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### 112-8-1. Reserved.

**112-8-2. Registration.** (a) No greyhound shall be entered or permitted to race or to be schooled at any racetrack licensed by the commission unless it is properly registered by the national greyhound association of Abilene, Kansas. The national greyhound association shall be recognized as the official registry of all greyhounds subject to K.S.A. 1987 Supp. 74-8832 (b) and (c).

(b) A greyhound's four past-performance lines, or all past-performance lines if there are fewer than four, shall be submitted to the racing secretary when the greyhound is to be schooled, entered or raced.

(c) A certificate of registration for each greyhound shall be filed with the racing secretary at the racetrack where the greyhound is to be schooled, entered, or raced. Each certificate of registration shall be available at any time for inspection by the racing judges.

(d) Each transfer of title to a leasehold or other interest in a greyhound that is to be schooled, entered or raced at any racetrack shall be registered and recorded with the national greyhound association of Abilene, Kansas.

(e) Each title, leasehold, or other interest in any greyhound shall not be recognized by the commission until the title, leasehold, or other interest is evidenced by a written instrument duly filed with and recorded by the national greyhound association of Abilene, Kansas, and certified copies are filed with the racing secretary at the racetrack where the greyhound is to be schooled, entered or raced.

(f) When a greyhound is sold or transferred or any interest in a greyhound is sold or transferred, during a meet and after the greyhound has been registered for the meet, a photocopy of the certificate of registration shall be filed with the racing secretary and shall be retained by the racing secretary for two weeks.

(g) Each lessee of a greyhound shall file a copy of the lease agreement with the racing secretary. Each lease agreement shall include:

- (1) The name of the greyhound;
- (2) the name and address of the owner;
- (3) the name and address of the lessee;
- (4) the kennel name, if any, of each party; and

(5) the terms of the lease. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 1987 Supp. 74-8804, as amended by 1988 HB 2774, Sec. 3; effective, T-112-1-19-89, Jan. 19, 1989; effective April 10, 1989.)

**112-8-3. Entries.** (a) Each greyhound entered in a race shall be entered in the name of the registered owner. The following information shall be registered with the racing secretary before each greyhound starts at any meet:

(1) the full name of each person having any ownership interest in a greyhound or in a greyhound's winnings; and

(2) the full name of each person who is party to a transaction whereby the ownership interest in a greyhound or in the greyhound's winnings changes during the race meeting.

(b) Each entrance in a race shall be free unless otherwise stipulated in the conditions.

(c) The person having the greatest ownership or property interest in a greyhound shall assume all rights or duties of an owner as provided by these regulations, including but not limited to the right of entry and withdrawal.

(d) Any racing judge may call on any person in whose name a greyhound is entered to produce proof that the greyhound entered is not owned wholly or in part by any person who is disqualified, or to produce proof of the extent of any ownership or property interest in the greyhound. If the racing judge is not satisfied by the proof, the racing judge shall scratch the greyhound from the race.

(e) Any greyhound that has not been fully identified shall not start in any race.

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(f) Each person who misrepresents the identity of a greyhound or its ownership shall be liable as an owner would be liable and shall be subject to the same penalty as the owner in the case of fraud or attempted fraud.

(g) No greyhound shall enter or start any race if the greyhound:

- (1) has been disqualified;
- (2) is owned in whole or in part or is under the control, directly or indirectly, of a disqualified person;
- (3) is not under the control of a licensed trainer or a licensed assistant trainer; or
- (4) is on the veterinarian's list or schooling list.

(h) A female greyhound in season shall not be permitted on the racetrack. A female greyhound in milk shall not school officially or race.

(i) The racing secretary shall without delay compile and conspicuously post each entry that has been closed.

(j) No kennel shall have more than two greyhounds in any race except in stakes races. Double entries shall not be allowed until all single entries are used.

(k) Each entry for every official race shall be established by blind draw by the racing secretary or the racing secretary's designee in the presence of a racing judge and in full view of any licensed persons wishing to observe the draw. The time and place of each draw shall be posted in the paddock, and each draw shall occur at least one raceday before the running of each race. The kennel owners and trainers may be represented at the draw at the designated time. The racing secretary may select entries for two Grade A - Feature races weekly without using the blind draw method.

(l) Each post position for every official race shall be established by blind draw by the racing secretary or the racing secretary's designee in the presence of a racing judge or the chief racing judge's designee and in full view of any persons wishing to observe the draw. Each draw shall be held at least one day before the running of each race at a time and

place posted in the paddock. The kennel owners and trainers may be represented at the draw at the designated time. The racing secretary shall draw post positions for official schooling races.

(m) Each organization licensee shall have the right to withdraw or change any unclosed race.

(1) Each entry for stakes races, the conditions of which have been published previously, shall be closed at the time advertised, and no entry shall be received after that time.

(2) Unless notice is given, each entrance and withdrawal for stakes races that close on the eve of a race meet shall close at the office of the racing secretary. Each entrance and withdrawal for all other stakes races shall close at the office of the organization licensee.

(3) If the number of entries to any stakes race exceeds the number of greyhounds that may be permitted to start because of track limitations, the racing secretary shall determine the starters for the race in accordance with the conditions of the race.

(4) Each person entering a greyhound shall be liable for the entrance fees.

(5) The entrance money in every race shall be distributed as provided in the conditions of the race. If a race is not run, all stakes or entrance money shall be refunded.

(6) The death of the nominator or subscriber shall not void any entry, subscription or right of entry under it.

(7) No person shall enter or start a greyhound in a race unless any stakes or entrance money payable for the race has been duly paid.

(8) Each racing secretary shall be authorized to receive entries and withdrawals. (Authorized by K.S.A. 1989 Supp. 74-8804; implementing K.S.A. 1989 Supp. 74-8804; effective, T-112-3-31-89, March 31, 1989; effective June 26, 1989; amended March 25, 1991.)

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**112-8-4. Withdrawals and scratches.** (a) Each withdrawal of a greyhound from a race shall be irrevocable.

(b) Each withdrawal in stakes races shall be made in the same manner as that provided by K.A.R. 112-8-3 for making entries to the racing secretary, who shall record the day and hour of receipt of any withdrawal and post the withdrawal.

(c) Each withdrawal in official races shall be made by the owner, trainer, or authorized agent to the racing secretary at least one-half hour before the time designated for the drawing of post positions or at the time the racing secretary may appoint.

(d) Each greyhound that is withdrawn by a kennel from a race after the post positions are drawn shall lose all preference accrued up to that date and shall not be eligible for reentry until the race from which the greyhound was withdrawn has been run, unless otherwise approved by the racing judges. No substitution for the withdrawn greyhound shall be made from the kennel that withdrew the greyhound. Each greyhound that is withdrawn after the printing of the official program shall be deemed a scratch.

(1) Each owner, trainer, or authorized agent shall demonstrate sufficient cause to satisfy the racing judges before the judges may scratch any greyhound that has been entered in a race. Each cause to scratch a greyhound shall be reported to the racing judges as soon as the cause is known.

(2) If any greyhound is scratched as a result of the violation of a racing regulation, the greyhound may be penalized or suspended, or both, for six live racing days. The racing judges shall determine penalties for scratches due to other causes.

(3) If any owner or trainer fails to have the greyhound entered at the racetrack at the appointed time for weighing in and the greyhound is scratched because of the failure, the owner or trainer may be fined or suspended, or both, by the racing judges.

(4) If three or more greyhounds are scratched in any one race, the race may be canceled by the racing judges.

(5) A greyhound may be scratched from a race for sufficient cause by the racing judges.

(6) Each greyhound that is scratched from a race because of being overweight or underweight shall be suspended six calendar days and shall school back before starting in an official race. Any greyhound that is scratched because it is overweight or underweight may school back during its suspension. (Authorized by K.S.A. 74-8804; implementing K.S.A. 74-8804; effective, T-112-1-19-89, Jan. 19, 1989; effective April 10, 1989; amended March 25, 1991; amended Sept. 5, 2003.)

**112-8-5. Schooling.** (a) Each greyhound shall be schooled properly in the presence of the racing judges. The judges shall determine that a greyhound is sufficiently experienced before the greyhound may be entered or started in a race.

(b) The distance of each schooling race shall be not less than the distance nearest to 5/16 mile used at the racetrack.

(c) Each greyhound that has not raced for 10 live racing days or 15 calendar days, whichever is less, shall be schooled officially at least once at its racing weight before it is eligible for entry.

(d) Except as specified in this subsection, each official schooling race shall consist of at least six greyhounds. However, the racing judges may permit fewer greyhounds to facilitate schooling.

(e) Each greyhound participating in an official schooling race shall be at its established racing weight and start from the box wearing a racing muzzle and blanket approved by the racing judges.

(f) Any greyhound may be ordered on the schooling list by the racing judges at any time for good cause. The greyhound shall be

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schooled officially and satisfactorily before it is allowed to enter a race.

(g) Each organization licensee shall provide a photo-finish camera, approved by the commission, which shall be operated at all official schooling races. The organization licensee shall provide videotapes of official schooling races. The tapes shall be available for viewing at the times posted at the racetrack.

(h) Except as specified in this subsection, each organization licensee shall provide, without cost, a minimum of two official schooling days and two unofficial schooling days per week at the parimutuel racetrack facility during the race meet. However, if an organization licensee schedules only three or fewer race days per week, the licensee shall provide a minimum of one official schooling day and two unofficial schooling days per week during the race meet. The official and unofficial schoolings shall be scheduled at specific times and for sufficient duration to allow reasonable time for the greyhounds to school. (Authorized by K.S.A. 74-8804; implementing K.S.A. 74-8804; effective, T-112-1-19-89, Jan. 19, 1989; effective April 10, 1989; amended March 25, 1991; amended Sept. 5, 2003.)

**112-8-6. Qualification of greyhounds.** (a) Each organization licensed by the commission shall establish criteria to qualify greyhounds based on a satisfactory schooling and subject to the approval of the racing judges.

(b) Each organization licensee shall notify the racing judges of the criteria for qualifying greyhounds and detail what constitutes a satisfactory schooling at least three days before the first day of official schooling. The criteria shall be continuously posted on a notice board in the paddock during the time they are in effect. During the course of the meet, each change in the established qualifying criteria shall be made only with the approval of the racing judges. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 1987 Supp. 74-8804, as

amended by 1988 HB 2774, Sec. 3; effective, T-112-1-19-89, Jan. 19, 1989; effective April 10, 1989.)

**112-8-7. Grading and purse systems.** (a) Each organization licensee shall implement a grading system to be approved by the commission. The system shall use the designations A - Feature, A,B,C,D,E and M. Each organization shall also implement a purse system to be approved by the commission. The system shall allocate the total purse. The total purse shall be divided to allocate fifty percent to first place, twenty-five percent to second place, fifteen percent to third place and ten percent to fourth place. The percentages of the total purse shall not apply to stakes money.

(b) Each organization licensee shall submit the proposed grading system and proposed purse system to the commission for approval at least 30 days before the opening of the meet. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 1987 Supp. 74-8804, as amended by 1988 HB 2774, Sec. 3; effective, T-112-1-19-89, Jan. 19, 1989; effective April 10, 1989.)

**112-8-8. Weights, weighing and weigh-in.** (a) Each greyhound shall be weighed not less than one hour before the time of the first race of the day unless prior permission is granted by a racing judge.

(b) Before any greyhound may officially school or race, each kennel owner or trainer shall establish the racing weight of the greyhound with the clerk of scales.

(c) If there is a variation of more than one and one-half pounds above or below the established weight of the greyhound at weighing-in time, the racing judges shall order the greyhound scratched.

(d) If any greyhound has lost more than two pounds at weigh-out time from its weigh-in weight while in the lock-out kennel, the racing judges may order the greyhound

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scratched. If the loss of weight does not impair the racing condition of the greyhound in the opinion of the assistant animal health officer, the racing judges may allow the greyhound to race. Each greyhound that is a weight loser shall be identified with the initials WL on the racing program.

(e) Each weight regulation set out in subsections (a) through (d) of this regulation shall be printed in the racing program.

(f) The racing judges shall scratch a greyhound if there is a variation of more than two pounds between the greyhound's weighing-in weight for the present race and the weighing-in weight for its last race.

(g) Any kennel owner or trainer may file a written request to change a greyhound's racing weight with the racing judges. The judges shall state in writing whether the change is allowed and shall direct the change to be made four calendar days before the greyhound is permitted to start at the new weight.

(1) Each greyhound that has an established weight change of more than one pound shall be schooled at least once at the new established weight before it is eligible to start in a race. The racing judges may require more than one schooling in this event.

(2) Any greyhound that has not raced or schooled officially for a period of three weeks may be allowed to establish a new racing weight with the permission of the racing judge.

(h) Subject to the approval of the commission, a second weigh-in may be held during performances with more than 13 races, if a sufficient number of crates are available in the lock-out kennels.

(i) Each greyhound shall be placed in the lock-out kennel under the supervision of the paddock judge immediately after it is weighed in, and only the paddock judge, the animal health officer, the assistant animal health officers, the kennel master, the lead-outs, or the racing judges shall enter the lock-out kennels. None of these individuals shall enter the lock-out kennels unaccompanied. (Authorized by K.S.A. 1989 Supp. 74-8804; implementing

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**112-8-9. Before and between the races.** (a) One assistant animal health officer, one racing judge, and one representative of the organization licensee shall walk the racing strip before the commencement of the first race of each performance and between races, if necessary, to determine whether the racing strip is safe for racing.

(b) If the assistant animal health officer, the racing judge, and the representative of the organization licensee at any time before or between any races determine that formful and safe racing cannot be conducted, then the assistant animal health officer and the racing judge or management may cancel the remainder of the race program.

(c) One representative of the kennel operators and trainers may accompany the assistant animal health officer, the representative of the organization licensee, and the racing judge during each walk around the racing strip. The number of individuals walking the racing strip before the first race of each performance shall not exceed four. (Authorized by K.S.A. 74-8804; implementing K.S.A. 74-8825; effective, T-112-3-31-89, March 31, 1989; effective April 10, 1989; amended June 26, 1989; amended Jan. 18, 2008.)

**112-8-10. Rules of the race.** (a) Each greyhound shall wear a racing muzzle and blanket approved by the racing judges while racing.

(b) Before the greyhounds leave for the post, each racing muzzle and blanket shall be carefully examined in the paddock by the paddock judge subject to the supervision of the chief racing judge or the chief racing judge's designee. Each muzzle and blanket shall be examined once more at the judges'

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stand in the presence of the racing judges and the public.

(c) Each greyhound shall be exhibited in the show paddock before post time for the race in which it is entered.

(d) A race starts when the lid to the starting box opens completely.

(e) All greyhounds shall be removed from the starting box in the event of a false start. After the malfunction in the equipment is corrected, the racing judges shall determine whether the race will be canceled or run.

(f) If a greyhound remains in the box when the lid of the starting box opens, there shall be no refund of wagers.

(g) If a greyhound bolts the course, runs in the opposite direction or does not run the entire prescribed distance for the race, the greyhound shall forfeit all rights in the race. The greyhound shall be considered a starter, but the finish of the race shall be declared the same as if it were not a contender.

(h) If a greyhound bolts the course or runs in the opposite direction during the course of the race and, in the opinion of the racing judges, interferes with any other greyhound in the race, the race shall be declared a “no race” by the racing judges, and all moneys wagered shall be refunded, except when the interference did not affect the outcome of the race in the opinion of the racing judges.

(i) If a greyhound fails to leave the box for any reason, refuses to race or falls and it appears that the greyhound may interfere with the running of the race, any person under the supervision of the racing judges stationed around the track, may remove the greyhound from the track. However, the greyhound shall be considered a starter.

(j) No race shall be called official unless the lure is in advance of the greyhounds at all times during the race. If any greyhound or greyhounds catch or pass the lure during the race, the race shall be declared a “no race” by the racing judges, and all moneys shall be refunded.

(k) The racing judges shall closely observe the operation of the lure and hold the lure operator to strict accountability for any inconsistency in its operation.

(l) If any race is marred by jams, spills or racing circumstances, other than accident to the machinery while the race is being run, and three or more greyhounds finish, the race shall be declared finished by the racing judges. However, if fewer than three greyhounds finish, the race shall be declared “no race” by the racing judges, and all moneys shall be refunded.

(m) The winner of a race shall be the greyhound whose racing muzzle first reaches the finish line, unless the greyhound is disqualified by the racing judges for ineligibility or other good cause. In the event a greyhound loses its muzzle or finishes with a hanging muzzle, the tip of the greyhound’s nose shall determine its order of finish.

(n) If two greyhounds run a dead heat for first place, all prizes and moneys to which the first and second greyhounds would have been entitled shall be divided equally between them. This regulation applies to any division of prizes and moneys, whatever the number of greyhounds running a dead heat and whatever places for which the dead heat is run. (Authorized by K.S.A. 1989 Supp. 74-8804; implementing K.S.A. 1989 Supp. 74-8804; effective, T-112-1-19-89, Jan. 19, 1989; effective April 10, 1989; amended March 25, 1991.)

### **112-8-11. Limitation on performances.**

Each organization licensee shall not schedule more than two greyhound performances during one race day. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 1987 Supp. 74-8804, as amended by 1988 HB 2774, Sec. 3; effective, T-112-1-19-89, Jan. 19, 1989; effective April 10, 1989.)

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**112-8-12. Complaints.** Each complaint against an official or officials shall be made in writing, signed by the complainant and filed with the racing judges. Complaints that allege the violation of any law of the state of Kansas or regulation of the commission may be made by any person. Each complaint and the racing judges' decision concerning it shall be reported to the commission. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 1987 Supp. 74-8804, as amended by 1988 HB 2774, Sec. 3; effective, T-112-1-19-89, Jan. 19, 1989; effective April 10, 1989.)

**112-8-13. Housing of greyhounds.** (a) All greyhounds entered into an official race shall be housed in kennel facilities located on the premises provided by the organization licensee.

(b) Greyhounds brought to the racetrack for the specific purpose of participating in stakes races, qualifying rounds and schoolings necessary for the stakes race, may be housed off the racetrack facility subject to the terms and conditions specified by the racetrack facility and with the approval of the racing judges. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 1993 Supp. 74-8804; effective Sept. 6, 1994.)