



Irish Greyhound Owners
& Breeders Federation

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12 Key issues our members have brought to us to have addressed

1. An agreed action plan for track maintenance at every track for trials and racing. Safety at every track with the emphasis on the surface being properly prepared and maintained was the number one key issue agreed by all GOBAS.

*****All Ground-staff at every track should have to undergo training and have regular oversight.**

2. Complete review and overhaul of the Barking Buzz platform.

To allow new revenue streams into our sport we must consider engaging with the top betting companies and bring our live racing streaming to a global market.

****We should be aiming to increase the online revenue turnover in 2022/2023 by a target percentage**

3. An agreed action plan to deal with negative publicity, online bullying, targeting sponsors, anti-racing propaganda and a strategy to counter those who deliberately undermine/tarnish greyhound racing in the media and with politicians etc.

***Our members are prepared to play our part to defend our sport and it should be a united approach.**

4. Ring Fence significant portion of the Horse and greyhound fund for prizemoney. (55%)

*****Good prize money is a top priority.**

*****A survey of how prizemoney is divided should be undertaken.**

5. Request confirmation that IGOBF will have consultation and input with OK Consultants before the final draft of the IRGT rehoming/retirement strategy is agreed/published. All retired greyhounds should be rehomed through the IRGT.

*****Waiting times for rehoming greyhounds are currently not optimal through IRGT.**

6. Private tracks

Re-examination of their funding to see if we can level the playing field with the GRI tracks. They are significantly disadvantaged.

*****We are seeking a commitment that this will be looked at and cost.**



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7. Drug testing.

We are seeking a new evaluation of best practices, more detailed information about thresholds, more regular communication to our members about all aspects of drug testing.

*****We must build trust and confidence in the testing system.**

8. Reduce race entry fees and no more additional costs on owners and breeders.

*****Restore the breeder's prizemoney initiative.**

*****Restore trainer's incentive.**

9. More transparency on Racing Pools by grades.

Suggestion to publish monthly on Talking Dogs/Sporting Press.

*****Commitment to re-examine the racing calendar.**

*****The prize money for the top two/three most prestigious stakes at every track should be prioritised to be increased and promoted.**

This really helps every track bring the best greyhounds and the best crowds and will lift the sport across the country.

*****Commitment for a review of all stakes to receive increased prize money and promotion.**

10. Clear communication from GRI regarding upgrading to Shelbourne Park, Kilkenny track and any other developments is requested.

***An update at our next meeting.**

11. Young people in our sport are vital to our future success.

Conduct an online survey

(survey monkey) amongst the younger age groups and allow them to have a voice in the future of our sport.

*****Agreement on a survey and**

*****build new initiatives for young people based on their own suggestions.**



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12. A new focus on building attendances, benefit nights, fundraisers, building our business and attracting greater attendance to stadia and online audiences.

*****A long and short term strategy to drive the business forward and to market it properly.**