

## PROPOSED REVISION TO CWA CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

As stated in Chapter 1, Paragraph B. 8: "The Rules Committee shall be comprised of the Board of Directors. Drafts of proposed rule changes must be submitted to the Secretary by October 1. No proposals submitted after October 1 can be voted on. The Secretary shall post all drafts for discussion not later than October 5. Final versions of all proposals must be submitted by November 1. The Secretary shall distribute ballots to each Committee member as soon as possible thereafter, either electronically or by land mail. The deadline for Board members to vote on the proposals is January 1. Amendments to rules and regulations are passed if two-thirds of the submitted ballots are in favor."

Please complete the following three questions (to be shared with CWA Board of Directors):

1. Identify the specific Article, Section and Paragraph of the CWA Constitution & By-Laws you propose amending.

**See Attachment 1**

2. State in exact words what your proposed revision, deletion, or addition is and where it would fit into existing wording.

**See Attachment 2**

3. State the justification or rationale for this proposed change (i.e. how it will improve or enhance the existing Constitution & By-Laws).

The CWA eligibility rules are long overdue for a major revision, to ensure that participants and breeders are aware that our dual purpose objectives are of primary importance to the organization. The submitted revision makes specific requirements for a minimum number of individual bench champions (we do have dogs in our program with the same single bench champion on both sides of the pedigree, which should never be eligible), and a maximum number of open straight racing champions, as specifically defined in the alteration. The rule as written would allow all currently eligible CWA dogs to parent CWA eligible offspring if bred properly, and will help ensure that balance is maintained for the future.

SIGNATURE     *Lisa M Ochoa*     DATE     *9/27/21*    

**Submit to the CWA Secretary by October 1**

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# **ATTACHMENT 1: ORIGINAL VERSION**

## **ARTICLE IV Committees**

### **SECTION 1      Registration Committee**

The Board of Directors will comprise the Registration Committee and will determine the criteria for registration in the CWA program. It is the responsibility of the Registrar to enforce said criteria and issue CWA registration numbers to Whippets eligible to compete in the CWA race program. The minimum requirements for registration of Whippets are:

1. Must conform to the Whippet Standard for the Breed. Any disqualification in the Whippet Standard applies to CWA participants. Spayed bitches and neutered males are eligible to compete. Monorchid males must be neutered.
2. Must be individually or litter registered by the AKC or CKC. ILP registered dogs are not eligible.
3. For the purposes of this rule, "domestic" is defined as any whippet born in the USA or Canada. "Foreign born" is defined as any whippet born outside these two countries.
4. Foreign born Whippets must be registered in their country of birth. The CWA Registration application must include four generations of certified pedigree including complete registration numbers (either a certified four-generation pedigree, or certified pedigrees equal to four generations, i.e., certified three-generation pedigree PLUS certified pedigrees of parents).
5. The foreign born whippet must have a minimum of one Show Champion (competitive Show Champion title) on each side of the 4-generation pedigree. At least one champion on one side of the pedigree MUST be no further back than the third generation (the bench champion can appear in the fourth generation on the other side). This requirement will apply to all litters born after April 1, 2015. A "competitive bench championship" is defined as a championship which requires defeating other Whippets in competition to earn the title. See UNITED KINGDOM below for different Show Champion requirements.

6. To be eligible for CWA registration, Whippets from the countries below must adhere to the listed requirements:
  - a. BELGIUM: Must have a LOSH registration designation. Any other registration designation is not accepted. No dog with the RISH registration may appear in the four generations.
  - b. FRANCE: No dog with the designation TI on its registration number may appear in the four generations.
  - c. GERMANY: A three-generation certified VDH (German Kennel Club) pedigree for the submitted dog AND a three-generation certified VDH pedigree for each parent (to equal four certified generations) is required. If one or more parents are not German registered, then the requirements already defined apply to a 3-generation pedigree of the parents of the applicant dog (i.e., no RISH, TI, or equivalent dogs appearing in their three-generation pedigrees).
  - d. UNITED KINGDOM: A Whippet either imported from the United Kingdom or with a U.K. imported sire or dam must meet at least one of the following criteria:
    1. Whippet must have a show champion within 3 generations on one side and 4 generations on the other; AND/OR
    2. Whippet must have a passport from the official pedigree racing association or be eligible for a passport
7. If there is a foreign-born ancestor within a domestic-born Whippet's pedigree, the country of birth and original registration number must be provided. However, this information is only required for the ancestor closest to the applicant dog (e.g, for the sire but not the grandsire).
8. CWA Registration applications for foreign born dogs from countries other than those noted below must provide not only certified official four generations of pedigree listing registration numbers, but also a complete description of what the various numbers and designations mean for the dogs in the pedigree.
9. A four-generation pedigree.
10. Any dog or owner barred by AKC, CKC or any other National Kennel Club or National Purebred Racing Association is ineligible. Ban is applicable to submitted four-generation pedigree (see #4).
11. Must be free of Whippet disqualifications (see Chapter VII. Whippet Disqualifications Applying to CWA Events).
12. Agreement to submit to DNA and/or drug testing if requested (at CWA expense). At their discretion, the Board of Directors may direct appropriate DNA

and/or drug testing to be performed on any Whippet registered to race, or if applying for registration. The President shall direct such testing. In the event the DNA test(s) confirms the pedigree is incorrect, the dog and all offspring shall be permanently banned from participating in CWA events. In the event the owner of said dog refuses to allow testing for whatever reason, the owner and his or her Whippets shall be permanently banned from participating in CWA events.

Must have a minimum of one Bench Champion (American Kennel Club, Canadian Kennel Club, or the equivalent competitive Bench Champion title of a foreign country) or one Dual Purpose Champion (DPC) on each side of the 4-generation pedigree. At least one champion on one side of the pedigree MUST be no further back than the third generation (the bench champion can appear in the fourth generation on the other side). This requirement will apply to all litters born after April 1, 2015. A "competitive bench championship" is defined as a championship which requires defeating other Whippets in competition to earn the title.

The Registration Committee shall have the absolute right to refuse or rescind CWA registration numbers of any dog or bitch for cause. "Cause" in this instance includes, but is not limited to, events such as permanent removal of a dog's registration number by the original registering body (not including incidents where registration is suspended for investigatory purposes and the registration is later upheld as correct), banning of the owner or breeder by AKC, CKC or any other National Kennel Club or National Purebred Racing Association, or any other circumstance in which the dog's pedigree is discovered to be falsified or otherwise invalid.

# **ATTACHMENT 2**

## **BYLAW REVISED VERSION**

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **Committees**

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##### **SECTION 2      CWA Eligibility**

The minimum requirements for registration of Whippets are explained below.

##### **General Definitions:**

1. For the purposes of this section, "domestic" is defined as any whippet born in the USA or Canada. "Foreign born" is defined as any whippet born outside these two countries.

2. For the purposes of this section, the term "open straight racing champions" is defined as "a championship from any organization, in any country where racing is offered, which fails to inspect for all disqualifying faults as defined in the AKC Standard of the Whippet." Domestic organizations which fall under this rule include, but are not necessarily limited to, Whippet Racing Association (WRA), North American Whippet Racing Association (NAWRA), and Canadian American Racing Association (CARA).
  
3. For the purposes of this section, the term "competitive bench championship" is defined as a conformation championship which requires defeating other Whippets in competition to earn the title. The CWA Dual Purpose Champion (earned as defined in the CWA rules) counts as a competitive bench championship in pedigrees.

## **A. DNA Profile Requirement**

1. Applicants must sign the Agreement to submit to DNA and/or drug testing if requested (at CWA expense). At their discretion, the Board of Directors may direct appropriate DNA and/or drug testing to be performed on any Whippet registered to race, or applying for registration, along with its parents. The President shall direct such testing. In the event the DNA test(s) confirms the pedigree is incorrect, the dog and all offspring shall be permanently banned from participating in CWA events. In the event the owner of said dog refuses to allow testing for any reason, the owner and his or her Whippets shall be permanently banned from participating in CWA events. All descendants of the banned Whippets shall be ineligible to compete or appear in pedigrees for four generations.

2. Beginning January 1, 2022, all CWA registration applications must include proof of DNA profiles, as indicated below:

- i. Any dog with a dog bred by Deborah and/or Maurice Bahm, or of the Debmar prefix, in the first two generations of the pedigree must provide proof of AKC DNA profile on the dog being registered and its parents.
- ii. Any dog with one or more open straight racing champions in a 4-generation pedigree must provide proof of AKC DNA profile on the dog being registered and its parents.
- iii. Applications for all other dogs must provide a DNA profile on either the dog being registered or its parents.

## **B. Other eligibility requirements for domestic Whippets**

1. Whippet must be individually registered by the AKC or CKC. ILP/PAL registered dogs are not eligible, nor are similar registrations from any country. Dogs with AKC conditional registration (any AKC registration number starting with the letter "Q") are not eligible, nor is any dog whose four-generation pedigree contains a dog with a conditional registration. AKC limited registrations are acceptable.

2. If there is a foreign-born ancestor within a domestic-born Whippet's pedigree, the country of birth and original registration number must be provided. However, this information is only required for the ancestor closest to the applicant dog (e.g, for the sire but not the grandsire).

3. Must be free of disqualifying faults as defined in the AKC Whippet Standard. Spayed bitches and neutered males are eligible to compete. Adult monorchid males must be neutered. Monorchid puppies may run in puppy racing but are not eligible for the match.

4. A four-generation pedigree must be submitted with the application, and must meet the standards defined below:

i. Any dog or owner barred by AKC, CKC or any other National Kennel Club or National Purebred Racing Association is ineligible. The current list of ineligible dogs/owners is indicated on the application.

ii. For all dogs born after August 1, 2022:

- a) The pedigree may not contain more than five open straight racing champions (dogs with multiple appearances in a pedigree are only counted one time).
- b) The pedigree for every dog must contain at least four individual competitive bench champions (dogs with multiple appearances in a pedigree are only counted one time). At least one of the champions must be within the first three generations on one side of the pedigree.

iii. For all dogs born after January 1, 2030:

- a) Open straight racing champions in the pedigree shall be restricted to not more than four individuals. (Dogs with multiple appearances in a pedigree are only counted one time)
- b) Bench champions in the pedigree will be increased to five individuals. (Dogs with multiple appearances in a pedigree are only counted one time)

### **C. Minimum eligibility requirements for foreign-born Whippets:**

1. Foreign-born Whippets must be registered in their country of birth and also with the AKC and/or CKC. The CWA Registration application must include four generations of certified pedigree including complete registration numbers (either a certified four-generation pedigree, or certified pedigrees equal to four generations, i.e., certified three-generation pedigree PLUS certified pedigrees of parents), along with a complete description of all conformation and/or racing titles on the ancestors in the pedigree

The submitted four generation pedigrees of all foreign born whippets must adhere to the standards listed above for domestic-born Whippets, both the DNA profile requirement section, and also the section detailing exclusion of dogs from banned owners/kennels, and numbers of open straight racing champions/bench champions.

2. Whippets from the countries listed below must also adhere to the additional requirements indicated in their sections:



a. BELGIUM:

i. Must have a LOSH registration designation. Any other registration designation is not accepted. No dog with the RISH registration may appear in the four generations.

b. FRANCE:

i. No dog with the designation TI on its registration number may appear in the four generations.

c. GERMANY:

i. A three-generation certified VDH (German Kennel Club) pedigree for the submitted dog AND a three-generation certified VDH pedigree for each parent (to equal four certified generations) is required.

ii. If one or more parents are not German registered, then the requirements already defined apply to a 3-generation pedigree of the parents of the applicant dog (i.e., no RISH, TI, or equivalent dogs appearing in their three-generation pedigrees).

d. UNITED KINGDOM:

i. A Whippet either imported from the United Kingdom or with a U.K. imported sire or dam must meet at least one of the following criteria:

1. Whippet must have a show champion within 3 generations on one side and 4 generations on the other; AND/OR

2. Whippet must have a passport from the official pedigree racing association or be eligible for a passport

3. CWA Registration applications for foreign born dogs from countries other than those noted above must provide:

i. A certified official four generations of pedigree listing registration numbers.

ii. A complete description of what the various numbers and designations mean for the dogs in the pedigree.