

491—7.2(99D) Facility's responsibilities.

7.2(1) Racetrack. Each facility shall provide a race course which:

- a. Is constructed and elevated in a manner that is safe and humane for greyhounds.
- b. Has a surface, including cushion subsurface and base, constructed of materials and to a depth that adequately provides for the safety of the greyhounds.

- c. Has a drainage system that is approved by the commission.

- d. Must be approved by the commission and be subject to periodic inspections by the stewards.

7.2(2) Equipment. Each facility shall install, maintain in good working condition, and provide for qualified personnel to operate the following equipment:

- a. Equipment necessary to produce adequate video recordings of the prerace blanket and muzzle inspection and the entire race from start to finish. Video recordings shall be retained and secured by the facility until the first day of the following racing season.

- b. Communications systems between the stewards, mutuel department, starting box, public address announcer, paddock, and necessary on-track racing officials.

- c. A starting box and mechanical lure approved by the commission.

7.2(3) Vacancies.

- a. When a vacancy occurs among the racing officials other than the stewards prior to post time of the first race of the day, or when a vacancy occurs after the racing of the day has started, the facility shall immediately fill the vacancy, subject to approval by the board of stewards. Permanent changes of racing officials during the racing meet shall be requested in writing by the facility subject to the written approval of the administrator or commission representative before the change occurs.

- b. If none of the stewards are present prior to post time of the first race of the day, the management of the facility shall name at least three qualified persons to serve during the absence of the stewards and immediately file a full written report of the absence and the names of the replacements to the commission.

7.2(4) Other responsibilities.

- a. The facility shall provide an area located within a reasonable proximity of the paddock for the purpose of collecting body fluid samples for any tests required by the commission. The location, arrangement, and furnishings, including refrigeration and hot and cold running water, must be approved by the commission.

- b. The facility shall take such measures needed to maintain the security of the greyhounds while on facility premises to protect them from injury, vexing, or tampering.

- c. The facility shall exclude all persons from the kennel compound area who have no designated duty or authority with the greyhounds in the compound area and are not representatives of the commission, racing officials, duly authorized licensed employees, or guests with facility-approved passes.

- d. The facility shall periodically, or whenever the stewards deem necessary, remove soiled surface materials from runs, the detention area for collection of samples, and exercise areas and replace with clean surface materials.