

ARCI-014-020 Facilities And Equipment

A. Patrons and Licensees

- (1) An association shall ensure that the public areas of the association grounds are designed and maintained for the comfort and safety of the patrons and licensees and are accessible to all persons with disabilities as required by federal law.
- (2) An association shall provide and maintain adequate restroom facilities for the patrons and licensees.
- (3) An association shall provide adequate free drinking water facilities.
- (4) An association shall maintain all facilities on association grounds to ensure the safety and cleanliness of the facilities at all times.
- (5) During a race performance, an association shall provide:
 - (a) a first aid room equipped with the proper equipment; and
 - (b) the services of at least one certified paramedic.
- (6) An association shall provide adequate office space for the use of the judges and other Commission personnel as required by the Commission. The location and size of the office space, furnishings and equipment required under this section must be approved by the Commission.
- (7) An association shall promptly post Commission notices in places that can be easily viewed by patrons and licensees.

B. Officials' Facilities

An association shall provide adequate facilities for officials to perform their duties.

C. Kennel Compound

- (1) The kennel compound facilities must provide for the safe and humane housing of greyhounds.
- (2) The design of the kennel compound facilities must be approved by the Commission, during the initial planning stage and again upon completion of construction of the facilities.
- (3) The kennel compound must be on the association's grounds unless otherwise approved.
- (4) The association and the ~~Commission~~ commission representatives shall conduct kennel inspections at least ~~once every~~ every ___ month(s) to ensure the safety and sanitary conditions of the kennel compound. The inspections should include examinations of the inside living area and turnout pens. If conditions are discovered that are deemed to be below acceptable standards the designated trainer and owner of that kennel or the appropriate track official overseeing the maintenance will be ordered to immediately remedy the sub-standard situation.
- (5) The association will install and keep in constant working order an alarm system for the kennel compound. The system will include a continuously monitored control panel. The system will be employed to detect rising temperatures in the kennel environment caused by air conditioning malfunction, fire or air quality deficiencies.
- (6) The association will provide treatment and prevention to repel insects and rodents on a regular, continuing basis.

~~(5)~~(7) The association shall take such measures needed to maintain the security of the greyhounds while on association grounds to protect them from injury, frightening and/or tampering. The association shall exclude all persons from the compound area who have no designated duty or authority with the greyhounds entered and are not representatives of the Commission, racing officials, duly authorized licensed employees or escorted guests with association approved passes.

D. Audio and Video Equipment

- (1) An association shall provide and maintain in good working order an internal communication system to ensure communication between:
 - (a) the judge's stand;
 - (b) the racing office;
 - (c) the tote room;
 - (d) the paddock;
 - (e) the vicinity of the starting box; and
 - (f) other locations designated by the Commission.
- (2) An association shall provide and maintain a public address system capable of transmitting announcements to the patrons and to the paddock.
- (3) An association shall provide and maintain, in good working order, a primary and an auxiliary electronic photofinish device with mirror image to photograph the finish of each race and record the time of each greyhound in at least hundredths of a second. The association shall ensure that the photofinish device is calibrated before the first day of each race meeting and at other times as required by the Commission. The association may use an additional, more exact time measurement device. The location and operation of the photofinish device must be approved by the Commission before its first use in a race. The association shall promptly post a photograph of each photofinish for win, place or show and/or any other order of finish needed to satisfy pari-mutuel requirements in an area accessible to the public.
- (4) An association shall preserve the photofinish record of the finish of a race for at least ___ months after the last day of the race meeting during which the photograph was made unless a longer time is requested by the Commission. The photo finish operator shall produce a print on request of the Commission.
- (5) An association shall provide and maintain, in good working order, a videotape system to record each race in color from start to finish. The association shall provide and maintain, in good working order, monitors in the judges' stand which display the images being transmitted during the running of the race and immediately afterwards for the purposes of reviewing the race.
- (6) The association shall provide closed circuit television throughout the facilities for the benefit of the patrons.
- (7) An association shall, upon request, provide to the Commission, without cost, a copy of videotape of a race.

E. Race Course

- (1) The National Greyhound Association racetrack standards shall serve as a guide for race course design. Associations shall provide an approved race course, subject to periodic inspections and verification by the Commission.
- (2) The race course shall:
 - (a) be constructed and elevated in a manner that is safe and humane for greyhounds;
 - (b) have a surface including the cushion subsurface and base that is constructed of materials and to a depth that adequately provides for the safety of the greyhound; and
 - (c) have a drainage system.

F. Lure

An association shall provide and maintain, in good working order, the lure which is used on the race course. The lure must be approved by the Commission prior to its use on an association race course.

G. Official Scale

An association shall provide and maintain in good working order an official scale or other approved weighing device. The Commission shall require a periodic certification of the accuracy of the scale or other approved weighing device.

H. Starting Boxes

- (1) An association shall provide and maintain, in good working order, starting boxes that are approved by the Commission.
- (2) An association shall make at least one starting box and qualified starting box personnel available for schooling during training hours.

I. Lighting

- (1) An association shall provide and maintain, in good working order, lighting for the race course and the patron facilities that is adequate to ensure the safety and security of the patrons, licensees and greyhounds and to ensure the proper operation of the videotape and photofinish equipment. The association shall maintain an auxiliary lighting system to serve in an emergency. The lighting system must be approved by the Commission.
- (2) An association shall provide and maintain, in good working order, adequate lighting in the kennel compound as required by the Commission.

J. Test Area

- (1) An association shall provide an area for taking specimens of urine, saliva blood or other bodily substances for testing.
- (2) The test area must be equipped with:
 - (a) a walking area that is large enough to accommodate ___ greyhounds at the same time; and
 - (b) hot and cold running water.
- (3) An association shall limit access to the test area to persons authorized by the official veterinarian.

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