

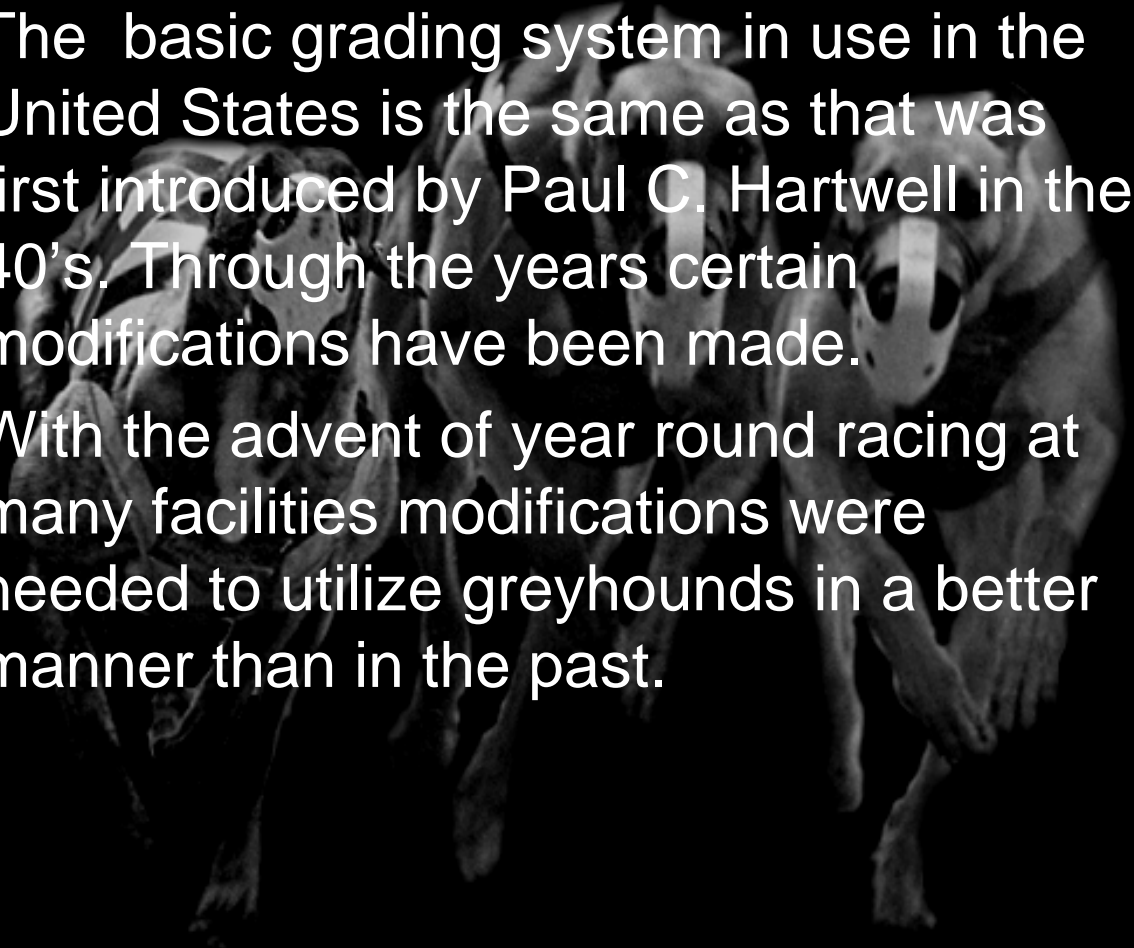
Grading Systems Worldwide

Methods Used in the United
States



Topics of Discussion

- The basic grading system in use in the United States is the same as that was first introduced by Paul C. Hartwell in the 40's. Through the years certain modifications have been made.
- With the advent of year round racing at many facilities modifications were needed to utilize greyhounds in a better manner than in the past.



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- 45 Member Tracks
- 3 basic iterations of grading system
- Five Grades
- Six Grades
- Seven Grades



Five Grade Systems- 9%

- A B C D M
- Apache Greyhound Park – Arizona
- Bluffs Run Casino – Iowa
- Plainfield Greyhound – Connecticut
- Tampa Greyhound Park - Florida



Six Grade Systems-64%

- A B C D E M
- 29 Tracks
- 10 States

Alabama (3)

Arkansas (1)

Florida (13)

Kansas (2)

Oregon (1)

Arizona (1)

Connecticut (1)

Iowa (1)

New Hampshire (2)

Wisconsin (2)

Massachusetts (1) – A B C D J M



Six Grade Systems-16%

- AA A B C D M
- Phoenix Greyhound Park - Arizona
- Cloverleaf Kennel Club – Colorado
- Interstate Kennel Club – Colorado
- Mile High Kennel Club – Colorado
- Pueblo Kennel Club - Colorado
- Tri State Racetrack – West Virginia
- Wheeling Island – West Virginia



Seven Grade Systems- 11%

- AA A B C D J M
- Corpus Christi – Texas
- Gulf Greyhound Park – Texas
- Valley Race Park – Texas

- Raynham-Taunton – Massachusetts
 - ◆ A B C CJ D MG M

- Lincoln Park – Rhode Island
 - ◆ AA A BB B C J M



Future Modifications

- Shortage of Greyhounds at most Tracks
- Need for better utilization of greyhound population
- Better use of grades

