PLUMPTON COURSING RULES
As at 1 January, 2012

Current PCR rules which provide for the 'inclusion' of the GAR rules:

1.2 Unless inconsistent with the context or subject matter, words defined elsewhere in the Rules shall have the same meaning in these Plumpton Coursing Rules.

1.4 Plumpton Coursing matches shall, except as otherwise provided for in these Plumpton Coursing Rules, be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Rules.

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1. Interpretation

1.1 In these Plumpton Coursing Rules unless inconsistent with the context or subject matter:

"**Accidental Bye**" means a Bye which is occasioned as a result of the other greyhound scheduled to compete in the Course being declared a non-starter or as a result of a Guard;

"**Bye**" means a Course wherein only one (1) greyhound is, by reason of the result of the draw or by reason of the other greyhound being declared a non-starter, the sole competitor in the Course;

"**Course**" means the competitive pursuit of a mechanical quarry by two (2) greyhounds or the pursuit by one (1) in the case of a Bye;

"**Draw**" means the process by which is determined the respective greyhounds which shall compete in each Course in a Stake;

"**Guarding**" means the process whereby it is provided that greyhounds registered in the same ownership shall not be allowed to compete against each other in a Course or where it is provided that a greyhound shall not be permitted to run two (2) Natural Byes;

"**Marshalling Area**" means a fully or partially enclosed area set aside at a Plumpton Meeting for the purpose of assembling greyhounds for a veterinary examination in accordance with GAR 37 (1) and (2), and inspection by a Steward prior to the greyhounds being sent to slips;

R37 ***Examination of greyhound for fitness, illness, cleanliness or contagious condition***

(1) *When a greyhound is presented, for an Event the Stewards shall cause the greyhound to be examined by a veterinary surgeon or authorised person in order to determine that the greyhound is fit to compete and, in the case of a bitch, is not in season.*

(2) *An injury or illness as determined by the veterinary surgeon or authorised person at the time of kennelling shall be notified to the Stewards by way of a certificate, which shall contain a recommended period of incapacitation. The greyhounds shall be withdrawn from the Event and subject to Rule 73 (3) shall not be eligible to compete in any Event during the recommended period of incapacitation.*

"**Natural Bye**" means a Bye which is occasioned solely as a result of the Draw;

"**Plumpton Meeting**" means a Coursing match conducted under a permit from the responsible Minister involving the use of a mechanical quarry and where in each Course two (2) greyhounds compete according to Coursing ties method;

"**Puppy**" means (subject to PCR 3.2) a greyhound which is whelped within a period of time, as determined by the National Coursing Association Inc. [GRV 27/1/09]

"**Rules**" mean the Rules of the Board;

"**Season**" means the period between 1 April and 7 November of each year;

"**Slips**" means the lead used by the Slipper to secure the greyhounds prior to and for the commencement of each Course;

"**Slipper**" means a person appointed by a Club or the National Coursing Association to have the physical control of the greyhounds immediately prior to and for the commencement of each Course to be conducted at a Plumpton Meeting;

"**Slip Steward**" means a person appointed by the Committee and the Steward in Charge of a Meeting to carry out the duties of:

(a) ensuring that each greyhound competing at a Plumpton Meeting agrees with the description on its Greyhound Certificate;

(b) ensuring that each greyhound is brought to slips in its proper turn, wearing its proper collar, and put on its correct side; and

(c) reporting to the Steward in Charge of the Meeting without delay, any greyhound that does not come to slips in time;

"**Stake**" means a number of Courses which when combined comprise an Event.

1.2 Unless inconsistent with the context or subject matter, words defined elsewhere in the Rules shall have the same meaning in these Plumpton Coursing Rules.

1.3 For the purpose of the Rules, a Course shall be deemed to be an Event.

1.4 Plumpton Coursing matches shall, except as otherwise provided for in these Plumpton Coursing Rules, be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Rules.

2 Classics

2.1 (a) The Classics shall be known as the Waterloo Cup, Victoria Derby and Victoria Oaks. [GRV 27/1/09]

(b) There may be, at the discretion of the Club, consolation Stakes for greyhounds which participate in but are eliminated from the particular Classic.

2.2 The Classics shall be conducted by such Clubs and on such dates as are determined by the Board acting upon the recommendation of the National Coursing Association.

3 Classification of Stakes

3.1 The classification of Stakes shall be as follows:

(a) Classics - for greyhounds which fulfill the special conditions laid down by the National Coursing Association for the particular Classic.

(b) All Aged Stakes - for greyhounds of any age.

(c) Limit Stake - for greyhounds which have previously participated in but not won more than a specified number of Courses or a specified amount of Prizemoney in any one (1) Stake.

(d) Maiden Stake – for greyhounds which have never won a Stake.

(e) Puppy Stake for greyhounds which are Puppies. [GRV 27/1/09]

3.2 For the purpose of Plumpton Coursing events, the age of a greyhound shall date from 1 March in each year. [GRV 27/1/09]

3.3 Any Puppy Stake of more than sixteen (16) greyhounds being conducted before the Derby and Oaks in any season will be conducted with the approval of and at the discretion of the National Coursing Association Victoria Inc. [GRV 27/1/09]

4 Nominations

4.1 (a) Nominations shall be in writing in accordance with the current applicable form and lodged with the Board; or

(b) By telephone to the Board or the designated telephone numbers and providing the information required by the Board; or

(c) By the internet through the Boards website

4.2 The closing time of nominations shall be advertised.

4.3 All nominations must be approved by the Board (or its nominee). Where a greyhound has been nominated for a particular Stake, the Board (or its nominee) may instead and at its own discretion, include the greyhound in any other Stake for which it is eligible at the Meeting and if so included, the greyhound will be deemed to have been nominated for such other Stake.

4.4 The trainer or one (1) owner of any greyhound which is nominated for a Stake shall be a financial member of the Club unless the Stake is termed an open nomination Stake.

4.5 Any person nominating a greyhound for a Stake may be liable for the nomination fee. A greyhound whose nomination fee has not been paid by the time set out in PCR 10.2 shall be prohibited from participating and declared to be a non-starter.

5 The Draw

5.1 The Draw shall be open to the public and carried out as follows:

(a) It shall be conducted at the Board's office, or in the case of a consolation stake, shall be conducted at the premises of the club.

(b) The greyhounds selected to participate in the Stake shall be further selected at random and thereafter paired and of each pair, the odd number in order of selection shall wear the red collar and the Draw shall be

otherwise unchanged except where a Guarding situation arises.

(c) Immediately after the Draw, the result of the Draw and the time and date it was conducted shall be recorded in a document retained by the Board.

5.2 If for any reason the Draw cannot be carried out at the Board's office, then the Draw shall be conducted at the Premises of the Club which is conducting the Plumpton Meeting in the presence of an Officer of the Board and two (2) members of the Committee of the Club but otherwise in the same manner as set out in PCR 5.1 (the necessary changes being made).

5.3 A greyhound listed as a reserve following the Draw shall be used as a replacement for a greyhound declared by the Steward in Charge of the Meeting to be a nonstarter. Where more than one (1) greyhound in a Stake is declared to be a nonstarter, a public ballot shall be held to determine from the reserve greyhounds the particular Course in which they shall participate.

5.4 For Classic Events conducted on consecutive days, whereby more than eight (8) greyhounds are drawn in an Event, the number of courses conducted each day shall be as follows: [GRV Board 15/12/09]

Greyhounds	Total Courses	Course 1st Day	Courses 2nd Day
33-64	6	3	3
17-32	5	2	3
9-16	4	2	2

6 Collars

6.1 (a) Each greyhound shall wear a collar of not less than five (5) centimetres in width provided by the Trainer.

(b) The colour of the collar shall be red for the left side and white for the right side of the slips as viewed from behind.

6.2 In each round of a Stake after the first round, the eliminated greyhounds shall be disregarded. The odd numbered remaining greyhounds, as calculated from the top of the card, shall wear the red collar in each round.

6.3 If for any reason the greyhounds run in wrong collars, the Course shall be awarded to the greyhound which actually wore the collar corresponding in colour to the flag hoisted by the judge.

7 Ownership

If the ownership of a greyhound is changed after the Draw has been published, such greyhound is not eligible to participate unless the new Owner confirms in writing the greyhound's nomination prior to the time set out in PCR 10.2.

8 Guarding

8.1 (a) When more than one (1) nomination in a Stake is taken in one (1) name, the greyhounds, if bona fide registered in the same ownership, shall be Guarded throughout, until such time as all remaining greyhounds in the Stake are in the same ownership, after which they shall run off as required to complete the Stake. This shall always be arranged, as far as possible, by bringing the greyhounds up from below to meet those which are to be Guarded. [GRV 27/1/09].

(b) This Guarding shall not, however, deprive any greyhound of a Natural Bye to which it may be entitled, either in a Draw or in running through the Stake.

(c) If greyhounds to be Guarded are on the bottom of the card, then Guarding may be effected by bringing greyhounds from above prior to the commencement of the round of the Stake.

8.2 Where the result of a Draw is altered by Guarding, the result of the Draw shall be restored prior to the commencement of the next round.

8.3 Where a Guard has been provided, no further variation to the Draw shall take place upon the commencement of the next round notwithstanding that another greyhound may subsequently be declared to be a non-starter.

9 Byes

9.1 Any greyhound in a Bye shall complete the Course unless at the commencement of any round in a Stake a greyhound in each Course of that round has a Bye. The greyhound in such circumstances shall not be required to complete the Course but shall be deemed to have completed the Course.

9.2 A Natural Bye shall be run by the lowest greyhound in each round of a Stake when odd numbers occur and in every case the Bye greyhound shall run wearing the red collar.

9.3 No greyhound shall in any Stake be permitted to run two (2) Natural Byes unless it becomes unavoidable.

9.4 The greyhound in an Accidental Bye shall wear a collar of the colour which it would have been required to wear had not the Accidental Bye occurred.

9.5 The Trainer of a greyhound in a Bye may if they wish run an accompanying greyhound in that Course.

9.6 Byes or participation in winnings through being entitled to Byes shall count as Courses won.

9.7 If a greyhound is entitled to a Bye and is then declared a non-starter by reason of injury or Illness, prizemoney shall be paid as if the Bye had been completed.

10 Presentation for Coursing

10.1 Every Club shall provide an area where greyhounds can be Marshalled together, including a veterinary examination ramp.

10.2 A Trainer of a greyhound scheduled to participate in a Stake shall present the greyhound and the Greyhound Certificate to the Steward in Charge of the Meeting at the Marshalling Area no later than forty-five (45) minutes prior to the scheduled time of the first Course of the day.

10.3 The identification of all participating greyhounds shall be further verified by a Steward or Official prior to the greyhounds being sent to the slipping point.

10.3.1 All participating greyhounds shall be examined by a veterinary surgeon or authorised person in accordance with GAR 37(1) and (2) prior to the first course on the day.

10.4 A Trainer shall ensure that a greyhound is presented at the Marshalling Area for a further verification not later than two (2) minutes after the final call requiring same has been made by the Steward in Charge of the Meeting.

10.5 The Trainer of any greyhound which is not presented without delay to the slipping point when required upon request by the Slip Steward shall be guilty of an Offence. If the greyhound is not presented in accordance with this PCR 10.5, the greyhound shall be prohibited from participating and declared to be a non-starter.

11 Slipping

11.1 Save as provided for in PCR 11.5, the control of all matters connected with slipping greyhounds shall rest with the Slip Steward.

11.2 Any greyhound found to be beyond control or mischievous in Slips or which refuses to leave Slips or pursue the mechanical quarry may by order of the Slip Steward, be taken out of Slips and declared to be a non-starter and prohibited from participating in the Course.

11.3 Immediately prior to the commencement of a Course the Slip Steward shall hoist or cause to be hoisted a coloured flag in the following circumstances:

- A red flag denoting that the greyhound wearing a red collar has a Bye.
- A white flag denoting that the greyhound wearing a white collar has a Bye.
- A yellow flag denoting that an "undecided Course" or "no Course" is being recommenced.
- A green flag denoting that a Course is being commenced.

11.4 Prior to the commencement of each Course the mechanical quarry shall be placed not

less than ten (10) metres nor more than fifteen (15) metres directly in front of the Slipper.

11.5 The Slipper shall have discretion as to the length of each Slip, but as far as possible the various Slips must be of uniform length.

11.6 If a greyhound gains release prematurely, the Slipper shall not release the other greyhound (if any). Where the premature release of a greyhound occurs, the greyhounds shall not be replaced into the Slips prior to the expiration of fifteen (15) minutes unless the Trainers of the two (2) greyhounds otherwise agree.

11.7 Greyhounds shall not, without the consent of their respective Trainers, be placed into Slips for the final Course in a Stake prior to the expiration of twenty (20) minutes after the conclusion of the previous round.

11.8 Save as herein provided in this PCR 11, each Course shall be conducted in the order of running as provided for as a result of the Draw.

12 "No Course" and "Undecided Course"

12.1 A declaration of "no Course" may be made by the Steward in Charge of the Meeting if:

(a) a greyhound gains premature release from Slips;

(b) the greyhounds are not released simultaneously from Slips;

(c) the mechanical quarry malfunctions; or

(d) any matter occurs which, in the opinion of the Steward in Charge of the Meeting, justifies a declaration of "no Course".

12.2 Where a declaration of "no Course" or "undecided Course" is made pursuant to PCR 12.1 or PCR 13.4, the Course shall be recommenced but not prior to the expiration of fifteen (15) minutes unless the Trainers otherwise agree. Both greyhounds shall be examined by the veterinary surgeon prior to the recommencement of the ‘no Course” or “undecided Course”.

12.3 If after the declaration of "undecided Course", the Steward in Charge of the Meeting permits the withdrawal of a greyhound and declares it to be a non-starter, the remaining greyhound shall not be required to run a Bye.

12.4 If, after the declaration of "no Course", the Steward in Charge of the Meeting permits the withdrawal of a greyhound and declares it to be a non-starter, the remaining greyhound shall be required to run a Bye except that where the judge and the Steward in Charge of the Meeting, in their discretion, are satisfied that the remaining greyhound did sufficient work during the "no Course" to constitute the equivalent of a Course, such greyhound shall not be required to run a Bye.

12.5 The Steward in Charge of the Meeting shall cause a public announcement to be made

as to any declaration of "undecided Course" or "no Course".

13 Judging

13.1 The judge shall, on the completion of each Course, deliver his determination as to the winner thereof by exhibiting a flag corresponding in colour with the collar worn by the winning greyhound.

13.2 The judge shall not make a determination if he is of the opinion that the provisions of PCR 14 may apply, or any matter has occurred which may result in a declaration of "no Course" or non-starter being made and in such circumstances the judge shall immediately report the matter to the Steward in Charge of the Meeting.

13.3 The Steward in Charge of the Meeting shall immediately investigate the matter and shall make any order in relation thereto, including any orders pursuant to PCR 6, PCR 12.1 and PCR 14, and shall advise the judge of such order. The judge shall make his determination (if any) on the basis of such order.

13.4 Where the judge is unable to determine which greyhound has won the Course, the judge shall deliver the determination of "undecided Course" and shall notify the Steward in Charge of the Meeting accordingly.

13.5 Notwithstanding the previous provisions of this PCR 13, the Steward in Charge of the Meeting shall have the power to alter the judge's decision where an error is admitted by the Judge.

14 Greyhound Offences

14.1 Where an order is made pursuant to GAR 69.1, the greyhound shall be prohibited from participating in any further Courses during the Plumpton Meeting and shall be required to undergo a satisfactory trial pursuant to these Plumpton Coursing Rules.

14.2 Without limitation of the operation of the provisions set out in GAR 69(1), the judge, Slip Steward and the Steward in Charge of the Meeting, acting in conjunction, may Disqualify from the Course any greyhound which has engaged in marring during the Course.

14.3 Where as a result of running in an Event other than a Coursing event, an order of prohibition is made against the greyhound pursuant to GAR 69(1) or the greyhound is ordered to undergo a Satisfactory Trial, the greyhound shall **not** be eligible to participate in Coursing events during the period that such an order is in force.

14.~~4~~ Where a greyhound is required to undergo a satisfactory trial at a Plumpton Coursing track, the greyhound shall participate in a trial:

(a) with at least one other greyhound behind a mechanical quarry; and

(b) under the supervision of a person authorised by the Board to supervise

satisfactory trials.

14.5 Where as a result of running in an event at a Plumpton Meeting, an order of prohibition is made against the greyhound pursuant to GAR 69(1) or the greyhound is ordered to undergo a satisfactory trial, the greyhound must meet the requirements of GAR 72 (any necessary changes being made) before it is eligible to participate at a Meeting other than a Plumpton Meeting.

15 Offences

15.1 No person shall act as Slipper, judge or Lure driver in respect of any Stake wherein any greyhound of which he is the Owner or Trainer, is participating.

15.2 No registered Owner or Trainer who is officiating at a Plumpton Meeting shall be prohibited from having an interest in any greyhound participating at the Meeting unless the person is acting as Slipper, judge or Lure driver whereby PCR 15.1 applies.

16 Withdrawals

16.1 No greyhound shall be withdrawn from a Stake after the Draw other than in accordance with these Plumpton Coursing Rules unless:

(a) the greyhound is Ill, injured or In Season and such withdrawal is authorised by a Steward or Officer of the Board; or

(b) the Board authorises such withdrawal.

16.2 Any greyhound which is authorised to be withdrawn pursuant to PCR 17.1 shall be determined to be a non-starter and shall be prohibited from participating in any Event for a period of ten (10) days as from the date of the meeting but no such order of prohibition shall affect the result of any Course conducted prior to that order of prohibition being made.

16.3 (a) Any greyhound withdrawn from a Stake due to non-arrival or other than in accordance with PCR 16.1 shall be prohibited from participating in any Event or Stake for a period of twenty-eight (28) days as of and including the date of such withdrawal.

(b) In addition, the Trainer of such greyhound may be liable at the discretion of the Steward in Charge of the Meeting, to a fine not exceeding two (2) Penalty Units.

16.4 The Steward in Charge of the Meeting or the Chief Steward may revoke any Penalty imposed by him under PCR 16.3 provided he is satisfied that there was good and valid reason for the non-arrival of any greyhound which was to participate at such Plumpton Meeting. ***(Typo error)***

16.5 Where after the running of a Course the Steward in Charge of the Meeting forms the opinion that a greyhound is suffering from injury, illness or fatigue, the Steward in Charge shall direct that the greyhound be examined by the veterinary surgeon and GAR 73 and 74 shall apply.

R73 ***Greyhound suffering injury***

(1) *Where a greyhound is injured during an Event the veterinary surgeon or authorised person or, in their absence, the Stewards, may impose a period of incapacitation commencing on the day on which the greyhound is injured.*

(2) *Subject to Rule 73(3), an owner or trainer shall not permit the greyhound to compete in an Event or satisfactory trial during the period of incapacitation.*

(3) *Where a greyhound is prohibited pursuant to Rules 37(2) and 73(1) from competing in any Event, the trainer may, subsequent to the day that an order is made, make only1application to the Stewards for the greyhound to be examined by an officiating veterinary surgeon or authorised person, to determine whether at the time of the examination the greyhound is free of injury and if the greyhound is found not to be suffering an injury the restriction imposed shall be revoked.*

R74 ***Greyhound suffering central or peripheral nervous system or vision condition***

(1) *Where a greyhound is examined by the veterinary surgeon at a meeting and is found to be suffering from an illness or condition which affects or may affect any part of its central or peripheral nervous system or which in the opinion of that veterinary surgeon may cause erratic behaviour or an unsatisfactory performance of the greyhound in, or otherwise affect the true running of, an Event, or the Controlling Body is notified at an inquiry or appeal that the greyhound has such an illness or condition, the Stewards shall order the greyhound to be prohibited from competing in an Event until such time as a veterinary surgeon is satisfied that the greyhound ceases to have any such illness or condition.*

(2) *Where a greyhound is prohibited from competing in an Event pursuant to sub-rule (1), the owner or trainer may apply to the Stewards for a further examination of the greyhound by a veterinary surgeon. Before such examination, the greyhound shall be required to complete a satisfactory trial. Upon completion of a satisfactory trial, the greyhound shall be examined by a veterinary surgeon approved by the Stewards. If the veterinary surgeon's examination indicates that the greyhound is in good health, he shall issue a certificate to that effect and the prohibition pursuant to Rule 104 shall cease to have effect immediately.*

(3) *Notwithstanding sub-rules (1) and (2), where a greyhound is examined by the officiating veterinary surgeon and is found to have or suspected of having impaired vision in1or both eyes, the Stewards shall order the greyhound to be prohibited from competing in an Event until such time as a specialist veterinary ophthalmologist, approved by the Controlling Body, examines the greyhound and certifies that the greyhound's vision is adequate to allow the greyhound to see the lure; and the greyhound has completed a satisfactory trial.*

17 Prizemoney Disputes

17.1 Where:

(a) a Club or Steward in Charge of the Meeting receives any objection to the delivery by the Club of any Prizemoney to the Owners of any greyhound; or

(b) the Prizemoney includes an indivisible item and the Owners do not agree as to the particular distribution of such Prizemoney,
the distribution shall be withheld of same and matter reported to the Board.

17.2 The Board shall, after investigating the matter, make a determination and such determination shall be binding on all Owners and the Club.

18 Postponements

18.1 If the majority of the Committee of the Club and Stewards officiating at a Classic Meeting, consider the weather unfit for Coursing, the holding of the Meeting may be postponed from day to day; but if the running does not commence within seven (7) clear days of the date originally fixed, all nominations shall be void.

18.2 Where the running of a Stake has commenced but cannot be continued for any cause, the Steward in Charge of the Meeting shall have the power to order a compulsory division, or a postponement of the Plumpton Meeting to a date to be approved by the Board.

18.3 Should the Steward in Charge of the Meeting find there is no good purpose in postponing a Plumpton Meeting which is unable to be continued for any reason, he may at his discretion, abandon the Meeting.

19 Call of the Card Betting

19.1 Call of the Card betting is permitted only at a Plumpton Meeting.

19.2 Call of the Card betting shall only take place between a bookmaker and the Owner, or his representative, of the particular greyhound on which the bet is made.

19.3 Call of the Card betting shall be made on the basis of Play or Pay and the provisions of PCR 21 and BBR 4.8 shall not apply.

19.4 The last bet laid by a bookmaker at the Call of the Card must be underlined on his betting sheets.

20 Other Betting

20.1 General betting shall not commence until the conclusion of the betting on the Call of the Card.

20.2 Save as provided in PCR 20.3, all bets on a greyhound to win the Stake shall be made on the basis of Play or Pay provided that the greyhound participates in a Course and notwithstanding that the greyhound is later Disqualified or declared to be a non-starter.

20.3 Where a greyhound is declared to be a non-starter prior to its first slipping and after betting on the Stake has commenced, all bets on the greyhound shall be declared off and the backers of all winning bets in the Stake made prior to such declaration shall

be paid as to the full amount of the bet less deduction made at the rate declared by the Steward in Charge of the Meeting pursuant to BBR 4.2.

20.4 All bets on an "undecided Course" shall stand unless one of the greyhounds is declared a non-starter prior to the recommencement thereof in which case all bets shall be declared off.

20.5 Where a declaration is made pursuant to PCR 6.3, PCR 14.2 or PCR 16, all bets on the particular Course shall be declared off.

20.6 (a) All straight-out bets go with the Stake, the interest of bets being inseparable from the interest in the Stakes.

(b) All bets shall be paid on the settling day appointed by the Officials of the promoting Club.

20.7 Should a Plumpton Meeting be postponed for any reason after Coursing has commenced, then all bets on the Stakes shall stand.

20.8 If Coursing has not commenced prior to postponement, then all bets on Stakes will be void.

20.9 Should a postponement occur after a bet has been laid on an individual Course and before the Course is run, then such bets shall be declared off.

20.10 Should a Plumpton Meeting be abandoned prior to commencement, then all bets on the Stakes shall be void.

20.11 If at least a full round of a Stake has been completed, then betting shall stand as in division of Stakes.

20.12 Betting on individual Courses shall be treated in accordance with PCR 21.8, PCR 21.9 and PCR 21.10.