

# **Continental Whippet Alliance (CWA)**

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## **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**

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. The Vice-President shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in the case of absence or incapacity.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. The Registrar shall register all Whippets participating in the CWA program and issue CWA registration numbers to eligible Whippets.
7. 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.
8. The Statistician will maintain and publish results of each race meet and conformation competition. Titles will be issued to owners of Whippets that complete requirements as specified in the rules.

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9. The Rules Committee shall be comprised of the Board of Directors. Drafts of proposed rule changes must be submitted to the Secretary by October 1. No proposals submitted after October 1 can be voted upon. The Secretary shall post all drafts for discussion by the Board not later than October 5. Discussion shall close October 31 and final versions of all proposals must be submitted by November 5. The Secretary will distribute ballots to each Committee member as soon as possible thereafter, either electronically or via land mail. The deadline for Board members to vote on the proposals is November 20. Amendments to rules and regulations are passed if two-thirds of the submitted ballots are in favor.
10. 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**

### **General Definitions:**

1. For the purposes of this section, "domestic" is defined as any whippet born in the USA or Canada. "Foreign born" is defined as any whippet born outside these two countries.
2. For the purposes of this section, the term "open straight racing champions" is defined as "a championship from any organization, in any country where racing is offered, which fails to inspect for all disqualifying faults as defined in the AKC Standard of the Whippet." Domestic organizations and titles which fall under this rule include Whippet Racing Association (WRA) WRCH and WRCHX, North American Whippet Racing Association (NAWRA) RCH and SRCH, and Canadian American Racing Association (CARA) RChS and RChX.
3. For the purposes of this section, the term "competitive bench championship" is defined as a conformation championship from CWA's officially recognized North American registering bodies American Kennel Club and Canadian Kennel Club, conformation championships from the Fédération Cynologique Internationale and its members, as well as The Kennel Club (UK). The CWA Dual Purpose Champion (earned as defined in the CWA rules) also counts as a competitive bench championship in pedigrees.

### **A. Ineligibility of Certain Dogs and Individuals**

The Continental Whippet Alliance (CWA) Constitution, at Chapter II, Section A, Number 5, makes any dogs or owners barred by the AKC, CKC, or any other National Kennel Club or any National Purebred Whippet Racing Association ineligible for participation in CWA events. This ban is applicable to four generations.

In order to compete in CWA events, the CWA Registration Committee requires four generations of acceptable ancestry. Any dog which is banned under the rule above, appearing in said four-generation pedigree, will render a dog ineligible for CWA competition. All 30 dogs appearing in the required pedigree must be CWA eligible.

In addition, the applicant 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) on each side of the 4-generation pedigree. At least one champion on one side of the pedigree MUST be no further back than the third generation (the bench champion can appear in the fourth generation on the other side). This requirement will apply to all litters born after April 1, 2015.

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Below is a list of dogs and persons who have been barred by other national clubs. If the dog you are registering was purchased or obtained from one of the individuals named on this list, or if any of the dogs listed appear in the pedigree of your dog within four generations, your dog is not eligible to compete in CWA events and the registration application will be refused.

If your dog is deemed ineligible because of the rule named above, you have the right to appeal the ruling. The appeal should be directed to the CWA Registration Committee and sent to the CWA Registrar. Please note that the Continental Whippet Alliance is not in a position to judge the merits, details, or circumstances of a particular bar by another national organization. All bars by other national organizations will be enforced.

If you are in doubt as to whether your dog is eligible for CWA events, you may request an opinion on eligibility from the CWA Registrar. Any request for an eligibility opinion should be made at least one month before the deadline for the CWA competition you wish to enter.

### INELIGIBILITY LIST

The dogs and persons named below are ineligible to compete in CWA events (ban is applicable to four generation pedigree):

- Whippet Club Racing Association (WCRA) ban of all dogs owned or bred by Mr. D. Lytham (1979, England; verified by American Whippet Club in 1983)
- North American Whippet Racing Association (NAWRA) ban of Mr. C. A. Lewis and Lyth Kennel (5/5/90, USA). On 10/1/97 NAWRA lifted the ban; on 11/26/97 the CWA Registration Committee voted to uphold the lifetime ban.
- CWA ban, enacted July, 2019: All dogs owned in whole or in part by Jack Pulley (Sparta Whippets) are barred from participating in CWA Events. All dogs bred in whole or in part by Mr. Pulley, or sired by a dog owned in whole or in part by Mr. Pulley, and born after May 11, 2018 are barred from participating in CWA Events and are not eligible for CWA Registration. All dogs bred in whole or in part by Mr. Pulley, or sired by a dog owned in whole or in part by Mr. Pulley, and born after May 11, 2018 are barred from CWA eligibility in the required 4-generation pedigree for CWA Registration. (July, 2019).
- For Sparta Whippets born before May 11, 2018:
  - No CWA Registrations will be issued to any Sparta Whippets unless they have an AKC DNA profile. DNA profiles of the said offspring can be taken at CWA expense.
  - No Sparta Whippet may appear in a 4-generation pedigree unless it has an AKC DNA profile. DNA profiles of the said offspring can be taken at CWA expense.
- CWA ban enacted in October, 2021: All dogs owned in whole or in part by Deborah and/or Maurice Bahm (Debmar Whippets) are barred from participation in CWA events. All dogs bred by Deborah and/or Maurice Bahm **born on or after August 17, 2021** are barred from participation in CWA events.

## B. DNA Profile Requirement

1. Applicants must sign the 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 applying for registration, along with its parents. 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 any reason, the owner and his or her Whippets shall be

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permanently banned from participating in CWA events. All descendants of the banned Whippets shall be ineligible to compete or appear in pedigrees for four generations.

2. Beginning January 1, 2022, all CWA registration applications must include proof of DNA profiles, as indicated below:
  - a. Any dog with a dog bred by Deborah and/or Maurice Bahm, or of the Debmar prefix, in the first two generations of the pedigree must provide proof of AKC DNA profile on the dog being registered and its parents.
  - b. Any dog born on or after January 1, 2022 with one or more open straight racing champions in a 4-generation pedigree must provide proof of AKC DNA profile on the dog being registered and its parents. If one or both of the parents are deceased, the owner may appeal to the CWA Board for an exception.
  - c. Applications for all other dogs born on or after January 1, 2022 must provide a DNA profile on the dog being registered. Effective January 1, 2026 there is a temporary exemption for dogs CKC registered, residing and primarily competing in Canada.

## **C. Other eligibility requirements for domestic Whippets**

1. Whippet must be individually registered by the AKC or CKC. ILP/PAL registered dogs are not eligible, nor are similar registrations from any country. Dogs with AKC conditional registration (any AKC registration number starting with the letter "Q") are not eligible, nor is any dog whose four-generation pedigree contains a dog with a conditional registration. AKC limited registrations are acceptable.
2. 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).
3. Must be free of disqualifying faults as defined in the AKC Whippet Standard. Spayed bitches and neutered males are eligible to compete. Adult monorchid males must be neutered. Monorchid puppies may run in puppy racing but are not eligible for the match.
4. A four-generation pedigree must be submitted with the application, and must meet the standards defined below:
  - a. Any dog or owner barred by AKC, CKC or any other National Kennel Club or National Purebred Racing Association is ineligible. The current list of ineligible dogs/owners is indicated on the application.
  - b. For all dogs born after **August 1, 2022**:
    1. The pedigree may not contain more than five open straight racing champions (as defined in Event Rules page 6, Chapter II Eligibility, General Definitions) (dogs with multiple appearances in a pedigree are only counted one time).
    2. The pedigree for every dog must contain a minimum of four individual competitive bench champion titles (as defined in Event Rules page 6, Chapter II Eligibility, General Definitions) split between sire and dam. At least one competitive bench champion must appear no further back than the third generation on one side of the pedigree. The other three of the required four competitive bench champion titles can appear anywhere in the four generation pedigree as long as a competitive bench champion title is represented on both sides of the pedigree. (Dogs with multiple appearances in a pedigree are only counted one time.)
  - c. For all dogs born after **January 1, 2030**:
    1. Open straight racing champions (as defined in Event Rules page 6, Chapter II Eligibility, General Definitions) in the pedigree shall be restricted to not more than four individuals. (Dogs with multiple appearances in a pedigree are only counted one time.)



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2. Competitive bench champion (as defined in Event Rules page 6, Chapter II Eligibility, General Definitions) in the pedigree will be increased to five individuals. At least one competitive bench champion must appear no further back than the third generation on one side of the pedigree. The other four of the required five competitive bench champion titles can appear anywhere in the four generation pedigree as long as a competitive bench champion title is represented on both sides of the pedigree. (Dogs with multiple appearances in a pedigree are only counted one time.)

## **D. Minimum eligibility requirements for foreign-born Whippets:**

1. Foreign-born Whippets must be registered in their country of birth and also with the AKC and/or CKC. 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), along with a complete description of all conformation and/or racing titles on the ancestors in the pedigree.

The submitted four generation pedigrees of all foreign born whippets must adhere to the standards listed above for domestic-born Whippets, both the DNA profile requirement section, and also the section detailing exclusion of dogs from banned owners/kennels, and numbers of open straight racing champions/bench champions.

2. Whippets from the countries listed below must also adhere to the additional requirements indicated in their sections:

- a. **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.

- b. **FRANCE:**

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

- c. **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).

- d. **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:

1. Whippet must have a show champion within 3 generations on one side and 4 generations on the other; AND/OR
2. Whippet must have a passport from the official pedigree racing association or be eligible for a passport

- e. **OTHER COUNTRIES:**

CWA Registration applications for foreign born dogs from countries other than those noted above must provide:

1. A certified official four generations of pedigree listing registration numbers.

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2. A complete description of what the various numbers and designations mean for the dogs in the pedigree.

### **CHAPTER III. Registration**

A copy of a Whippet's individual or litter registration form, along with the 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. Refer to fee schedule for current registration fee.

The Registration Committee shall have the absolute right to refuse or rescind CWA registration numbers of any dog or bitch for cause. "Cause" in this instance includes, but is not limited to, events such as permanent removal of a dog's registration number by the original registering body (not including incidents where registration is suspended for investigatory purposes and the registration is later upheld as correct), banning of the owner or breeder by AKC, CKC or any other National Kennel Club or National Purebred Racing Association, or any other circumstance in which the dog's pedigree is discovered to be falsified or otherwise invalid (such cases will be investigated on an individual basis and decided by the Board as a whole). This decision shall be final and binding.

In all instances, the owner of the dog in question shall receive an explanation of why the registration has been refused or rescinded. 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**

#### **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 alongside the new club

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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.

If a meet must be canceled due to unforeseen and/or emergency circumstances, especially circumstances that would affect the safety of the dogs or participants, the president can reduce the notice requirement for the rescheduled event to not less than 14 days notice for rescheduling an event on a case by case basis.

### **A. Notification**

An informational premium must be submitted at the same time as the meet schedule request. The premium must include the dates, times, location, entry fees, how to enter, contact information with a phone number and/or email, and track distance if not 200 yards. If the conformation judges are known, that information must be included in the premium. If it is not known, then the judge information should say that judges are pending. Judges should be added to the premium as soon as they are selected, and the updated premium supplied to the President and the Webmaster. Additional information is highly desirable, including but not limited to local hotel/camping information, local emergency veterinarian contacts, and/or anything else that participants would find valuable to know.

### **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. Call names of all Whippets competing, plus first through fourth placements
3. High Combined
  - a. Call name of Whippet awarded High Combined

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### **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 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" field.

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 four (4) days.

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

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If results have not been received within four (4) days or the per capita received within fourteen (14) days, a late fee will be incurred to the club for every day each meet's results or per capita are late. See fee schedule for current fee. An exception can be made by the Statistician, Treasurer, or President if they are notified of extenuating circumstances.

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

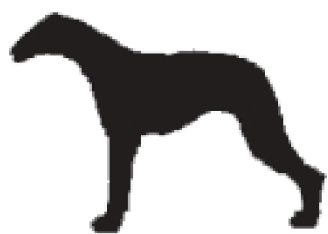
Three qualified people shall be appointed by the Race Secretary to serve on the Inspection Committee. Whippets entered shall be inspected prior to the race meet. Any Whippet disqualified by the Inspection Committee is barred from competing that day. Disqualifications are those included in Chapter VII 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 Whippet should be walked on the board with no leg wraps 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**

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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". To disqualify at the upper limit, the wicket must be off the ground. To disqualify at the lower limit, there must be daylight between the wicket and the highest point of the withers.

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. 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. While dogs must walk to the starting box, it is acceptable for the handler to use a golf cart, or other small motorized mobility assistance device (battery operated is preferred). Not allowing the use of these is a violation of ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) rights and is considered discrimination.

## **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,

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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 a minimum of 12 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, or use another easily visible action, 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.

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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

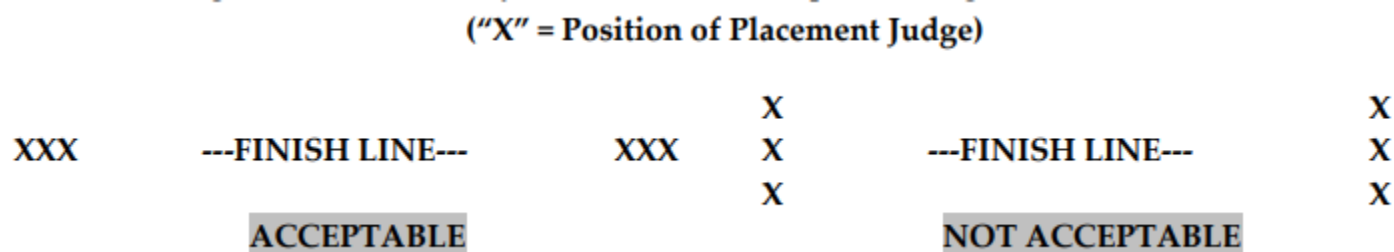
After getting a start signal from the Box Operator, the Lure Operator will maintain the lure at a steady pace approximately 10 yards in front of the lead Whippet and continue the lure past the finish line at full speed until the last Whippet has crossed the line.

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 at least four written Placement Judges for all adult races unless video camera and playback equipment is used at the finish line then two written judges will be acceptable. Only two written placement judges are necessary for puppy races. There shall always be a matching number of judges on each side of the finish line. The appropriate location of the Placement Judges, or video or camera equipment if used, should be directly on the finish line as per the diagram below.



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. Video Camera at Finish Line



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One official video camera with playback equipment may be used at the finish line. Ideally, the video camera will be placed at a height of six feet, but must be no lower than 5 feet. The video camera must be at a consistent height for the entire meet. The video camera must be of sufficient speed to be able to capture the individual dogs as they cross the finish line. The playback equipment must be able to view individual frames in a stop motion format. If used, the following procedure is to be followed:

1. The line judges will call the race as usual. If there is a disagreement, only the official camera may be used to review the placements.
2. All placing judges for that race will immediately proceed to the viewing area along with the video operator. The video operator can also be a line judge.
3. The placing judges of that race and the video operator shall review the finish. Ties can be decided by the first nose (muzzle) that crosses the finish line. After the placing judges have reviewed the video, owners of dogs in that race shall be permitted to see the video. These results shall become official and posted on the score board.
4. The resolution of this race shall take place prior to the running of the next race.

## **I. 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. Finish Line**

Catchers/owners shall refrain from yelling to dogs coming down track. Yelling is only appropriate when there is a dog that is caught in the line, hurt or missing a muzzle.

## **CHAPTER VII. 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**

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1. The **distance** for puppy races will be 150 yards. Puppies will compete in three programs (1st, 2nd and 3rd) rather than four.
2. **Age.** A Whippet must be at least eight months, but not more than fourteen months old, to race as a puppy. A Whippet that is fourteen months old on the day of the meet shall be considered an adult. 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.
3. **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).

**Puppy Scoring System.** Puppies shall be grouped based on the following scoring system:

### First Program Puppy Scoring

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

### Second and Third Program Puppy Scoring

High Point	Other races
1st - 8 points	1st - 5 points
2nd - 5 points	2nd - 3 points
3rd - 3 points	3rd - 2 points
4th - 1 point	

If there is only one puppy race, it should be scored the same as Program #1 (i.e. 5-3-2). In the event that the meet starts with more than one puppy race, and enough puppies are scratched that only one race remains, then that race shall be scored 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. In the event that a first time entered dog is known to be too fast to run safely in Grade D, it may be started, with the approval of both the race secretary and the owner, at any grade other than grade A.

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There are two ways to request this change. The final decision on whether or not the dog should start in a higher grade than D belongs to the race secretary.

- i. Owners who believe their FTE Whippets to be too fast to run safely in Grade D may request that their dogs be started in a higher grade. Race Secretaries may use recommendations of other CWA Board members, or videos of the dog in question practicing with dogs in higher grades than D, to make the decision of whether or not to accept the owner's request.
- ii. The Race Secretary has the option of moving up any FTE whippet that he/she has personal knowledge of, either from having seen it race as a puppy, or in training races. This change requires the owner's approval.

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, except in instances where the Race Secretary believes a change is necessary. 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. The Race Secretary's decision must be based upon personal knowledge; information acquired from others may not be used.

The point/grade guideline is:

<b>Point average 3 race meets</b>	<b>Starting Grade</b>
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.

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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.

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 High Point Scoring**

High Point Race	All Other Grade Races
1st Place - 8 points	1st Place - 5 points

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2nd Place - 6 points  
3rd Place - 5 points  
4th Place - 4 points  
5th Place - 3 points  
6th Place - 2 points

2nd Place - 3 points  
3rd Place - 2 points

### **Second Program Adult High Point Scoring**

High Point Race	All Other Grade Races
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 VIII. 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 1/2", bitches more than 21 1/2", males below 18 1/2" or bitches below 17 1/2"
5. Coat other than short, close, smooth and firm in texture

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## **B. Disqualifications covered by the CWA program are:**

1. Monorchid (a male with only one descended testicle); neutered monorchids are eligible with the exception of males entered in the puppy races. Monorchids are eligible to run in the puppy races only but do not qualify for the conformation competition.
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 IX. Barred From Racing**

**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) with the exception of males entered in the puppy races. NOTE that these dogs are NOT eligible to compete in the conformation competition.
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. improper muzzle, faded race blankets, etc.
9. Any Whippet permanently disqualified for fouling (see Chapter IX).

## **CHAPTER X. 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.

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### **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 XI. Dismissals**

**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 next program of racing.
3. An 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.
6. The results of the meet should indicate any Whippets dismissed, the reason, and before which program.

### **CHAPTER XII. Scratches**

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

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### CHAPTER XIII. 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 cannot 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 cannot 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 XIV. Protests

#### A. Protest Resolution

1. 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. If a complaint cannot be resolved locally, the race participant may lodge a claim of protest to the President. A fee 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 payment will be returned if the complaint is considered justifiable. All protests of a race meet must be



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resolved before Award of Excellence (ARX) points can be granted. Refer to fee schedule for current protest fee.

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 XV. Race Track and Equipment**

### **A. Race Track**

The race track shall be a straight, flat surface of a minimum of 150 yards to a maximum of 200 yards (preferred), plus an additional 50 yards past the finish line. The 50 yards after the finish line shall be unobstructed and not include the string pulley or any other obstruction. The track length should be published in the event flyer. The length of the track may be changed before the start of a program or race meet with the consent of the majority of the dog owners present for the race meet only for the concerns of safety. Changing the length of track during the race meet is discouraged. If the length of the track has to be adjusted between programs, it shall be documented in the results. 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  | #4 | Green blanket, white number |
| #2 | Blue blanket, white number | #5 | Black blanket, white number |

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#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 covered with a heavy rubber or plastic coating of the English type are permissible. Uncoated wire muzzles 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 this Chapter. The only collars allowed are flat material (leather or nylon) with a plastic buckle snap or a well-fitted martingale. 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.

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### **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 XVI. 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**

All Whippets who have completed the race meet, either as adults or as puppies, are eligible for the Conformation Competition. "Completed the race meet" is defined the same way as for the Title of Racing Proficiency, that is, the Whippet must run all four programs in true racing fashion. Whippets that do not finish the race in any program are not eligible for the Conformation Competition.

All Whippets will compete together as a group.

### **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. Conformation judges may not judge dogs they bred, currently own, or have previously owned.

### **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**

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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. Once conformation placements are noted, the Race Secretary will determine the High Combined award based on lowest combined number calculated between the match placement and race meet placement. In the case of a tie, the race meet placement will govern. The High Combined Whippet must defeat at least one dog in both the race meet and match to be eligible for the High Combined award.

## **F. Results**

Publication on the CWA website of the complete registered name, race meet placement, i.e. Grade C, etc., of all participants together with first through fourth placements, name of judge and call name of Whippet awarded High Combined shall be included with the race results submitted by the Race Secretary.

## **CHAPTER XVII. Titles**

### **A. Certificates**

Title award certificates are sent out in accordance with a documented process approved by the Board. The approved process is posted on the CWA website.

### **B. Definitions**

The CWA shall award nine 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); High Combined (HC); and High Combined Excellent (HCX).

### **C. General Qualifications**

For a whippet to qualify for any of the titles herein, the whippet must complete all the programs of the race meet. Whippets that Do Not Finish, Disqualify, or are Scratched shall not be given credit towards any titles.

### **D. 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 heats in true racing fashion are eligible for the CWA Title of Racing Proficiency. Whippets that do not finish a race in any of the four programs are not considered to have completed all heats, and will not receive credit toward the TRP on that day.

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### E. 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 up to 350 (PR4) meet points. A whippet must complete the meet to qualify the points towards this title.

Total race points will be recorded on the CWA website grading guide at the end of each year.

PR	50 race points
PR2	150 race points
PR3	250 race points
PR4	350 race points

### F. Performance Racer Excellence (PRX)

This award is intended to continue to reflect on the merit of the racing Whippet's overall career where the PR4 leaves off. The PRX is awarded once a Whippet earns 450+ race points. Total race points will continue to be recorded on the CWA website grading guide at the end of each year.

### G. 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. Finishers, or whippets that finish, are those whippets that complete all the programs of the race meet, per the Section B, General Qualifications. 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 and the points shall go to the next highest scoring whippets that do not have ARX title (see "50 % rule" below).

To earn the CWA Award of Racing Excellence, a Whippet must earn 15 ARX points. **To qualify for ARX points, Whippets must place in the top 50% of adult starters**, i.e. if 20 Whippets start in the first program, Whippets must place in top ten finishers to qualify for ARX points. When an odd number of dogs start, round up to the next even placement, i.e. if 21 Whippets start, Whippets must place in top eleven finishers to qualify for ARX points.

"Finishers" is defined as "dogs completing all four programs of the meet." Placements for dogs that DNF in the 4th program or dogs scratched after the 3rd program are not counted in the standings for the purposes of awarding ARX points. So, for example, if a dog is DNF 4 or scratched after the third program but has accumulated enough meet points to finish in the top 50% of the meet, it is removed from the top 50% group and the dogs finishing behind it are moved up a place in the standings.

All dogs who tie into the top 50%, either via a straight tie or by rounding up, are eligible for ARX points.

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When a tie occurs among finishers that qualify for ARX points the points shall be divided per the following: ARX score points are added together for each tied whippet and divided evenly by the number of tied dogs; when a tie occurs among finishers that qualify for the lowest set of ARX point(s), the point(s) will be divided evenly among the tied whippets. For example, for a 30 hound race meet 5, 3 and then 1 points are awarded for highest, 2nd highest and 3rd highest whippets without an ARX title. There are two hounds that tie for the highest point and there are two more hounds tied for the next set of points. The top two hounds get 4 points each  $[(5+3)/2]$  and the next two hounds each get  $\frac{1}{2}$  point each.

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 Point 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 Point 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
60 to 69 Adult Starters	7 Points High Score 5 Points 2nd High Score 3 Points 3rd High Score 1 Point 4th High Score
Over 70 Adult Starters	8 Points High Score 6 Points 2nd High Score 4 Points 3rd High Score 2 Point 4th High Score

## **H. National Award of Racing Excellence (NARX)**

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. Finishers, or whippets that finish, are those whippets that complete all the programs of the race meet, per the Section B, General Qualifications. Ties for NARX points

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are calculated in the same manner as ARX points. A Whippet that has been disqualified, did not finish a race or scratched from a race does not qualify for the points towards this title. The Whippet must complete the race meet. NARX points do not “drop down” to whippets that do not have the title. A NARX title will be awarded for every 15 NARX point increment up to 74 (NARX4) points:

NARX	15-29 NARX points
NARX 2	30-44 NARX points
NARX 3	45-59 NARX points
NARX 4	60-74 NARX points

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

This award will be granted to Whippets with 75 total NARX points and graduate to the next level after each 75 NARX point increment:

SRA	75-149 NARX points
SRA 2	150-224 NARX points
SRA 3	225-299 NARX points
SRA 4	300+ NARX points

## **J. 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. Earn fifteen (15) points in CWA conformation competitions. DPC points are calculated using the standard ARX point scale. DPC points are earned by the highest non-champion/non-DPC Whippets in the placements that have defeated another dog in the conformation competition. If all the match placements on a given day are earned by champion/DPC whippets, then no DPC points will be awarded.

30-49 entry meets will offer 1 Award of Merit in the placements.

50+ entry meets will offer 3 Award of Merits in the placements.

The Award of Merits are eligible for DPC points.

Dual Purpose Champions and AKC/CKC champions may compete in CWA conformation competitions and be in the placements. However, DPC points will go to the next highest placing non-DPC/DPCX/AKC/CKC champion Whippets that have defeated another dog in the conformation competition.

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## **K. 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 will go to the next highest placing non-DPC/DPCX/AKC/CKC champion Whippet.

## **L. High Combined (HC)**

This award is designed to recognize Whippets that have consistently achieved High Combined awards based on their combined conformation and performance placements. A Whippet receiving five High Combined awards will earn the award of High Combined (HC). Whippets can also earn further High Combined Awards (High Combined Excellent, as described in the next section) as awards are accumulated past five.

Once conformation placements are noted, the Race Secretary will determine the High Combined award based on the combined number calculated by adding the match placement and race meet placement. In the event of a tie, the Whippet with the higher race meet placement will be declared the winner. The High Combined Whippet must defeat at least one dog in both the race meet and match to be eligible for the High Combined award.

Only Whippets from the Adult program are eligible. Neither puppies, nor any dogs running only in special programs (e.g., Legends or any other non-regular program) are eligible.

## **M. High Combined (HCX)**

The award of High Combined Excellent (HCX) will be granted to Whippets who have received ten High Combined awards and will graduate to the next level after each additional five High Combined awards.