WELCOME TO LGRA RACING!

Brought to you by GIT (Gazehounds in Texas).

If this is your first event, here is a quick introduction. In LGRA racing, dogs are graded according to past race performances and grouped accordingly. This process is modeled after the way greyhounds are graded at their tracks. Each dog is assigned a WAVE (weighted average) score based on its placements at previous race meets. A letter grade A, B, C or D is assigned to each dog, based on its WAVE. Dogs which have never raced before are FTE (first time entered) and are grouped with the "D" racers.

Dogs are then assigned to a particular race, based on their grade. "A" dogs which are the fastest, race other "A" dogs, "B" dogs race other "B" dogs etc.
After being assigned to a race, there is a random draw to determine the post position and blanket color for each of the dogs in the race. In LGRA racing, a maximum of four dogs compete in each race. The number of dogs in each race is determined by overall number of dogs and is spelled out in the rule book.

Blanket colors for the various post positions are as follows:
1. Red
2. Blue
3. White
4. Green

At the end of the first race, each dog is assigned points based on its finish within its race. The point scales are listed at end of this handout. Note that in each program (heat) there is one race designated as the "High Point" Race, and that racers in this race earn more points than other racers. This is to reward the faster dogs for beating other fast dogs.

Once the points are assigned, the dogs are assigned to races for the second program, based solely on the points they earned in the first program. Dogs which win their first race are likely to move up to a higher class of competition.

After the second program, points are again assigned based on each racer's finish, and the dogs are regrouped based on the total points earned in races one and two.

At the end of the third and final program, points are once again assigned. Then the points earned in all three races are totaled to determine the winner of the race meet. The dog with the most points wins, the dog with the second most points is second etc.

Championship points towards the GRC (Gazehound Racing Champion) title are awarded to the top finishers, based on the number of dogs running in the race meet. If the top finishers are already GRC titled, the points are awarded to the next highest finishing dog.

In addition to championship points, National points are awarded using the same scale and are awarded even if the dog is already GRC titled. National points are used to determine year end rankings and count towards the Supreme GRC title.

12 championship points are required to earn the GRC title and a total of 30 National points are required for the Supreme GRC title.

Point Scale for GRC & National points (per breed)

# Starters	High Score	Second High	Third High
2-4	1.0	0.5	0
5-7	2.0	1.0	0
8-10	3.0	1.5	0.5
11-15	4.0	2.0	1.0
16-21	5.0	3.0	1.5
22 & Over	6.0	4.0	2.0

Race Points-Graded Races

These are the points earned during the race meet based on the dog's placement within his race. These points ARE NOT used to calculate GRC points, only the dog's placement within the race meet.

Programs One and Three: High Point 1st 8 2nd 6 3rd 4 4th 3
                        Other Races 1st 5 2nd 3 3rd 2 4th 0

Program Two: High Point 1st 6 2nd 4 3rd 3 4th 2
                        Other Races 1st 5 2nd 3 3rd 2 4th 0