

Greyhound Race Track(Totalisator)(Operating)Regulations 1971

Preliminary and General

Bord na gCon (Irish Greyhound Board), in exercise of the powers conferred on it by subsection (3) of Section 40 on the greyhound Industry Act, 1958 (No. 12 of 1958), hereby makes the following regulations, which shall constitute the terms of the contract on which bets may be made and accepted on the totalisator, that is to say:-

1. In these regulations the following words and expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them, that is to say:-

“ advertised runner” means a greyhound whose number is shown on either the public totalisator indicator or runners’ board as being engaged to run in a race;

“bet” means a sum of money or the stake lodged with the totalisator by a person buying a ticket;

“ the board” means Bord na gCon established under the Greyhound Industry Act, 1958;

“combination” means a bet in the forecast, double or multiple event pools in which a person making the bet couples the numbers of the selected greyhounds in the manner required for each pool;

“dividend” means the amount declared by the operator to be payable for any pool on each unit on a winning or placed greyhound or winning combination;

“double event pool” means a pool for nominating the winning greyhounds of two selected races;

“forecast pool” means a pool for nominating the winning greyhound and the second greyhound in the order of finish;

“multiple event pool” means a pool for nominating the winning or placed greyhounds in respect of the selected races;

“net pool” means:

- (i) the balance remaining after the deduction from the pool of
 - (a) refundable, withdrawn or cancelled stakes and
 - (b) the percentage for the time being prescribed by the Board under regulations

or

- (ii) in the case of multiple event pools where a pool or part or parts of a pool is or are carried forward to a meeting the amount mentioned at (i) above together with any amount or amounts carried forward;

“nomination” means the naming of a greyhound or the naming of a combination of greyhounds for a bet made on the totalisator in respect of which a ticket is purchased on which the number of the greyhound or the numbers of the greyhounds in such combination may be printed, written or perforated;

“ to nominate” means to make such a nomination by the purchase of ticket or tickets;

“number” means the number applied to a greyhound running in a race as shown either on the totalisator public indicator or runners’ board;

“operator” means the Board or person or body appointed by the Board to operate the totalisator on behalf of the Board;

“order of finish” means the order in which noses of the greyhounds reach the winning line when confirmed as final by the stewards by showing of either a green light or a green flag;

“place pool” means the total amount of money staked on the totalisator on the result of a race, a combination of results in a race or a combination of races and may apply to a win pool, place pool, forecast pool double event pool or any other pool authorised by the Board;

“race” means a greyhound race in which an object propelled by mechanical means is pursued by the greyhounds engaged in the race;

“selected race” means a specified race selected by the operator for the purpose of betting on a double event pool or in any other pool authorised by the Board;

“stewards” means the officials for the time being in charge of racing at a meeting;

“start” in relation to a race means when the traps are opened;

“ticket” means a voucher or certificate issued by the totalisator operator in accordance with greyhound race track totalisator regulations made by the Minister for Finance under Section 6 (i) of the Totalisator Act, 1929 and for the time being in force;

“total amount staked” means the money equivalent of the totalisator tickets sold for each pool after making adjustments for non – starters and other causes;

“unit” means the minimum stakes accepted for betting on a pool;

“winning combination” means in the case of

- (a) a forecast pool, the winning greyhound and the greyhound placed second in order of finish
- (b) a trio pool, the winning greyhound, the greyhound placed second and the greyhound placed third in order of finish;
- (c) a double event pool, the nomination of the winning greyhounds of the two selected races;
- (d) a multiple event pool, the nomination of the winning or/and placed greyhounds in respect of the selected races;

“winning greyhound” means the first greyhound in the order of finish;

“win pool” means a pool for nominating the winning greyhound;

“twin double pool” means a pool for nominating the winning greyhounds in four selected races;

“quinella forecast pool” means a pool for nominating the winning greyhound and the second greyhound in either order in respect of the number of selected races determined by the operator;

“trio pool” means a pool for nominating the winning greyhound, the second greyhound and the third greyhound in correct order of finish;

“Jackpot Pool” means a pool for nominating the winning greyhounds in three, four, five, six, seven or eight selected races as the operator may determine.

2. The employees of the totalisator whilst so employed shall not engage in any betting either by means of the the totalisator or in any other manner at the greyhound race track on which the totalisator is operated.

3. Every person who bets on the totalisator shall be deemed to have express notice of these operating regulations and to have agreed to be bound by them and to have express notice of the race track totalisator regulations made by the Minister for Finance under Section 6 (i) of the Totalisator Act, 1929, and the greyhound race track totalisator percentage regulations for the time in force.
4. Tickets, change, dividend and returnable bets shall be checked at the time of receipt and mistakes cannot be rectified afterwards.
5.
 - (a) The dividend shall be calculated on the basis of the unit and dividends on bets of higher value than the unit shall be the same multiple of the dividend on the unit as the higher value bet is of the unit.
 - (b) The dividend on the unit shall be paid to a multiple of .10cents and for that purpose every fraction of .10cents shall, as the Board may think proper in respect of each such fraction, be distributed or retained.
6.
 - (a) Dividends shall be declared after the display by the stewards of the green light or green flag signal and regardless of any objection or disqualification that may be made, shall be payable on presentation of the appropriate winning tickets or counterfoil portions of winning tickets as the case may be, whole and not unreasonably defaced or unrecognisable.
 - (b) All dividends payable and all bets returnable under these regulations may be claimed Only within one month of the termination of the race meeting at which bets were made and only at the totalisator while such totalisator is working or at such place and time as may be designated by the operator.
 - (c) The holder of a winning ticket or counterfoil portion of a winning ticket as the case may be, shall be deemed to be the only person entitled to receive the dividend payable thereon.
 - (d) Where bets are returnable, they shall be returnable only on presentation of the appropriate Ticket whole and not unreasonably defaced or unrecognisable save that if after inquiry the operator is of opinion that a totalisator ticket in respect of which a sum would be distributable or repayable has been lost or mislaid, the operator may at his discretion and subject to any conditions he thinks fit to impose, pay such sum to any person who applies for payment within a period of one month after the ticket was issued and who appears to be the person properly entitled to payment.
 - (e) Whenever a totalisator ticket, to the holder of which a sum would be distributable or Repayable under these regulations, if not presented for payment at the place prescribed and within the time limit imposed by these regulations, such sum shall become the property of the operator at the expiration of the said time limit.
 - (f) In the event of a dispute arising with regard to any ticket or bet, or any other matter Whatsoever in these regulations, the decision of the operator shall be final and binding.
7. No dividend shall be declared or paid except on the order of the operator and when he has ordered The dividend or dividends to be paid on any greyhound or greyhounds in any race or in any Double or multiple event, no person who has made a bet on any other greyhound or greyhounds in Such race or in the double or multiple event shall be entitled to receive a dividend notwithstanding that by a subsequent decision of the stewards, another greyhound or greyhounds shall be declared to be the winner or winners or to have been placed in such race or races instead of the greyhound or greyhounds declared to be the winner or winners or to have been placed when the order of finish was shown, any rule of law or rule of racing to the contrary notwithstanding.
8. Otherwise than in a double or multiple event all bets staked in a race not run or declared a "No Race" shall be returnable in full.
9. Otherwise than in a double or multiple event all bets staked in a race subsequently abandoned shall be returnable in full.

10. Otherwise than in a double or multiple event if a greyhound or greyhounds be withdrawn from a race after the opening of betting on the race, all bets on the greyhound or greyhounds so withdrawn shall be returnable in full and shall be deducted from the appropriate pools before calculation of the dividends. In the event, however, of the remaining runners amounting to less than four in the Place Pool or less than three in the Forecast Pool or less than four in the Trio Pool or less than two in the Win Pool, all bets in the pool or pools so affected shall be returnable in full.
11. Should a reserve greyhound be declared a runner to replace a greyhound from a race, such reserve greyhound shall be deemed for the purpose of betting on all pools in such race.
12. Bets shall not be taken on the totalisator after the start of the race.
13. The total of units shown on the public visual indicator shall not necessarily be taken as the total amount staked upon which dividends will be calculated since before the declaration of any dividend an allowance may have to be made for non – starters, tickets issued in error and other causes.
14. Where a person purchasing a number of tickets receives only some of the required tickets and the totalisator operator fails to issue the remainder either because the race has started or the machine has developed a fault, the tickets issued are valid and the person is entitled only to a refund of his stake in respect of the tickets not issued.
15. No bet made by means of a totalisator shall be retracted or withdrawn after the issue from such totalisator of a totalisator ticket in respect of such a bet and the ticket so issued shall be conclusive evidence of the making of the bet, the amount thereof and of the totalisator pool on which the bet was made.
16. Notwithstanding anything contained in these regulations, the operator may, after the commencement of betting in any pool arising out of an act of God, unlawful act of any person, riot civil commotion, fire, strike, mechanical breakdown of the totalisator or any part thereof, or any other cause, cancel such pool or pools and the bets staked in the cancelled pool or pools shall be refundable in full
17. **Win Pool:** Win Pools shall be held only on races in which there are at least two advertised runners.
18. The dividend in the win pool shall be calculated by dividing the net pool by the number of units on the winning greyhound.
19. (a) In the event of there being no unit on the winning greyhound or greyhounds, the dividend shall be declared on the next greyhound or greyhounds in order of finish on which bets have been made.
(b) In the event of there being no unit on any of the placed greyhounds the dividend shall be declared on the next greyhound or greyhounds in order of finish on which bets have been made.
(c) Where a dividend is declared under this Article on greyhounds that have run a dead-heat, the dividend shall be calculated in the same manner as in the event of a dead-heat for first place.
20. (a) In the event of a dead – heat for first place, the net pool shall be divided into as many Equal portions as there are greyhounds that have run the dead – heat. The dividends shall then be calculated by dividing each portion by the number of units on the dead-heating greyhound to which it refers.
(b) In the event of there being no units on one or more of the greyhounds dead – heating for first place, the net pool shall be divided into as many equal portions as there are dead – heating greyhounds on which there are units. The dividends shall be calculated by dividing each portion by the number of units on the dead – heating greyhound to which it refers.

Place Pool

21. (a) Place pools shall be held on races in which there are at least four advertised runners.
- (b) Dividends for the place pool shall be paid on two places.
22. The dividends in the place pool shall be calculated as follows:
- After deducting from the net pool the value of the units on both the placed greyhounds, the balance shall be divided into two equal portions and each portion shall then be divided by the number of units on the greyhound to which it refers. To the resultant in each case shall be added the value of the unit as previously deducted.
23. (a) (i) If two greyhounds dead-heat for first place, such greyhounds shall be deemed the “placed greyhounds” for the purpose of the place pool and the dividends shall be calculated in accordance with Article 22 of these regulations.
- (ii) If more than two greyhounds dead –heat for first place the dividends shall be calculated as follows:-
- After deducting from the net pool two – thirds of the value of the units on the greyhounds dead – heating if three greyhounds have so dead – heated – or one half if four greyhounds have so dead – heated – the remainder shall be divided into as many equal portions as there are greyhounds dead – heating. Each of these portions shall be divided by the number of units on the dead – heating greyhound to which it refers and to the resultant in each case shall be added the part value of the unit on the dead – heating greyhound as previously deducted.
- (b) In the event of a dead-heat for second place the dividends shall be calculated as follows:-
- After deducting from the net pool the value of the unit on the first placed greyhound together with half the value of the units on two greyhounds dead –heating for second place (one – third if there are more) the balance shall be divided into two equal portions. One of these portions shall be divided by the number of units on the first placed greyhound and to the resultant shall be added the full value of the unit on the first placed greyhound as previously deducted. The other portion shall be divided into as many equal portions as there are greyhounds that have run the dead- heat for second place. Each of these latter portions shall be divided by the number of units on the dead – heating greyhound to which it refers and to the resultant in each case shall be added the part value of the unit on the dead –heating greyhound as previously deducted.
24. If only one greyhound is placed the whole net pool shall be divided by the number of units on such greyhound and the dividend shall be calculated as though the event were a win pool.
25. (a) In the event of there being no unit on a placed greyhound the dividend or dividends shall be declared by reference to the other placed greyhound or greyhounds on which there are units.
- (b) In the event of there being no unit on any of the placed greyhounds, the dividend will be declared on the next greyhound or greyhounds in order of finish on which bets have been made.

Forecast Pool

26. Forecast pools shall be held only on races in which there are at least three runners.
27. The dividend in the forecast pool shall be calculated by dividing the net pool by the number of units on the winning combination.

28. (a) In the event of a dead – heat for first place, such dead –heating greyhounds shall be deemed the “winning combinations” for the purpose of the forecast pool and the dividend shall be calculated by dividing the net pool into as many equal portions as there are winning combinations. Each portion shall be divided by the number of units on the Winning combination to which it refers.
- (b) In the event of the dead – heat for second place, the winning greyhound coupled with each of the dead – heating greyhounds shall be deemed “winning combinations” for the purpose of the forecast pool and the dividends shall be calculated by dividing the net pool into as many equal portions as there are winning combinations. Each portion shall then be divided by the number of units on the winning combination to which it refers.
29. (a) In the event of a dead – heat for first or second place and of there being no unit on one Or more but not all of the winning combinations, the dividend or dividends shall be calculated by dividing the net pool into as many equal portions as there are winning combinations on which there are units and each portion shall be divided by he number of units on the winning combination to which it refers.
- (b) In the event of there being no unit on any of the winning combinations the dividend shall be calculated by dividing the net pool by the number of units on all combinations which have nominated the winning greyhound or failing such nominations then on all combinations which have correctly nominated the second greyhound.
30. If only one greyhound is placed, the dividend shall be calculated by dividing the net pool by the number of units on all combinations which have correctly nominated the winning greyhound.

Trio Pool

Trio pools shall be held on races in which there are at least four advertised runners.

The dividend in the Trio pool shall be calculated by dividing the net pool by the number of units on the winning combination.

In the event of a dead – heat for first place in a race then tickets bearing the numbers of Such dead – heating greyhounds coupled with the third placed greyhound shall be deemed the winning combinations.

In the event of a dead – heat for second place in a race then tickets bearing the number of the first placed greyhound coupled with the numbers of such dead – heating greyhounds shall be deemed the winning combinations.

In the event of a dead – heat for third place in a race then the tickets bearing the numbers of the first and second greyhounds in the correct order of finish coupled with the numbers of such dead – heating greyhounds shall be deemed the winning combinations.

In the event of a dead – heat for first, second or third place, the dividends shall be calculated by dividing the net pool into as many equal portions as there are winning combinations. Each portion shall then be divided by the number of units on the winning combination to which it refers.

If after completion of a race in the pool there are no winning units on the winning combination or combinations then the operator may at his discretion carry forward the net pool to be added either in whole or in such parts as the operator may determine to the net pool in the next or a subsequent race in the Trio pool at the same or another greyhound race track as the operator may decide.

If a greyhound or greyhounds be withdrawn from a race after the opening of betting on the race, a;; bets on the greyhound or greyhounds so withdrawn shall be returnable in full and shall be deducted from the pool.

In the event of the remaining runners amounting to less than four then the pool shall be cancelled and all bets staked on that race shall be returnable in full.

Save as otherwise provided in these regulations the provisions of the Greyhound Race Track (Totalisator) (Operating) Regulations, 1971 (No. 47 of 1971) shall apply in respect of bets made and accepted on the Trio totalisator pool.