

What is Division II? Is my whippet eligible?

Division II (DII) is for the whippet whose pedigree is not principally focused on race breeding, but still demonstrates the driven racing characteristic of this sighthound breed. It is officially recognized by the Whippet Racing Association (WRA) and unofficially accepted by the National Oval Track Racing Association (NOTRA). To participate in Division II, you must also be registered with WRA and/or NOTRA, as this is a competition within a competition (see below for more details). Races during a WRA or NOTRA event are not impacted or altered in any way, but DII competitors have the opportunity to earn points towards a DII title while competing against similarly matched competition in addition to competing for the standard titles offered by WRA and NOTRA.

Eligibility for DII requires that a whippet have no more than three racing champions (whippets holding titles of ORC, WRCh, RCh or greater or the international equivalent) within a 3-generation pedigree. If a racing champion is listed twice in a 3-generation pedigree, it counts as two racing champions. If a whippet in the pedigree has more than one racing champion title, it counts as only one racing champion. Titles earned through CWA, CARA or lure coursing do not count against eligibility.

Division II points are awarded at the end of the day based upon final placement, completion of all programs offered, and the number of approved, eligible DII whippets racing at a WRA or NOTRA event. Titles are then awarded upon accumulation of those points.

To confirm eligibility and become an approved DII competitor, you must first be registered with WRA and/or NOTRA. To learn more about straight racing and/or to register with WRA, go to whippetracing.org and select "How to Register Your Whippet" from the list on the left side of the website's Home Page. To learn more about oval racing and/or to register with NOTRA, go to notra.org and click on the 'Whippet Registration' box in the lower middle of the Home Page. Once you've sent your registration materials to WRA and/or NOTRA, simply email a copy of your whippet's AKC, CKC or UKC registration and 3-generation pedigree along with the owner's name(s) and whippet's call name to the DII Registrar at DivisionII.Whippets@gmail.com. There is no separate registration fee for Division II.

Eligibility documentation can be submitted to the DII Registrar for approval at any time once you've sent your registration materials to WRA and/or NOTRA. Approval will be confirmed via email. Whippets must be approved prior to a meet to be eligible. Once approved, your whippet is an active Division II competitor going forward until such time as either 1) they retire from competition or 2) earn more than 5 Championship points (WRCh, ORC or international equivalent) from WRA, NOTRA or equivalent international racing organization.

Points are awarded to the highest finishing DII whippets as follows:

DII Point Distribution				
DII Adult Starters	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place
2 – 4	2 pts			
5 – 9	3 pts	1 pt		
10 – 14	4 pts	2 pts		
15 – 19	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt	
20 – 24	6 pts	4 pts	2 pts	
25+	7 pts	5 pts	3 pts	1 pt

There are no ties and points are strictly awarded in order of the final board and completion of all programs.

DII titles are as follows:

DII Straight Racing Titles (WRA)	
DIICH	An approved, eligible whippet must earn a total of 15 DII straight racing points to be awarded Division II Whippet Race Champion.
DIICHX	An approved, eligible whippet must earn a total of 30 DII straight racing points to be awarded Division II Whippet Race Champion Excellent.
DIICHXII	An approved, eligible whippet must earn a total of 45 DII straight racing points to be awarded Division II Whippet Race Champion Excellent II.

DII Oval Racing Titles (NOTRA)	
DIIOCh	An approved, eligible whippet must earn a total of 15 DII oval racing points to be awarded Division II Whippet Oval Race Champion.
DIIOChX	An approved, eligible whippet must earn a total of 30 DII oval racing points to be awarded Division II Whippet Oval Race Champion Excellent.
DIIOChXII	An approved, eligible whippet must earn a total of 45 DII oval racing points to be awarded Division II Whippet Oval Race Champion Excellent II.

Further DIICHX and DIIOChX titles are awarded with the Roman numeral being increased to reflect the number of titles earned and another Title Certificate awarded for each additional increment of 15 DII straight or oval racing points.