

WCRA Directional Seeding – Guidance Notes

- ≡ When a whippet has a habitual tendency when leaving the traps to veer to either the right or left within their first six strides, the owner can seek Directional Seeding for the whippet.
- ≡ The Committee of the WCRA considers this to be safety issue and will only grant Directional Seeding to a whippet for this reason. Habitual wide runners on bends or curve tracks will not be granted Directional Seeding.
- ≡ A 'Proposal Form for Direction Seeding' can be requested from the Secretary of the WCRA. This four section form requires the owner to complete Section A and to obtain the completion of Section B by their affiliated club's Racing Manager.
- ≡ On completion of the first two Sections, the form must be sent to the Secretary of the WCRA accompanied by the Whippet's passport, so that the proposal can be discussed by the WCRA Committee.
- ≡ If the proposal is accepted by the WCRA Committee, Section C of the form will be completed and passed to the WCRA Registrar. The Whippet will then be granted directional seeding for all WCRA Championships and Scratch Opens were Seeding is on offer and a directional seeding endorsement will be noted in the whippet's passport and it will be returned to the owner.
- ≡ The request may not be immediately accepted by the WCRA Committee. However, it may be granted subject to the results of two Authorisation Trials, then Section D of the form will be completed. In this case two members of the WCRA Committee must be present to observe the Authorisation Trials and sign Section D of the form if the criteria for directional seeding in their opinion are met.
- ≡ The owner of the Whippet should then send the whippet's passport along with the completed Proposal Form for Directional Seeding to the WCRA's Registrar. The Registrar will endorse the Whippet's Passport that Directional Seeding has been granted and return the passport to the owner.
- ≡ It is then the Owner's responsibility to ensure that any granted Directional Seeding to their whippet is clearly marked on any Entry Form when the whippet is entered for a WCRA Championship or Scratch Open were directional seeding is offered.
- ≡ All granted Directional Seeding of whippets will be reviewed and discussed by the WCRA Committee, any seeding granted may be withdrawn if it is felt that the criteria for issuing the seeding is no longer being met and the endorsement in the Whippet's passport rescinded.