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CHAPTER 1
PURPOSE AND STRUCTURE
1.1 PURPOSE
The Canadian Amateur Racing Association was formed to promote and encourage amateur racing by all recognized breeds of sighthounds, to provide a uniform set of rules for competition, and to recognize and reward excellence in individual hounds.

1.2 STRUCTURE
CARA shall be composed of Member Clubs, each of which will have one vote. Each club should designate a Delegate, who will act as a liaison between the Executive and the Member Club. There is no membership fee, but clubs which have not held an Official Race Meet in the previous two years will be deemed inactive and will forfeit voting rights until re-activated.
The Executive will consist of the National Race Director, Registrar, Secretary and Treasurer. In addition, there will be a Director for every region of Canada which has an active club. The Executive and the Directors will be elected by the Member Clubs for a two year term. Terms of office will be staggered so that the Executive is elected one year and the Directors the second.

CHAPTER 2
ELIGIBILITY
2.1 ELIGIBLE BREEDS
Purebred Afghans, Basenjis, Borzoi, Greyhounds, Ibizan Hounds, Irish Wolfhounds, Italian Greyhounds, Pharaoh Hounds, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Salukis, Scottish Deerhounds, **Thai Ridgebacks**, Whippets, and any other breed recognized as a sighthound by a registering body shall be eligible to be entered in an Official Race Meet held under these rules.
In addition, other (non-sighthound) breeds approved for the Non-Regular program may be entered in Non-Regular races at an official event, which may be offered at the Host Club's discretion. The procedure for acceptance of a breed is listed in the Appendix.

2.2 REGISTRATION
All hounds must be registered with the Canadian Kennel Club, the American Kennel Club, the United Kennel Club, the National Greyhound Association, or any other recognized registry (see Appendix for complete list). Hounds with an ILP or **CKC PEN may participate in CARA events.**
To register a dog for participation in CARA race meets, a photocopy of the hound's registration and a fee of $2.00 must accompany the first entry of a hound at an Official Race Meet. Registration is for the life of the dog.

2.3 AGE
All hounds must be 1 year of age or older on the first day of an Official Race Meet to be entered.

2.4 QUALIFYING
All hounds must be certified prior to entering an official race meet. Certification will consist of **two qualifying runs,** with at least two other dogs of the same breed or running style, observed by at least 4 foul judges. If all 4 judges agree that the run was clean, the Race Secretary will sign the dog's certification form. This certification must be submitted the first time a dog is entered in an official race meet. Further, the dog will be considered to be on probation for its first two race meets. The designation P will be added to a dog's CARA registration number while it is on probation. If a Possible Foul is called on the dog, or it is DQ (Disqualified), DNF (Did Not Finish) or OC (Off Course) in its first two race meets, it must be certified again prior to being entered in an official race meet.
The Race Director or Race Secretary may order a qualifying run with other hounds for any hound which has only DQ (Disqualified), DNF (Did Not Finish), OC (Off Course), or SC (Scratched) on his racing record.
A hound may be exempt from Certification requirements if it has a racing or coursing title from another

organization (for list see Appendix), however it will still be on probation for its first two race meets.
A hound may be certified after it is 11 months old, and such certification shall be valid for a period of one year.

2.5 SPORTSMANSHIP

Participants at CARA events agree to abide by the CARA rules, to conduct themselves by generally accepted standards of good sportsmanship, and to treat their hounds and those of other competitors with respect and in a humane manner. Actions of a hound or its handler in contravention of this requirement should be brought to the attention of the Race Committee for possible action.
The race committee shall have the power to scratch a handler's dog(s), and remove the handler from the premises.

2.6 RISK AND RESPONSIBILITY

The owner or agent entering a hound at an CARA event assumes all responsibility and risk for loss or injury suffered by or caused by his hound while on the grounds.

CHAPTER 3
THE HOST CLUB

3.1 MEMBER CLUBS

Any club or group may apply to hold an Official Race Meet. This group is referred to as the Host Club. The Host Club will be considered eligible to hold Official Race Meets in one of two ways:
1. Holding one unofficial Race Meet in accordance with these rules and regulations, with at least 3 programs of racing, with a minimum of 10 starters. Results must be submitted to CARA, which will review the results and consult with the local Race Director prior to granting official status. Date for an unofficial meet should be requested from the local Race Director.
2. The requirement for an unofficial meet may be waived if a Licensed Race Secretary is available to run the meet for the Host Club.

3.2 OFFICIALS

Each official race meet must use well-trained, competent and honest officials. They should not be under the influence of alcohol or consume alcoholic beverages during the race meet while acting as officials. Each race meet should have the following officials:

3.2.1 RACE COMMITTEE

Prior to the race meet, the Secretary shall appoint a Race Committee. This Committee shall consist of the Race Secretary, the Race Director, and one other experienced and knowledgeable person. The Race Committee shall be responsible for any and all decisions or interpretations necessary for the orderly conduct of the Race Meet. The decisions of the Host Club Race Committee are final in all matters occurring on the day of the Official Race Meet, subject to these rules and regulations. In the event any member of the Race Committee has a personal involvement in a matter before the Race Committee, that member must excuse himself from the committee, and a temporary member will be appointed by the remainder of the Committee.
The Race Committee's duties shall include, but not be limited to:
1. Render a decision of any question regarding interpretation of these rules.
2. Render a decision on any complaint or protest by a participant.
3. Rule on barring, scratching, or disqualifying a racer based on reports of the appropriate officials.
4. Rule as to whether a race shall be rerun.

3.2.2 RACE DIRECTOR

The Race Director is the Chairman of the Race Committee. In addition, he is responsible for appointing other officials for the meet, arranging for the grounds, clean up crew, and for the set up of the track and equipment.

3.2.3 RACE SECRETARY

Race Secretaries shall be licensed by CARA, and may conduct a Race Meet for any club. The duties of the Race Secretary shall include the following;
Apply for dates from CARA, prepare and distribute premium lists, accept entries and prepare a program for racing, conduct a public draw, by grade, for each program of racing, accurately complete score sheets, lists the placings and points on the scoreboard, and submits final results after the Race Meet is complete.

3.2.3 INSPECTION COMMITTEE
An Inspection Committee of at least two knowledgeable people will inspect all entries at Roll Call for lameness, bitches in season, fitness to compete and adequacy of muzzles.

3.2.4 FOUL JUDGES
Foul judges are selected from among the competitors, except that no person may foul judge for a race in which he or she has a dog entered. There must be a minimum of four foul judges for both straight and oval tracks, although the Starter may serve as one of the judges. Judges should be located near the start and finish lines, and equally spaced on that track so that at least two judges have a full view of the dogs at all times. For convenience, the judges should have flags to indicate a foul or possible foul. Foul judges should not confer with each other, but should give a full report to the Race Secretary on any possible fouls.

3.2.5 FINISH JUDGES
Finish judges are selected from among the competitors, except that no person may finish line judge for a race in which he or she has a dog entered. There should be two finish line judges, one on each side of the track. At the end of each race, each judge should immediately write the order of finish using either the colour or number of the racing blankets without conferring with each other or anyone else.

3.2.6 LURE OPERATOR
The lure operator must be experienced, and should operate the lure in such a manner as to the maximize the dogs' performance. On the straights, the lure should be about 20 yards ahead, and in the corners of the ovals the lead should be shortened up enough to prevent the dogs from cutting across the inner fence, but should appear to the racers to be turning left in front of them. This will bring the racers in against the rail through the turns. The lure operator should ensure that the lure continues past the finish line in such a manner that the dogs do not check or slow down before they cross the line.

3.2.7 STARTER
The starter (and assistant starter) should check each dog's equipment (blanket and muzzle) at the start of each race, and that each dog is present and ready to race.
If starting boxes are used, the starter should assist the owners in loading the dogs in numerical order, verify that all dogs are facing forward with muzzles in place, and open the starting box when the lure starts to move. If necessary, the starter may tease the dogs briefly with the lure.
If starting boxes are not used, the starter should line the dogs up in numerical order on the start line, and call the tallyho when the lure starts to move, or when it reaches a designated mark. It is helpful if the starter drops a flag as he calls the tallyho for purposes of determining pre-slips.

CHAPTER 4
RUNNING THE RACE MEET

4.1 APPLYING FOR DATES
The Race Secretary should make application to the Regional Race Director at least 60 days prior to the proposed date, and the application should state; type of race, distance, and breeds offered . Date requests may be verbal, but must be confirmed in writing in order to add the meet to the schedule.

4.2 THE RACE PROGRAM
All races shall be 4 dog races, with three programs of racing. Type of race may be Oval (or Uval), or straight, with varying distances.

4.2.1 DISTANCE
Oval or Uval races may be 300 yards, 350 yards or 440 yards.
Straight races may be either 200 yards or 400 yards.
Note: Distances and track layout may be modified slightly to fit local conditions, or for the safety of the dogs, but this modification must be submitted to the National Race Director with the final race results.

4.2.2 START
Dogs may be either box started or hand slipped, and some breeds may be hand slipped while others are box started in the same meet, as long as all dogs of the same breed are started in the same manner.

4.2.3 BREEDS
The Host Club may offer all breed or specialty Race Meets, or any combination of eligible breeds, provided this information is included when applying for dates.

4.3 EQUIPMENT

4.3.1 LURE
Either a drag or continuous lure may be used. Equipment should be reliable, and back up equipment should be available. The use of natural or synthetic fur and a squawker is encouraged.

4.3.2 MUZZLES
All dogs must wear muzzles while racing. Acceptable types of muzzles include plastic coated wire (English racing), American style plastic box, plastic or pelican style. Clubs should make every effort to have muzzles available for sale or loan.

4.3.3 BLANKETS
Racing blankets shall be of the following colours;
1 Red
2 Blue
3 White
4 Green
Blanket colours should be bright, and blankets should be large enough to be easily seen. Numbers should be white (black for #3), and should be large enough to be clearly visible (4” is recommended).

4.3.4 SCOREBOARD
A scoreboard should list the entries in each race, the points earned in each race, and the accumulated point totals. The easiest method is metal or magnetic strips which can be moved as the races are drawn in each program.

4.3.5 TRACK LAYOUT
The track is usually constructed of upright stakes or poles and two lines of ‘caution’ or surveyors tape at 12 and 24 inches from the ground. There should be at least 30 yards of runoff after the finish line to allow the dogs to cross the line before starting to slow down.
For Oval or Uval track, only the inner fence is needed, unless the start and finish overlap. To determine the length of the track, it should be measured one yard out from the inner fence.
For straight track, both sides are needed, and the track should be at least 20 feet wide at the start line and 30 feet wide at the finish.

4.4 STAKES
Each breed is considered to be a regular stake, with the exception of those noted below.

4.4.1 MIXED STAKE
Breeds having an entry of two or less may be combined with other breeds of a similar speed, with the agreement of the owners involved. Points and legs will be awarded as though it were a single breed.

4.4.2 NON-REGULAR STAKE
At the option of the Host Club, stakes may be offered for non Sighthounds or mixed breeds. See Appendix for

more information.

4.4.3 SPLIT STAKE
If more than 30 dogs are entered in a breed, the Race Secretary should randomly draw the entries into two stakes of equal size prior to drawing the dogs into races. Additional stakes should be randomly drawn for every additional 15 dogs. Points are awarded within split stakes as though they were separate breeds.

4.5 GRADING
The object of grading dogs is to match racers of similar ability together. All racers shall have a grade and WAVE assigned based on their last three meets, according to the chart below. Racers which are first time entered will be considered Grade D. After each meet, each dog will have its Grade recalculated based on its performance in that meet.

GRADE POINTS EARNED
A 11 to 22
B 8 to <11
C 5.5 to <8
D < 5.5

4.5.1 CALCULATING THE WAVE
The WAVE (Weighted Average) shall be calculated using the scores of the last three completed meets, using the calculation below. Scratch meets are not to be used unless a dog has only scratch meets on his record. Meet 1 is the most recent, and meet 3 is the oldest.
WAVE Calculation

(score for meet 1) + 0.7 x (meet 2) + 0.5 x (meet 3) = WAVE

Example: Dog's scores were rec - A18, Mid A22 and Old A12
18 + (0.7 x 22) + (0.5 x 12) = WAVE
(18 + 15.4 + 6) / 2.2 = WAVE
39.4 / 2.2 = 17.9 Therefore, the dog's WAVE is 17.9

If a dog has only 2 completed meets, the calculation is:
(score for meet 1) + 0.7 x (meet 2), divided by 1.7
If a dog has only 1 completed meet, that score is his WAVE
If a dog has only scratch meets, he should be considered Grade D.

4.5.2 USING THE GRADING GUIDE
For the first program, the Race Secretary should first order the dogs by their WAVE, from the hghest to the lowest. Using the Set Up Chart, determine the number of races and the number of dogs in each race based on the total number of starters, and then draw the dogs into their races. The High Point Race should be drawn first, using the highest dogs, then the next highest, and so on down to the last race with the lowest dogs. If more than two-thirds of the dogs in a breed are first time entered, then the breed may be considered ungraded, and drawn randomly into the necessary number of races. Some breeds may be run as graded and other breeds as ungraded at the same meet, depending on the entries.
Once the dogs have been grouped into races, they should be randomly drawn for blanket colour (post position). **Races should be posted on the board, and run, with the lowest race first, and the High Point last, in each breed.**

4.5.3 SECOND AND THIRD PROGRAMS
For the second program, the Grades are dropped, and dogs are regrouped for the next program according to the points earned in the previous race. Starting with the highest score, arrange the dogs from the highest to the lowest and draw into the appropriate races. If dogs with equal points need to be divided between races, the dog which ran in the higher race is placed into the higher race, if both dogs ran in the same race, then the dog which placed higher in that race is drawn into the higher race.

For the third program, dogs are regrouped according to the total points earned in the first and second programs combined. See the Appendix for race board form.

4.6 SCORING

Points are awarded to each dog after each race depending on its placing in the race, as per the Race Points Chart. If a dog leaves the track or fails to finish in true racing style, it should not be awarded points, *Add :* **and should be marked OC or DNF, as appropriate.** If a dog is disqualified, points are awarded as if it had not competed. If the race is hand slipped, and a dog is pre-slipped (released before the 'T' in Tally Ho), that dog is automatically placed last in its race.
Add: **If the finish judges disagree on the order of finish, the dogs affected will be considered tied, and will split the available points.**
The total of points earned in all three programs determines the final standing in the meet. If there is a tie in total points, the dog which ran in the higher race in the final program is awarded the higher placing. If the dogs ran in the same race, the dog which placed higher in that race is awarded the higher placing. A dog which does not complete all programs should be placed after dogs with equal points.

4.7 RERUNS

Unnecessary reruns should be avoided, but a race may be rerun (after a suitable rest period), under the following conditions:
If a dog catches or passes the lure.
If a 'loose dog' enters the track and interferes with the racers. If the loose dog does not affect the outcome of the race it should not be rerun.
If the lure operator stops the lure because of unsafe conditions or lure malfunction.
If two or more dogs stop because of distractions or objects on or near the track.
If a race has been rerun, and a second rerun is indicated, the Race Secretary will divide all points in that race equally between the racers, rather than run the dogs again.

4.8 SCRATCH, DISMISSAL AND DISQUALIFICATION

4.8.1 SCRATCHES

An owner or handler may scratch his or her dog from subsequent programs, and should notify the Race Secretary as soon as possible.
The Race Secretary may scratch a dog only for the following reasons:
Dogs which refuse to run.
Dogs which pose a safety risk to the other dogs (by cutting across the track, etc).
If a dog fails to appear for its race in a timely manner.
Once scratched, dogs may not run in a subsequent program.

4.8.2 DISMISSAL

Hounds may be dismissed for the remainder of the race meet by the Race Committee, and their owners or handlers may be asked to leave the grounds for any of the following reasons:
Hounds which pose a risk to other dogs, exhibitors or spectators .
Hounds whose owner or handler interferes with an Official or another hound.
Hounds whose owner or handler disregards instructions from the Race Committee.
Hounds whose owner or handler fails to follow basic standards of care or sportsmanship.

4.8.3 DISQUALIFICATION

A hound shall be disqualified if it interferes (playfully or aggressively) with another hound during the race. To be disqualified for interference, a hound must both turn its head toward another hound, and move towards the other dog (either making contact or causing the other dog to move away to avoid contact), and the interference must be reported by two foul judges.
In addition, a dog which displays unprovoked aggression after the lure has stopped (by attacking or trying to attack a dog not in possession of the lure, or leaving the lure to go after another dog), should be reported as a foul. In this case, the report of one foul judge and one finish judge shall be sufficient to disqualify.
Foul judges should indicate a foul by raising their red flag (if available), and should not discuss the foul with anyone until reported to the Race Secretary. The foul judges must be certain of the dog which fouled, and only

the aggressor should be fouled. A dog should not be penalized for retaliating.
If two judges call a foul on the same dog, it will be disqualified. A disqualified dog may not be entered again until it is re-certified. Re-certification shall consist of two qualifying runs, with at least 2 other dogs of the same breed or running style. A dog which is disqualified twice in one calendar year will be banned from racing for the remainder of the calendar year, and must be certified before being entered again. A dog which has been banned twice in its lifetime is permanently disqualified.
If only one judge calls a foul on a dog, it will be considered a possible foul. This should be reported to the owner by the Race Secretary, along with the recommendation that the dog be scratched for the day.

4.9 END OF RACE MEET
After the completion of the third program, the Race Secretary should place all dogs in order from highest to lowest total score, within each breed, including all dogs which were scratched, dismissed or disqualified. This information should then be recorded on the Race Report Form, and the Championship or National Points calculated, as well as legs earned. The Race Report forms should be posted after ribbons so that competitors may verify their dog's points and/or legs.

4.10 AFTER THE MEET
Within 24 hours after the completion of a Race Meet, the Race Secretary should phone, fax or e-mail the results to the Registrar. This includes the Race Report Form, and full information for all First Time Entered.
Within 7 days following the meet, the Race Secretary must submit the following to the Registrar;
Race Report Form
Photocopies of Registration for FTEs
Score Sheets
Fee Report Form
$1.00 per dog per capita fee
$2.00 per dog registration fee for FTEs

4.11 PUBLICATION OF RESULTS
Results will be posted on the CARA web site, to be maintained by the registrar.

4.12 PROTESTS
An owner or handler of a hound entered in an Official Race Meet has a right to lodge a claim of protest, based on **a violation of a rule included in** this rule book, using the following procedure.
During the race meet: Such person should contact the Race Secretary during the conduct of the meet, **and should submit their protest, in writing, including the rule number of the rule being violated**. The Race Secretary shall then convene the Race Committee to deal with the protest. The Race committee may investigate, inquire or question anyone that may be of assistance to them in reaching a decision. The Race Committee shall rule on the protest in writing, and a copy of the findings shall be made available to the complainant, and should also be submitted with the race results. Such person may appeal the decision of the Race Committee by following the procedure below.
After the race meet: Such person should forward their complaint (or appeal of the decision of the Race Committee) in writing to the National Race Director within 10 days of the race meet. A cheque or money order in the amount of **$100.00** must accompany the complaint or appeal. If the complaint or appeal is upheld, the cheque will be returned to the complainant. The National Race Director shall appoint a committee of three impartial people to rule on the complaint, who will notify the Director in writing of their decision within 60 days. The National Race Director will notify the complainant of the decision of the committee.

CHAPTER 5
TITLES, POINTS AND AWARDS

5.1 RIBBONS
Ribbons, if offered, should contain the following ;

Canadian Amateur Racing Association, or CARA
Official Race Meet
Placement or Award
Ribbon colours should be as follows;
Best of Breed (or 1st) Purple
2nd Blue
3rd Red
4th White
5th Green

5.2 TROPHIES

Trophies, if offered, should be awarded to Best of Breed (or 1st), and if entries warrant, may be offered for High Scoring FTE, High Scoring Veteran, High Scoring Champion, etc. In addition, a trophy may be offered for the Turtle Award (lowest Qualifying Finisher).

5.3 CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

Championship points shall be awarded to the top 4 Qualifying Finishers that are not already champions, as per the chart below, based on the number of starters in each breed. To be counted as a starter, a dog must finish at least one program (ie a dog that is DNF in the first program does not count for points if it is then scratched). **A Qualifying Finisher is any racer that completes all three programs without a SC, OC, DNF or DQ.**

1st 3 x # of dogs defeated (maximum 45)
2nd 2 x # of dogs defeated (maximum 30)
3rd 1 x # of dogs defeated (maximum 15)
4th .5 x # of dogs defeated (maximum 7.5)

When determining the number of championship points to be awarded, the number of dogs defeated is determined by the first place non-champion dog (if there are ten starters, but the first place non-champion is 3rd, then he has defeated 8 dogs (including himself), and points are awarded to all placing dogs based on 8 dogs defeated).
When two dogs are tied for a placing which is to receive Championship or National points, they will split the points equally.
Please see the example.

5.4 NATIONAL POINTS

National points shall be awarded to the top 4 Qualifying Finishers in the order they finish, regardless of champion status, as per the chart for Championship points. **A Qualifying Finisher is any racer that completes all three programs without a SC, OC, DNF or DQ.**
National points will be used to calculate top ten standings, as well as a Race Champion Excellent title.
See the example.

5.5 LEGS

Full or restricted legs are awarded to all Qualifying Finishers. A Qualifying Finisher is any racer that completes all three programs without a SC, OC, DNF or DQ. Full legs are awarded to racers who finish in the top half of Qualifying Finishers (if this is an odd number, reduce by 1), and restricted legs are awarded to the remainder. If two dogs are tied for total points and one is awarded a full leg, they will both receive full legs.

SAMPLE FINISH (10 starters)

Place	Name	Total Points	Ch.Points	Nat.Points	Full	Restr.
1st	Flash (ORCh)	22	--	30	*	--
2nd	Jazz (ORCh)	18	--	20	*	--
3rd	Duke	17	24	10	*	--
4th	Bob	16	16	5	*	--
5th	Fluffy	14	8	--	--	*
6th	Dallas	12	4	--	--	*
7th	Illusion	9	--	--	--	*
8th	George	6 DQ 3	--	--	--	--
9th	Midnight(V)	5	--	--	--	*
10th	Rover	3 SC 2	--	--	--	--

5.6 TITLES

5.6.1 RACE CHAMPION

A permanent title of Race Champion - Oval (RChO) or Race Champion - Straight (RChS) will be awarded to any hound which accumulates 100 points in oval or straight racing, respectively.

5.6.2 RACE CHAMPION EXCELLENT

A permanent title of Race Champion Excellent (RChX)will be awarded to any hound that accumulates 300 National Points, which must include at least 100 National Points from straight races and 100 National Points from oval races. When a hound completes the RChX title, it will continue to compete for additional titles. Upon earning the requirements for the RChX again, the hound will be awarded the RChX2. This process will be indefinitely repeatable for RChX3, RChX4, etc.

5.6.3 RACER OF MERIT

A permanent title of Oval Racer of Merit (ORM) or Straight Racer of Merit (SRM) will be awarded to any hound which accumulates 6 legs, at least 3 of which must be full legs.
In the above example, there are 8 Qualifying Finishers, so full legs would be awarded to Flash, Jazz, Duke and Bob. Restricted legs would be awarded to Fluffy, Dallas, Illusion and Midnight.

5.6.4 VETERAN RACER

A permanent title of Veteran Oval Racer (VOR) or Veteran Straight Racer (VSR) will be awarded to any hound which accumulates 6 legs (full or restricted) after their sixth birthday. A dog's CARA registration number will be amended to include the designation V after reaching Veteran's age.
In the above example, Midnight was the only Veteran, so was awarded a leg towards the Veteran Racer in addition to the restricted leg towards Racer of Merit.

5.6.5 JUNIOR RACER

A permanent title of Junior Oval Racer (JOR), or Junior Straight Racer (JSR) will be awarded to any hound which accumulates 6 legs, with a minimum of 4 which are restricted. A dog who continues to accumulate a further 6 restricted legs will be awarded the JOR2 or JSR2. This process will be indefinitely repeatable for JOR3/JSR3 and so on.

CHAPTER 6
ELECTIONS AND RULE CHANGES

6.1 RULE CHANGES

In order to keep the Canadian Amateur Racing Association controlled by and responsive to those it serves, changes to the Rules will be proposed and voted on by active Member Clubs. A club is deemed to be active if

it has held a CARA race meet within the last two calendar years. The mechanism for rule changes is outlined below.

6.1.1 CALL FOR PROPOSALS
Each year, by Oct. 15, the National Secretary shall notify each Member Club Delegate that proposed rule changes are solicited, and outline the procedure for submission. Each proposal should include the actual proposed rule showing deletions and additions to the existing rules, and should also include a brief explanation of the reasons and intentions of the proposed rule change. These proposed rule changes must be received no later than Nov. l5 to be included on the ballot.

6.1.2 BALLOTS
By Dec 1st, the National Secretary shall mail all the proposed rule changes to each Delegate, along with a ballot for voting. These ballots must be returned to the Secretary no later than Dec 31.
Rule changes will be considered passed if a two thirds majority of returned ballots approve of the change. The rule book will be updated to reflect any approved changes and will be mailed out no later than Jan. 15.

6.2 ELECTIONS
In order to maintain continuity, the election of the Executive (National Race Director, Registrar, Secretary and Treasurer), and that of the Directors shall be held in alternate years. In years ending in an even number (1998, 2000, etc) elections shall be held for the Directors, and in years ending in an odd number (1999, 2001, etc) elections shall be held for the Executive. All offices shall be terms of two years. The nomination and election procedures are outlined below.

6.2.1 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
Each year, by Oct. 15, the National Secretary shall notify each Member Club Delegate that nominations are being sought for those offices which are up for election. Each nominee must accept the nomination before it is submitted to the Secretary. Nominations must be returned to the Secretary no later than Nov. 15 to be included on the ballot. The National Secretary may combine the call for nominations and the call for rule change proposals into one mailing, and Delegates may
return both items in one mailing as well.

6.2.2 BALLOTS
By Dec 1st, the National Secretary shall prepare and mail a ballot listing all nominees for the positions that are up for election. This may be on the same ballot as the proposed rule changes, and must be returned to the Secretary no later than Dec 31. Elected candidates will be notified as soon as possible after counting the ballots.

CHAPTER 7

7.1 RACE SET UP CHART

NOTES: Race 1 is the High Point Race, Race 8 is the lowest
If there are 30 or more dogs entered, the breed would be split into 2 stakes.

# Dogs	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2	2							
3	3							
4	4			-	-	-	-	-
5	3	2	-					
6	4	2						
7	4	3						
8	4	4						
9	4	2	3	-	-	-	-	-
10	4	3	3					
11	4	3	4					
12	4	4	4					
13	4	3	3	3	-	-	-	-
14	4	3	3	4				
15	4	4	3	4				
16	4	4	4	4				
17	4	3	3	3	4	-	-	-
18	4	4	3	3	4			
19	4	4	4	3	4			
20	4	4	4	4	4			
21	4	4	3	3	3	4	-	-
22	4	4	4	3	3	4		
23	4	4	4	4	3	4		
24	4	4	4	4	4	4		
25	4	4	4	3	3	3	4	-
26	4	4	4	4	3	3	4	
27	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	
28	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	
29	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	4

7.2 RACE POINTS CHART

	GRADED RACES		UNGRADED RACES	
	HIGH POINT	ALL OTHERS	HIGH POINT	ALL OTHERS
FIRST PROGRAM				
1ST	8	5	5	5
2ND	6	3	3	3
3RD	4	2	2	2
4TH	3	0	0	0
SECOND PROGRAM				
1ST	6	5	8	5
2ND	4	3	5	3
3RD	3	2	3	2
4TH	2	0	0	0
THIRD PROGRAM				
1ST	8	5	8	5
2ND	6	3	5	3
3RD	4	2	3	2
4TH	3	0	0	0

FINISH JUDGES REPORT

FINISH JUDGES REPORT PROGRAM_____					
PLACE	**RACE_____ BREED_____**	**RACE_____ BREED_____**	**RACE_____ BREED_____**	**RACE_____ BREED_____**	**RACE_____ BREED_____**
1ST					
2ND					
3RD					
4TH					
DQ/OC/ DNF					
JUDGE					

FINISH JUDGES REPORT PROGRAM_____					
PLACE	**RACE_____ BREED_____**	**RACE_____ BREED_____**	**RACE_____ BREED_____**	**RACE_____ BREED_____**	**RACE_____ BREED_____**
1ST					
2ND					
3RD					
4TH					
DQ/OC/ DNF					
JUDGE					

FINISH JUDGES REPORT PROGRAM_____					
PLACE	**RACE_____ BREED_____**	**RACE_____ BREED_____**	**RACE_____ BREED_____**	**RACE_____ BREED_____**	**RACE_____ BREED_____**
1ST					
2ND					
3RD					
4TH					
DQ/OC/ DNF					
JUDGE					

CARA ENTRY FORM

QUICK ENTRY (for dogs that have raced previously)

BREED	CALL NAME	REG #	OWNER
BREED	CALL NAME	REG #	OWNER
BREED	CALL NAME	REG #	OWNER
BREED	CALL NAME	REG #	OWNER

REGULAR ENTRY (for dogs that have not raced before – attach certification form)

BREED_____CALL NAME_____REG #_____

REGISTERED NAME_____

SIRE_____DATE OF BIRTH_____

DAM_____SEX_____

OWNER_____

BREED_____CALL NAME_____REG #_____

REGISTERED NAME_____

SIRE_____DATE OF BIRTH_____

DAM_____SEX_____

OWNER_____

BREED_____CALL NAME_____REG #_____

REGISTERED NAME_____

SIRE_____DATE OF BIRTH_____

DAM_____SEX_____

OWNER_____

ALL ENTRIES

NAME_____PHONE_____

ADDRESS_____

CITY_____PROV_____POSTAL_____

( ) SATURDAY ( ) SUNDAY ( ) FRIDAY/MONDAY (if offered) DATE_____STRAIGHT_____OVAL_____

I and my heirs, legal representatives and assigns shall hold harmless and defend the CARA and the host club, its officers, directors and agents from any claim of personal injury, illness or property damage arising out of my participation in this event. I certify that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. I agree to abide by the official Rules and Regulations and its code of conduct during this race meeting.

_____

SIGNATURE OF OWNER OR AGENT

RACE RESULTS CLUB_____

DATE_____SEC'Y_____RACE TYPE_____

PLACE	REG #	NAME	OWNER	SCORE	POINTS	NAT PTS	VET LEG	FULL LEG	RESTR LEG

CERTIFICATION FORM

All hounds must be certified prior to entering an official race meet. Certification will consist of two qualifying runs, with at least two other dogs of the same breed or running style, observed by at least 4 foul judges. If all 4 judges agree that the run was clean, the Race Secretary will sign the dog's certification form. This certification must be submitted the first time a dog is entered in an official race meet. Further, the dog will be considered to be on probation for its first two race meets. The designation P will be added to a dog's CARA registration number while it is on probation.

Registered Name of Hound_____

Call Name_____Breed_____Reg #_____

Owners Name_____

I hereby certify that the above named hound completed a qualifying run as described in the rule book. During the race, 4 foul judges agreed that the hound did not interfere or attempt to interfere.

Race Secretary or Director_____Date_____

Race Secretary or Director_____Date_____

This certification form must be attached to the entry form the first time a dog is entered in a CARA race. This form should also be used for re-certification after disqualification.

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CERTIFICATION EXEMPTION

All hounds must be -certified prior to entering an official race meet. Hounds with coursing or racing titles from other organizations will be exempt from certification provided said title requires competition. This form must be submitted the first time a dog is entered in an official race meet. Further, the dog will be considered to be on probation for its first two race meets. The designation P will be added to a dog's CARA registration number while it is on probation.

Registered Name of Hound_____

Call Name_____Breed_____Reg #_____

Owners Name_____

I hereby certify that the above named hound is exempt from certification based on the following title;

Title_____Organization_____

Owner's Signature_____Date_____

This certification form must be attached to the entry form the first time a dog is entered in a CARA race.

CHAPTER 8
APPENDIX

8.1 APPROVED LIST OF REGISTERING BODIES

Canadian Kennel Club
American Kennel Club
American Rare Breed Association
Saluki Club of America
Federation Cynologic International
United Kennel Club
Please contact the registrar regarding a registry not on the approved list.

8.2 CERTIFICATION EXEMPTION

A hound is exempt from Certification if it has any of the following titles;
Novice Courser (CKC)

Field Champion (CKC, AKC, or ASFA)
Field Champion Excellent (CKC)
Lure Courser of Merit (ASFA)
Master Courser (AKC)
Senior Courser (AKC)

Coursing Champion – Breed (UKC)

Coursing Champion – Mixed (UKC)

Companion Racer (CWA)
Oval Race Champion (NOTRA)
Senior Oval Racer (NOTRA)
Straight Racer (NAWRA)

Gazehound Race Champion (LGRA)

8.3 NON-REGULAR BREEDS

Procedure for breeds to be added to the Non-Regular racing program.

1. **A request should be submitted by a breed club to the National Race Director or the Registrar indicating an interest in participating in the CARA Non-Regular program, indicating sufficient support from members to ensure participation and competition, as well as an acceptance of the CARA rules, and accepting responsibility for awarding racing titles.**
2. **The National Race Director will poll currently licensed CARA clubs for their approval of the proposed new breed. Each club has one vote. If a majority of clubs vote in favour of the new breed, it will be eligible to participate in Non-Regular racing if offered by the Host Club, and will be added to the list of eligible breeds. It is understood that a club is not required to offer Non-Regular racing if it so chooses.**

The following breeds have been accepted into the Non-Regular racing program:
Long Haired Whippets
Lurchers and Longdogs
Chinese Crested
Poodles (all varieties)
Collies (both varieties)

DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

DNF	Did Not Finish
DQ	Disqualified
FTE	First Time Entered
OC	Off Course
SC	Scratched
True racing style	Running the entire race at top speed; not slowing down, stopping or changing gait during the race; not being called or coaxed across the finish line.
Starters	To be counted as a starter, a dog must finish at least one program (ie a dog that is DNF in the first program does not count for points if it is then scratched).
Qualifying Finisher	A Qualifying Finisher is any racer that completes all three programs without a SC, OC, DNF or DQ.

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