



## **Qualifying to Race**

**Congratulations ... your whippet is trialling superbly and you think it is ready to race. So, what now?**

The following are the steps required to enter your dog in the race draw for Championship Points.

### **1. Lure Driven**

The Track Marshall must be certain your dog is chasing the lure and not just running with the other dogs. This is determined in your qualifying run as your dog will run alone with no other distractions but you can see the signs whilst trialling. Ask a committee/club member for tips and tricks to get your dog interested in the lure.

### **2. Boxing**

Your dog must be able to consistently exit the boxes cleanly and with intent of chasing the lure. Dogs who come out backwards/sideways will be given extra time to correct this as it greatly hinders their race results.

### **3. Muzzles/Race-Silks**

Your dog must be able to run the track in full race gear, comprising a muzzle and 'silks'. Muzzles can be purchased from the sign in desk for. A club set of race-silks are available for loan on the day of qualifying. You must provide your own race silks once your dog has entered the race draw. We recommend Spandex/Lycra as it is comfortable with plenty of give.

A set of at least four colours is required (red/white/green/blue) as the box draw is done at random each race meet. (Occasionally we have 5 dogs in a race, so a full set includes a fifth Striped silk, but this doesn't happen often, so if you don't want to spend the money on the extra silk the club has some for loan). Silks can be ordered through the club. They are available in small, medium and large and your dog can be fitted at the track for correct sizing.

### **4. Completion of Lap**

Your dog must demonstrate its willingness to complete both the sprint and the distance in its entirety; that is, a full chase of the lure, past the finish post. Any dog that fails to complete the lap by stopping, running the wrong way around the track or needing to be coaxed back to the boxes will be deemed not ready to race.

### **5. Membership**

For a dog to be a racer, it must first be a member of the WRCV. A dog may qualify as a visitor, but you must complete a membership form and payment before, or on the day of its first point scoring race. Your membership fees contribute to the hiring of the track and other expenses incurred by the club such as insurance, equipment and of course the trophies and end of year fun day.

Once your dog has checked off all the steps, you are ready to qualify! At the sign in desk on the day you must state you are ready to qualify that day. You will be required to weigh in your dog and submit a 'race name'. Your dog will take its qualifying run solo after the races but before the trials. The times your dog qualifies with on this day will determine the grade it is entered into.

### **Please lend a hand**

Your committee members all volunteer their time. If you are interested in helping our club grow stronger or feel you have a talent to offer, please step forward to offer yourself as a committee member next season. The more, the merrier and many hands make light work!

**Good luck & get ready to race!**