, or south of, Canada will assume responsibility for any Member Clubs in Canada that are directly north of that RRD's Region .

(1) The states/provinces in each region are as follows:

(i) The East Coast

Connecticut	New York
Delaware	Pennsylvania
Maine	Rhode Island
Maryland	Vermont
Massachusetts	Virginia
New Hampshire	West Virginia
New Jersey	Parts of Ontario

(ii) The Southeast

Alabama	North Carolina
Florida	South Carolina
Georgia	Tennessee
Mississippi	

(iii) The South

Arkansas	Oklahoma
Louisiana	Texas

(iv) The Midwest

Illinois	Missouri
Indiana	Nebraska
Iowa	North Dakota
Kansas	Ohio
Kentucky	South Dakota
Michigan	Wisconsin
Minnesota	Parts of Ontario

(v) The West

Arizona	New Mexico
California	Utah
Colorado	Hawaii
Nevada	

(vi) The Northwest

Alaska	Montana
British Columbia	Washington
Idaho	Wyoming
Oregon	



(c) Regions with no RRD, due to a lack of Member Clubs within that Region, shall have the vacancy filled per the WRA By Laws section on vacancies in the Board of Directors when a RRD becomes necessary due to Clubs application for WRA race meets in that Region.

(d) The RRD shall contact the clubs in his/her area to discuss the rules and any problems or changes in the area. The RRD will present current topics and materials regarding racing, and make note of suggestions, changes, etc. to give to the NRD or Rules Committee as necessary.

(e) To receive any complaints that are not settled by the local Race Secretary. These complaints need not be submitted in writing.

(f) Will be present, if possible, at the official qualifying meet given by any new club in their area. If not, the National Race Director will appoint another individual to supervise and assist at the qualifying meet, or first meet held, if the Club is not required to hold a qualifying meet.

(g) The RRD will assist in the general supervision of WRA racing, and will report to and be responsible to the NRD.

(h) The RRD may serve on an Inspection Committee, only after allowing the Host Club reasonable time to solve a situation.

Please note: The National Race Director, the Regional Race Directors, or other appropriate Committees, are not a police force or a group to handle personal differences. However, the NRD is interested in the over-all conduct during race meets of individuals who race Whippets at WRA Meets.

Article VI Committees

Section 6.01 General

The National Race Director shall appoint such committees, and designate its members, or Club Representatives to serve on such committees.

Section 6.02 Duties of the Registrar – Recorder

- (a) The Registrar - Recorder shall register all whippets participating in the Race Program.
- (b) The Registrar - Recorder shall maintain and publish records of each whippet which has raced at a meet held by a Member Club pursuant to the Association's Rules governing Whippet Racing.
- (c) The Registrar - Recorder shall maintain records for all titles, and disqualifications for any cause, for all whippets racing in programs governed by the Associations Rules.
- (d) The Registrar - Recorder shall notify the NRD of all whippets that complete the requirements for any title offered by the Association.
- (e) The Registrar - Recorder shall perform all duties incident to his office and such other duties as may be required by law, by the Constitution of this Association, or by these Bylaws, or which may be assigned to him from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Section 6.03 Rules Committee

The Rules Committee shall consist of persons appointed by the NRD. A sufficient number of persons will be appointed to the committee to handle the volume of change suggestions in the time allotted by the Bylaws of the WRA. It shall formulate Rules for Whippet Racing, and from time to time amendments thereto, for approval by the Club Representatives. The Rules Committee shall receive all suggestions for change in the Constitution, Bylaws and Race Rules from Members Clubs, through their Representatives, or from individuals (defined as a person who has actively raced a dog within the 24 months prior to the closing date of current year proposals).

- (a) The Rules Committee shall inform all Board Members, Officers, Member Representatives and the Registrar/Recorder of all suggestions for changes with sufficient time for comment upon said changes. The Rules Committee may adjust a change, based on the consensus of the comment, or it may submit a separate change based on the comments received.
- (b) The Rules Committee shall accept suggestions for change until a date of its choosing. The ballots for all suggestions for change will be sent to the Member

Representatives in time for arrival by November 3rd of the year the suggestion is made. Unless received after the deadline for change suggestions, in this case the suggestion will be included in the changes for the next year. Rule proposals may be sent to the club delegates, by the following two methods, but are not limited to only these two methods.

- 1) By post, postmarked on or before November 1st
- 2) By e-mail, timed prior to 11:59 PM, Secretary's local time, on November 3rd

Ballots must be received by the secretary – Treasurer, from the member clubs by the second Monday of December. The Secretary – Treasurer will count the ballots on Tuesday and announce the results, by mail, or by e-mail to the NRD, Board, and Member Clubs.

There shall be two ways to return ballots to the Secretary/Treasurer.

- 1) By post, mailed so as to be received by the second Monday of December.
- 2) By e-mail, timed before 11:59 PM, Secretary's local time, on the second Monday of December.

A 2/3 affirmative vote of all returned ballots will approve any proposed rule change.

Section 6.04 Protest Committee

A protest Committee consisting of Three (3) or more individuals connected with the WRA Race program for at least two years.

At least one (1) person shall be from the region of the protest. This committee shall be appointed to hear and review and render a decision upon the merits of each protest filed against an official race meet.

All protests must be filed within ten (10) week days of the meet in question.

Due to the widely dispersed geographical area of the Association, and its nonprofit nature, the lack of compensation of its officers and members, there is no need for a physical protest hearing; rather, all protest committee business will be conducted by mail or other form of communication.

The protest committee will complete its work as quickly as possible.

If the protest involves any official (for example, Race Secretary at the meet in question, RRD of the Region where the meet took place) the protest procedure will bypass that person and immediately move to the next level.

If the protest involves the NRD, or a dog or dogs owned or handled by the NRD, the protest will be handled by the Secretary/Treasurer if the protest goes beyond the Local Race Secretary and RRD.

Section 6.05 Sportsmanship

A Sportsmanship Committee consisting of the National Race Director and Board of Directors.

This committee shall be convened to hear, review, and render a decision as to the type and severity of any sanction or suspension based upon the merits of a sportsmanship misconduct notification from a WRA event as described in Rule 4. Notice to the NRD and BOD must be filed within fourteen (14) days of the WRA event.

Due to the widely dispersed geographical area of the Association, and its nonprofit nature, the lack of compensation of its officers and members, there is no need for a physical sportsmanship hearing; rather all sportsmanship committee business will be conducted by mail, email or other form of communication.

The Sportsmanship Committee will complete its work as quickly as possible, ideally within 14 days after notification has been filed.

If the misconduct involves the NRD or any Board member, that person will be excused from the Sportsmanship Committee.

Article VII Execution of Instruments, Deposits, and Funds

Section 7.01 Execution of Instruments

The National Race Director may enter into any contract and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Association subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

Section 7.02 Checks and Notes

Except as otherwise determined by resolution of the Club Representatives or as otherwise required by law, the Constitution of this Association, or by these Bylaws, checks, drafts, promissory notes, orders for payment of money and other evidence of indebtedness of this Association shall be signed by the Secretary - Treasurer or by the National Race Director.

Section 7.03 Deposits

All funds of the Association shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Association in such banks or other depositories as the Secretary - Treasurer may select.

- (a) The Board of Directors may require the transfer of funds if it deems the depository inappropriate.

Article VIII Definitions

Section 8.01 Mail

For purposes of these by-laws the word "mail", will be defined as:
"any electronic or hard copy notification, which leaves a record with both the sender and recipient. These will include, but not be limited to e-mail, overnight letters, dedicated WRA e-mail lists, or faxes.

Article IX Bylaws

Section 9.01 Adoption, Amendment, and Repeal

These Bylaws may be amended or repealed, in whole or in part, and new Bylaws adopted by the vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Club Representatives responding on the date the ballot is due back to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association.

Section 9.02 Certification and Inspection

The original of the Bylaws, as amended, certified by the Secretary - Treasurer of the Association, shall be recorded and kept in a book which shall be kept in the principal office of the Association, and such book shall be open to inspection by the Club Representatives and Members Clubs at all reasonable times during business hours.

- (a) A copy of revised editions of the Constitution and Bylaws and Rules will be sent to the Club Representatives, National Race Director, and all Regional Race Directors.
- (b) Additional Copies of the Constitution and Bylaws and Rules will be sent to the Club Representatives, National Race Director, and Regional Race Director upon request.
- (c) Copies of the Constitution and Bylaws and Rules will be sent to any person requesting them for a fee not to exceed the expense of copying and delivery.

**CONSTITUTION
of the Whippet Racing Association
an Unincorporated Association**

1. Name

This club, founded in April of 1996, shall be called the Whippet Racing Association.

2. PURPOSE AND POWERS

The purposes for which this Association is formed are:

- (a) Educational and recreational and not for profit. To support the Whippet Standard, to encourage sportsmanship, to encourage and promote the Whippet in its historic role as well trained racers competing against other Whippets in organized, sprint racing events held on a flat surface.
 - 1) To adopt Race Rules as necessary to fulfill section 2(a).
- (b) The general purposes and powers are:
 - 1) To sue and be sued in its own name.
 - 2) To enter into and perform contracts in its own name, provided, that no member of this Association shall be individually or personally liable for the debts or liabilities contracted or incurred by the Association, unless such member, or the members agent, assumes such debt or liability. Further, there is no presumption or inference that any member of this Association has consented or agreed to the incurring of any obligation by the Association from the mere fact of joining or being a member thereof, or signing its Bylaws.
 - 3) To enter into any of the commercial transactions authorized by law.
 - 4) To purchase, receive, own, hold, lease, mortgage, pledge, or encumber by deed of trust or otherwise, manage, and sell all such real estate and other property of every kind, nature, and description as may be necessary for the purpose and objectives of the Association.
 - 5) To receive gifts of real or personal property, in trust or otherwise. To take and receive by will or deed all real or personal property necessary for its purpose and objectives, subject to the laws regulating the transfer of property by will. To take and receive by will or deed all real or personal property not necessary for its purposes and objects and hold it until disposed of within a period of ten (10) years.
 - 6) To adopt, alter, or cancel an insignia and to register such insignia, alteration, or cancellation thereof with any appropriate governmental office.
 - 7) To adopt, use, and at will alter an Association seal, but failure to affix the seal shall not affect the validity of any instrument.

- 8) To adopt, amend, or repeal Bylaws in such manner as may be provided therein.
- 9) To adopt, amend and repeal Rules for the racing of Whippets.
- 10) Generally to have and exercise all other rights and powers now conferred, on such associations by law, or which do not contravene the law or public policy of the United States, or any state.

3 *Principal Office*

The principal office of the Association for the transaction of its business shall be located at the home address of the duly elected Association Secretary - Treasurer, or at such other location as the National Race Director shall designate.

4 *Board of Directors*

- (a) The powers of the Association shall be exercised, its property controlled, and its affairs conducted by the Board of Directors.
- (b) Board of Directors are:
 - (1) National Race Director
 - (2) Secretary / Treasurer
 - (3) Regional Race Directors
- (c) The qualifications, the time, and manner of electing, the terms of office, the duties and compensation, if any, and the manner of removing the governing body and filling vacancies shall be set forth in the Bylaws of this Association.

5 *Members*

- (a) There shall be one type of Membership. That membership shall be racing club members.
- (b) A Club Member shall be a club, association or corporation duly admitted to membership by the Association.
- (c) Only active Member Clubs shall have voting rights in the Association, and the rights of each Member Club shall be equal. Active Clubs, for this section, are Clubs that have held at least one (1) meet under the rules of this Association in the twelve (12) months prior to November 1st (the date that ballots are mailed to the clubs for voting). [see ByLaws section 6.03(b)]
- (d) The interest of any member of this Association is the personal property of that member, and no member shall have any interest in the property held by the Association, regardless of the time or manner in which said property is acquired

6 *Dissolution*

This Association shall be dissolved and its affairs wound up by the vote or written consent of eighty percent (80%) or more of its voting members, and not otherwise.

7 *Dedication of Assets and Distribution on Dissolution*

- (a) This Association is not organized, nor shall it be operated, for pecuniary gain or profit, and it does not contemplate the distribution of gains, profits, or dividends to the members thereof and is organized solely for nonprofit purposes.
- (b) The property, assets, profits, and net income of this Association are irrevocably dedicated to the purposes as stated in Article II and no part of the profits or net income of this Association shall ever inure to the benefit of any Director, officer, or member thereof.
- (c) On the dissolution of this Association, its assets remaining after payment of, or provision for payment of, all debts and liabilities of this Association shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for educational or recreational purposes relating to the Whippet breed, which has established its tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code.

8 *Limitation on Political Activities*

No part of the activities of this Association shall consist of attempting to influence legislation, nor shall this Association participate in or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

9 *Distribution of Income and Prohibited Activities*

Notwithstanding any other provision in this Constitution, this Association shall be subject to the following limitations and restrictions:

- (a) This Association shall not engage in any act of self dealing, retain any excess business holdings, make any investments subject to taxation, nor make any taxable expenditure, as may be proscribed by the Internal Revenue Code.

10 *Constitution*

- (a) The original copy of this Constitution as amended to date shall be kept at the principal office of the Association, and shall be open to inspection by all members or their agents at any reasonable time.
- (b) This Constitution shall be amended only by resolution duly adopted by the vote of two thirds, or more, of the Club Representatives responding on the date the ballot is due back.

***POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
Of the Whippet Racing Association
An Unincorporated Association***

1. Update the Appendix. (1998)
2. Authorize the Board of Directors to commission an artist to design a logo for the WRA. (1998)
3. Authorize the NRD to enter into Negotiations with other straight racing organizations for the purpose of combining those organizations. The results of the negotiations will be voted on by the members to accept or reject the results of the negotiations. (1998)
4. That the parent club have a "starting box reimbursement" program. That any new (has not held a WRA, or other racing venue such as CWA or NAWRA meet) club which acquires starting boxes prior to or within thirty-six months of their first race meet, the meet which made them a WRA member, and continues to hold WRA meets would be reimbursed \$100 for each of their first three WRA meets. (2000, updated 2004) Added to Rule Book Section 6.8 (01/01/2022)
5. That the parent club set aside \$200 from each years income, to be used to directly benefit Whippets. This doesn't necessarily have to be to an organized charity, but can also be used to help individual whippet owners who are faced with unexpected expenses. The WRA will not accept applications for these monies, but will consider situations brought to its attention. A 2/3 vote of the WRA board is necessary to make any grant. In any year that it is not given, the money will accumulate for this purpose. (updated 2005)
6. That anyone who feels he/she has a claim against WRA for monies spent have to submit receipts to the Treasurer by January 15, of each year for the previous year, or forfeit all claims to said reimbursement. (2000)
7. That 75% of the current bank balance be put into an interest bearing account. It would still be available if needed but would be earning interest. (2000) (updated 2006)
8. That the parent club increase its annual "trophy donation" for the WRA National from \$100 to \$200. This would put some of the per-capita money back with the clubs. (2000) (Updated in 2013. See #21.)
9. That the Board explore the feasibility of Incorporation and/or Tax Exempt Status. If the findings are favorable the WRA will file for either or both Incorporation and Tax Exempt Status, and will change the wording of the Constitution and Bylaws at that time. (2001)
10. That the parent club initiate a program of "Top Ten" awards. This would consist of presenting plaques to all of the dogs finishing in the top 10 for each year, beginning with 2001. (2001)

11. That the parent club make the top 10 awards program retroactive to the beginning of WRA, and present plaques to each of the top 10 dogs for 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000. (2001)
12. That all "official" mailings to all clubs (rule books, ballots etc) be sent "return receipt requested". Rationale is to KNOW that all clubs are receiving all official documents. (2002)
13. At the "fun match" held each year in conjunction with the WRA National Race Meet, along with the Best in Match, the judge will have a number of select awards to be given at his/her discretion. The number of awards will be one for each 25 entries, not to exceed five (5). The parent club will sponsor these select awards and provide the rosettes to be given. (2004)
14. 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. (2004) Added to Rule Book Section 7.5.4 (01/01/2022)
15. The Parent Club will institute a series of awards for multiples of the WRChX Title. The WRChX will continue to receive a Title Certificate, but any multiple will receive an award ie: Laser engraved crystal block or some variation thereon. (2004) Added to Rule Book Section 7.5.4 (01/01/2022)
16. Definition of "Blind". According to Mary Beth O'Neill, head of performance events and judges education, as of 06/28/05. A dog that is blind in one eye, and has normal sight in the other eye is "not blind by definition". A dog with one eye surgically removed would be considered to have been "surgically altered" and if it came into the show ring would be excused. However, from a performance standpoint, if it had normal vision in the remaining eye, it would NOT be considered to be blind. Therefore the Whippet Racing Association Board has decided to allow entry of such a dog at the discretion of individual clubs and the dog's owner. (June 28, 2005).
(Updated in 2015. See #22)

17. Perpetual Trophies:

As of 2005 there are now seven (7) perpetual trophies for dogs winning various and assorted positions at the WRA national race meet. Keeping up with these trophies and the fragility of one of them prompted the board to make some decisions concerning these trophies.

(a) Any new perpetual trophy must be approved by a majority vote of the board of directors, in order to be offered at the national race meet. (September 16, 2005)

(b) The "Tutty Sue Memorial Trophy" for the meet winner will no longer be a traveling trophy. This trophy cost the WRA considerable time and money and when enclosed in a packing crate weighs 70 +/- pounds, and costs about \$75 to

ship. Therefore the winner will, beginning with the 2005 national, get a plaque recognizing the win. (September 16, 2005)

(c) For the other perpetual trophies, which will continue to be "traveling trophies", again beginning in 2005, the winner will have to sign a form, acknowledging winning the trophy, taking receipt of the trophy, and taking responsibility for getting it to the next year's trophy chair. This will be a two part form, both parts of which will be kept by the WRA Secretary, with one copy being mailed to the trophy recipient six (6) weeks prior to the next national, giving them the name and address of that year's trophy chair. (September 16, 2005)

18. Unless otherwise specified by the Rules Committee, the due date for Rule Change Proposals is September 1st of each year. Any rule change proposal received after 11:59pm (Secretary's local time) on September 1st, will be held for the following year. (September 16, 2005)

19. Offers to host the WRA National Race Meet and Fun Match must be in before September 1st at 11:59pm (NRD's local time) each year, for multiple requests to be voted on by the membership. If no request to hold the National is received by the closing date the first offer received after 9-1 will be granted, if, in the NRD's judgment the club is capable of hosting the National. Second offers received after the closing date will not be entertained. (September 16, 2005) Added to Rule book Section 2.7 (01/01/2022)

20. If a Rule Change Proposal has been submitted multiple times and has been voted down by the member clubs three times within a five year period, that rule change submission cannot be presented again to the rules committee/member clubs for period of three years, after the last failure. This would include any proposal with the same basic premise, no matter the submitter. [Example: filling races has been sent in, reworded several times and has been voted down repeatedly. This policy will table that particular issue for a minimum of three years from the last time it was voted on.] (October 6, 2009)

21. That the parent club increase its annual "trophy donation" for the WRA National from \$200 to \$300. (July 2013). Added to Rule book Section 2.7 (01/01/2022)

22. Definition of "Blind". According to Mary Beth O'Neill, head of performance events and judges education, as of 06/28/05. A dog that is blind in one eye, and has normal sight in the other eye is "not blind by definition". A dog with one eye surgically removed would be considered to have been "surgically altered" and if it came into the show ring would be excused. However, from a performance standpoint, if it had normal vision in the remaining eye, it would NOT be considered to be blind. Therefore the Whippet Racing Association Board has decided to allow entry of such a dog and the dog's owner.

If a Club wishes to disallow an entry based on the "vision status" of a dog, the Club shall submit documentation of reasoning and evidence to the BOD (NRD, Sec/Treas. & Regional Coordinators) and the owner of the dog. The owner of the dog shall also be allowed to submit documentation to the BOD for consideration within 14 days of

the initial notification. The BOD will then review the documentation based on events and facts.

At the discretion of the BOD, said dog may be observed by qualified foul judges and WRA officials (ie: a Regional Representative or other(s) appointed by WRA) at the next meet in which the dog is entered unless the BOD choose to decide based on the body of evidence initially presented by both parties. The owner must notify the board at least 2 weeks prior to the meet so that the BOD has the opportunity to identify the appropriate officials. The BOD will then make a final decision to whether the dog is allowed to compete by a simple majority vote within 10 days of the 'observation' meet. If the Club wishing to disallow a dog based on vision status has its race secretary or representative serving on the BOD, that person will not be allowed to vote in the decision. If the owner or handler of the visually impaired dog serves on the board, that person will not be allowed to vote. The decision will be considered binding for all clubs in WRA unless other clubs bring forth a new body of information. (January 2015)

23. For the year 2015, allow the NRD to negotiate a "joint national" with the North American Whippet Racing Association (NAWRA). Because NAWRA and WRA have similar goals but slightly different means of achieving them, such a venue will require suspending or altering some of the WRA rules for this event only. All attempts will be made to create a rule set for this meet that is a combination of the pre-existing rules of the 2 parent organizations except where when necessary; places where "novel" rules may be employed include (potentially) the awarding of race points for this event (since it has been proposed that dogs be allowed to take National and race points awarded in this event back to their original parent organization, and by definition, that will be an original way of distributing points). The rule set for the meet will be published one month prior to the meet. If this event is considered successful, this proposal will be re-introduced to become a permanent option for nationals in the future but otherwise will expire after the year 2015. (January 2015)

24. WRA Officers and Board of Directors are authorized to reorganize/modify the Rule Book in a logical arrangement that will not change the meaning of the rules. (January 2016).

25. The Officers and Board of the WRA take the necessary steps to enable a merger with NAWRA. These steps will not include changes to the Constitution, By-Laws or Racing Rules without an election. (January 2017)

26. On merger of the NAWRA and WRA the name of the two merged organizations will be the Whippet Racing Association (WRA). (January 2017)

27. If changes to the Constitution, By-Laws or Racing Rules are required that cannot be addressed within the normal Rule Change proposal process, Special Elections at different times are authorized.

There will be at least 30 days from the publication of the change to the date of the election. Voting will occur as outlined in Section 3.03 of the Bylaws. Passage will require affirmation by 2/3 of the Responding Member Clubs. (January 2017)

28. The per capita fee of \$1.00 for each dog and puppy who started the meet shall be sent to the WRA Treasurer. (January 2018)

29. When taking bids for the WRA National Race meet the NRD will give preference to a rotation between the 3 major regions, East, Midwest and West. (January 2018)

30. WRA considers dogs age 6 and older as Veterans. (January 2018)

31. Owners /Handlers at WRA Events accept and agree to abide by the WRA rules, and generally accepted rules of conduct and Good Sportsmanship. Further, they shall pick up after their hound, keep the grounds clean, and treat their hounds with respect and in a humane manner. Physically or verbally abusive behavior towards race meet officials, workers or other participants will not be tolerated, and the Race Committee may evict any persons exhibiting such behavior from the race meet site. In this event, entry fees shall not be refunded.

At the discretion of the Board of Directors, any conduct that is deemed detrimental to the WRA, affiliated clubs or the sport of WRA whippet racing can lead to up to a 12 month suspension of all WRA privileges. The individual will be suspended from attending/participating in any WRA event. In addition, any dog handled by, owned/co-owned, or living at the same address, at the time of the violation or at any time during the suspension as the offender, may be suspended from racing in any WRA event for the duration of the suspension. (December 2020) Added to Rule book Section 2.5 (01/01/2023)

32. No alcohol or other mind-altering substances, legal or illegal, shall be consumed by any attendees during the Race Meet hours. Race Meet hours are considered to be from the advertised start of measuring to the conclusion of the last program. Violations of this rule shall be reported to the Race Secretary who will advise the National Race Director (NRD). The NRD will direct the WRA Secretary to send a written notice to the individual in violation.

First violation - The individual will receive a written notice of violation which shall include a copy of this rule.

Second violation – The individual will be suspended from attending/participating in any WRA event for up to 12 months from the start of the suspension. In addition, any dog handled by, owned /co-owned or living at the same address, at the time of the violation or at any time during the suspension, as the offender may be suspended from racing in any WRA event for the duration of the suspension. (December 2020) Added to Rule book Section 2.5 (01/01/2023)