

491—7.12(99D) Running of the race.

7.12(1) When two or more greyhounds run a dead heat, all prizes and moneys to which the greyhounds would have been entitled shall be divided equally between them.

7.12(2) 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 stewards shall declare the finish of the race the same as if it were not a contender. However, for the purpose of this rule, the greyhound shall be considered to have started the race.

7.12(3) If a greyhound bolts the course, or runs in the opposite direction during the running of the race, and in so doing, in the opinion of the stewards, interfered with any other greyhound in the race, the stewards shall declare a “No Race” and all moneys wagered shall be refunded, except when, in the opinion of the stewards, the interference clearly did not interfere with the outcome of the race.

7.12(4) If it appears that a greyhound may interfere with the running of the race because of failure to leave the box, an accident, or for any other reason, any lead-out or racing official stationed around the track may remove the greyhound from the track. However, for the purpose of this rule, the greyhound shall be considered to have started the race.

7.12(5) All greyhounds must wear the regulation muzzle and blanket while racing.

7.12(6) All greyhounds must be exhibited in the show paddock before post time of the race in which they are entered.

7.12(7) A race shall not be called official unless the lure is in advance of the greyhounds at all times during the race. If at any time during the race a greyhound catches or passes the lure, the stewards shall declare a “No Race” and all moneys wagered shall be refunded.

7.12(8) The stewards shall closely observe the operation of the lure and hold the lure operator to strict accountability for any inconsistency of operation.

7.12(9) If a greyhound is left in the box when the doors of the starting box open at the start, there shall be no refund.

7.12(10) A false start, due to any faulty action of the starting box, break in the machinery, or other cause, is void, and the greyhounds may be started again as soon as practicable, or the race may be declared a “No Race.”

7.12(11) After a greyhound has been placed in the starting box, no refund shall be made and all wagers shall stand. In case of mechanical failure with the starting box, the greyhounds shall be removed from the starting box. The stewards shall determine whether the race will be declared a “No Race” and all moneys wagered be refunded or whether to allow the race to be run after the malfunction has been repaired.

7.12(12) The decision as to whether the greyhound(s) was prevented from starting by a mechanical failure shall be made by the stewards after consultation with the starter.

7.12(13) If a race is marred by jams, spills, or racing circumstances other than accident to the machinery while a race is being run, and three or more greyhounds finish, the stewards shall declare the race finished; but if fewer than three greyhounds finish the stewards shall declare a “No Race” and all moneys wagered shall be refunded.

7.12(14) In the event the lure arm is not fully extended or fails to remain fully extended during the running of the race, the stewards may declare a “No Race” if, in their opinion, the position of the lure arm affected the outcome of the race. In the event the lure arm collapses to the rail during the running of the race, the stewards shall declare a “No Race” and all moneys wagered shall be refunded.

7.12(15) Any act of the owner, trainer, or handler of a greyhound that would tend to prevent the greyhound from running its best and winning if possible shall result in suspension of all persons found guilty of complicity.