

SECTION 1.0 PURPOSE AND ELIGIBILITY

The Whippet Racing Association sponsors and supports Whippet Races as a part of its overall Breed Improvement Program. The authority and responsibility for the administration and operation is delegated to the National Race Director and Board of Directors. The authority to operate WRA Race Meets is then delegated to the local Club or Group.

1.1 Purpose of the Whippet Racing Program

- To encourage properly trained, registered race Whippets to compete against one another in an organized manner, in a safe environment, with high quality equipment and knowledgeable people in charge.
- To respect the all-purpose Whippet as:
 - ◆ A racer with speed, endurance, and intelligence.
 - ◆ A dog with proper conformation to be able to compete in all Whippet activities.
 - ◆ A friend and companion, of disposition and discipline to be a pet in the home.
- To reward race Whippets with recognition commensurate with their ability as outlined in the award program. (See 7.5, Titles Awarded by the Whippet Racing Association.)

1.2 Whippets Eligible to Participate in the WRA's Racing Program.

1. Whippet must be registered by the American Kennel Club, the United Kennel Club, or the Canadian Kennel Club.
2. A Whippet with a foreign registration (and a certified COO pedigree of three generations) shall be issued a temporary WRA registry and be allowed to race for a period of six (6) months, subject to receiving AKC, UKC or CKC registration. This temporary registry may be extended for a period of three (3) months. No further extensions will be permitted. Any points toward a WRCh, or WRChX under the temporary registry shall be awarded to the dog upon receipt of its AKC, UKC or CKC registration. In the event that the dog is not AKC, UKC or CKC registered within the maximum nine (9) month time frame, any WRCh/WRChX points garnered by said dog shall then be awarded to the 2nd place dog (and on down the line of winners) in the meet(s) in which the points were awarded.
3. Prior to the first WRA Practice or official WRA Meet in which a Whippet will participate, a copy of the AKC, CKC, or UKC registration shall be sent to the Registrar/Recorder. The \$2.00 registration fee shall be sent to the Secretary/Treasurer. However, the copy of the Whippet's registration may be sent with the race results by the Club Secretary. A litter registration number will be accepted on Whippet racers 8 to 14 months of age for entries in the puppy class only, but at the adult level, 14 months, an individual registration number is required.

4. The person entering a Whippet for racing, must be the owner of the Whippet, or be the authorized agent for said Whippet, or be in possession of the AKC papers transferring the ownership to the name of the person entering the Whippet for racing.
5. Whippets carrying Indefinite Listing Papers (ILP), from the AKC, a Limited Privilege Listing (PL) from the UKC, or a Performance Event Number (PEN) from the CKC are NOT eligible to run in the WRA Program.
6. Spayed/Neutered Whippets are eligible to run in all WRA events.
7. DISQUALIFICATIONS ENFORCED BY THE WRA INCLUDED IN THE AKC STANDARD FOR THE BREED ARE:
 - ◆ A Whippet bitch measuring more than one-half (1/2) inch above twenty-one (21) inches or below eighteen (18) inches.
 - ◆ A Whippet male measuring more than one-half (1/2) inch above twenty-two (22) inches or below nineteen (19) inches.
 - ◆ Coat other than short, close, smooth, and firm in texture.
 - ◆ Deafness.
8. DISQUALIFICATIONS ENFORCED BY THE WHIPPET RACING ASSOCIATION PROGRAM ARE:
 - ◆ Whippet bitches in heat or season (any sign of discharge or swelling).
 - ◆ A Whippet that shows positive evidence of sickness or abnormality (e.g. Lameness) that could be detrimental to the whippet or to other whippet racers.
 - ◆ The use of any drug, stimulant, or narcotic.