

## STRAIGHT RACING

Competition is open to any Windsprites; Smooth Whippets of Windsprite descent; and % Windsprites (50% or greater Windsprite). These dogs may be intact or altered.

LGRA rules will be utilized. Here is the link to the rulebook: <http://www.lgra.org/node/4050>

### THE RACE FORMAT

The Race Format consists of the distance of the races, the number of programs of racing (the number of times each racer runs in a meet), the number of racers in each race, and the method of rotating racers for each program of racing.

Distance: The distance of a course is 200 yards.

Number of Programs: The Official Race Meet consists of two or three programs of racing in which an entrant can race once in each program. If a racer does not start in one program, it is automatically scratched from subsequent programs. Each racer is assigned to a specific race in each program, either through use of the grading guide (first program) or scores earned in prior races (second and third programs). If the racer fails to run in its assigned race, it cannot be placed in any subsequent race in the same program.

In order for a meet to be official, all programs planned must be completed. Programs can be arranged to run each breed in sequence or intermingled. However, no hound should be required to race without a 30 minute rest between programs unless a rerun is required. A rerun may be run with less than 30 minutes rest depending on the length of the first run and with consent of the owner/handlers.

**IN ORDER TO EARN A QUALIFYING RIBBON, THE HOUND MUST COMPLETE ALL PROGRAMS OF RACING IN THE MEET.**

The hound must be one year of age to participate in an Official Meet.

Hounds who are 9+ years of age may enter the Veteran class.

The Veteran class is divided into hounds 9 to <12 years of age and hounds 12+ years of age (Senior Veteran).

The Race Secretary must order a "Qualifying to Compete" run with or without other hounds for any hound which 1) has only Disqualified, Did Not Finish, or Off Course on his racing record, 2) or was Disqualified at its most recent meet, or 3) has not previously raced at an IWC official meet, i.e., the hound is First Time Entered (FTE), with the following exception. If the hound has successfully raced in another organization and the owner signs a statement to that effect, a qualifying to compete run will not be required. Qualifying to compete runs may be held at Practice Races or before an Official Meet. Practice runs may be offered at Practice Races, at Official Meets between race programs, and after Official Meets.

Hounds that are qualified to compete may enter an Official Meet. Hounds that complete the racing programs at an Official Meet will be awarded a qualifying ribbon. Placements will be determined by the number of points earned in the race programs. Best in Field rosette will be awarded to the high scoring hound. Best in Field Veteran rosette will be awarded to the high scoring veteran hound (Veteran or Senior Veteran).

There are two title tracks: Enthusiast for dogs who choose to run alone and Open for dogs who run with one to three other dogs.

Track:

Enthusiast (dog runs alone)

Titles:

Racing Enthusiast = SRE

Racing Maniac = SRM

Racing Extreme = SREX

Track:

Open (dog runs with one to three other dogs)

Titles:

Racing Open = SRO

Racing Excellent = SRX

For the Racing Enthusiast title, each hound will run alone. For a hound to receive one qualifying ribbon, it must show "instinct" and enthusiastically chase the lure the entire length of the course without stopping or losing interest in the lure and complete the racing programs at an Official Meet. Hounds who receive three qualifying ribbons will be awarded the Racing Enthusiast title. Hounds may continue to compete at the Enthusiast Racing level and earn qualifying ribbons toward the Racing Maniac and Extreme titles. Hounds who have received the Enthusiast title and earn seven more qualifying ribbons (a total of 10 qualifying ribbons) will be awarded the Racing Maniac title. Hounds who earn five more qualifying ribbons (a total of 15 qualifying ribbons) earns a Racing Extreme title.

For the Open Racing title, hounds will race with one to three others. For a hound to receive one qualifying ribbon, it must show "instinct" and enthusiastically chase the lure the entire length of the course without stopping or losing interest in the lure, or interfering with another hound, and complete the racing programs at an Official Meet. Hounds who receive three qualifying ribbons will be awarded the Open Racing title.

Hounds who have earned the Open Racing title and earn seven more qualifying ribbons (a total of 10 qualifying ribbons) will be awarded the Excellent Racing title. Hounds who earn ten more qualifying ribbons (a total of 20 qualifying ribbons) will be awarded the Excellent Racing-2 title (SRX2).