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The Irish Greyhound Board has issued a new Track Ratings System which will come into effect on Monday, January 7th.

The new system will generate considerable debate, particularly the decision to rate Shelbourne Park, Cork, Limerick and Waterford tracks at between .15 and .30 Fast and with the remaining tracks in separate categories. However the Track Ratings will be reviewed continuously.

The statement issued by the IGB reads:

Following significant data collection and considerable analysis in the area of Track Ratings Bord na gCon wishes to announce that the following Track Ratings are to be applied under normal circumstances, as part of the Grading System.

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5
Sprint Distance	+0.15 Fast	+0.10 Fast	Normal	-0.05 Slow	-0.25 Slow
Middle Distance	+0.30 Fast	+0.20 Fast	Normal	-0.10 Slow	-0.50 Slow
Long Distance	+0.60 Fast	+0.40 Fast	Normal	-0.20 Slow	-1.0 Slow
	Waterford	Tralee	Clonmel	Thurles	Mullingar
	Shelbourne	Longford	Dundalk	Enniscorthy	Derry
	Cork		Lifford	Kilkenny	
	Limerick		Newbridge	Youghal	
			Galway		
			Harolds Cross		
			Drumbo		

These above Track Ratings will take effect from and including **Jan 7th 2013** and will be reviewed continuously as part of the Boards commitment to reinforce integrity standards and parity at all stadia as well as facilitating the movement of competing greyhounds from stadium to stadium from a grading perspective. Bord na gCon considers the grading of Tracks to be of crucial importance in the Integrity Management of the industry and it is envisaged that the new ratings will ensure greater transparency in its Racing and Grading Systems.

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