RÁSAÍOCHT CON ÉIREANN STRUCTURE FOR NOVICE GREYHOUND RACING
-
1st January 2023

Age Limits in Novice Events:
- Age Limits will no longer apply in Novice Events

Period of time between last successful Qualifying Trial and Novice Race:
- All Novice greyhounds must run within 28 days of their last qualification trial. This applies for Novices running in Novices Races, Novice Sweepstakes or Graded Races

Novice Greyhounds entering Main Racing Pool:
- Novice greyhounds will be graded in on the best trial time achieved over Sprint or Middle distances.
- Novice greyhounds can only be graded with greyhounds which raced ran a max of two races
- The Time Finding Provision for Novice Greyhounds (see below) applies for Novice greyhounds which enter the Main Racing Pool (i.e. forfeiture of any prizemoney won to next placed greyhound)

Open Novice Grading Bands

ON1 – *Qualifying time of <29.30 (or equivalent)*

- A Novice greyhound with a trial time better that <u>29.30</u> recorded, or its equivalent over the Sprint Distance (See New Novice Grading Table below) is only permitted to:
    a) Enter the "Premium" Unraced Events listed above (where sweepstake conditions permit)
    b) Enter ON1 Events which have been approved by the Board
- ON2 and ON3 greyhounds may run in ON1 events.

ON2 – *Qualifying time of 29.30 to 29.99 (or equivalent)*

- Novice greyhounds with a trial time of <u>29.30 to 29.99</u>, or its equivalent over the Sprint Distance (See New Novice Grading Table below) are eligible for entry into ON2 Races or Sweepstakes
- Such Novice greyhounds may also enter ON1 events.

ON3 – *Qualifying time of 30.00 to 30.70 (or equivalent)*

- Novice greyhounds with a trial time of <u>30.00 to 30.70</u>, or its equivalent over the Sprint Distance (See Novice Grading Table below) are eligible for entry into ON3 Races or Sweepstakes
- Such Novice greyhounds may also enter the ON2 Events and the Board approved ON1 events.

Open Novice Grading Table:

	500	525	550	300	325	330	335	350	360	375	400
ON1	<27.95	<29.30	<30.65	<16.60	<17.90	<18.16	<18.42	<19.20	<19.72	<20.50	<21.80
ON2	27.95-28.64	29.30 - 29.99	30.65 - 31.34	16.60 - 16.94	17.90 - 18.24	18.16 - 18.50	18.42 - 18.76	19.20 - 19.54	19.72 - 20.06	20.50 - 20.84	21.80 - 22.14
ON3	28.65-29.35	30.00 - 30.70	31.35-32.05	16.95-17.50	18.25-18.80	18.51 - 19.06	18.77 - 19.32	19.55 - 20.10	20.07 - 20.62	20.85 - 21.40	22.15 - 22.70

Appearance Payment:
- An Appearance Payment will apply for all unplaced greyhounds in First Round Heats of Open Novice Sweepstakes

Time Finding Provision
- Time Finding to change to a set time for the ON2 and ON3 grades – the previous 1.20 rule will no longer apply

- ### *ON1 Race or First Round Heat of an ON1 Sweepstake:*
- No Time Finding sanctions will apply in any ON1 Race or Sweepstake

- ### *ON2 Race or First Round Heat of an ON2 Sweepstake:*
  In the event of competing greyhounds bettering 28:70, winning or estimated times, (or its equiv. if Open Novice Sprint event) the greyhounds:
  a) Will forfeit any prizemoney won to next placed greyhound, and,
  b) Will be excluded from next Round of the event if an ON2 Sweepstake

- ### *ON3 Race or First Round Heat of an ON3 Sweepstake:*
  In the event of competing greyhounds bettering 29.30, winning or estimated times, (or its equiv. if Open Novice Sprint event) the greyhounds:
  a) Will forfeit any prizemoney won to next placed greyhound, and,
  b) Will be excluded from next Round of the event if an ON3 Sweepstake

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