

# RULES FOR EVENTS



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# **CHAPTER I**

## **Purpose and Organization**

### **A. Purpose**

The Continental Whippet Alliance was formed to achieve the following objectives:

1. to unite Whippet fanciers with the common goal of promoting, protecting and preserving purebred Whippet racing
2. to encourage and promote quality in the breeding and racing of Whippets and to do all that is possible to bring their natural instincts to perfection
3. to urge members and breeders to accept the Whippet Standard of the Breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence for Whippets
4. to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the Whippet by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at race meets and conformation competitions and by providing a friendly and enjoyable environment
5. to provide a testing ground for Whippets to demonstrate they still have the instinct, desire and physical ability to do the athletic activity they were bred for, helping to maintain the Whippet as a healthy breed

### **B. Organization**

The CWA Board of Directors, representing each Affiliated Club/Group, elects a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Registrar. Officers must be Board Members. The positions of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person.

1. The President shall preside at meetings and Board meetings and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President in addition to those particularly specified in the By-Laws. The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer and oversee the day-to-day affairs. The President approves the annual calendar of events.
2. The Vice-President shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in the case of absence or incapacity.
3. The Secretary shall have charge of the correspondence, notify members of meetings, keep a record of all meetings, maintain a membership roster, prepare, mail, receive, preserve and tally all ballots for election, rule changes, by-laws revisions, etc.
4. The Treasurer will receive all moneys due or belonging to the CWA, deposit same in name of the CWA in bank account, render annual account of all moneys collected, i.e. membership dues, registration fees and per capita fees, and disbursed.
5. The Registrar shall register all Whippets participating in the CWA program; issue CWA registration numbers to eligible Whippets, maintain and publish results of each race meet and conformation competition in the CWA Newsletter and issue titles to owners of Whippets that complete requirements as specified in the Rules.
6. The Registration Committee will be comprised of the Board of Directors. The Committee will establish basic criteria for admittance into the CWA program and advise the Registrar.

7. The Rules Committee shall be comprised of the Board of Directors. Proposed rule changes must be submitted to the Secretary by November 1. The Secretary will prepare written ballots for the proposed rule changes and mail one ballot to each committee member by December 1 who shall vote promptly and return the marked ballot by mail to the Secretary by January 1. Amendments to the rules and regulations shall be two-thirds of the ballots cast.
8. The Protest Committee will be comprised of the President and two impartial members of the Rules Committee as determined by the President.

## **CHAPTER II** **Eligibility**

### **A. The minimum requirements for registration of Whippets with the CWA are:**

1. Must conform to the Whippet Standard for the Breed. Any disqualification in the Whippet Standard applies to CWA participants. Spayed bitches and neutered males are eligible to compete. Monorchid males must be neutered.
2. Must be individually or litter registered by the AKC or CKC. ILP registered dogs are not eligible.
3. For the purposes of this rule, "domestic" is defined as any whippet born in the USA or Canada. "Foreign born" is defined as any whippet born outside these two countries.

Foreign born Whippets must be registered in their country of birth. The CWA Registration application must include four generations of certified pedigree including complete registration numbers (either a certified four-generation pedigree, or certified pedigrees equal to four generations, i.e., certified three-generation pedigree PLUS certified pedigrees of parents).

The foreign born whippet must have a minimum of one Show Champion (competitive Show Champion title) in the first three generations of its 4-generation pedigree. This requirement will apply to all litters born after April 1, 2007. A "competitive show championship" is defined as a championship which requires defeating other dogs in competition to earn the title. See UNITED KINGDOM below for different Show Champion requirements.

To be eligible for CWA registration, Whippets from the countries below must adhere to the listed requirements:

**BELGIUM:** Must have a LOSH registration designation. Any other registration designation is not accepted. No dog with the RISH registration may appear in the four generations.

**FRANCE:** No dog with the designation TI on its registration number may appear in the four generations.

**GERMANY:** A three-generation certified VDH (German Kennel Club) pedigree for the submitted dog AND a three-generation certified VDH pedigree for each parent (to equal four certified generations) is required. If one or more parents are not German registered, then the requirements already defined apply to a 3-generation pedigree of the parents of the applicant dog (i.e., no RISH, TI, or equivalent dogs appearing in their three-generation pedigrees).

**UNITED KINGDOM:** A Whippet either imported from the United Kingdom or with a U.K. imported sire or dam must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- a. Whippet must have a show champion within 3 generations; AND/OR
- b. Whippet must have a passport from the official pedigree racing association or be eligible for a passport

If there is a foreign-born ancestor within a domestic-born Whippet's pedigree, the country of birth and original registration number must be provided. However, this information is only required for the ancestor closest to the applicant dog (e.g, for the sire but not the grandsire).

CWA Registration applications for foreign born dogs from countries other than those noted below must provide not only certified official four generations of pedigree listing registration numbers, but also a complete description of what the various numbers and designations mean for the dogs in the pedigree.

4. A four-generation pedigree.
5. Any dog or owner barred by AKC, CKC or any other National Kennel Club or National Purebred Racing Association is ineligible. Ban is applicable to submitted four-generation pedigree (see #4).
6. Must be free of Whippet disqualifications (see Chapter VII. Whippet Disqualifications Applying to CWA Events).
7. Agreement to submit to DNA and/or drug testing if requested (at CWA expense). At their discretion, the Board of Directors may direct appropriate DNA and/or drug testing to be performed on any Whippet registered to race, or if applying for registration. The President shall direct such testing. In the event the DNA test(s) confirms the pedigree is incorrect, the dog and all offspring shall be permanently banned from participating in CWA events. In the event the owner of said dog refuses to allow testing for whatever reason, the owner and his or her Whippets shall be permanently banned from participating in CWA events.
8. Must have a minimum of one Bench Champion (American Kennel Club, Canadian Kennel Club, or the equivalent competitive Bench Champion title of a foreign country) or one Dual Purpose Champion (DPC) in the first three generations of the 4-generation pedigree. This requirement will apply to all litters born after April 1, 2007. A "competitive bench championship" is defined as a championship with requires defeating other dogs in competition to earn the title.

### **CHAPTER III** **Registration**

A copy of a Whippet's individual or litter registration form, along with a \$3.00 registration fee, shall be sent to the Registrar, along with the CWA Registration Form. The owner shall be notified promptly of the decision by the Registration Committee. Upon receipt and acceptance of a Registration Application form, the Registrar of the CWA will issue a CWA Registration Number.

The Registration Committee shall have the absolute right to refuse or rescind CWA registration numbers of any dog or bitch without being liable to give the owner any reason for such refusal or rescission and the decision shall be final and binding. If in the opinion of the Registrar and Registration Committee any person has willfully or knowingly made a false statement in any entry or registration form or any document relating to the registration or racing of a Whippet or has willfully or knowingly signed or caused to be signed a false name on such document, they shall be permanently banned from all events conducted by the CWA and further the registration shall be rescinded, become null and void for any Whippet or Whippets owned by such person.

The Whippet's CWA Registration Number is issued solely for the purpose of the CWA and is not a document of title or evidence of legal ownership of any Whippet. Neither the CWA nor any of its officials shall be liable for the consequences of any omission or error or about the issue of any CWA Registration Number or in respect to the particulars therein.

A Whippet may not be entered for or compete in any CWA event until it has been duly registered and in possession of its CWA Registration Number. Registration numbers shall not be granted over the phone without the Registrar having reviewed the completed registration form.

## **CHAPTER IV**

### **Event Requirements**

#### **A. Request**

Affiliated clubs/groups must have appropriate equipment and site necessary to run a race meet. A club must demonstrate interest in conducting race and conformation competition as a condition of membership and must have attended an official CWA meet or must have prior experience with putting on a race meet. For the first race meet a club conducts, they must have members with prior experience in conducting race meets, conduct a fun match, or they must have experienced personnel from other clubs assisting and working along side the new club members during the first race meet. The experienced personnel will provide advice and assistance to the club during the first race meet.

The request to conduct an event should be submitted to the President by January 1st, or not less than 45 days prior to the event. If a conflict in dates shall occur, the President will resolve the issue by awarding first choice of dates to the Affiliated Club/Group with the highest seniority in the CWA.

#### **B. Results**

There must be a minimum of ten (10) adult starters for a race meet to be considered official.

The report of the event shall include the following in a standardized format:

##### **1. Race Meet**

- a. Name of Race Secretary
- b. Number of adults and puppies starting
- c. Registered names of each starter and surnames of actual owners
- d. Standings and meet points earned by each starter, including disqualifications, dismissals and scratches
- e. Individual race results for each program, including did not finish (DNF), rerun (R), etc. where appropriate
- f. Name of Whippets earning Award of Racing Excellence (ARX) points and National Award of Racing Excellence (NARX) points

##### **2. Conformation Competition**

- a. Name of conformation judge
- b. Registered names of all Whippets competing (including supplemental entrants), together with their race grade (i.e. high score B, second high score B, high score puppy), plus first through fourth placements

### **C. Risk and Responsibility**

The owner or agent entering a Whippet in a CWA meet assumes all risk and responsibility for loss or injury suffered or caused by his or her Whippet while on the grounds or near the entrance of the race meet.

### **D. Entry Fees**

Entry fees shall be fixed by the Affiliated Club/Group, and must be paid by the date designated by the Affiliated Club/Group or, if no date is so designated, before the start of the last day of racing. An entry fee shall be forfeited if a Whippet is disqualified, dismissed, or scratched from racing for cause except as follows:

1. Bitches in season, which come in season after entry is made, shall be barred from racing and have their entry fees refunded.
2. Whippets which become lame, sick or injured prior to competing in the first race program shall be barred from racing and shall have their entry fees refunded.

Any entry may be refunded at the discretion of the Race Secretary for any other reason than #1 and #2.

### **E. Entry Blank**

A Whippet may be entered via email or other electronic communication at the Race Secretary's discretion. If electronic entry is permitted, the entry must include all information requested by the Race Secretary. If an entry blank (see Appendix) is to be used, the entry must be completed fully and provide the following information: registered name, race division (puppy, adult), race performance average plus scores at last three complete race meets, actual owners name, address, telephone number, and all titles earned by said Whippet. First time entered (FTE) should be noted in the average blank.

Closing dates should be seven to ten days prior to the event date. Late entries are taken at the discretion of the Race Secretary.

It is the owner's responsibility to list all titles accurately on the entry blank to qualify a Whippet for special awards (i.e. High Score Champion, Field Champion, obedience title holder, etc.)

## **CHAPTER V** **Officials**

### **A. Race Secretary**

The Race Secretary is responsible for the conduct of the race meet and conformation competition. The Race Secretary must request the dates from the President, receive entries and fees, appoint qualified officials, select a conformation judge and assure that accurate results of the meet are submitted to the Statistician. Race-by-race results and final standings must be received by the Statistics Committee within ninety-six (96) hours; if results are going to be later than that for any reason, the Race Secretary is responsible for contacting the Statistician as quickly as possible so that the results may be tabulated as quickly as possible.

Full and complete per capita fees must be received by the Treasurer, within fourteen (14) days.

The Race Secretary should render a decision on any question regarding interpretation of the Rules, render a decision on any complaint or protest lodged, and supply a written decision when requested by the person

lodging the protest or complaint. The Race Secretary may appoint individuals to assist in the organization and operation of events.

## B. Inspection Committee

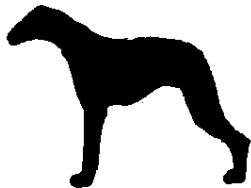
Three qualified people shall be appointed by the Race Secretary to serve on the Inspection Committee. Whippets entered shall be inspected prior to the race meet. Any Whippet disqualified by the Inspection Committee is barred from competing that day. Disqualifications are those included in Chapter VII Whippet Disqualifications Applying to CWA Events.

Inspection will be done before the lure is run and out of sight of the lure to minimize overexcitement of the Whippets while measuring is taking place. Measuring should be done on a flat non-skid surface or measuring board.

The Race Secretary or appointee will check-in each entrant and is responsible to time each measuring procedure.

Each Whippet is entitled to only two measuring procedures, two minutes each. If a Whippet does not measure in on the first attempt, the handler may return for a second measurement. Any Whippet more than one-half inch above or below Standard height limits will be barred from competing at that event. The entry fee will not be refunded.

The Whippet should be walked on the board and posed in a naturally alert position (see drawings below). The head must be upward, but not stretched up in an exaggerated position. The dogs muzzle may not be held during measuring. Front legs should be vertical and parallel to the legs of the wicket when viewed from front or side. Hocks must be at a right angle to the board and not angled or stretched backward. Stroking or scratching will be allowed only to relax the Whippet. If two of the three Inspectors agree a handler is attempting to alter the height of the Whippet, the handler will be excused and thereby forfeit one measuring procedure.



Acceptable



Unacceptable

When the handler has the Whippet properly posed he or she calls for the wicket. The wicket is quickly brought from behind the Whippet over the back and lowered so that the crossbar comes over the highest point of the shoulder blades. At this time 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 male is disqualified if it is more than 22 1/2", bitches more than 21 1/2"; males below 18 1/2" or bitches below 17 1/2". At the upper limit, the wicket must be off the ground; at the lower limit, there must be daylight between the wicket and the highest point of the withers for disqualification to occur.

After completion of measuring of each Whippet, the Inspection Committee checks for Whippet disqualifications as listed in Chapter VII Whippet Disqualifications Applying to CWA Events.

In doubtful cases regarding bites, the bite can be measured by cutting a light, thin piece of wood, stiff paper or a piece of cardboard not wider than one inch. Make a line 1/4" from the end of the measure. If overshot, place end of the measure against front teeth of lower jaw . If front teeth of top jaw "touch or exceed" the 1/4" mark, the Whippet is disqualified.

Upon Completion of checking for disqualifications, each whippet must be gaited down and back in front of the inspection committee to check for soundness. Any whippet deemed to be unsound by the inspection committee shall not be allowed to compete in the race meet.

### **C. Paddock Judge**

The racers for each race assemble in a designated paddock area and are checked by the Paddock Judge to assure they are properly blanketed and muzzled. Wire muzzles, or muzzles that allow a Whippet to grab the lure, will be disallowed by the Paddock Judge. All owners proceed to the starting box when instructed to do so by the Paddock Judge. All racers must wear muzzles while on the track, and may not be carried to the starting box.

### **D. Foul Judges**

The Race Secretary shall appoint qualified Foul Judges prior to the running of a race. A Head Foul Judge may be appointed to assure that there are enough qualified judges for each race. Two Foul Judges are required, but three are preferred.

Depending on the number of qualified officials, the Race Secretary may appoint the box operator to serve as the third Foul Judge. Qualified Foul Judges may officiate races in which their own dogs might be competing only if there is a shortage of officials.

Foul Judges should stand at appropriate locations on opposite sides of the track. If three judges, the first judge should be approximately 50 yards from the box, the third judge should be at the finish line (150 yards for puppies, 200 yards for adults) and second judge approximately halfway in between. In lieu of the judge at 50 yards from the box, the box operator can be the foul judge and may be positioned at the box. If only two judges, the first judge should be halfway down the track and the second judge should be at the finish line. Two or more Foul Judges must agree that a Whippet has committed an intentional foul. The Foul Judges shall report the blanket number(s) of the Whippet(s) that has intentionally fouled to the Race Secretary, and explain the nature of the foul. The decision of two or more Foul Judges is final. The Race Secretary then announces the disqualification and advises the owner of the reasons for it.

A foul judge may not discuss their observations with other foul judges, any owner, any handler, or any other official until after they have submitted their written report of any foul or fouls observed to the Meet Secretary. If a foul judge is uncertain about what they observed during the course of the race to the point that they feel they need such consultation with other observers, then they should not report a foul on any racer(s) for that race.

Disqualification occurs when there is a foul. A foul is intentional interference. Intentional interference occurs when a Whippet turns its head and deliberately and aggressively impedes the progress of one or more Whippets during a race. What is *not* a foul? It is *not* intentional interference when:

1. A Whippet "lays on" or "shoulders" another Whippet while passing or being passed.
2. A Whippet runs to its left or right; i.e. is a "wide runner." There are many "wide runners" who never turn their heads.
3. A strong and determined Whippet shoves its way through the dogs ahead of it.
4. A Whippet barks or growls during a race.
5. A Whippet collides with another dog when breaking out of the starting box.

If a Foul Judge is uncertain whether a foul was committed or is uncertain of the identity of the aggressor, it should not be called an intentional foul. The Race Secretary should direct that special attention be paid to questionable Whippet(s) during the next program.

## **E. Box Operator**

When all racers have reached the rear of the starting box, they are loaded in numerical order. However, where a Whippet is known to be troublesome at entering the box or is destructive to equipment if left in too long, the Box Operator may require it to be put in first or last respectively. After all Whippets are in the starting box, it is the responsibility of the Box Operator to check that all Whippets are facing forward, muzzled and jackets are on. Box operators should 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 off, the box operator must hold up the race until the problem is corrected. If a delay of more than a few seconds is necessary, all dogs shall be removed from the starting box by their handlers or handlers instructed to kneel in front of the box to settle their racers.

The lure is placed in a spot marked on the course 8 feet down the track in front of and at the center of the starting box, leaving a loop of string which extends 3 additional feet toward the starting box. After all Whippets are in the starting box, the Box Operator teases the Whippets with the lure. The Box Operator will then place the lure in the center of the area at the front of the box in the marked circle. EVERY PRECAUTION MUST BE TAKEN TO NOT STEP ON ANY DOG'S TAIL. When ready, the Box Operator should wave a bright flag to signal the lure operator to start. By watching the movement of the string, 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.

The Box Operator shall ensure that no person interferes with the lure, or shouts to their dogs at the starting box (which might disrupt other racers).

## **F. Lure Operator**

After getting a start signal from the Box Operator, the Lure Operator will maintain the lure at a steady pace approximately 10 yards in front of the lead Whippet and continue the lure past the finish line at full speed until the last Whippet has crossed the line.

It is the responsibility of the Lure Operator to examine the lure machine after each race to check for loops or tangles and to replace the squawker, white plastic bag or fur piece if necessary. The battery should be charged between programs if necessary, to maintain power in the lure machine.

The Lure Operator does not have the authority to call a foul on dogs suspected of interfering. This function is the sole responsibility of pre-appointed foul judges.

## **G. Placement Judges**

The Race Secretary may appoint a Head Placement Judge, who will assure that there are qualified Placement Judges for each race. Whippet owners may act as judges, but shall not judge when their own dogs are competing (unless there is a shortage of officials). There shall be six Placement Judges for adult Grade A and High Point races, and at least four Placement Judges for all other races. Only two judges are necessary for puppy races, but four for high point puppy races. There shall always be a matching number of judges on each side of the finish line. Immediately after each race, without conferring with each other, judges should write the order of finish by number. After each race, the Head Placement Judge shall record the results. The decision of a majority of Placement Judges shall determine placement; however, in the event there is no majority, the dogs involved shall be tied. The results are not official until the Foul Judges have been conferred with. After posting, results are final and shall not be reversed.

## **H. Timer**

It is not required to have a timer, but if one is available, it is important to have an individual experienced with a stopwatch. Ideally, two stopwatches should 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.

## **CHAPTER VI** **Format of Race Meet**

### **A. Order of Races**

A complete Race Meet consists of four programs of individual races in which Whippets accumulate points toward final standings. The order of races in each of the four heats is: puppies first, followed by lowest grade adults (or cumulative points) to highest grade adults (or cumulative points).

In the event of inclement weather a majority of the owners may elect to run only three complete race programs, but a vote must be taken prior to the third program. Points accumulated through three programs will be multiplied by 29/21 to arrive at an adjusted score for calculation of future starting grade averages.

### **B. Puppy Races**

The distance for puppy races will be 150 yards. Puppies will compete in three programs (1st, 2nd and 3rd) rather than four.

1. **Age.** A Whippet shall not be less than eight months, nor more than fourteen months, of age. No Whippet shall be permitted to race as both an adult and a puppy in the same race meet. A puppy that has raced as an adult in a race meet is thereafter prohibited from racing as a puppy.
2. **Box position.** Selection of post positions shall be done by random draw for all programs, with a maximum of four puppies in each race. In the first program, where possible, puppies shall be grouped by age. Puppies kenneled together or owned by the same owner should be placed in separate races or, if they must race in the same race they should not be next to each other in the box. The number of puppy races and dogs per race shall be determined by use of the Quick Chart (see Appendix).
3. **Puppy Scoring System.** Puppies shall be grouped based on the following scoring system:

#### **First Program Puppy Scoring**

1<sup>st</sup> - 5 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> - 3 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> - 2 points

#### **Second and Third Program Puppy Scoring**

##### **High Point**

1<sup>st</sup> - 8 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> - 5 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> - 3 points  
4<sup>th</sup> - 1 points

##### **Other races**

1<sup>st</sup> - 5 pts  
2<sup>nd</sup> - 3 pts  
3<sup>rd</sup> - 2 pts

If there is only one puppy race, it should be scored the same as Program #1 (i.e. 5-3-2).

### **C. Adult Grading System**

The purpose of the grading system is to match adult Whippets against each other by a point system based on actual performance. Height, weight or sex have no bearing.

#### **1. Grading Principles.**

All adult Whippets shall have a Grade Classification, A, B, C, D, or FTE. Whippets shall be seeded by using the grading guide. Whippets that are entered for the first time in the Adult Division, are designated as FTE (First Time Entered), and are classed as grade D Whippets in that first race meet, with the following exceptions:

- a) Any whippet having a racing grade from the Whippet Racing Association (WRA), or 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 CWA race meet.

- b) 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.

Grades are determined by averaging the points earned in the last 3 complete race meets. If a Whippet has completed less than three meets, it shall be graded on its average for the one or two meets which it did complete. A Whippet which has never raced as an adult shall start in Grade D as an FTE, regardless of known abilities. The point/grade guideline is:

<u>Point average, 3 race meets</u>	<u>Starting Grade</u>
15.0 to 29.0	A
10.0 to 14.9	B
5.0 to 9.9	C
0.0 to 4.9	D
First Time Entered	FTE

A dog that has been inactive for one year will be dropped one grade from its last starting average (unless D), unless the racer in question is a veteran (age 7 or older) and then the starting grade can be dropped more than one grade based on the age and overall recent performance history of the veteran, including practices.

Any First Time Entered Whippet who does not complete the meet will be entered at the next meet in the grade corresponding to the points earned in its first meet OR, in the case of a Whippet which has raced as an adult with another race organization, its grade from that organization, unless its first meet score would put it into a higher grade.

## **2. Selection of Box Positions**

The first program is arranged to match Whippets based on their Starting Grade. In the second, third and fourth programs, racers are placed in heats and boxes according to points scored in the previous program or programs. Selection of post positions shall be done by random draw for all programs.

In the first program when more than six dogs in a grade are entered, the dogs shall be distributed evenly between the races. When the numbers cannot be evenly distributed between races in the grade, they shall be scheduled so that the race with the most dogs will be run last in the grade. In the first program, dogs shall be selected randomly for the race they are in.

For the first program, only Grade A Whippets (15.0 to 29.0 average) are eligible for High Point Races. First Time Entered (FTE) Whippets that have not run in the CWA or another recognized straight racing organization should be dispersed through the Grade D adult entrants having 0 to 4.9 averages. Dogs that have run in another recognized straight racing organization shall have an average obtained by averaging the points earned in the last three or less race meets. This average will dictate at what grade the dog shall run in the CWA. Once the dog has run and completed its first CWA race meet, the dog's average will be established within the CWA system and the points obtained from outside the CWA will no longer be considered. FTEs that have run with a recognized straight racing organization will still be considered FTE for selection into the conformation portion of the race meet.

Selection of post positions shall be done by random draw for all programs. 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

program. If an owner has two or more entrants in the same race, they should not be next to each other in the box (first program only).

### 3. Rotation by Points

In the first program, Whippets are grouped by Starting Grade (See 2. Selection of Box Positions, second paragraph). Points will be awarded per the schedule below; however, all Starting Grade A races will be scored as a High Point Race in the first program.

After the first program Whippets are regrouped by race points earned in the proceeding program(s); this procedure of grouping by similar points continues until the end of the meet. Use the Quick Chart for race setup. Each Whippet's points are taken from the board or race sheet in sequence from the highest points earned down to the least points. Whippets having the same number of points are removed in sequence from the highest race to the lowest and within any given race by the order of finish. By random draw, the racers are then consecutively assigned box positions in the new program beginning with box #1 through #6 in the high point race, then proceeding in sequence to box #1 through #6 in the other races.

In Program Four, if a Whippet finishes in last place in the High Point race and has the same amount of points as the winner of the semi-race, the High Point dog should be put in the semi and the semi winner will move up to the High Point race.

Unless there are fewer than ten adults, the high point adult race should always have six starters. When necessary, the semi-feature on down may have less than six starters. These gaps should begin in the semi-feature race, and go consecutively downward. The lowest point races should always have the maximum number of racers or starters. (Please refer to the Quick Chart.)

#### **First, Third and Fourth Program Adult Point Scoring**

<u>High Point Race</u>	<u>All Other Grade Races</u>
1st Place - 8 points	1st Place - 5 points
2nd Place - 6 points	2nd Place - 3 points
3rd Place - 5 points	3rd Place - 2 points
4th Place - 4 points	
5th Place - 3 points	
6th Place - 2 points	

#### **Second Program Adult Scoring**

<u>High Point Race</u>	<u>All Other Races</u>
1st Place - 5 points	1st Place - 5 points
2nd Place - 3 points	2nd Place - 3 points
3rd Place - 2 1/2 points	3rd Place - 2 points
4th Place - 2 points	
5th Place - 1 1/2 points	
6th Place - 1 point	

In case of a tie, the points for the tied placements are added up and divided by the number of Whippets tying.

In order to be scored placement points in a race, a Whippet must cross the finish line on the race track in front of the judges.

### D. Trophies and Prizes

Determination and availability of trophies, rosettes and ribbons is at the discretion of the sponsoring Club/Group. Trophies shall be presented after the conformation competition.

## **CHAPTER VII**

### **Whippet Disqualifications Applying to CWA Events**

#### **A. Disqualifications included in the AKC Standard for the Breed applying to the CWA Program are:**

1. Blue or wall eyes
2. Undershot jaw
3. Overshot jaw 1/4 inch or more
4. A Whippet male more than 22 ½", bitches more than 21 ½", males below 18 ½" or bitches below 17 ½"
5. Coat other than short, close, smooth and firm in texture

#### **B. Those disqualifications covered by the CWA program are:**

1. Monorchid (a male with only one descended testicle); neutered monorchids are eligible.
2. AKC disqualifications (blindness, deafness, testicles). Both testicles must be of normal size in complete males.
3. Whippet bitches in heat or season
4. A Whippet that shows positive evidence of sickness or abnormality, i.e. lameness that could be detrimental to the Whippet or other Whippet racers
5. The use of any drug, steroid, stimulant or narcotic not prescribed by a veterinarian to treat a specific, medically verifiable condition. Whippets under the influence of any drug prescribed by a veterinarian for lameness.

## **CHAPTER VIII**

### **Barred From Racing**

#### **A. The Race Secretary shall bar any Whippet from racing for the following reasons:**

1. Any Whippet possessing a disqualification applying to CWA Events (see Chapter VII. Whippet Disqualifications Applying to CWA Events).
2. A male with only one testicle (neutered monorchids and cryptorchids are eligible).
3. A bitch which shows noticeable signs of being in season such as swelling, redness, or blood. She can be barred at any time during a meet when such signs are noticed.
4. A Whippet which shows obvious signs of sickness, lameness or injury.
5. Any Whippet which "Fouls" at schooling races can be barred temporarily from CWA Race Meets if the Race Secretary feels that the Whippet will "foul" at the Official Meet.
6. Whippets under the influence of any drug, stimulant or narcotic not prescribed by a veterinarian for a specified medical condition. Drug testing may only be ordered by the Board of Directors.
7. Whippets under the influence of any drug prescribed by a veterinarian for lameness.
8. Any Whippet without proper equipment, i.e. wire muzzle, faded race blankets, etc.
9. Any Whippet permanently disqualified for fouling (see Chapter VIII).

## CHAPTER IX Racing Disqualifications

### A. Initial Disqualification

Any Whippet who is called for intentional interference by a majority of the appointed foul judges will be disqualified from all placements in the race in which the foul was committed. The Whippet causing the foul will not be allowed to race further during that race meet but all points accumulated prior to said foul are allowed for final point standings.

### B. Permanent Disqualification

Any puppy or adult Whippet disqualified twice in any one year will not be allowed to race further in that year. Should said puppy or adult Whippet with two disqualifications in one year be disqualified again in any subsequent year said Whippet will be permanently barred from future CWA meets.

## CHAPTER X Dismissals

A. Whippets may be dismissed for the remainder of the race meet by the Race Secretary for the following reasons:

1. Whippets whose handler or owner interferes with or takes unfair advantage of other dogs in a race. Care must be exercised by handlers not to interfere with other dogs especially when loading into the starting box and when retrieving dogs at the conclusion of the race. After loading the racer, the handler must step back from the box or go off the track. No handler may tease his racer with the lure or touch the lure or have a lure in his possession to tease his racer at the starting box. Handlers shall not shout to their dogs at the starting box. These practices give unfair advantage or disadvantage to some racers.
2. Whippets whose handler or owner scratches a dog which is not injured or ill after the racers have been regrouped for the next program of racing.
3. A owner or handler who engages in gross misconduct (including but not limited to fighting, public intoxication) or other misconduct detrimental to the CWA, the Affiliated Club/Group or the sport of Whippet racing.
4. A Whippet whose muzzle comes off in two races.
5. A Whippet who does not finish two races in the same meet may be dismissed from further racing at that meet at the option of the Race Secretary.

The results of the meet should indicate any Whippets dismissed, the reason, and before which program.

## CHAPTER XI Scratches

A. An owner or handler may scratch his or her racer from the meet before the racers have been regrouped for the next program of racing. No racer may be scratched by its owner or handier after the racers have been regrouped for the next program of racing unless the racer becomes injured or ill. Late scratches must be approved by the Race Secretary. Owners scratching a sound, healthy Whippet after racers are regrouped are subject to having all their Whippets dismissed from further competition. A Race Secretary may scratch a Whippet for the following reasons:

1. Any Whippet that appears lame, injured or ill.
2. Any Whippet which unduly delays racing such as by refusing to face forward in the starting box or which removes its muzzle in the starting box several times or which refuses to walk to the starting box.
3. Any Whippet left out of a race by neglect or oversight by the handler or owner.

The results of the meet should indicate any Whippets which were scratched and before which program.

## **CHAPTER XII** **Rerunning of a Race**

### **A. Reasons**

Races shall not be rerun unless there is no doubt that the outcome of a race was altered by unusual circumstances. A race shall be rerun only under the following circumstances:

1. If a racer catches or passes the lure or any part of the lure between the starting box and the finish line, it will be declared "No Race."
2. If the starting box fails to open properly giving any racer an unfair advantage. This decision must be made by the Box Operator and Race Secretary.
3. If a Whippet not entered in a race escapes and interferes with the racers. If the escaped Whippet does not interfere with the racers, the placings will stand and the race is not to be rerun. IF A SITUATION OCCURS WHICH PRESENTS A LIKELIHOOD OF INJURY TO A RACER, SUCH AS AN ESCAPED WHIPPET, THE LURE SHOULD BE STOPPED IMMEDIATELY AND THE HANDLERS ARE TO RETRIEVE THEIR WHIPPETS.
4. On rare occasions where there is extreme interference involving several Whippets in a race.
5. At the discretion of the race committee a race may be re-run if extenuating circumstances occur which affect the outcome of the 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. A race will not be rerun and dogs can not be switched around within a program if they are accidentally run in the wrong race by a handler. If a Whippet is inadvertently substituted for by another Whippet in a race and misses its correct race, it can not continue to run on that day. The dog that was accidentally put in a race can continue to compete in the same program but must run in its correct subsequent race. It is the Whippet owner or handler's responsibility to check the official score board to make certain his or her Whippets have been posted in a race and compete in the correct race.

### **B. Rest Period**

There shall be a rest period of at least 10 minutes prior to rerunning of a race; 20 minutes prior to the second rerunning of a race. The results of the meet shall indicate which races were rerun.

## **CHAPTER XIII** **Protests**

## **A. Protest Resolution**

### **1. Step One**

Any participant in a CWA event has the right to lodge a claim of protest. Said participant must first contact the Race Secretary with the complaint. If the matter is not satisfactorily resolved, the participant may appeal to the President.

### **2. Step Two**

If a complaint cannot be resolved locally, the race participant may lodge a claim of protest to the President. A check for \$25.00, payable to the CWA, must accompany the complaint. The President will appoint a Protest Committee consisting of two impartial members of the Rules Committee and the President. The \$25 will be returned if the complaint is considered justifiable. All protests of a race meet must be resolved before Award of Excellence (ARX) points can be granted.

In the event of any dispute over the interpretation of these rules or any situation that is not covered by them, the decision of the President and Protest Committee will be final.

## **CHAPTER XIV** **Race Track and Equipment**

### **A. Race Track**

The race track shall be a straight, flat surface of 150, 175 or 200 yards, plus an additional 50 yards past the finish line, if possible, but in no event less than 30 yards. The surface of the race track should be turf, sod, or soft dirt. The race track shall be 20 feet in width at the starting box, and 30 feet in width at the finish line. These are minimum widths, and wider tracks are preferred when possible, to allow the Whippets more freedom of stride and to reduce bodily contact. Where possible, rope and stake rails should be used to prevent spectators from entering onto the race track.

If, for unavoidable reasons, the location of a scheduled race meet must be changed, the race meet may proceed at the new location, provided the Whippet owners present are willing and there are a minimum of 10 adult Whippets starting.

### **B. Paddock, Scoreboard and Programs**

The paddock should be set in a centrally located area a short distance from the race track. The paddock boundaries should be marked and have sufficient room for blanketing of Whippets. The scoreboard should be in or nearby the paddock. The scoreboard and identifying nametags should be large enough so that owners and handlers may easily identify their box positions. The nametags shall display the registered name of the Whippet and any titles. Programs and score sheets should be available but are not mandatory.

### **C. Blankets**

Colors of race blankets must be pure. Numbers should be at least 4" tall and placed where they will be visible when viewed from the side. Blankets with faded colors shall not be allowed. The blankets and ties should allow the Whippet to run freely without interference. The blanket should cover the Whippet from the shoulder blade to just past the ribs. Ties may be of any type but velcro is preferred. Only the following colors and numbers shall be used:

#1 Red blanket, white number  
#2 Blue blanket, white number

#4 Green blanket, white number  
#5 Black blanket, white number

#3 White blanket, black number

#6 Yellow blanket, black number

#### **D. Muzzles**

All Whippets must wear muzzles while racing. Muzzles should be of a box type which allows full freedom for the Whippet to open its mouth while racing, but which prevents it from biting. Muzzles may be made of leather or plastic. Wire muzzles of any type are not allowed. Muzzles with sharp corners or projections, or which display an obvious potential for injury, are prohibited. The use of blinders (blinkers), flaps attached to or a part of the muzzle that create a blind spot beside the dog wearing them, are prohibited. Muzzles shall be worn from the time the Whippet leaves the paddock for the starting box until the Whippet has been retrieved and is off the track. For safety reasons, any muzzle that allows a Whippet to grab the lure will not be allowed. If a Whippet loses its muzzle in two races, the dog may be dismissed from the meet.

#### **E. Collars**

This section pertains only to dogs while on the race track as described in paragraph A in this Chapter. The only collars allowed are flat material (leather or nylon) with a plastic buckle snap. No tags or other accessories are allowed other than a "D" ring as a part of the collar.

#### **F. Lure and Lure Machine**

The lure machine shall be battery driven and capable of pulling a lure at a consistently smooth and steady pace 10 yards ahead of the racers. Advisable test speed for 200 yards is 8-9 seconds. Back-up batteries, lure and lure machine must be available. The lure shall contain or be accompanied by a predator call or squawker, such as those available from the National Greyhound Association. The lure shall be made of real or synthetic fur and shall be large enough to be sighted at all times, and travel a straight path. White rags or plastic bags may be part of the lure to improve its visibility or weight. The lure shall be replaced if it becomes dusty, muddy or takes on the same color as the race track.

#### **G. Starting Box**

The starting box shall have six individual starting slots. The front gate shall cover all the starting slots, and lift up and over the Whippets when opening. The dogs shall be able to see the lure at the bottom one third of the front gate. The loading gates shall slide up to admit the Whippet and shall allow for a 2" space at the bottom so that it cannot crush the tail. The loading gates shall be numbered 1 through 6, from the left. The rear doors should be painted the same colors as the racing blankets, #1 red, #2 blue, etc. The floor of the starting box shall be covered with a nonskid material to prevent the Whippet's slipping when springing from the starting box. Starting boxes should be made of lightweight material and should be sturdy but portable.

#### **H. Loudspeaker**

If possible, a loudspeaker or megaphone should be available to inform owners, handlers and spectators of all activities in connection with the event.

## **CHAPTER XV** **Conformation Competition**

#### **A. Purpose**

In accordance with its Constitution, the objective of the CWA is to encourage the dual purpose Whippet, i.e. one that can excel in form as well as function. To accomplish this goal, at the conclusion of each CWA Race Meet, a conformation competition will be conducted to recognize beauty as well as racing performance.

At the option of the host club(s), the two conformation competitions for a Saturday-Sunday doubleheader may be combined into one, which would be conducted at the conclusion of Sunday's CWA Race Meet.

## **B. Eligibility**

Whippets competing must have completed all heats in true racing fashion to be eligible. The following race meet finishers shall go on to compete in the conformation competition:

- 1st and 2nd High Score Grade A starters
- 1st and 2nd High Score Grade B starters
- 1st and 2nd High Score Grade C starters
- 1st and 2nd High Score Grade D starters
- 1st and 2nd High Score FTE starters
- High Score Best of Opposite Sex Adult
- High Score Puppy
- High Score Best of Opposite Sex Puppy

Where a tie occurs among the first-in-grade, all first-in-grades may participate free of charge. Where a tie occurs in second-in-grade, regardless of a tie among the first-in-grade, all tied second-in-grade may also participate free of charge. Where ties exist among Best of Opposite Sex (BOS), the tied BOS may participate free of charge. Where there is a tie among race meet winners, where they are of different gender (race meet winner tie: one a bitch; the other a dog), there is no BOS.

Adult Best of Opposite Sex eligibility for conformation competition will be determined as follows: After selection of the top two racers from each Grade (A, B, C, D, and FTE), the next highest scoring adult Whippet of the opposite sex to the race meet winner is eligible to compete in the conformation competition (i.e. if the race meet winner is a male, the BOS would be the highest scoring bitch not already eligible by virtue of being 1st or 2nd High Score A, 1st or 2nd High Score B, etc.). High Score Puppy and Best of Opposite Sex to 1st place Puppy are also eligible and not affected by above adult procedures.

All Whippets will compete together as a group.

Supplemental Entries: Whippets competing in the race meet in either puppies (completing all three programs) or adults (completing all four programs), and not automatically eligible by virtue of being one of the top two A's, top two B's, etc. may compete in the Conformation Competition, providing owners pay a supplemental entry fee to the Event Coordinator. The number of supplemental entry fees will be added to the race meet entries when calculating total CWA per capita fees.

## **C. Conformation Judge**

When requesting the race meet, the Race Secretary will, if possible, name who will judge the conformation competition in conjunction with the race meet. The selected judge may be an active race participant, a Whippet fancier or knowledgeable person not active in racing. The person selected to judge must be in good standing with the AKC, AWC and CWA (but not necessarily a member). If the selected judge is unable to fulfill his or her assignment for any reason, the Race Secretary selects a substitute. At their discretion, conformation judges may judge their own dogs.

## **D. Location**

If possible, a roped off area of suitable size for examination and moving shall be provided by the Affiliated Club/Group. If not, the race track area is sufficient.

#### **E. Awards**

Following individual examination and movement of each Whippet, the judge shall select first, second, third and fourth place, regardless of sex. There is no best of opposite sex award.

#### **F. Results**

Publication in the CWA Newsletter of the complete registered name, race meet placement, i.e. Grade C, etc., of all participants together with first through fourth placements and name of judge shall be included with the race results submitted by the Race Secretary.

## **CHAPTER XVI**

### **Titles**

#### **A. Definitions**

The CWA shall award seven titles to deserving Whippets: Title of Racing Proficiency (TRP); Performance Racer (PR); Award of Racing Excellence (ARX); National Award of Racing Excellence (NARX); Superior Racing Award (SRA); Dual Purpose Champion (DPC); and Dual Purpose Champion Excellent (DPCX).

#### **B. Title of Racing Proficiency (TRP)**

This award is designed to recognize those Whippets who have demonstrated a basic level of proficiency in Whippet racing. Whippets competing in ten (10) adult CWA race meets, completing all four heats in true racing fashion are eligible for the CWA Title of Racing Proficiency. A Whippet that has been disqualified or did not finish a race (due to other than injury) will not receive credit toward one of the required ten race meets.

Owners must apply for this award by written request listing the dates and locations of the ten meets completed. After verification a certificate will be issued and the Whippet's name published in the CWA Newsletter.

#### **C. Performance Racer (PR)**

This award is intended to identify and rank the overall career of the racing Whippet. This title is based on the number of accumulated race points a Whippet earns throughout his racing career. To achieve the PR, a whippet must earn fifty (50) race points. Any holder of the PR title who accumulates an additional one hundred (100) race points will earn another title and be known as a PR2. Further PR titles will be awarded after each additional one hundred (100) race points earned with the numeral being increased to reflect the number of titles earned. A whippet must complete the meet to qualify the points towards this title.

This title is continued during and after other titles are accumulated, as the purpose of this title is to reflect on the merit of the racing Whippet's entire career. Total race points will be recorded on the CWA website grading guide.

Certificates documenting the completion of the initial PR title will be distributed upon achieving this award. Additional certificates of PR II and above will not be automatically distributed, however they may be requested.

If owners wish their whippets' previous years' achievements to be included, they must submit documentation as proof of previous race points to the statistician for the titles earned.

#### D. Award of Racing Excellence (ARX)

This award is designed to recognize those Whippets that have demonstrated a high level of performance and speed in Whippet racing. The CWA will honor these race Whippets competing in its race program by granting Award of Racing Excellence (ARX) points to the top finishers at each Race Meet. Once Whippets have earned the ARX title they can continue to compete at CWA meets, but do not accumulate additional points. After verification a certificate will be issued and the Whippet's name published in the CWA Newsletter.

**To qualify for ARX points, Whippets must place in the top 50% of adult finishers, i.e.** if 20 Whippets finish all four programs, Whippets must place in top ten finishers to qualify for ARX points (includes ties). When an odd number of dogs finish, round up to the next even placement, i.e. if 21 Whippets finish all four programs, Whippets must place in top eleven finishers to qualify for ARX points (includes ties). To earn the CWA Award of Racing Excellence, a Whippet must earn 15 ARX points. Points shall be awarded to non-ARX titled Whippets according to the following point schedule:

10 to 19 Adult Starters	3 points High Score 1 points 2nd High Score
20 to 29 Adult Starters	4 points High Score 2 points 2nd High Score
30 to 39 Adult Starters	5 points High Score 3 points 2nd High Score 1 points 3rd High Score
40 to 49 Adult Starters	6 points High Score 4 points 2nd High Score 2 points 3rd High Score
50 to 59 Adult Starters	6 points High Score 4 points 2nd High Score 2 points 3rd High Score 1 point 4th High Score
Over 60 Adult Starters	7 points High Score 5 points 2nd High Score 3 points 3rd High Score 1 point 4th High Score

In addition to the ARX title dogs receiving NARX points will be recognized for accumulation of National points. After the dog accomplishes its ARX title and accumulates 15 NARX points it will receive its NARX title. A dog will receive a number and will graduate to next level after each 15 NARX point increment. In addition to a dog receiving its SRA title, for every 75 additional NARX points it will receive a number and graduate to the next level after each 75 NARX point increment. Titles will be earned as follows:

ARX	(see above)
NARX	15-29 NARX points
NARX 2	30-44 NARX points
NARX 3	45-59 NARX points
NARX 4	60-74 NARX points
SRA	75-149 NARX points
SRA 2	150-224 NARX points
SRA 3	225-299 NARX points
SRA 4	300+ NARX points

All titles will be retroactive. Owners of retired or deceased racers that have earned these titles need to contact the secretary with documentation of the accomplishment.

#### **E. Superior Racing Award (SRA)**

This award will be granted to ARX Whippets with 75 total NARX points accumulated over several years. National Award of Racing Excellence (NARX) points are cumulative and are calculated by applying the standard ARX point scale to the top finishers at CWA race meets.

#### **F. Dual Purpose Championship (DPC)**

This award is designed to recognize those Whippets who have achieved the proficiency level of racing, plus achieved recognition in conformation competition. Whippets earning the Title of Racing Proficiency are eligible to earn the CWA Dual Purpose Championship if they also accomplish one of the following:

1. Earn an AKC or CKC bench championship.
2. Win five (5) CWA conformation competitions

Dual Purpose Champions and AKC/CKC champions may compete in CWA conformation competitions and may win 1st through 4th place, however, credit toward the DPC 1st place requirement will go to the next highest placing non-DPC/DPCX/AKC/CKC champion Whippet.

Owners must apply for this award, listing dates and point(s)/placement(s) earned. If necessary, verification is made from the A.K.C. Gazette show wins section. After verification, a certificate will be issued and the Whippet's name published in the CWA Newsletter.

#### **G. Dual Purpose Championship Excellent (DPCX)**

This award is designed to recognize those unique Whippets who have achieved a high level of performance and speed plus received recognition in conformation competition. This is the highest level of CWA award and represents the goal of the CWA Program. Whippets earning the Award of Racing Excellence (ARX) are eligible to earn the CWA Dual Purpose Championship Excellent (DPCX) by the same qualifications as the Dual Purpose Champion (DPC) with the exception that they must earn the title of Award of Racing Excellence (ARX) plus the qualifying conditions of the conformation requirements as stated above.

Dual Purpose Champion Excellent and AKC/CKC champions may compete in CWA conformation competitions and may win 1st through 4th place, however, credit toward the DPC **1st place requirement will go to the next highest placing non-DPC/DPCX/AKC/CKC champion Whippet.**

Owners must apply for this award, listing dates and point(s)/placement(s) earned. If necessary, verification is made from the A.K.C. Gazette show wins section. After verification, a certificate will be issued and the Whippet's name published in the CWA Newsletter.

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