

Bylaws

Section 2.02 Qualifications

An application for Club Membership shall be a Sighthound club, association, or corporation, which has:

- (a) Having successfully conducted approved Whippet Racing Association (WRA), North American Whippet Racing Association (NAWRA), Large Gazehound Racing Association (LGRA), or CARA meets, AND Club officers or members having participated in a NOTRA licensed Official Race Meet, or
- (b) Has held one duly scheduled Qualifying Race Meet under the Rules of the Association.

Section 2.03 Admission

Qualified clubs shall be admitted to membership on making application therefore and on approval of the application by the Board of Governors. Application for Club Membership shall contain the statement that the applicant's directing officer and Club Representative have read the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules of this Association, are familiar with and understand them, and that if admitted to membership, agree to be bound thereby. Application for club membership shall include club officers, details of club officer's and member's previous Sighthound racing experience and participation in NOTRA licensed official race meets, club officers and members and the roles as officials or participants in the race meet, a photograph and description of location of proposed race meet event(s), starting box specifications, track set-up (per approved NOTRA tracks), and the co-sponsoring NOTRA Club currently in good standing with NOTRA.

Rule Book

1.1 PROGRAM DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1.1.2 Proposals must include:

- . The proposal title and a brief description (1 or 2 sentences minimum),
- . Actual proposed rule text showing deletions and additions to the existing rule, and
- . A short (1 or 2 paragraph) commentary on why the proposal is being submitted and must be received by the National Secretary / Treasurer *not later than October 15th*.

1.4 THE OFFICIAL RACE MEET

At an Official Race Meet, races may be offered to whippets or Other Breeds, or both, but all eligible breeds must be allowed to race if an Other Breed Meet is scheduled as part of the Official Race Meet. Whippets must start from a suitable starting box. Other breeds may use a starting box, or if advertised prior to the meet, and if approved by NOTRA, may be hand slipped or use an automatic slip device (See Chapter 7 for details). (An automatic slip device is a device to which the collars of the racers are attached, and which simultaneously released the racers when the starter throws a release handle.) All racers must wear racing muzzles. Hounds will

compete only against other hounds of the same breed. There will be no mixed Sighthound races for the period 6:00 AM to midnight on the day or days of an Official Race Meet on the same track or adjacent grounds. ***In addition, no club hosting a meet may concurrently host a race meet under a different organization for a NOTRA eligible breed unless a NOTRA meet for that breed was properly advertised and entries did not meet the threshold for championship points to be awarded.***

1.11 QUALIFYING TO RACE

The Host Club Race Director **must** order a qualifying race for any hound which has not previously raced properly at an Official Meet, i.e. the hound is a *First Time Entered (FTE)* or the hound only has *Did Not Finish (DNF)* for the last three race meets in the current grading guide. If a hound has run off course (OC) in three meets on its racing record (Grading Guide) it shall be placed on restriction and must perform a qualifying run. (See 6.2 Dismissal For "Off-Course") If a hound is disqualified (DQ) twice within the same calendar year, it will be barred from racing at Official Race Meets for the remainder of that calendar year. Should a hound be disqualified for "Intentional Foul" three times, it will be permanently barred from Official Race Meets. (Refer to 6.1.5 Appeal from Permanent Disqualification for information on re-qualifying a permanent disqualification)

Qualifying runs can be held at practice races or before an Official Meet. Entries at Official Meets should only be accepted from hounds which are qualified to race. A qualifying run shall consist of at least 200 yards including at least one turn. The hound being qualified will start from the starting box (if appropriate) and will run with another dog of the same breed or similar speed, said dog to be provided by the owner/handler of the dog being qualified.

2.1 REQUEST FOR LICENSE

Any member club may request a license from NOTRA to hold an Official Race Meet. The club is referred to as the Host Club. They should be knowledgeable and experienced, and able to properly conduct an Official Race Meet. This can be evidenced by either:

- . Having successfully conducted approved Whippet Racing Association (WRA), North American Whippet Racing Association (NAWRA), Large Gazehound Racing Association (LGRA), or CARA meets AND club officers and members having participated in a NOTRA licensed Official Race Meet, OR
- . Having successfully conducted an unofficial Race Meet, held in accordance with these rules and Regulations, with at least 3 Programs of racing, with a minimum of 15 starters, and with the results submitted to NOTRA.

2.1.5 National NOTRA Meet

Once a year NOTRA will celebrate a National NOTRA Meet. Host Club(s) are encouraged to volunteer for this Meet and submit their request to the Secretary-Treasurer, coincidental to the annual Rule Change process. When more than one Host Club location request has been received, Club Members will be allowed to vote to determine the National NOTRA Meet location. To obtain maximum participation, it is encouraged that the National NOTRA Meet be held in conjunction with the NAWRA, WRA, LGRA, or CWA specialty; if not possible the National NOTRA Meet will be a two- day affair. The Host Club(s) for the following year National NOTRA

Meet will be announced with the results of the Rule Change Proposals before the end of the year. Whippets should use a distance which allows the running of 4 Programs. This would preclude any distance exceeding 350 meters unless a club wishes to spread the races over 2 days in the case of a 440-yard distance.

2.1.6 Submitting a request for the NOTRA OB Nationals

The request should specify the date, location, the method of starting for each breed, the length, width and height of the starting box holes, the name of the Host Club, and the name of the Host Club Race Secretary and NOTRA Other Breed Delegate, and at least 4 additional experienced race committee members involved in planning and hosting the event. The request should also include details of the proposed site, a photo of the starting box, the format of the meet (one or two days), and accommodations offered. It is highly recommended that the NOTRA OB Nationals share the weekend with the LGRA Nationals to maximize the number of entries for both of these events. Whenever possible, the Nationals should be rotated between the Northwest, Southwest, Midwest, Northeast, Southeast, and Southcentral Regions.

7.1 REQUESTING OTHER BREED MEETS

Requesting a meet should be done in accordance with Chapter 2. Any NOTRA club that offers Other Breed meets must include all eligible OTHER BREEDS recognized by NOTRA. If only one breed is offered, the request should specify regional or annual national specialty. Specialties must be held by the parent breed club, which must be a NOTRA approved club. The parent breed club's annual specialty NOTRA will not interfere with any regularly scheduled local meets. If a local club already has a meet scheduled in the same place on the same day that the parent breed club annual specialty NOTRA meet will be held, then the meet must be scheduled either before or after the regularly scheduled local NOTRA meet.

7.2 STARTING BOXES

Using a starting box is the preferred method for starting races of all breeds. A synchronous slip is the next best way, but hand slipping is permitted. When a meet is requested, the request must state what method of starting will be used. Changing the starting method is allowed only under extreme circumstances, or if the Race Secretary and all owners / handlers agree, and must be noted in the results submissions by the race secretary.

2018 NOTRA Whippet National Race Meet

No bids submitted.

2018 NOTRA OB National Race Meet

Hosting Club: Lorain Area Racing Club (LARK)

Race Committee

Race Director/Chairperson: Judy Lowther

Host Club Race Secretary: Terrienne Basch

Co-Race Secretary: Terry Colbert

Committee Members: Mike Leach, Kathy Leach, & John Basch

Date: September 30, 2018

Location: Medina Kennel Club

6840 Lake Road

Medina, Ohio 44256

NOTRA BOD and Regional Officers

All Officers were voted in for the next 2 year term.