

Sec. 12-574-F40. The race

(a) The race.

(1) If a greyhound bolts the course, runs in the opposite direction or does not run the entire prescribed distance for the race, it shall forfeit all rights in the race; and no matter where it finished, the racing judges may declare the finish of the race the same as if said greyhound were not a contender. For the purpose of section 12-574-F42(u) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, said greyhound shall be considered a “starter”.

(2) The lure shall be operated consistently. No race shall be called official unless the lure is in advance of the greyhounds at all times during the race and if at any time during the race any greyhound touches or overtakes the lure the racing judges shall declare it a “no race” and all monies shall be refunded. However, when a greyhound bolts the course or runs in the opposite direction during the running of the race and in so doing said greyhound in the opinion of the racing judges does not interfere with the race in any manner, the racing judges shall declare the race “official”. The decision of the racing judges shall be final.

(3) If it appears that a greyhound may interfere with the running of the race because of failure to leave the starting box, because of accident or for any other reason, any person under the supervision of the racing judges and stationed around the track may remove said greyhound from the track. For the purpose of section 12-574-F42(u) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, said greyhound shall be considered a “starter”.

(b) Muzzles, blankets.

(1) All greyhounds shall wear a racing muzzle and numbered blanket while racing.

(2) Muzzles and blankets shall be carefully examined in the paddock by the paddock judge before the greyhounds leave for the post, and shall be examined again by the patrol judge in front of the racing judges at the racing judge’s stand or by the starter in the starting box.

(c) **Exhibited in paddock.** All greyhounds shall be exhibited before post time of the race in which they are entered.

(d) **Exclusions from track.** After the greyhounds leave the paddock on their way to the starting box, and until the racing judges direct the track gates to be reopened, all persons except the racing officials and necessary attendants, shall be excluded from the track.

(e) **Lure operator responsibility.** The racing judges shall closely observe the operation of the lure and hold the lure operator to strict accountability for any inconsistency of operation.

(f) **Post positions.** The post positions of greyhounds in starting shall be assigned by lot or drawing after all entries are drawn and all races filled in their entirety. The drawing shall be supervised by the division representative and racing secretary three (3) days previous to the running of the race. Kennel owners or trainers are permitted to be present for the draw.

(g) **Starters in purse races.** In purse races not less than five (5) greyhounds, racing in the names of five (5) licensed kennels, shall be entered.

(h) **Substitutions.** Substitutions and replacements drawn from the official leftover list may be allowed by the racing secretary until twenty-four (24) hours prior to race time in the event of greyhound injury or illness.

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