

**491—7.9 (99D) Weights and weighing.**

**7.9(1)** All greyhounds must be weighed, under supervision of a majority of the stewards, not less than one hour before the time of the first race of the performance, unless prior permission is granted by the state steward.

**7.9(2)** The weigh-in time shall be limited to a 30-minute period unless an extension has been granted by a state steward.

**7.9(3)** Before a greyhound is allowed to school or race at any track, the owner or trainer must establish the racing weight of each greyhound with the clerk of scales.

**7.9(4)** At weigh-in time, should there be a variation of more than one and one-half pounds either way from the greyhound's established weight, the stewards shall order the greyhound scratched.

**7.9(5)** If, at weigh-in time, there should be more than two pounds of variation between the weight of the greyhound's present race and the weight at weigh-in time of the greyhound's last race, the stewards shall order the greyhound scratched.

**7.9(6)** At weigh-out time, if a greyhound loses weight in excess of two pounds from its weigh-in weight while in the lock-out kennels, the stewards shall order the greyhound scratched. However, if, in the opinion of the veterinarian, the loss of weight while in the lock-out kennels does not impair the racing condition of the greyhound, the stewards may allow the greyhound to race.

**7.9(7)** The weight regulations provided in subrules 7.9(1) through 7.9(6) shall be printed in the daily program.

**7.9(8)** The established racing weight may be changed upon written request of the kennel owner or trainer and written consent of the stewards, provided the change is made four calendar days before the greyhound is allowed to race at the new weight.

*a.* All greyhounds having an established weight change of more than one pound must be schooled at least once, or more at the discretion of the stewards, at the new established weight before being eligible for entry.

*b.* Greyhounds that have not raced or schooled officially for a period of three weeks will be allowed to establish a new racing weight with the consent of the stewards.

**7.9(9)** The stewards shall have the privilege of weighing a greyhound entered in a race at any period from the time it enters the lock-out kennel until post time.

**7.9(10)** Immediately after being weighed in, the greyhounds shall be placed in lock-out kennels under the supervision of the paddock judge, and no owner or other person except racing officials, commission representatives, or lead-outs shall be allowed in or near the lock-out kennels.