

Clubs eligible to vote on these proposals, 19 as follows:

<u>East</u>	<u>Southeast</u>	<u>Midwest</u>	<u>South</u>
CLASS	MAWA	BWC	NTWC
EWA	SOL	DR	WASIT
JRRWA	SWAG	GCWC	
NEWC		GLWRC	
WVRC		GSLWC	
		LARK	
		MWRA	
		SMWC	
		TSWA	

Any proposal will need 2/3 of voting clubs to pass.

With 18 of the 19 eligible clubs voting, 12 affirmative was the magic number necessary for a proposal to pass.

Board Members running for re-election:

NRD Gregg Gammie 14 Affirmative 4 no vote

Sec/Treasurer Judy Lowther 14 Affirmative 4 no vote

PROPOSAL 1:

13 Affirmative 5 negative

PASS

That any reference to inspection for normal/abnormal testicles be eliminated from the rulebook.

Original Wording:

Section 1.0 Requirements; subsection 1.2. Whippets Eligible to Participate in the WRA's Racing Program; Item 3

3. Any disqualification covered in the AKC Whippet Standard of the Breed, or any [AKC disqualification](#), applies to any Whippet racing in a WRA meet.

Section 3.0 Requirements; subsection 3.2.1 Disqualifications

3.2.1 Disqualifications

If the Inspection Committee finds a Whippet which measures over or under the allowed size limit, or possesses a disqualification listed below, that particular Whippet will not be allowed to run at that race meet. All Whippets racing in WRA meets must be inspected at each meeting, except in cases where two race meets are held on the same weekend, by the same club and at the same location. In such instances, the inspection committee may choose to inspect for disqualifications only those Whippets who did not compete in the first day's meet. All Whippets must be inspected each day for soundness and bitches checked for evidence of being in season.

Disqualifications included in the AKC Standard for the Breed are:

BLUE OR CHINA-COLORED EYES

UNDERSHOT JAW

OVERSHOT JAW (ONE QUARTER (1/4) INCH OR MORE

A WHIPPET MORE THAN ONE-HALF (1/2) INCH ABOVE OR BELOW THE MEASUREMENTS SPECIFIED UNDER "[SIZE](#)".

Those disqualifications covered by the Whippet Racing Association program are:

MONORCHIDS (A male with only one visible/palpable testicle normally descended into the scrotum.)

CRYPTORCHIDS (A male with n visible/palpable testicles normally descended into the scrotum.)

MONORCHIDS (A MALE WITH ONLY ONE VISIBLE/PALPABLE TESTICLE).

CRYPTORCHIDS (A MALE WITH NO VISIBLE/PALPABLE TESTICLES).

3.2.1.1 Puppies that are monorchids or cryptorchids should be allowed to run as puppies. When entered as a FTE adult they must be neutered.

WHIPPET BITCHES IN HEAT OR SEASON

A WHIPPET THAT SHOWS POSITIVE EVIDENCE OF SICKNESS OR ABNORMALITY (ie, LAMENESS) THAT COULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE WHIPPET OR TO OTHER WHIPPET RACERS.

THE USE OF ANY DRUG, STIMULANT OR NARCOTIC

Proposed Wording: Insert the words in red and delete ~~strikeout~~ text, as below:

3. Any disqualification covered in the AKC Whippet Standard of the Breed, or any [AKC disqualification](#) with exception of the ~~monorchid/cryptorchid disqualification~~, applies to any Whippet racing in a WRA meet.

Delete the following under paragraphs 3.2.1 and 3.2.1.1:

~~Those disqualifications covered by the Whippet Racing Association program are:~~

~~MONORCHIDS (A male with only one visible/palpable testicle normally descended into the scrotum.)~~

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~~MONORCHIDS (A MALE WITH ONLY ONE VISIBLE/PALPABLE TESTICLE).~~

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Rationale:

- **In the decades since this AKC disqualification was put into place, the incidence of monorchidism/cryptorchidism has not produced any noticeable reduction in the occurrence of retained testicles.** Moreover, nothing in this disqualification looks to disallow racing/breeding of littermates, dams, or sires of monorchids/cryptorchids that may just as likely be carriers of this defect and to produce get that are affected as the monorchid/cryptorchid individual himself.

If the majority of the population that probably carries this trait is allowed to compete intact, does it make sense to require sterilization of the smallest percentage of the carrier population (those that display the trait), despite the fact that it is unlikely that a monorchid male will ever be used for breeding?

- **There has been no rush to use monorchid dogs as sires, despite the fact that monorchid/cryptorchid males are permitted to run in NAWRA, NOTRA and ASFA.**
- **Monorchidism, as a defect, is not a health threat to the dog** as the retained testicle can be easily removed.
- **Allowing monorchid/cryptorchid dogs to race intact in the WRA need not disqualify their sires/dams from using the title toward the ROM/ROMX program.** The AWC could easily move the WRCH and WRCHX to the conditional category, requiring proof only that the dog was inspected at some other venue that checks for all AKC DQs.
- **Aligning the WRA with NAWRA on this issue could remove one of the barriers to these two organizations joining forces.**
- **The requirement for neutering does not eliminate the potential for breeding of monorchid animals.** The technology for semen collection and artificial insemination has

become reliable and is in commonplace use. Neutering these dogs simply won't prevent their use in breeding programs, given the available technology.

- **Recognizing that WRA's philosophy is one of "breed improvement", it seems prudent to retain only those requirements that truly result in breed improvement.**

PROPOSAL 2:

17 Affirmative 1 Negative

PASS

SENIORS AND LEGENDS

SECTION 2.0 REQUIREMENTS; subsection 7.1 National Race Seniors and Legends. #2 paragraph 3.

Original wording:

These classes will run once, ~~unless there are over 6 entries. If there are over 6 dogs entered in the class, then they will run twice, and the winner of the second race shall be declared the winner of the class.~~ Entrants in these classes will NOT count toward the number of adult starters, for the purpose of awarding Championship and National Points.

Proposed wording:

These classes will run once. Entrants in these classes will NOT count toward the number of adult starters, for the purpose of awarding Championship and National Points.

If there should be more than 6 seniors or legends, necessitating that there be two races, then the winner of each race will be honored so there will be two "top legends" or "top seniors" for that year.

Reason:

Seniors and Legends are near, or past, the end of their racing career. Many are not in top shape. One run is enough. This class is about showing off our oldsters and giving them a good run. It's not about the competition and declaring a winner. No one wants a Senior or Legend hurt because they were pushed too far by making a second run. The dogs don't know its an exhibition, they are trying to win it. They are racers after all.

PROPOSAL 3:

10 Affirmative 7 Negative

FAIL

TRACK DISTANCE

SECTION 6.0 RACE TRACK AND EQUIPMENT; subsection 6.1 Race Track.

Original Wording:

(a) All WRA meets should be run over a straight, flat, level surface. Adult Whippets may race 4 programs at 150 yards if the scheduled race meet is announced as such in the race flyer. All rules and points applicable to races at 200 yards will be applicable to races at 150 yards. If the races are scheduled at 150 yards in the original flyer, the distance may not be changed. The National Race Meet may not be run at 150 yards, but should be run at 200 yards.

Proposed Wording:

(a) All WRA meets should be run over a straight, flat, level surface. Adult Whippets **may race 4 programs at any distance between and inclusive of 150 to 200 yards, if the scheduled race meet is announced as such in the race flyer, and posted as such on the WRA website at least thirty (30) days prior to the meet.** All rules and points applicable to races at 200 yards will be applicable to races at **different distances.** The National Race Meet may not be run at 150 yards, but should be run at 200 yards.

Rationale: After witnessing the success for the past 2 years of the reduction of distance run (150 yards), it was realized that there were many fields being used that could be better utilized if the distance was somewhat between 150 and 200 yards.

The idea of 150 yards was to be able to include fields previously not used due to an inadequate length. An added advantage is that fields that can not be safely used for 200 yards, may be used at 180, 175, 170 yards... Without having to reduce the length of the track by the current 25%.

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PROPOSAL 5:

4 Affirmative 13 Negative

FAIL

**SECTION 6.0 RACE TRACK AND EQUIPMENT; subsection 6.1
Race Track.**

Original Wording:

All WRA meets should be run over a straight, flat, level surface.

Adult Whippets may race 4 programs at either 150 yards or 200 yards. All rules and points applicable to races at 200 yards will be applicable to races at 150 yards. The National Race Meet may not be run at 150 yards, but should be run at 200 yards.

Proposed Wording:

All WRA meets should be run over a straight, flat, level surface.

Adult Whippets may race 4 programs at either 150 yards or 200 yards. All rules and points applicable to races at 200 yards will be applicable to races at 150 yards. The National Race Meet **may be run at any distance allowed for any other WRA race meet.**

Reasoning:

This would allow clubs without access to a field suitable for a 200 yard meet to submit bids to hold a national meet.

PROPOSAL 6:

17 Affirmative 1 Negative

PASS

SET UP CHART.

Current Quick Set-Up Chart.

# of dogs	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3
12	3	4	6
13	4	5	6

Change the Quick Set-Up Chart.

# of dogs	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3
12	4	3	6
13	5	4	6

Reason:

This puts the Set up Chart in line with the philosophy that dogs should not earn race, and hence CR/CRX, points without defeating dogs. As it is now a low point race with 12 or 13 dogs the last dog in the race will get 2 points. This should be prevented until there are only 9 dogs in the race and there is no other choice as long as the High Point is filled, and the high point should always be filled as long as there are more than 6 dogs left in the meet. This anomaly is an over site from the last change instituting this policy.

Ballot:

<u>Proposal #</u>	<u>Section, Change</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
1	Section 1.1.2 and Section 3.3.2.1 breed disqualifications eligibility to race		
2	Section 2.7.1 Seniors and Legends		
3	Section 6.6.1 Track Distance		
4	Section 6.6.1 Track Distance		
5	Section 6.6.1 Track Distance		
6	Set up Chart		

<u>Office</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
NRD	Gregg Gammie		
Sec/Treasurer	Judy Lowther		

Editorial comment:

PLEASE read proposals 3, 4 & 5 carefully. They all affect the same section of the rule book.

Proposal 2 is concerning the actual track length allowable.

Proposals 3 & 4 are both concerning the length track allowable for the NATIONAL RACE MEET. You can vote for one or the other, but NOT for both.