

Greyhound Policy Manual

(Effective from 1 March 2016)

The Greyhound Racing Policy Manual has been developed with the aim of providing a complete up-to-date listing of all policies for the greyhound industry, rather than having to source documents from different organisations.

The manual encompasses all policies of Tasracing, Office of Racing Integrity (ORI) and Greyhounds Australasia (GA) in the one publication.

While each body retains ownership of their own policies, Tasracing has undertaken to maintain and manage the document to ensure that all the policies are easily accessible and available.

HISTORY

The Greyhound Racing Policy Manual, which was first released on 1 November 1995, was developed as part of the 5 Year Plan for the Tasmanian Greyhound Racing Industry that was released by the Tasmanian Greyhound Racing Board in October, 1995.

In June 2004 a review of the Policy was undertaken by the Tasmanian Greyhound Racing Council.

In January 2005 a restructure of the industry saw the Tasmanian Greyhound Racing Council renamed as Greyhound Racing Tasmania (GRT) and the formation of the Greyhound Racing Regulatory Panel (GRRP) responsible for the registration and integrity of the industry.

In May 2006 the GRRP and GRT undertook a review of all policies and determined which was the responsibility of each body resulting in the development of the Greyhound Racing Tasmania Policy Manual and the Greyhound Racing Regulatory Panel Policy Manual.

In January 2009 following another restructure, Greyhound Racing Tasmania and the Greyhound Racing Regulatory Panel were both abolished and their functions and policies were taken over by Tasracing and the Director of Racing respectively.

In 2011 the project to create a combined policy manual incorporating the policies of Tasracing and Racing Services Tasmania commenced.

This policy manual being the outcome of the project was published June 2012 effective from 1 July 2012.

On 1 July 2015 Racing Services Tasmania changed its name to the Office of Racing Integrity.

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1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1. The objective of this policy is to prescribe the parameters to enable Clubs to conduct an additional race at a meeting when excessive nominations are received for a meeting.

2. POLICY

- 2.1. When there are sufficient nominations for a meeting, 11 races shall be programmed subject to the restrictions and conditions of Clause 3 below.
- 2.2. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, there will be no opportunity to conduct an additional race at combined (dual code) meetings.

3. CONDITIONS

- 3.1. After the closing of nominations, the person appointed as the Grader by the Office of Racing Integrity shall review the nominations received and use best endeavours to draw 11 races for the meeting if there are sufficient nominations.
- 3.2. If nominations for a meeting have been extended, the option to draw 11 races shall only be considered if the appropriate timeframes for the formulation and release of the fields permit.
- 3.3. The criteria to determine whether there are sufficient nominations to program an additional race is that there are sufficient nominations to provide at least two reserves for the races of the same grade/s of the additional race should it be programmed. This requirement does not extend to Top Grade and Grade 3 races which may be programmed with 8 nominations or Mid Distance or Distance races which may be programmed with 7 nominations.
- 3.4. The option to conduct an additional race at the meeting where the Hobart Thousand Final, the Devonport Cup Final or the Launceston Cup Final is scheduled shall be subject to the approval of The Director of Racing, together with the availability of race times from Sky Racing, which will still allow presentations for the final to be conducted.
- 3.5. Approval for the additional race will only be granted if there are funds available to cover the stakes for the additional race at the time the additional race is being considered.
- 3.6. The application shall be subject to the availability of Stewards and Sky Racing coverage of the additional race being secured either prior to or following the last scheduled event with, in the case of Hobart meetings, the last race not being scheduled after 10:50 pm.

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- 3.7. The grade of the additional race shall be firstly for the 452|461|515 distances, then 580|599|600 distances and then 709|720|278|340 distances except when a Grade 6 or Grade 5 race over 278|340 metres is scheduled and then an additional race over that distance for the grade programmed may be considered in conjunction with the 461|515 distances as the first option.

- 3.8. If qualifying trials are scheduled for the meeting an additional race shall not be programmed.

GPOL0002

1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 The objective of this policy is to prescribe the criteria for the selection process for the Annual Greyhound Awards.

2. AWARD DETAILS

- 2.1 Tasracing will recognise achievements each year with awards for the following categories:
- 2.1.1 Leading Tasmanian Owner
 - 2.1.2 Leading Tasmanian Trainer
 - 2.1.3 Tasmania's Leading Sire
 - 2.1.4 Tasmania's Leading Brood Bitch
 - 2.1.5 Tasmanian Greyhound of the Year
 - 2.1.6 Tasmanian Most Consistent Greyhound of the Year

3. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1 The awards will be calculated on the period 1 January to 31 December in each year.
- 3.2 For the purpose of the awards for Owner, Trainer and Most Consistent Greyhound of the Year, "Tasmanian" is deemed a person or greyhound that was resident in Tasmania for a period of at least 3 months during the period in which the awards are determined.
- 3.3 Any Owner or Trainer who is disqualified or is under disqualification during the period of the determination of the awards shall be excluded from recognition to an award. Should the disqualified person be a member of a partnership then such partnership shall be excluded from recognition to an award. Should the disqualified person be a member of a Syndicate, then provided the disqualified person relinquishes his membership of the Syndicate and the Syndicate remains registered, then the Syndicate will be eligible for recognition to an award. A person who appeals a disqualification and has that disqualification revoked remains eligible for an award. If there is an appeal pending for the winner of the Leading Owner or Leading Trainer Award then the Award shall be held in abeyance and not be finalised until the appeal has been determined.

4. SELECTION CRITERIA

- 4.1 In the calculation of all awards a dead heat in a race shall be considered a win and in the case of a dead heat for the winner of an award, excluding the Greyhound of the Year Award, joint winners shall be named.
- 4.1.1 **Leading Owner** - Number of races won by an individual Owner or Partnership.
- 4.1.2 **Leading Trainer** – Number of races won.
- 4.1.3 **Leading Sire** - Number of races won by his progeny.
- 4.1.4 **Leading Brood Bitch** - Number of races won by her progeny which are Tasbred greyhounds.
- 4.1.5 **Most Consistent Greyhound** - A points system of 5 for a win, 2 for a second and 1 for a third.
- 4.2 Greyhound of the Year
- 4.2.1 By the end of April of each year, the Greyhound Reference Group, shall invite five suitable, independent persons without conflict of interest who they consider suitable candidates to be appointed on the Greyhound of the Year Selection Panel and shall appoint one of those persons to act as Coordinator for the panel.
- 4.2.2 The Panel shall determine one greyhound to be named as the Greyhound of the Year by whatever system is deemed appropriate by the panel, whether that be by consensus or by majority vote of the panel.
- 4.2.3 The Panel may make periodic announcements of the ongoing contenders for the Award, however the greyhound named as Greyhound of the Year shall remain confidential and shall only be announced at the Annual Awards Dinner.
- 4.2.4 Selection Criteria:
- 4.2.4.1 The greyhound must have been domiciled in Tasmania for a minimum period of 3 months during the period in which the awards are determined.
- 4.2.4.2 The Greyhound must have won a minimum of eight races, four of which were in Tasmania during the period in which the Awards are determined. (This includes Heats and Semi Finals).
- 4.2.4.3 *Domiciled* means registered as trained by a person whose normal place of abode is within the State of Tasmania.
Registered means the date on which the completed kennel notice is lodged with Racing Services Tasmania.

1. OBJECTIVE:

The objective of this policy is to detail the materials permitted to be used as an approved lure in connection with greyhound training, education or preparation to race, racing and trialling.

2. POLICY:

- 2.1 No person shall use anything apart from a tanned and professionally processed sheep skin or a synthetic material as a lure in connection with greyhound training, education or preparation to race, racing and trialling
- 2.2 Tasracing shall provide the material to be used as a lure in races in Tasmania which shall be a tanned and professionally processed sheep skin or a synthetic material.
- 2.3 Clubs/Associations shall provide the material to be attached to the arm for run-on trials and normal trial sessions.
- 2.4 The material which clubs can attach to the arm and be/or be used as a lure at trials shall be either a tanned sheep skin provided by Tasracing or a synthetic material.
- 2.5 Each Club/Association shall provide a drag lure (used to drag pups into the catching pen) which shall be made from a tanned sheep skin provided by Tasracing or a synthetic material provided by the Club. This lure may be enhanced with the inclusion of a squeaker or rattle at the entire discretion of the club.
- 2.6 The only material permitted to be attached to the drag at straight tracks is a sheep skin provided by Tasracing or other item approved by Tasracing or a synthetic material provided by the Club/Association conducting the trials.
- 2.7 Trainers are not permitted to interfere with the material provided by the Club/Association as a lure in any way (including scenting the material).

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1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1** To document the conditions and amounts of bonuses payable to owners and breeders of greyhounds by Tasracing.

2. DEFINITION

“Tasbred” means a Tasmanian Bred greyhound as defined in the Grading Schedule as a greyhound whelped in Tasmania.

3. POLICY

3.1. TASBRED BONUS

A bonus of \$100 will be paid for all races conducted prior to 1 November 2015 which are won by a Tasbred greyhound providing:

- 3.1.1. Stakemoney for the winner is less than \$2,500 and
3.1.2. The race is not restricted to Tasbred greyhounds

3.2. TASBRED GRADE SIX BONUS

A bonus of \$300 will be paid to any Tasbred greyhound on winning a Grade 6 race (excluding non-penalty races) at all three (3) tracks in Tasmania.

3.3. BREEDER’S BONUS

A bonus of \$1,300 will be paid to the Breeder of a litter which is whelped prior to 1 September 2015 and is registered with Racing Services Tasmania within five months of birth.

1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 The intention of the National Rules is to ensure that breeders have more positive outcomes when breeding and also to reduce the number of greyhounds that fail to be competitive. This should lead to a reduction of the number of greyhounds who are unsuitable for racing.
- 1.2 The Controlling Body's decision to grant or refuse an application for a breeding exemption will be based on the breeding history of the female greyhound, whether she is fit and healthy, whether she has previously whelped pups that have been successful on the track and any other factor that is deemed relevant by the Controlling Body.

2. POLICY

- 2.1 The following criteria will be utilised to assess each application for a breeding exemption:
 - 2.1.1 Application form must be complete, signed and include all the necessary details and supporting documents;
 - 2.1.2 The Owner (or person with the authority to breed) must be licensed;
 - 2.1.3 The breeding premises must not be subject to any outstanding work directives arising out of any inspections conducted by the Office of Racing Integrity;
 - 2.1.4 The female greyhound must be registered as a Breeding Female;
 - 2.1.5 The female greyhound's breeding history must demonstrate success. Success will be assessed using the following measures:
 - a. Percentage of total number of greyhounds named against the total number of pups whelped (from all litters)
The percentage must be greater than 50%
 - b. Percentage of total number of greyhounds that started in race against the total number of pups named (from all litters)
The percentage must be greater than 80%.
 - c. Percentage of total number of greyhounds that won a race against the total number of pups named (from all litters)
The percentage must be greater than 50%.
 - 2.1.6 The breeding female must be fit and healthy to breed - Participants are required to obtain a veterinary certificate demonstrating that the breeding female is fit and healthy to breed. You must attach this veterinary certificate to the application for breeding exemption.

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- 2.2 Once the Controlling Body has considered the application for a breeding exemption you will be notified in writing of the outcome. The breeding female cannot be mated until approval in writing has been provided by the Office of Racing Integrity.

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1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 The objective of this policy is to outline the recommended standards of care during training for greyhounds.

2. POLICY

- 2.1. Exercise designed to prepare the greyhound for racing should be regular and incremental and not excessive.
- 2.2. A competent person should carefully examine greyhounds after fast exercise for any signs of injury or physical stress.
- 2.3. Public trialling should only be carried out at tracks licensed for the purpose.
- 2.4. Greyhounds found to be injured must not be exercised or galloped in a manner that may aggravate such injury.
- 2.5. Injury sustained through exercise shall be treated in accordance with accepted veterinary practice, which may include resting or spelling in order to facilitate recovery.
- 2.6. Prohibited substances as defined by the racing authority shall not be administered to a greyhound for any purpose unless by, or under the instructions of, a veterinary surgeon and only in accordance with the regulations relevant to racing.

(In accordance with GAR 116(1))

1. The name of a greyhound which has raced (including a qualifying trial) shall NOT be changed unless the person requesting the change can provide evidence that the name is either offensive or discriminatory in anyway.
2. The name of a greyhound which has not competed in any way shall NOT be changed unless the person requesting the change can provide evidence that the name is either offensive or discriminatory in anyway.
3. An application to change the name of a greyhound which has not competed and the reason for the name change is because the name differs to that supplied on the naming application (with the exception of a name selected by Greyhounds Australasia) may be approved on the condition that –
 - a) Where the difference was a result of the applicant's name selections being difficult to read or interpret, a fee equal to that applicable for a new certificate must be paid.
 - b) Where the difference was as a result of an error by either RST or GA no fee will be charged.

A greyhound having its first start shall not be eligible to be nominated for any event until the greyhound has been presented and cleared to race by the stewards. An ear branding or marking official cannot clear a greyhound for any reason.

Clearance times for greyhounds will be half an hour before the official start of kennelling at any race meeting, or by prior arrangement made with the Stewards.



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1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1. The objective of this policy is to prescribe the criteria for the payment of stake money in the case of a dead heat for first place in a race.

2. POLICY

- 2.1. Greyhound Australasia Rule 67 (2) states that “if two or more greyhounds dead heat in an event the prize money to be awarded for the relevant placings shall be aggregated and equal shares shall be awarded to the relevant connections”.
- 2.2. In the case of a dead heat for first placing in a race, Tasracing, in its absolute discretion, shall decide on what, if any, additional payment shall be made to the connections of the greyhounds dead heating.



NATIONAL DECEASED ESTATES PROCEDURE

January 2010

This policy outlines the requirements which must be satisfied in the event that the owner of a registered greyhound dies and there is a need to transfer the ownership of the deceased person's greyhound/s.

Notwithstanding the death of an owner, unless and until the Authority receives notification of the death and/or an application to transfer registration of a greyhound the Authority is entitled to treat the existing arrangements in respect of the greyhound as remaining in place.

Upon notification of the death of the owner of a greyhound from a reliable, identifiable and known source, pending confirmation of the death and completion of the procedures set out in this policy, a freeze will be placed on dealings with the ownership of the greyhound and a hold will be placed on all prize moneys and/or other money owing to the owner pending completion of the procedures set out in this policy. Every effort must be made to ensure that electronic data bases preclude the possibility of any documentation being generated which would cause embarrassment for the Authority or distress to the family of the deceased.

The death of the owner should be confirmed by a request for the provision of either:

- a) an original or photocopy of the death certificate of the deceased owner certified as true and correct showing the person has died; or
- b) an original (or certified copy) of the funeral invoice/account.

This policy covers two situations:

1. When a person dies leaving a will; and
2. When a person dies intestate (without a will).

1. Where a person dies leaving a will, the following documentation is required to transfer the greyhound:

- a) A certified copy of the death certificate;
- b) A copy of the grant of probate, including the will;
- c) Proof of identity of the Executor (e.g. 100 points test - photo identity of the Executor);
- d) Transfer (Form H) is required to be signed by the Executor of the will and the person who is to become the new registered owner; and
- e) Payment of the relevant transfer fee

Applications for Waiver of production of Probate

The executor or administrator may make application for waiver of the requirement to obtain a grant of probate where the expense of obtaining probate would be disproportionate to the value of the estate. In cases where the Authority exercises its discretion to allow transfer without a grant of probate being obtained, conditions may be imposed. For example, where a valuable greyhound is to be transferred, the Authority will require an indemnity against any subsequent claims arising out of the transfer, which will need to be signed before the transfer is registered. After assessing the application for waiver the Authority may insist upon Probate before transferring a greyhound.

2. Where a person dies without a will the following documentation is required:

- a) Copy of the death certificate.
- b) Copy of Letters of Administration
- c) Proof of identity of the Administrator (e.g. photo identity of the Administrator).
- d) Transfer (Form H) is required to be signed by the Administrator and the person who is to become the new registered owner; and
- e) Payment of the relevant transfer fee.

Where there is no will, Letters of Administration may have to be obtained before the estate of the deceased may be distributed. Ordinarily a family member or de facto spouse will need to apply to the Supreme Court to become the Administrator of the Estate and obtain Letters of Administration.

If Letters of Administration are not taken out, no transfer of ownership will generally be registered.

Applications for Waiver of production of Letters of Administration

Where a person dies without a will and has minimal assets, the person who would have been entitled to apply for letters of administration may make application for waiver of the requirement to obtain letters of administration where the expense of obtaining letters of administration would be disproportionate to the value of the estate. In cases where the Authority exercises its discretion to allow transfer without a grant of letters of administration being obtained, conditions may be imposed. For example, the Authority may require an indemnity against any subsequent claims arising out of the transfer, which will need to be signed before the transfer is registered.

Transfers of Jointly Owned Greyhounds on Death of Joint Owner

Where a greyhound is owned jointly and the ownership is noted on the register as held **as joint tenants**, on the death of a joint owner, the surviving joint tenant may apply for the greyhound to be transferred to his or her sole name on production of the death certificate of the deceased joint owner and submission of a completed transfer form. (On the death of a joint tenant, the surviving joint tenant automatically takes the property under the principle of survivorship)

Where a greyhound is owned jointly and held **as tenants in common**, the procedures set out above apply to transfer the share of the deceased owner.



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Glossary

Administrator:

The party(s) appointed by the Supreme Court to deal with the estate of the deceased when he or she has died intestate

Beneficiary:

Person who shares the proceeds from a deceased person's estate

Deceased estate:

Property and assets of a person who has died. When a person has passed away, an appointed executor or administrator holds their estate in trust until the property and assets are transferred to the beneficiaries

Executor:

Person appointed in the will who holds the estate in trust. The executor's responsibility is to carry out the deceased's wishes as expressed in the will

Intestate:

An individual who has passed away without leaving a valid will

Letters of administration:

A document granted by the Supreme Court that appoints a party to administer the estate, when the deceased did not leave a valid will.

Probate:

Proving that the will is a valid will. The grant of probate is evidence that the Supreme Court has granted authority to the executor to collect the deceased's assets and to administer the estate in accordance with the will.

The policy adopted by Racing Services Tasmania for the placement of persons on the Defaulters List due to the non-payment of fines is as follows:-

1. A fine notification is presented to the participant either at the time of issue by Stewards or forwarded by mail. Participants are required to make payment of the fine to Racing Services Tasmania within a stated period.
2. Should a fine remain unpaid after the stated period and no contact has been made with RST as to reasons for non-payment or to arrange a payment schedule, the participants name may be immediately placed on the Defaulters List in accordance with the Rules of Racing.
3. If a participants name is presented to the RST Licensing Panel for placement on the Defaulters List this will be immediate and the participant will therefore be considered a disqualified person and subject to the same disabilities and penalties as are declared by the Rules of Racing.
 - All principal racing authorities and clubs will be notified of such placement.
 - The participants name will remain on the list until payment of the fine is made in full plus an administration fee of \$30 or 10% of the fine whichever is the greater and **the participant makes written application to have their name removed** from the List.
4. Participants should be aware that removal of their name from the Defaulters List may not automatically occur upon payment of amount/s outstanding but may require a resolution of the Licensing Panel.

1. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this policy is to document the code of dress for participants parading and catching greyhounds at race meetings.

2. POLICY

All clothing must, in the opinion of the Stewards, be acceptable and be neat and clean and tidy and appropriately worn.

Persons must, in the opinion of the Stewards, be neatly groomed.

No article is to be carried (e.g. handbag, radio, etc)

The Dress Code policy applies to both men and women.

2.1 PERSONS PARADING GREYHOUNDS - All races except Non-Betting races

2.1.1 Trousers/Slacks – Full length black trousers/slacks or jeans must be worn.

2.1.2 Shirts/Blouses – Shirts/blouses with long or short sleeves (not sleeveless) must be black with a fold-down collar.

2.1.3 Outer Garments – The wearing of an outer garment is optional. Outer garments (vests, jumpers, cardigans and light waist length jackets) must be black in colour.

2.1.4 Footwear – Black or dark tan flat soled or low heeled and closed toe shoes must be worn and appropriately fastened.

2.1.5 Headwear – Headwear of a quality and style which in the opinion of the Stewards is acceptable may be worn.

2.2 PERSONS PARADING GREYHOUNDS – Non-Betting Races

2.2.1 There are no dress standards for persons parading greyhounds in non betting races, except that persons must, in the opinion of the Stewards, be appropriately dressed and be neat and clean and tidy. Appropriately dressed includes the wearing of black or dark tan flat soled or low heeled and closed toe shoes appropriately fastened together with any other clothing which in the opinion of the Stewards is acceptable.

2.3 CATCHERS.

2.3.1 There are no dress standards for persons catching greyhounds except that persons must, in the opinion of the Stewards, be appropriately dressed and be neat and clean and tidy. Appropriately dressed includes the wearing of black or dark tan flat soled or low heeled and closed toe shoes appropriately fastened together with any other clothing which in the opinion of the Stewards is acceptable.

2.4 WET WEATHER GEAR

- 2.4.1** The wearing of wet weather gear is optional.
- 2.4.2** Wet weather gear shall be made available by the Club for all handlers at the request of the handler.
- 2.4.3** Participants may provide their own wet weather gear which in the opinion of the Stewards is acceptable provided it is black in colour.
- 2.4.4** The wet weather gear provided by the Clubs shall be maintained in accordance with the Handlers Protective Clothing Policy.

2.5 FEATURE EVENTS

- 2.5.1** In all events with a stake of \$5000 or more to the winner, the Club conducting the event may notify each trainer in writing, within 24 hours of release of the final field, details of the dress requirements for the person that will be parading their greyhound in the event.
- 2.5.2** A copy of that notice shall be provided to the Stewards presiding at the meeting at which the event is to be conducted and the Stewards shall monitor the requirements and deal with any non adherence as a breach of the rules.

EARBRANDING AND MARKING UP OF PUPS – SOUTHERN & NW COAST AREAS

Litter registration forms will be forwarded directly to the Marking Official for organisational purposes.

A letter will be issued to the breeder advising they are to contact the Marking Official to arrange ear branding and marking up of their litter.

PAYMENT FOR SERVICE

The fee for this service is \$6.00 per greyhound pup.

Participants must include the relevant amount when making payment for the registration of a litter.

For example: the cost to register a litter of 8 pups at the time of implementation of this policy change would be \$127.00

<i>Litter registration fee</i>	<i>\$39.00 (Current fee)</i>
<i>Microchip fee</i>	<i>\$5.00 per greyhound pup</i>
<i>Earbranding fee</i>	<i>\$6.00 per greyhound pup</i>

The Marking Official will **not** collect payment at the time the service is conducted.



The only acceptable method of euthanasia for racing and retired greyhounds is by an intravenous lethal injection of Pentobarbitone.

No other method of euthanasia is condoned.

All other methods of euthanasia have an inherent risk of not being carried out quickly and efficiently and so leaving the dog in a stressful and painful situation.

No other methods of euthanasia have any support based on current public and social standards.

This policy is consistent with Greyhounds Australasia's Rule 106 (3) regarding euthanasia of greyhounds.

This policy has the full support of the Australian Veterinary Association (AVA) and the Australian Greyhound Veterinary Association (AGVA).

GPOL0015

1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 The objective of this policy is to document the Special Conditions (minimum number of nominations/heats to be programmed) for feature events.

2. POLICY

2.1 SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR A SERIES CONDUCTED IN HEATS, SEMI FINALS AND A FINAL

Any series conducted in Heats, Semi Finals and Finals (excluding Breeders Classics and Maiden Thousand) shall be conducted in accordance with the conditions defined in the Feature Race Conditions for the event, subject to the following:

Number of Heats	Semi Finals	Final
7 or more	4	1
5 or 6	3	1
3 or 4	2	1

In the event of insufficient nominations to conduct at least 3 Heats with at least 7 eligible nominations in each heat then no Heats will be conducted with 2 Semi Finals and a Final being conducted on the dates advertised for the Semi Finals and Final provided there are at least 7 eligible nominations for each Semi Final. The fields for the Semi Finals shall be selected from the nominations received for the Heats. If Semi Finals are not conducted then a Final only will be conducted on the date advertised for the Final provided there are at least 7 eligible nominations. In this case connections must renominate for the "Final Only" race. The greyhounds selected for the "Final Only" race shall be selected in accordance with the Grading Schedule with no preference being given to greyhounds which nominated previously for the series.

The number of Heats scheduled for each series shall be the maximum number of Heats to be conducted. The number of Heats to be conducted shall be reduced in accordance with the number of eligible nominations received as per the Heats/Nominations table.

2.2 SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR A SERIES CONDUCTED IN HEATS AND A FINAL

Any series conducted in Heats and Final shall be conducted in accordance with the conditions defined in the Feature Race Conditions for the event, subject to the ruling that if there are insufficient nominations to conduct at least 2 Heats with at least 7 eligible nominations in each heat then no Heats shall be conducted.

If Heats are not conducted then a Final only will be conducted on the date advertised for the Final provided there are at least 7 eligible nominations. In this case connections must re-nominate for the "Final Only" race. The greyhounds selected for the "Final Only" race shall be selected in accordance with the Grading Schedule with no preference being given to greyhounds which nominated previously for the series.

If mid distance (580/599/600m) or long distance (709/720m) Heats are not conducted then an event for the same grade as the heats will be programmed provided there are at least 7 eligible nominations that have stipulated a second choice for the grade over that distance.

The number of Heats scheduled for each series shall be the maximum number of Heats to be conducted. The number of Heats to be conducted shall be reduced in accordance with the number of eligible nominations received as per the Heats/Nominations table.

2.3 SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR A SERIES CONDUCTED IN TWO SETS OF HEATS AND FINAL

Any series conducted in two sets of Heats and Final shall be conducted in accordance with the conditions defined in the Feature Race Conditions for the event, subject to the ruling that if there are insufficient nominations to conduct at least 2 Heats with at least 8 eligible nominations in each heat then no Heats shall be conducted on the first day of the series.

If Heats are not conducted on the first day of the Series, then the Series shall be conducted as a Heats and Final Series only under the grades and distances laid down for the second series of Heats and the Final and connections must re-nominate for the new "Heats and Final" series.

If mid distance (580/599/600m) or long distance (709/720m) Heats are not conducted on the first day of the Series then an event for the same grade as the heats will be programmed provided there are at least 7 eligible nominations that have stipulated a second choice for the grade over that distance.

If there are insufficient nominations to conduct at least 2 Heats with at least 7 eligible nominations in each heat for the new series then no Heats shall be conducted and a Final only will be conducted on the date advertised for the Final provided there are at least 7 eligible nominations. In this case connections must re-nominate for the "Final Only" race. The greyhounds selected for the "Final Only" race shall be selected in accordance with the Grading Schedule with no preference being given to greyhounds which nominated previously for the series.

If mid distance (580/599/600m) or long distance (709/720m) Heats are not conducted for the new Series then an event for the same grade as the heats will be programmed provided there are at least 7 eligible nominations that have stipulated a second choice for the grade over that distance.

The number of Heats scheduled for each series shall be the maximum number of Heats to be conducted. If two sets of Heats are held, the number of Heats to be conducted shall be reduced to provide at least 8 eligible nominations for each Heat. If the series is reduced to one set of Heats, the number of Heats to be conducted shall be reduced in accordance with the number of eligible nominations received as per the Heats/Nominations table.

GPOL0015

2.4 SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR A FEATURE EVENT CONDUCTED WITHOUT HEATS

Any Feature Event scheduled to be conducted without Heats shall only be conducted provided there are at least 7 eligible nominations unless Tasracing, in exceptional circumstances, grants approval for the event to be conducted with fewer eligible nominations.

2.5 HEATS/NOMINATIONS TABLE

Minimum Number of Eligible Nominations	Number of Heats
14	2
21	3
32	4
40	5
48	6
56	7
64	8

GPOL0017

1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 The objective of this policy is to outline the recommended standards for the food and water requirements for greyhounds.

2. POLICY

- 2.1. Greyhounds must receive appropriate and sufficient food and water at all times to maintain good health and growth, recognising the special needs of differing ages.
- 2.2. Food must be stored in a manner that best prevents its deterioration.
- 2.3. Feeding
 - 2.3.1. All greyhounds must receive appropriate, uncontaminated and nutritionally adequate food according to the accepted requirements for their activity levels and age.
 - 2.3.2. A variety of foods should be supplied. Fresh meat and quality dry foods will form the staple diet in most cases.
 - 2.3.3. Food should be prepared hygienically
 - 2.3.4. Food should be stored appropriately, i.e. dry food kept in a rodent-free place and fresh meat kept refrigerated.
 - 2.3.5. One feeding container should be provided for each greyhound or puppy.
 - 2.3.6. Healthy mature greyhounds in race training must be fed at least once each day so as to provide adequate nutrition for their race training needs.
 - 2.3.7. Trainers should exercise extreme caution in feeding meat to racing greyhounds to ensure the meat is not contaminated. Meat from animals which have knowingly been treated with prohibited substances should not be fed under any circumstances.
 - 2.3.8. Puppies should be fed at least twice each day or more frequently.
 - 2.3.9. All healthy greyhounds should be fed at least once each day, or more frequently if pregnant or nursing puppies.
 - 2.3.10. Sick greyhounds should be fed in accordance with veterinary advice.
- 2.4. Containers
 - 2.4.1. Food and water containers must be stable, non-toxic, and easily cleaned/disinfected. Containers should be readily accessible to greyhounds, and be positioned to avoid spillage or contamination by urine or faeces.
 - 2.4.2. Spoiled food must be removed.
 - 2.4.3. Fresh water must be available at all times.

In accordance with GAR 130(2) an application to be registered as an Approved Person for Frozen Semen Insemination procedures will only be considered with the following qualifications –

- Practicing Veterinary Surgeon
- Upon presentation of appropriate documentation attesting to the fact that the applicant has successfully undergone a recognised artificial insemination training course.



Racing Services Tasmania

Greyhound Policies | **Grading Schedule**

GPOL0008

The Grading Schedule appropriate to race meetings conducted within Tasmania is contained in Appendix A of this Policy Manual.



GREYHOUND REGISTRATION CARDS

JANUARY 2012

ISSUE

To consider a national approach for the introduction of greyhound registration cards.

BACKGROUND

The practice of producing greyhound registration certificates, which was introduced in the 1950's, is a labour intensive process that places a large administrative burden on jurisdictions.

Recent developments in technology, such as micro chipping and the development of new computer systems, present an opportunity to streamline the greyhound registration process without compromising integrity, providing the potential for substantial administrative efficiencies.

Some members flagged their intentions to replace registration certificates with a greyhound registration card as part of new system developments.

A paper exploring the concept of greyhound registration cards was developed and presented for discussion at the 2011 National Registrars and National Chief Stewards Conferences, with both forums generally supportive of the concept.

In addition the registration card was debated and discussed by GA's Rules-Sub Committee prior to being considered formally by the GA Board.

COMMENT

Whilst a move to a registration card constitutes a considerable change in current greyhound registration procedures and processes, the substantial benefits it will provide in reducing human resource savings and increasing administration efficiency, made it a worthwhile change for all jurisdictions to pursue.

National Approach

With some jurisdictions indicating they intend to move to a registration card in 2012, GA believes it is essential that a national approach on registration cards be adopted in order to provide consistency to participants from a racing perspective.

National agreement on the registration card based on information protocols and standards will assist in the move towards standardisation throughout the sport. Most importantly, it will allow participants to race in other jurisdictions without complications surrounding identification of greyhounds on race day.



GPOL0054

Registration Card

Introduction of a registration card had to address three components as per below:

1. Effective date

- Greyhound registration cards are to be introduced from 1 January 2012.
- Production of greyhound registration certificates are to be phased out by 31 December 2012.

2. Rule changes

Numerous rule changes will be introduced from 1 January 2012 to officially recognise a greyhound registration card as a form of ID.

3. Content of the card

The greyhound registration card is to include the following mandatory data fields:

- Name of greyhound
- Earbrand
- Microchip number
- Card number (numbering system to align with the current registration certificates)
- Whelping date
- Colour
- Sex
- Sire
- Dam
- State Logo (in top right corner)
- Standard jurisdiction matters on rear of card
- GA Logo (hot foil stamp)
- Distinguished features

<input type="checkbox"/>	Mane (M)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Roman Nose (RN)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kink Tail (KT)	<input type="checkbox"/>	White Tip Tail (WTT)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cowlick (Ck)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Undershot Jaw (UJ)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Toe Off (TO)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dark Tail (DT)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Crown (Cn)	<input type="checkbox"/>	White On Nose (WoN)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chest Blaze (CB)	<input type="checkbox"/>	White Toes (WT)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Piece Out Ear (POE)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dark Muzzle (DM)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wh Chest Low (WCL)	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Dew Claw (NDC)
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Greyhound Policies | **Greyhound Registration Cards**

GPOL0054

A review of the appropriateness of the distinguished features list regarding identification is to occur after 2 years.

POLICY POSITION

Effective 1 January 2012, the GA Board resolved to adopt a National policy position with regard to Greyhound Registration Cards as per this document.

GPOL0010

1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 The objective of this policy is to regulate the inspection and maintenance of wet weather gear and other protective clothing provided by Clubs to participants.

2. POLICY

- 2.1 Club officials shall inspect all articles of clothing at the conclusion of a meeting for any signs of contamination and if identified, that article is to be taken out of service until it has been cleaned.
- 2.2 Anyone who contaminates an article of clothing or is aware of contamination of an article of clothing shall report the fact to the kennel staff who will take the article of clothing out of service until it has been cleaned.
- 2.3 The kennel staff shall inspect all articles of clothing before handing them out to ensure they appear clean and in good condition and any article not in good and clean condition shall be removed from service.
- 2.4 Anyone found wilfully causing an article of clothing to be contaminated, dirtied or damaged shall be reported to the Stewards and apart from any penalty imposed by the Stewards for such detrimental action, they shall also be responsible for the cleaning and/or replacement of the article.

GPOL0018

1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 The objective of this policy is to outline the recommended standards of health and veterinary care for greyhounds.

2. POLICY

2.1. Health Checks

- 2.1.1. All greyhounds should be inspected at least once daily to monitor their health and well-being.
- 2.1.2. The person checking greyhounds should note if each greyhound is:
- 2.1.2.1. Eating
 - 2.1.2.2. Drinking
 - 2.1.2.3. Defecating
 - 2.1.2.4. Urinating
 - 2.1.2.5. Behaving normally
 - 2.1.2.6. Showing any obvious signs of illness or distress
 - 2.1.2.7. Is free from injury and able to move about freely.
- 2.1.3. Any changes in health status must be promptly reported to the person responsible for appropriate action

2.2. Veterinary care

- 2.2.1. The responsible registered person should establish liaison with a veterinary surgeon that is able to attend to greyhounds in his or her care, and is also able to advise on disease prevention measures.
- 2.2.2. The manager and staff should be familiar with the signs of common diseases and injury of the greyhound.
- 2.2.3. When signs of disease or injury are observed, action must be promptly taken to protect the well-being of individual greyhounds and prevent the spread of disease.
- 2.2.4. Appropriate veterinary care must be provided for sick greyhounds.
- 2.2.5. Greyhounds suspected of being injured or diseased should not be allowed to race, be overworked or offered for sale.
- 2.2.6. Sick or injured greyhounds should be kept isolated from healthy greyhounds.
- 2.2.7. Veterinary advice should be obtained in the event of unexplained illness or deaths.
- 2.2.8. Internal and external parasites should be controlled in accordance with veterinary advice.

GPOL0018

- 2.2.9. Under Local rule 36.9 medical records detailing all vaccinations, worming and medicinal treatment must be maintained on each greyhound and be produced for inspection when requested by the Stewards. The following illustration details an example of the minimum acceptable detail of records required to be kept.

MEDICATION LOG			
Date	Greyhound	Treatment (name, dose, route)	Administered by

2.3. Euthanasia

- 2.3.1. Where, as the result of injury or sickness or age, treatment to restore the health or physical wellbeing of a greyhound is impractical or unsuccessful, greyhounds must have the benefit of humane euthanasia.
- 2.3.2. Euthanasia must be performed in accordance with the Euthanasia policy (GPOL 0011).

Each morning during the period of daylight saving when a race meeting is scheduled, the Racing Operations Section of Racing Services Tasmania will log on to the Bureau of Meteorology website, which gives the most up-to-date temperature forecasts for each centre in the State.

The forecast temperature is then ascertained for the racing venue for that day.

Applications for scratchings without penalty due to the heat will only be approved if the official Bureau of Meteorology predicted temperature is 30° Celsius or above at the venue where the meeting is to be conducted and the journey required for reaching the track exceeds eighty kilometres one way.

The application must be made prior to the official scratching time for the meeting.

Trainers cannot pick and choose which greyhounds to scratch. If the Trainer applies to scratch a greyhound from a race meeting under this policy ALL of his/her greyhounds must be scratched from that race meeting.

The Stewards will maintain records of the Trainers applying to scratch and greyhounds scratched due to the heat.

If the temperature at the venue reaches 33° Celsius during the course of the meeting, the Stewards may abandon the race meeting.

1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 The objective of this policy is to outline the recommended standards of hygiene for greyhound kennels and enclosures.

2. POLICY

2.1. Cleaning and disinfection

- 2.1.1. Greyhound enclosures, their surrounds and enclosed equipment must be kept clean to assist with disease prevention and to ensure the well being of greyhounds.
- 2.1.2. Greyhound enclosures should be managed to minimise the risk of cross-infection.
- 2.1.3. All internal greyhound enclosures should be treated with appropriate disinfectants once a week or more frequently as necessary.
- 2.1.4. Cleaning and disinfection chemicals and materials should be chosen on the basis of their suitability, safety and effectiveness. They must only be used in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions.

2.2. Pest control

- 2.2.1. Pests, including external parasites and rodents, must be controlled.
- 2.2.2. Specialist advice should be sought before pest control operations are conducted, in order to protect the health and safety of the staff and the greyhounds.
- 2.2.3. Chemicals used for pest control should be registered under the Pesticides Act and only used in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions.

2.3. Waste disposal

- 2.3.1. Droppings, bedding and food wastes must be disposed of promptly and hygienically, in accordance with the requirements of the local government authority.

1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 The objective of this policy is to outline the strategy of action for greyhounds that suffer hypoxic ataxia and collapse.

2. POLICY

- 2.1. A greyhound deemed by the On Track Veterinarian to have “mild” hypoxia, post race (i.e. Greyhound does not collapse), the Owner/Trainer/Attendant would be cautioned and this would subsequently be recorded in the Steward’s report and on the bandages list. Greyhounds continuously displaying symptoms shall be monitored visually, after each race, by the On Track Veterinarian.
- 2.2. Should a greyhound exhibit signs of a more serious state of hypoxia, post race (i.e. Defined as significant – greyhound collapsing or would collapse if not supported by handler), the greyhound shall be stood down for 6 days and placed on one satisfactory solo trial under GAR74 to be conducted in the presence of the On Track Veterinarian. At completion of the trial the greyhound shall be examined by On Track Veterinarian for any signs of hypoxia. Should the On Track Veterinarian report any signs of hypoxia being present then trial will not be considered to have been completed to the satisfaction of the Stewards.
- 2.3. Should the same greyhound be deemed by the On Track Veterinarian to have significant hypoxia, post race on a second occasion that greyhound shall be stood down for 14 days and placed on one satisfactory solo trial under GAR74 to be conducted in the presence of the On Track Veterinarian. At completion of the trial the greyhound shall be examined by On Track Veterinarian for any signs of hypoxia. Should the On Track Veterinarian report any signs of hypoxia being present then trial will not be considered to have been completed to the satisfaction of the Stewards.
- 2.4. Should the same greyhound be deemed by the On Track Veterinarian to have significant hypoxia, post race on a third occasion that greyhound shall be stood down for 21 days and placed on one satisfactory solo trial under GAR74 to be conducted in the presence of the On Track Veterinarian. At completion of the trial the greyhound shall be examined by On Track Veterinarian for any signs of hypoxia. Should the On Track Veterinarian report any signs of hypoxia being present then trial will not be considered to have been completed to the satisfaction of the Stewards.
- 2.5. Diagnosis by the On Track Veterinarian of a fourth post race, significant hypoxia, shall result in consideration as to the suitability of the greyhound’s racing future.



IMPORTED FROZEN SEMEN POLICY

JANUARY 2012

ISSUE

To ensure consistency when frozen semen is imported into Australia, GA has documented practises to allow formal adoption, which should assist jurisdictions and participants.

BACKGROUND

Frozen semen is usually imported into Australia in batches of between 20 to 40 vials per shipment, with on average six batches received per year.

GA recognises that the importation of frozen semen remains a key objective to ensure Australia has a strong outcross of bloodlines. As a result, Australia does wish to encourage importation, as long as it can be appropriately regulated.

GA believes a documented process will assist jurisdictions and participants with registration of imported frozen semen.

This issue was discussed at the 2011 Registrars and Chief Stewards Conference, where it was concluded that a formal written policy would be in the best interests of greyhound racing.

COMMENT

A per GAR 135 (2) (b) - prior to the importation of a breeding unit from a country other than New Zealand the importer must lodge, in the manner prescribed by Greyhounds Australasia, the prescribed form notifying the number, assessment and allocation of breeding units from imported semen together with the prescribed fee.

When frozen semen is imported into Australia, various documents are requested from the importer and include the following.

- Shipping document/AQIS report
- Collection report including
 - sperm count
 - vial numbers
 - collection dates
 - authorised collector
 - dog identification (i.e. microchip number)

The above documents are used as base supporting information for the GA Administrator to verify that the import complies with Australasia's frozen semen rules. The importer is also requested to complete a GA import form.

If the GA Administrator is unsure about the legitimacy of the information provided they will verify details with the international registry from where the semen was imported.



GPOL0055

If semen is imported into Australia for the first time, verification of the greyhounds details will be confirmed via the international registry where the greyhound was first registered (i.e. England, Ireland or USA). Also, as per GAR 135 (2) (a) GA acknowledges the international studbook alliance relationship, and a sire registered by an international registry is automatically registered in Australia without paying the standard registration fee.

DNA

As per GAR135(1) it is expected that a breeding unit of semen imported from a country other than New Zealand shall have attached to it satisfactory DNA identification prior to entry into Australia or New Zealand.

Once GA is aware of semen being imported for the first time we also advise our DNA testing laboratory, currently Genetic Technologies (GT). Through our international links GT request an electronic DNA profile from the relevant overseas laboratory. This process can take anywhere between 1-4 weeks for a profile to be obtained. There is no fee charged by GT for this service, and as such no associated fee is passed onto the importer.

Where a DNA profile cannot be obtained from the country of origin, a sample is taken from one of the imported breeding units and the associated fee charged to the importer.

APPROVAL

Once the sires details and DNA profile are finalised, and GA is comfortable that the imported frozen semen meets Australia's rules, the documentation is sent to the relevant jurisdiction where the semen was first imported for sign off.

When approved, GA collects the associated fee, registers the units and enters the sires details (if required) into the database.

On adoption of this policy, and given the DNA and Sire registration has no associated charges, it is considered appropriate for the sliding scale to be replaced with a 'per vial' fee as currently applies to register Australian vials.

TIME FRAME

GA aims to have all imported frozen semen registered and entered in the database within a maximum of 10 working days, once the completed paperwork is received.

POLICY POSITION

Effective 1 January 2012, the GA Board resolved to adopt a National policy position with regard to imported frozen semen as per this document.



IMPORTED GREYHOUNDS POLICY

JANUARY 2012

ISSUE

To ensure consistency when greyhounds are imported into Australia, GA has documented current practises to allow formal adoption, which should assist jurisdictions and participants.

BACKGROUND

Greyhounds are imported into Australia at different points of their life cycle for many different reasons including –

- As a young / unraced pup
- As a racing greyhound with the intention to continue racing
- To stand as a sire
- To become a brood bitch

Consistency is required with application of rules and policies to enable participants to comply with any import obligations.

This matter was discussed at the 2011 Registrars and Chief Stewards Conference, where it was concluded that a formal written policy would be in the best interests of greyhound racing.

PROCEDURES

The following procedures have been documented which are to occur prior to an imported greyhound being registered in Australia –

- The greyhound must be named and recorded in the studbook of England, Ireland or USA (as per GAR115(3))
- GA must be provided with the original registration papers along with a certified pedigree from the country of origin.
- The greyhound must meet Australian vaccination standards.
- If the greyhound is to race, any previous race form and stewards reports must be provided.
- The name of the greyhound may be changed if it doesn't adhere to the GA naming policy.



GPOL0056

Once the above criteria is met, GA and the jurisdiction where the greyhound is to be domiciled will complete the following –

- GA will confirm with the relevant overseas control body that the information provided is correct.
- GA will enter the greyhounds details into the computer system (to ensure accuracy GA will enter up to four generations of the greyhound's pedigree).
- All paperwork will then be forwarded to the appropriate jurisdiction for payment of the applicable naming fee and generation of Australian registration papers or a greyhound identification card.
- If the imported greyhound is to stand at stud, the standard stud sire registration process applies.
- If the imported greyhound is to become a brood bitch, the standard registration process applies.

Before importing a greyhound, participants should note:

- If a greyhound does not meet the above criteria, under no circumstances will it be registered.

POLICY POSITION

Effective 1 January 2012, the GA Board resolved to adopt a National policy position with regard to imported greyhounds as per this document.

1 OBJECTIVE

- 1.1. The objective of this policy is to outline the recommended standards for kennels for greyhounds.

2 POLICY

2.1 Location of kennels

- 2.1.1. Greyhound kennels should be located away from sources of excessive noise or pollution that could stress or injure greyhounds and positioned in a shaded area where possible.

2.2. Construction of kennels

- 2.2.1. Greyhound enclosures must be designed and maintained to minimise the risk of injury, disease, theft or escape.
- 2.2.2. Greyhound enclosures should prevent interference to greyhounds by unauthorised people.
- 2.2.3. Greyhound enclosures must be designed for ease of cleaning, feeding, watering and the regular inspection of greyhounds kept.
- 2.2.4. All solid surfaces of greyhound enclosures must be impervious or painted, to facilitate cleaning and disinfection. Only non-toxic paint should be used in greyhound enclosures.

2.3. Temperature

- 2.3.1. Environmental temperature should be controlled to minimise distress to greyhounds. Heating or cooling should be provided for young greyhounds as necessary.
- 2.3.2. Greyhound enclosures should have adequate shade when exposed to direct sunlight.
- 2.3.3. Greyhound enclosures should be free from draughts.

2.4. Noise

- 2.4.1. Loud or sudden noise, which may distress greyhounds, should be avoided.

2.5. Lighting

- 2.5.1. The duration and intensity of internal lighting should be as close as possible to natural conditions.
- 2.5.2. Lighting must be sufficient to enable thorough inspection of greyhounds.
- 2.5.3. Care must be taken to ensure that lights do not generate excessive heat.

2.6. Ventilation

- 2.6.1. Ventilation must be sufficient to avoid excessive heat or cold, dampness and draughts, and minimise noxious odours.

2.7. Security

- 2.7.1. Premises must be secure. Outside greyhound enclosures must be fitted with secure doors or gates.
- 2.7.2. All external openings should be screened to prevent escape of greyhounds and where possible minimise the entry of insects.
- 2.7.3. All greyhound enclosures must be able to be securely fastened or locked.
- 2.7.4. Appropriate fire fighting equipment must be readily available and staff trained and practised in its use.
- 2.7.5. Emergency procedures should be developed for the safe evacuation of both humans and greyhounds from a kennel block in case of an emergency.

No person shall be issued a license in Tasmania unless such person resides in Tasmania.

Any person visiting Tasmania will have any license issued by the Controlling Body in the State in which they normally reside recognised with all its privileges in Tasmania for a period of three months from the time of arrival.

After three months of continual residence in Tasmania the recognition of a license issued by the Controlling Body of another State will cease and the person is required to apply for and be granted a Tasmanian license and cancel the license issued by the State in which they previously resided.

GPOL0012

1. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this policy is to outline the requirements to be undertaken by Clubs conducting Lure Driver Training/Testing/Familiarisation (Lure Driver Training) to ensure adequate information is provided to participants regarding the risks associated with the Lure Driver Training.

2 DEFINITION

The term Lure Driver Training/Testing/Familiarisation (Lure Driver Training) refers to and includes, without limitation, the driving of the lure by any learner or trainee lure driver and/or the conducting of any testing of any sort involving the lure or any associated parts including, but not limited to, motors, brushes, conductor rails, lure arm, cable, trip starts or boxes.

3. POLICY

The Club shall ensure that prior to a greyhound participating in a trial which is the subject of Lure Driver Training, the trainer or person in charge of the greyhound has provided a signed declaration acknowledging that they are aware such training is being undertaken and declaring that they fully understand all and any risks and forego any rights to claim for compensation and/or damages from the Club and/or Tasracing, their Committee/Board Members, staff, volunteers or any other person involved in the conduct of such trial.

4. PROCEDURES

- 4.1 The Club staff shall provide each person in charge of a greyhound wishing to compete in a trial which is the subject of Lure Driver Training with an explanation sheet detailing the risks that may be associated with the Lure Driver Training.
- 4.2 Each person in charge of a greyhound shall provide a signed declaration acknowledging their full understanding of all and any risks that may or may not be involved in allowing their greyhound to participate in such trial and waiving any rights to claim compensation and/or damages from the Club and/or Tasracing, their Committee/Board Members, staff, volunteers or any other person involved in the conduct of such trial, that may arise out of any incident occurring prior to, during or following the conduct or running of the trial.
- 4.3 The Club staff shall not permit a greyhound to participate in such trial unless the person in charge of the greyhound has provided a declaration.
- 4.4 A copy of the Declarations taken in respect to any trials conducted that are subject to Lure Driver Training shall be retained by the Club conducting the trials for a period of at least 12 months

5. RESPONSIBILITY

- 5.1 The Club conducting the trials shall take responsibility to ensure the explanation sheet (4.1) is handed to each person in charge of a greyhound and that a declaration by such person (4.2) is obtained prior to them trialling a greyhound.
- 5.2 Should the club fail in their responsibility, they shall be solely responsible and liable for any claim that may be made for compensation and/or damages.

GPOL0060

1. Objective:

- 1.1 This policy is designed to protect the health and welfare of greyhounds in the situation where the lure has been set in motion, reaches the designated starting position and the lids fail to open.
- 1.2 This policy is applicable to all races at all tracks.

2. Policy:

- 2.1 No person (including an official) is permitted to enter the track surface while the lure is in motion with the exception of the Catching Pen Gate operator, the Run Back Gate operator and persons entering the catching pen to retrieve a greyhound following the conclusion of a race.
- 2.2 Upon identifying that the boxes have failed to open, the Lure Driver shall slow the lure down and then slowly move the lure away to the opposite straight from where the boxes are located.
- 2.3 Under no circumstances should the lure be left directly in front of the boxes.
- 2.4 The Stewards shall then arrange for the greyhounds to be removed from the boxes and vetted.
- 2.5 Once all greyhounds have been vetted the Stewards shall alert the handlers to the fact that the lure will now be put in motion and moved to the lure starting point and signal the lure driver accordingly.
- 2.6 On the signal from the Steward, the Lure Driver shall move the lure to the lure starting point and revert to the normal starting procedure.

3. Disclaimer:

- 3.1 While every effort is made by staff to avoid or minimise injury, racing has inherent risk and not all incidents can be averted.
- 3.2 Situations may arise from time to time where the Stewards and/or the Lure Driver may be required to deviate from the policy due to extraordinary circumstances, but at all times decision makers will endeavour to achieve suitable welfare outcomes in line with the objectives of this policy.

GPOL0061

1. Objective:

- 1.1 This policy is designed to protect the health and welfare of greyhounds in the situation where the boxes open prematurely.
- 1.2 This policy is applicable to all races at all tracks.

2. Policy:

- 2.1 No person (including an official) is permitted to enter the track surface while the lure is in motion with the exception of the Catching Pen Gate operator, the Run Back Gate operator and persons entering the catching pen to retrieve a greyhound following the conclusion of a race.
- 2.2 If the lure is not in motion at the time the boxes open the catching pen gate shall be opened across the track thereby preventing the greyhounds proceeding beyond that point.
- 2.3 If the boxes open a split second before they are supposed to, then the driver is to continue driving and it will be the responsibility of the Stewards to determine whether a “No Race” is declared.
- 2.4 If the boxes open well before the lure reaches the trip start, the lure driver shall ease the lure down and bring it to a stop in a manner which will restrict the number of injuries to the greyhounds.
- 2.5 After the greyhounds have been caught the Stewards shall arrange for the greyhounds to be vetted and determine whether or not the race will be abandoned.
- 2.6 If the race is not abandoned, once all greyhounds have been vetted, the Stewards shall alert the handlers to the fact that the lure will now be put in motion and moved to the lure starting point and signal the lure driver accordingly.
- 2.7 On the signal from the Steward, the Lure Driver shall move the lure to the lure starting point and revert to the normal starting procedure.
- 2.8 If the race is abandoned the Lure Driver shall wait until the greyhounds have left the track and then move the lure to the lure starting point for the next race.

3. Disclaimer:

- 3.1 While every effort is made by staff to avoid or minimise injury, racing has inherent risk and not all incidents can be averted.
- 3.2 Situations may arise from time to time where the Stewards and/or the Lure Driver may be required to deviate from the policy due to extraordinary circumstances, but at all times decision makers will endeavour to achieve suitable welfare outcomes in line with the objectives of this policy.

GPOL0062

1. Objective:

- 1.1 This policy is designed to protect the health and welfare of greyhounds in the situation where the catching pen gate is not closed at the end of the race.
- 1.2 This policy is applicable to all races at all tracks.

2. Policy:

- 2.1 No person (including an official) is permitted to enter the track surface while the lure is in motion with the exception of the Catching Pen Gate operator, the Run Back Gate operator and persons entering the catching pen to retrieve a greyhound following the conclusion of a race.
- 2.2 If the catching pen gate is not closed at the end of the race the Lure Driver shall ease the lure down slowly and bring it to a stop in a manner which will restrict the number of injuries to the greyhounds.
- 2.3 If it is possible, the lure should be pulled up in close proximity to the catching pen.

3. Disclaimer:

- 3.1 While every effort is made by staff to avoid or minimise injury, racing has inherent risk and not all incidents can be averted.
- 3.2 Situations may arise from time to time where the Stewards and/or the Lure Driver may be required to deviate from the policy due to extraordinary circumstances, but at all times decision makers will endeavour to achieve suitable welfare outcomes in line with the objectives of this policy.

GPOL0063

1. Objective:

- 1.1 This policy is designed to protect the health and welfare of greyhounds in the situation where a cover has been left on the lure and the greyhounds have been boxed.
- 1.2 This policy is applicable to all races at all tracks.

2. Policy:

- 2.1 No person (including an official) is permitted to enter the track surface while the lure is in motion with the exception of the Catching Pen Gate operator, the Run Back Gate operator and persons entering the catching pen to retrieve a greyhound following the conclusion of a race.
- 2.2 If a cover has been left on the lure and the greyhounds have been boxed, the Lure Driver is to abandon the start.
- 2.3 The Stewards shall then arrange for the greyhounds to be removed from the boxes and vetted.
- 2.4 Once all greyhounds have been vetted the Lure Driver can revert back to the normal starting procedure.

3. Disclaimer:

- 3.1 While every effort is made by staff to avoid or minimise injury, racing has inherent risk and not all incidents can be averted.
- 3.2 Situations may arise from time to time where the Stewards and/or the Lure Driver may be required to deviate from the policy due to extraordinary circumstances, but at all times decision makers will endeavour to achieve suitable welfare outcomes in line with the objectives of this policy.

GPOL0064

1. Objective:

- 1.1 This policy is designed to protect the health and welfare of greyhounds in the situation where the greyhounds catch the lure.
- 1.2 This policy is applicable to all races at all tracks.

2. Policy:

- 2.1 No person (including an official) is permitted to enter the track surface while the lure is in motion with the exception of the Catching Pen Gate operator, the Run Back Gate operator and persons entering the catching pen to retrieve a greyhound following the conclusion of a race.
- 2.2 If the field clearly catches the lure as a result of the lure losing power then the driver is required to ease the lure down slowly and bring it to a stop in a manner that will restrict the number of injuries to the greyhounds.
- 2.3 If the lure loses power for a split second or the driver loses concentration and the lead greyhounds dive at the lure or touch the lure, the lure driver is required to keep driving in the normal required manner. It will be the responsibility of the Stewards to determine whether the event is a “No Race”.

3. Disclaimer:

- 3.1 While every effort is made by staff to avoid or minimise injury, racing has inherent risk and not all incidents can be averted.
- 3.2 Situations may arise from time to time where the Stewards and/or the Lure Driver may be required to deviate from the policy due to extraordinary circumstances, but at all times decision makers will endeavour to achieve suitable welfare outcomes in line with the objectives of this policy.

GAR 111A(1) states that a greyhound whelped on or after 1 January 2011 must be ear branded and micro-chipped in accordance with the requirements of the Controlling Body.

This policy outlines the procedures determined by Racing Services Tasmania (RST) (the integrity Controlling Body) as applicable to meeting the requirements of GAR 111A.

Litters whelped in Tasmania must be implanted in accordance with the following –

- Breeders must arrange to have their litters marked up and ear branded between 8 to 10 weeks of age by an RST Marking Official prior to having the pups micro-chipped.
- Pups must have an RST approved and supplied microchip implanted by an RST Approved Implanter and this must occur between 10 to 16 weeks of age.
- Vaccination must also be completed in accordance with GAR 135(1)(b) between 10 to 16 weeks of age.
- A fully completed litter registration application must be submitted to RST within 4 months from the date of whelping, unless approval for an extension of this time is sought and granted by RST.

The Tasmanian Director of Racing has determined that all greyhounds which are used for breeding purposes in Tasmania must be micro-chipped in accordance with the following procedure.

- Racing Services Tasmania will provide the owners of stud dogs and breeding bitches with a letter of authority to allow the implantation of an RST supplied and approved microchip by an RST Approved Implanter.
- This letter of authority will be issued following the receipt by RST of –
 - an application to register a stud sire; or
 - notification that a bitch has been served, if RST records indicate that the greyhound does not already have a microchip implanted.
- The implantation of stud dogs must be completed prior to the registration as a Stud Sire being approved.
- Breeding bitches should be implanted prior to whelping but must be implanted prior to the first resultant litter being registered.
- RST will maintain microchip records.

A greyhound which is not implanted in accordance with the above requirements will only be registered if exceptional circumstances are proven. Such exceptional circumstances will generally relate to matters outside the control of the breeder.

GPOL0013

1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 The objective of this policy is to document the minimum number of nominations when determining the races to be conducted at a meeting and define the criteria and circumstances for exceptions to this policy.

2. POLICY

- 2.1 Except as detailed in the Feature Events policy, no race, except for Mid Distance and Distance races, shall be scheduled to be conducted unless there are at least 8 eligible nominations.
- 2.2 No Mid Distance or Distance race shall be scheduled to be conducted unless there are at least 7 eligible nominations.
- 2.3 It is permissible for a race with less nominations than stipulated in Clauses 2.1 and 2.2 to be scheduled if, after the closing of nominations which have been extended, it is required to provide 10 races at a meeting.
- 2.4 Wherever possible, unless specifically called for in the Forthcoming Programmes Schedule, races for single grades shall be scheduled to be conducted except in the case of Grades 1, 2 & 3 greyhounds. This does not preclude the combining of any adjoining grades necessary to achieve the aim of 8 starters for a race.
- 2.5 For Grades 1, 2 & 3 Greyhounds it will be at the discretion of the Tasracing's Racing Operations Officer - Greyhounds to ensure all greyhounds in these grades are catered for on a regular basis, through the scheduling of Grade 3, Grades 2/3, Grades 1/2 or Invitation races.
- 2.6 278/340 metre races shall be subject to the following conditions:
- 2.6.1 A race shall not be scheduled unless there are at least 8 nominations except when there are insufficient nominations to conduct a 10 event program after nominations for the meeting have been extended.
- 2.6.2 Only one race shall be scheduled unless:
- There are insufficient nominations to conduct 10 races and an extra race will provide 10 races on the programme.
 - An additional race is scheduled in accordance with the Additional Races policy.

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- 2.7 Maiden Races may be scheduled at any meeting subject to sufficient eligible nominations, after taking into account the overall nominations received and subject to the following conditions:
- 2.7.1 Only one race shall be scheduled unless:
- There are insufficient nominations to conduct 10 races and an extra race for that grade will provide 10 races on the programme.
 - An additional race is scheduled in accordance with the Additional Races policy.
- 2.8 The following conditions apply to scheduled non-penalty reverse Order of Choice heats:
- 2.8.1 One heat will be conducted if there are 8 but less than 16 eligible nominations
- 2.8.2 Two heats will be conducted if there are 16 or more eligible nominations
- 2.8.3 If only one heat is conducted, then those greyhounds contesting the heat shall be nominated for the full stakes final the following week.
- 2.8.4 If only one heat is conducted, a greyhound listed as a reserve which was eligible for but did not obtain a start in the heat shall be listed as a reserve for the final.
- 2.8.5 If only one heat is conducted, there will be only 9 races programmed for the meeting.
- 2.8.6 If there are not sufficient nominations to conduct any heats then one extra normal graded race will be scheduled resulting in 9 races for the meeting.
- 2.8.7 If no heats are conducted a final only will be conducted at the following meeting with the field selection being made on a reverse Order of Choice.
- 2.8.8 Tasracing at their discretion may determine to provide funding for an extra normal graded event to enable 10 races to be scheduled for a meeting.
- 2.9 Tasracing retains the right to amend any of the above conditions in special circumstances to maximise the number or quality of races on the programme.

An approved type of muzzle is one that is of standard design, is of wire and includes a strap behind the ears and a nose band, and enables the greyhound to open its mouth without hindrance.

Trainers may make application to the Stewards to include a guard of clear plastic designed to prevent flying sand from entering the nose and mouth of the greyhound. Stewards will give consideration to approve once they have inspected the muzzle.

GPOL0066

1. OBJECTIVE:

The objective of this policy is to detail the permissible removal of a muzzle when a greyhound is competing in a run-on trial.

2. POLICY:

2.1 A greyhound participating in a run-on trial may have its muzzle removed, however in all other trials a muzzle must be worn.

Providing a trainer has notified Stewards in advance the trainer can determine whether the greyhound will wear a muzzle while it is secured in the kennel bay, based on his or her knowledge of the manners of the individual greyhound. Pursuant to Greyhounds Australasia Rules before the greyhound is removed, for any reason from the kennel bays, the greyhound must be wearing a metal wire racing muzzle. *(Please note: Plastic muzzles will not suffice)*

BACKGROUND

At the March 2012 GA Board meeting, directors discussed and agreed that it would establish a formal mechanism to address Group Race funding, which would include the creation of benchmarks.

COMMENT

This document formalises this process by establishing a policy which considers and addresses the various principles so as to provide direction to GA Members when considering adjustments to minimum group race funding levels.

These include but are not limited to the following:

1. Acknowledgment that any future funding increases need to be benchmarked

Benchmarking against a relative standard is difficult, in regard to funding a standard is the basis against which something is measured. A benchmark is usually an index of similar values which can be compared against. Accordingly, one measure considered appropriate to be used for comparative purposes is movement within the Consumer Price Index (CPI) which is considered independently as per clause 4 of this policy.

2. Appreciation that any increases are considerate of the “return on investment”, that is, subject to commercial outcomes associated with race scheduling

All jurisdictions rely on strong wagering returns from their associated group race events. As a result, the group race schedule can severely impact a jurisdictions return on investment. The scheduling can manifest poor returns resulting in a non-ability to fund potential increases in minimum stakes, regardless of moves in financial markets or like industries.

When considering a possible rise in stakes commercial outcomes derived from the current group race schedule may be considered. Individual GA members may highlight concerns with the group race schedule through their respective AGRA delegate in an attempt to improve future outcomes. GA members may also engage directly with the AGRA CEO's by participating in Group Race Calendar discussions.

3. Recognition that the ability for Controlling Bodies to fund increases is subject to returns from wagering

The ability to fund any increase in minimum prize money levels ultimately comes down to the relevant jurisdictions capability to fund such changes. The jurisdictions ability to fund prize money increases directly correlates with their returns from wagering.

In the existing racing environment a number of greyhound bodies are locked into inter-code agreements whereby wagering returns do not equate to the greyhound codes fair market share. This limitation is to be considered when addressing potential increases to prize money.



4. An understanding that market forces, which include results from the consumer price index (CPI), will provide guidance to Controlling Bodies on industry expectations of monetary increases

Consumer Price Index, Australia (CPI) has been designed as a general measure of price inflation for the household sector as a whole. The CPI measures changes in the price of a fixed basket of goods and services acquired by consumers in metropolitan private households. The CPI measures price change relative to the base year 1989-90, for which the index figure is set to 100. Prices are collected each quarter from selected retail outlets and through monitoring marked prices and advertised "special offers".

For the purposes of this policy, CPI movement will be acknowledged as the "Weighted average of eight capital cities", that is all groups CPI for the annual December Quarter which is usually published late January the subsequent year.

5. Timing of increases, which must align to either a calendar year or financial year, and must be agreed prior to any budget setting

The AGRA group calendar operates on the Australian financial year, that is, 1 July to 30 June. The process in operation by AGRA is to review group race schedules and prize money annually before being resolved at AGRA's annual general meeting, with any resulting changes implemented the following financial year.

As part of this policy it is proposed that group races continue along the same time frame; however it is agreed that any proposed change to minimum stake money levels will be considered and endorsed by the GA Board no later than the last meeting of any calendar year to allow jurisdictions time to budget for any proposed change, effective 1 July of the following year.

6. Age Restricted Events

Any potential increase to funding associated with age restricted events will consider the above five principles but will also take into account the current stance of jurisdictions in regard to breeding.

SUMMARY

The six principles contained within this policy are to be used as a guide only, will be subject to annual review, and may be amended from time to time.

Any recommendation received by the GA Board to amend the minimum group race funding levels will be subject to consideration and approval of the GA Directors as per the process associated with a 'Compulsive Resolution'.

POLICY POSITION

Effective 1 January 2013, the GA Board resolved to adopt a National policy position with regard to Group Race Funding as per this document. The principles associated with this policy will be reviewed on an annual basis.



NATIONAL NAMING POLICY

NOVEMBER 2003

Whilst it is recognised that the owner of a greyhound has preferences in selecting a name for the animal which he/she maintains, the orderly and responsible issue or granting of a name by the Registrar under this policy, must be in the best interests of the greyhound industry.

Apart from the general application of knowledge gained from experience together with common sense, the criteria listed herewith indicates guidelines generally followed by the Registrar in rejecting names applied for amongst the many thousands lodged.

1. The name has been granted to a greyhound during the 15 years previous to receipt of the allocation.
2. The name has previously been granted to a greyhound recorded as a sire or dam in the GA database.
3. The name has previously been granted to a greyhound recorded as a classic winner in the GA database.
4. Close similarity in the pronunciation of names, i.e. Mr. Yew, Mister You.
5. Names savouring of a political or religious connotation.
6. Names which present difficulty in pronunciation.
7. Names which tend to be derogatory or down-grading to the sport.
8. Names which tend to be obscene or vulgar.
9. Names of a foreign language, the meaning of which is not readily available.
10. Names with more than sixteen characters inclusive of spaces, apostrophes, etc.
11. Names with more than three words.
12. Names which imitate race track phrases or terms i.e. "Vacant Box", "Late Scratching", "Number Four", "Red Rug", "Blue Box", etc.
13. Names which indicate opposite to actual sex of the subject greyhound.
14. The use of pronouns, prefixes and affixes, i.e. "The" Architect.
15. Trade names unless written approval by registrar of the name is supplied.
16. Names of prominent racing events without the permission of the appropriate authority.



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17. Full names of prominent persons.
18. The use of initials.
19. The excessive use of apostrophe.
20. The use of numerals
21. A name already registered as a Prefix/Suffix to some other applicant.
22. Names of prominent Greyhounds or Greyhounds of Note.

As the indexations of the Stud Book demands correct English, names such as **Stop 'n' Think** may be granted as **Stop And Think**.

It should be noted that GA office receives approximately 2,500 names per working week in the preferential listings submitted. Where all names on an application are exhausted, the GA policy is that the Registrar shall choose a name from elsewhere.



NATIONAL PREFIX/SUFFIX POLICY

JUNE 2008

Whilst it is recognised that the owner of a greyhound has preferences in selecting a name for the animal which he/she maintains, the orderly and responsible issue or granting of a Prefix/Suffix by the Registrar under this policy, must be in the best interests of the greyhound industry.

A **PREFIX/SUFFIX** granted is valid for a selected period of two (2) or five (5) years from the date of its registration with Greyhounds Australasia and may be renewed for a further term prior to the expiration of such registration.

GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR ALLOCATION OF A PREFIX/SUFFIX

1. Greyhounds Australasia will consider each name applied for in order of preference.
2. The name applied for must be a single word - not two or three words.
3. The name must not be vulgar, offensive, of poor English or difficult to pronounce.
4. The name applied for should not be common, such as "BLACK", "PRINCE", "LADY", "MISS", etc.
5. The name granted should be used as a full word (not part of a word) in the naming of a greyhound.
6. The name granted will not prevent the application by or granting to another owner of an extension of an approved prefix e.g., if "PRINCE" was granted as a prefix, others should not be prevented from naming greyhounds with the word "PRINCESS". Likewise "HOT" will not prevent names such as "HOTSHOT", "HOTHAM" etc. "STROLL" won't prevent "STROLLER" or "STROLLING".
7. Names which have currently less than 100 greyhounds using same as a prefix or suffix will be granted preference.
8. Once a PREFIX/SUFFIX is granted it is not necessary for it to be used in respect to the naming of every greyhound owned by the applicant.
9. It is not necessary for the applicant to in fact use the name granted.
10. When a name is granted as a PREFIX/SUFFIX it means the word can be used in part for the naming of a greyhound, E.G. - If the word granted is "ASSETS" you may use it to name a greyhound. "ASSETS REGISTER" or "GENERAL ASSETS".



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11. Once a name is granted as a PREFIX/SUFFIX it remains the sole right of the person or confederacy to whom it is registered. No other person can then use the same name during the period of registration, unless written approval from the owner/s is supplied to Greyhounds Australasia
12. When a name is granted Greyhounds Australasia will supply a reference number to the person to whom it is allotted in order that same may be quoted when applying for a greyhound to be named by the use of the PREFIX/SUFFIX which has been registered.
13. Greyhounds Australasia reserves the right to refuse any name, which does not meet its policy, which applies to the naming of greyhounds.

1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 The objective of this policy is to document the allocation of the hosting of the National Sprint and Distance Championships in Tasmania.

2. POLICY

- 2.1 Except when the National Championship Grand Finals are to be hosted in Tasmania, the State Heats and State Finals will be conducted by the Launceston Greyhound Racing Club as the track design (circle track) will offer the best opportunity for a competitive representative in the National Grand Finals.
- 2.2 In the year the National Championship Grand finals are to be hosted in Tasmania, the State Heats and State Finals shall be conducted at the track where the National Championship Grand Finals are to be conducted.
- 2.3 The Host Club to conduct the National Sprint and Distance Championship Grand Finals in Tasmania when next scheduled shall be determined by Tasracing.
- 2.4 Tasracing shall make that determination following consultation with the Greyhound Reference Group together with any submissions from those Clubs seeking to host the Series.



NATIONAL SIRE REGISTRATIONS POLICY

JANUARY 2011

BACKGROUND

Controlling Bodies have discussed the development of a consistent approach to sire registrations since early 2009. Originally emanating from the 2009 Registrars Conference this subject was revisited.

in 2010 where the Registrars agreed that a national approach was desirable. The topic was then referred to the Rules Sub-Committee, who in May 2010 recommended a national policy position to the GA Board.

In June 2010 the GA Board received a report including the recommendation from the Rules Sub-Committee which was referred to all member bodies for consideration.

The issue was discussed again by the Board in August 2010 where in principle support for the policy was given prior to receiving official endorsement at GA's November 2010 meeting.

FACTS

The national rules which deal with sire registrations are Rules 126 (1-5). Specifically, Rules 126 (1-4) deals with registration of a sire for natural purposes, whilst Rule 126(5) addresses frozen semen. Controlling Body fees applicable for sire registrations vary markedly. On average the annual cost to register a sire is between \$250 (assuming you use the GA \$150 fee and NSW \$106 fee) and up to \$500 (assuming you use GA \$150 fee and GRV \$333 fee, which is their \$1,000 fee averaged over a 3 year breeding cycle).

ISSUES

The main rationale behind adopting a national position is to address issues associated with the codes dual system, namely;

- Participant confusion with dual sire registration forms to complete and lodge
- Participant confusion with a minimum of two different sire fees to pay
- Participant confusion in dealing with two bodies (i.e. GA and jurisdictions)
- Jurisdiction confusion regarding reciprocation status where sires move between borders
- Elimination of the practice where owners move sires interstate to avoid registration fees
- Removal of the significant disparity with sire registration fees



In considering this policy one further matter outside the dual system was for members to take into account responsible breeding objectives when setting fees.

FEE STRUCTURE

It was agreed that the registration fee would be a life time fee increased progressively over the next three years, equating to:

Year 1 - January 2011 = \$600

Year 2 - January 2012 = \$800

Year 3 - January 2013 = \$1,000

OPERATING PROCESS

The operating process to support this policy is to occur as follows:

- One standard national branded GA application form.
- Participants will apply for a sire registration by completing the one standard national form. As per the current sire registration process with respect to frozen semen, GA will seek approval and sign off by jurisdictions prior to registering a sire, allocating a sire ID on the database and notifying the participant.
- Any sire that is currently registered with jurisdictions for natural or frozen will be grandfathered to life time registration.
- The one off national sire registration fee is applicable from 1 January 2011.
- Member “fee returns” will be paid annually, based on the agreed member allocation once GA’s accounts have been audited and signed off.
- The member allocation is to be reviewed annually.

POLICY POSITION

Effective 1 January 2011 the GA Board resolved to adopt a National Sire Registrations policy as per this document, which is to be administered by GA on behalf of its members.

GPOL0057

1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 The objective of this policy is to document the funding which will be provided for Tasmanian representatives travelling interstate to contest the National Distance Grand Final or the National Sprint Grand Final.

2. POLICY

- 2.1 Tasracing will provide re-imbusement of the following costs, subject to the conditions of payment detailed below, incurred by the winners of the National Sprint Championship – Tasmanian Final and the National Distance Championship – Tasmanian Final (hereinafter referred to as “The Representatives”) travelling to the National Sprint and National Distance Grand Finals:
 - 2.1.1 The cost of air travel for the greyhound, either with a recognised greyhound and/or pet carrier or as “additional baggage” to and from the final.
 - 2.1.2 The cost of economy class air travel for the trainer of the greyhound to and from the final.
- 2.2 Should a greyhound qualify for either Grand Final due to being the greyhound ranked the highest greyhound on the AGRA National Rankings Group Race listing, then that greyhound shall be eligible for re-imbusement of the costs as detailed in clauses 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 subject to the conditions of payment detailed below.

3. CONDITIONS OF PAYMENT

- 3.1 Re-imbusement shall be paid on the basis that the greyhound is travelling to contest the Grand Final and then returning home.
- 3.2 Irrespective of the commitments in the following clauses, it shall be at the entire discretion of Tasracing whether re-imbusement or any part thereof is provided.
- 3.3 Re-imbusement shall be subject to lodgement of evidence acceptable to Tasracing of the travel undertaken and cost incurred.
- 3.4 If the same person trains both The Representatives then only one air fare for the Trainer shall be paid.
- 3.5 Should a greyhound travel to the State of the Grand Final and subsequently fail to contest the race due to injury or illness, Tasracing will reimburse the costs for both the greyhound and the Trainer on lodgement of a certificate from a Veterinary Surgeon, approved by Tasracing, verifying the injury or illness.
- 3.6 Should a greyhound travel to the State of the Grand Final and subsequently fail to contest the race for any reason other than injury or illness, Tasracing will at its entire discretion determine whether or not to reimburse the costs for both the greyhound and the Trainer.

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- 3.7 In the circumstances detailed in Clauses 3.5 and 3.6, it shall be a decision of Tasracing, subject to the conditions of the series, as to whether a “replacement” greyhound is selected to participate. If a “replacement” greyhound is selected then the costs incurred shall be reimbursed on the basis that the “replacement” greyhound is entitled to reimbursement of the same costs and on the same basis as if it had been one of The Representatives.
- 3.8 Any actions by the owner or trainer of the greyhound which impact on the image of the industry, including but not restricted to issues such as disqualification, inappropriate behaviour etc, shall be reviewed by Tasracing who at their sole discretion shall determine whether or not all or part of the re-imburement will be withheld or repaid as the case may be.



The document titled “A Protocol for the Veterinary Surgeon Officiating at Greyhound Race Meetings” as published by the Australian Greyhound Veterinary Association and adopted by Tasracing shall form the On Track Veterinary Protocols.

The current version of the adopted document is April 2010.

This document shall be distributed to all Clubs, Stewards and Veterinary Surgeons officiating at greyhound race meetings.

This policy documents the procedure to be followed when the Stewards may request the On Track Veterinarian to conduct or organise an off track post mortem examination of a greyhound

- 1 Each Club shall purchase a body bag (cremation type) and store it in the Veterinary Room at the track. This is in addition to a body bag provided by the On Track Veterinarian as part of the “drugs and supplies” required to be provided by the On Track Veterinarian and shall only be used when an off track post mortem examination has been requested.
- 2 Clubs shall ensure the freezer contains an ample number of snap freeze packs that can be utilised for transport of the carcass to the laboratory if an off track post mortem examination is requested.
- 3 All off track post mortem examinations shall be carried out by the Mt. Pleasant Laboratory at Prospect or a Veterinarian approved by the Steward in charge of the meeting and the following details the procedures required:
- 4 A Laboratory Advice Note, completed as demonstrated below, shall accompany the carcass. On the “Test Required” section please reference any special or specific tests that are agreed upon by the Stewards in consultation with the On Track Veterinarian.
- 5 The carcass should be placed in a body bag together with freezer packs and the bag then sealed in the presence of the Trainer (or Owner), the On Track Veterinarian and Stewards in accordance with the drug sampling procedures.
- 6 The Seal Number is to be recorded on the Laboratory Advice Note.
- 7 Chain of custody is important in the case of any subsequent inquiry, and therefore the Stewards shall arrange for transport and delivery of the carcass to the laboratory or approved Veterinarian together with the Laboratory Advice Note at the earliest available opportunity.
- 8 If the carcass cannot be delivered on the same day, it should be kept chilled overnight. An “esky” type container into which the body bag containing the carcass can be placed and then filled with ice is suitable for this purpose.
- 9 The cost of an off track post mortem examination shall be borne by Racing Services Tasmania.
- 10 Guidelines for Requesting a Post Mortem Examination

If a greyhound dies, either before, during or after an Event and the cause of death cannot be determined by the On Track Veterinarian and/or the Stewards wish to verify the death is not related to external influences, they may order an autopsy to be conducted.

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1 OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 The objective of this policy is to prescribe the payments to be made in the case of postponed or abandoned races within the Greyhound Industry in Tasmania.

2 POLICY

- 2.1 When a race which is declared as a False Start or a No Race is not rerun or rescheduled then the payment of the prize money allocated to the race shall be distributed in accordance with GAR 57 (3).
- 2.2 When a meeting or part of a meeting is **abandoned** within 3 hours prior to the time of the opening of kennels for that meeting the prize money allocated to the races shall be distributed evenly among the relevant connections of the greyhounds eligible to compete at the time of the abandonment. (subject to 3.1 below)
- 2.3 When a meeting or part of a meeting is **postponed** within 3 hours prior to the time of the opening of kennels for that meeting then a travelling allowance shall be made to each trainer of the greyhounds eligible to compete at the time of the postponement which shall be based on the area code of the telephone number of the trainer as per the following:
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| 2.3.1 | In the same telephone area code | \$50 |
| 2.3.2 | The adjoining telephone area code | \$130 |
| 2.3.3 | The furthest telephone area code | \$180 |

3 PROCEDURES

- 3.1 Feature Events and Heats where deemed appropriate by the Club in consultation with the Stewards will be postponed, but all other races will be abandoned if they cannot be held as an additional meeting.
- 3.2 The payments in respect to postponed races are payable to each trainer (not each greyhound) who had a greyhound in any of the races postponed that was eligible to compete at the time of the postponement.

Example: If two Hobart races are postponed, trainers with greyhounds in those races in the 62 telephone area code will be paid \$50, while trainers in the 63 area code will be paid \$130 and the trainers in the 64 area code will be paid \$180 irrespective of how many greyhounds they may have had in the races.

GPOL0039

1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 The objective of this policy is to document the withdrawal of the nomination fee from the prize money paid and details the options and procedures for the payment of prize money.

2. POLICY

- 2.1 The nomination fee for the greyhound to participate in an event shall be paid directly by Tasracing to the Club hosting the meeting resulting in no nomination fee being payable or being deducted from any prize money won by the greyhound.
- 2.2 The advertised prize money for the race shall be exclusive of the nomination fee.
- 2.3 The nomination fee paid to the club hosting the meeting shall be paid on the basis of \$80 per race, excluding Group Race Finals.
- 2.4 Prize money including any bonuses shall be paid to the Owner in such manner as the Controlling Body determines, unless such bonus is a breeders bonus in which case it shall be paid to the breeder.
- 2.5 Owners shall have the opportunity to lodge a Notification of Greyhound Prizemoney Split form with the Controlling Body, however should a form not be lodged all prize money won by the greyhound shall be paid to the owner.
- 2.6 If the Controlling Body determines payments are to be made by Electronic Funds Transfer then the prize money shall be withheld if the owner has failed to lodge a Tax Compliance Form and/or details of their bank account.
- 2.7 The owner shall have the opportunity to lodge a Notification of Greyhound Prizemoney Split form for any greyhound they own authorising all or any percentage of the prize money won by the greyhound, excluding any bonuses, to be paid to the trainer of the greyhound.
- 2.8 If the Controlling Body determines payments are to be made by Electronic Funds Transfer then the trainer's percentage of any prize money shall be withheld if the trainer has failed to lodge with a Tax Compliance Form and/or details of their bank account.
- 2.9 All payments shall be made in accordance with appropriate GST legislation in force at the time of such payment.
- 2.10 Prize money won by a Syndicate or partnership shall be paid to the manager of the syndicate or partnership.
- 2.11 A Remittance Advice will be provided for non-GST registered owner of any greyhound which wins prize money.
- 2.12 A Recipient Created Tax Invoice will be provided for the GST registered owner of any greyhound which wins prize money.

GPOL0045

1. OBJECTIVE:

To provide guidance to trainers in respect to treatments and medications for greyhounds

2. BACKGROUND:

All greyhound races in Tasmania are subject to the Greyhounds Australasia Rules (GAR) and the Tasmanian Greyhound Local Rules of Racing. Both sets of Rules are available from Tasracing or Racing Services Tasmania (RST) and may be downloaded from the websites at www.tasracing.com.au or www.dier.tas.gov.au/racing.

All participants in the industry do so subject to and take full responsibility for their compliance with the Rules which contain, amongst other things, regulations regarding prohibited substances and penalties for the greyhounds that have received them and the persons who administer them.

Prohibited substances are defined in GAR 1 under “Prohibited Substance”.

Substances exempt from being prohibited substances are defined in GAR 1 under “Exempt Substance”.

Permanently Banned Prohibited Substances are defined in GAR 79A (2).

3. POLICY:

Participants should also be aware that the detection times of many medications can be prolonged and are unpredictable when medications are administered concomitantly (concurrently) or given for an extended time. Detection times may also be prolonged by many factors including, but not limited to: dose rate, drug preparation, route of administration, training status and health status of the greyhound.

Herbal remedies and medicines, including those obtained over-the-counter, may contain prohibited substances. Participants are advised to avoid their use because the constituents of many of these preparations are unlisted or unknown.

Participants should be aware that any drug treatment could potentially cause contamination of kennel areas. Strategies to minimise the risk of contamination include:

- Secure storage of all therapeutic preparations
- Therapeutic preparations should be administered by a responsible person and should be recorded in the greyhound’s medication record as required under Local Rule 36.9
- Personnel handling therapeutic substances should use disposable gloves and wash their hand between administrations

RST offers the service of pre-race elective sample testing which allows licensed Tasmanian trainers to determine the suitability for racing of greyhounds that have been treated with therapeutic medications. Information related to the format, timeframe and cost of the procedure is available from RST. All costs for the testing are the responsibility of the trainer.

GPOL0045

Trainers should be aware that advice that a sample for which pre-race elective testing was requested is clear of any substance(s) will not absolve trainers of their responsibility to present their greyhounds to race free of any prohibited or permanently banned prohibited substance(s).

The Local Rules require that the person in charge of a greyhound shall maintain records detailing all vaccinations, worming and medical treatments administered to a greyhound from the time the greyhound enters his/her care until the greyhound leaves his/her care and produce such records for inspection when requested by a Steward or authorised officer.

The following illustration details an example of the minimum acceptable detail of records required to be kept.

Illustration 1

MEDICATION LOG			
Date	Greyhound	Treatment (name, dose, route)	Administered by

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1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 The objective of this policy is to document the times in which greyhounds must complete Stewards Trials in order to be cleared for racing.

2. POLICY

The Qualifying times for all Steward Trials shall be as follows:

QUALIFYING TIMES**2.1 Devonport**

2.1.1	452m	26.85
2.1.2	580m	34.80

2.2 Launceston

2.2.1	278m	16.70
2.2.2	515m	30.90
2.2.3	600m	35.90
2.2.4	720m	44.00

2.3 Hobart

2.3.1	340m	20.20
2.3.2	461m	27.30
2.3.3	599m	35.60
2.3.4	709m	42.88

1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 The objective of this policy is to document the procedure for any amendments to the conditions of any race or series.

2. POLICY

- 2.1 Any request for a change to the conditions of a race or series is to be referred to the Racing Operations Officer-Greyhounds for comment and then be referred to the Greyhound Reference Group for consideration. If approved by the Greyhound Reference Group the recommendation will then be forwarded to the Racing Rules & Policy Sub Committee for approval or otherwise.

GPOL0032

1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 The objective of this policy is to document the procedure (except in extraordinary circumstances determined by Tasracing) for the programming of races of specific grades and or distances when formulating the Forthcoming Programmes.

2. POLICY

- 2.1 Qualifying Trials will not be scheduled from 1 November 2015.
- 2.2 Each week there shall be two non-penalty heats, selected on a reverse Order of Choice, programmed at one meeting.
- 2.2.1 The following week, the track at which the heats where held will conduct a final for the first 5 placegetters in each heat the previous week as well as a Maiden race.
- 2.2.2 The heats will rotate between tracks from week to week.
- 2.2.3 The non-penalty heats will rotate between Grade 6 over the Short Sprint and Sprint and Grade 5 over the Short Sprint, Sprint and Mid Distance.
- 2.2.4 A Maiden race will be programmed at the other two meetings subject to any feature maiden series or Group Race finals being scheduled.
- 2.3 One race each fortnight, restricted to greyhounds over the age of 42 months, shall be programmed as a free-to-all race rotating between each track with approximately every second race being selected on a reverse order of grade and reverse order of choice. These shall be known as Masters Races and will rotate between Short Sprint and Sprint.
- 2.4 Whenever possible a Mid Distance race will be programmed at each meeting by each Club on a rotating grade basis of Maiden/Grade 6, Grade 6/Grade5, Grade 5/Grade 4, and Free-to-All.
- 2.5 The following shall apply to Short Sprint races:
- 2.5.1 A Short Sprint race will be programmed at every meeting at Launceston and Hobart and shall be programmed for Grade 6, Grade 5, Grade 4 and Free-to-All on a rotation basis.
- 2.5.2 The frequency of the programming of Short Sprint races and the rotation of grades shall always be subject to other races scheduled.
- 2.6 Tasracing reserves the right to amend, omit or alter any of the above requirements at any time deemed appropriate.

GPOL0036

1. OBJECTIVE:

To provide guidance and recommendations to owners on the permitted options for retirement of racing greyhounds.

2. BACKGROUND:

Greyhound racing is an industry which specifically breeds greyhounds for the purpose of racing which takes advantage of selective breeding and artificial breeding techniques to improve the stamina, speed, health and temperament of the racing stock.

There will always be a number of greyhounds that have finished their racing career, either through injury or age and are retired from racing. There are also animals that, for whatever reason, cannot meet the expectations or requirements of training and racing and are retired from the industry.

3. POLICY

The last registered owner of any racing greyhound is deemed responsible for the welfare of that greyhound until such time as they advise Racing Services Tasmania (RST) that the greyhound has:

- (a) been retired as a pet;
- (b) been surrendered to an approved adoption program;
- (c) been humanely euthanased; or
- (d) died for any other reason.

4. GUIDELINES:

The Rules provide options for the retirement of greyhounds including transfer to the Greyhound Adoption Program (GAP), sale as a pet or humane euthanasia by a registered veterinary surgeon.

Tasracing recognises that not all animals are suited to lives as a pet.

Some greyhounds may be suitable to be pets and it is for this reason Tasracing supports GAP which rehabilitates, assesses and re-homes greyhounds that are deemed suited to be part of the community.

GAP operates under strict guidelines and has adopted the National Testing Protocol for the assessment of greyhounds to go into the community. This Protocol has been developed by animal behaviourists for GAP and has been adopted by GAP nationwide. GAP is the only organisation to conduct this assessment.

In some States of Australia the National Testing Protocol allows GAP graduates to be granted special exemption from the Dog Control Act, allowing them to be walked on a leash in public without a muzzle, provided they are identified by their special numbered green GAP collar (at present this not the case in Tasmania).

The Dog Control Act requires that all other greyhounds must be muzzled and on a leash at all times while in a public place. This includes non-GAP pet greyhounds that have been adopted from the RSPCA, Lost Dog's Home or other animal shelters and those given away or sold as pets by their owners and trainers.

Tasracing urges all owners retiring greyhounds as pets to transfer them to Tasracing's GAP program for rehabilitation and assessment.

Owners are advised not to give away or sell a greyhound to any party that wants to introduce the greyhound into the community but is not registered as a GAP provider who adheres to the National Testing Protocol. These people and/or organisations usually have no responsibility to the industry and the greyhounds are very rarely temperament-matched to their new home and owners.

More details and information on GAP is available at www.gaptas.org.au or contact the GAP Co-ordinator on 0427 045 433.



RETROSPECTIVE SPLITTING OF FROZEN SEMEN BREEDING UNITS

JANUARY 2011

BACKGROUND

Controlling Bodies have been approached by studmasters in the past regarding retrospective splitting of frozen semen breeding units due to amendments in the racing rules. Given the response from Controlling Bodies has varied it was deemed appropriate to establish a nationally consistent position on the matter. Splitting of frozen semen into breeding units was first endorsed by GA in March 2005

with it officially included in the national rules effective 1 January 2006. The definition of a breeding unit at the time was as follows:

'breeding unit' means a specific unit being either a complete ejaculate or an ejaculate which has been split from a complete ejaculate. Each breeding unit which is resultant from a split must contain a certified minimum number of not less than 200 million forwardly motile, normal live sperm taken at the time of collection. Breeding units may be used for AI processes using artificial insemination with fresh semen (AFS), chilled semen insemination (CSI) or frozen semen insemination (FSI).

The breeding unit definition was revisited in 2007 with amendments made effective 1 January 2008.

The amended definition read as follows:

"breeding unit of semen" means a unit of semen (phial or straw) constructed to contain not less than 100 million forwardly motile normal live sperm, post thaw at the time of freezing. A frozen semen breeding unit of semen may consist of all of the sperm from an ejaculate or from a split of the same ejaculate.

As a result of the rule amendments studmasters have tried to pursue retrospective splitting of frozen semen breeding units. The question of retrospective splitting has been considered by NSW, SA, QLD and VIC in regard to such sires as Primo Uno, Acacia Ablaze, Brett Lee and Rapid Journey with different principles applied. The existing racing rules clearly state that retrospective application of the rules does not apply:



R2 Transition

- (2) *The rescindment of the old Rules and the commencement of these new Rules does not, unless the contrary intention appears-*
- (a) *revive anything not in force or existing at the time at which the rescinding took effect;*
 - (b) *affect the previous operation of the old Rules repealed or anything duly done or suffered pursuant to the old Rules;*
 - (c) *affect any right, interest, title power or privilege created, acquired, accrued, established or exercisable or any status or capacity existing prior to the rescinding;*
 - (d) *affect any duty, obligation liability or burden of proof imposed, created or incurred prior to the rescinding;*
 - (e) *affect any penalty or forfeiture incurred or liable to be incurred in respect of any offence committed against the old Rules;*
 - (f) *affect any investigation, legal proceeding, inquiry or remedy in respect of any such right, interest, title, power, privilege, status, capacity, duty, obligation, liability, burden of proof, penalty or forfeiture; and any such investigation, legal proceeding, inquiry or remedy may be instituted, continued, or enforced, and any such penalty or forfeiture may be imposed and enforced as if the rescinding had not occurred.*

POLICY

Based on the literal interpretation and application of R2 (2), it has been agreed that, “nationally there is to be no retrospective splitting of frozen semen breeding units



Stewards Trials (Satisfactory Trials) can only be completed at race meetings with the approval of the Stewards having been obtained prior to 10.00am on the day before the meeting.

Clubs shall ensure a motion activated stimulator is attached to the lure.

The stimulator will be in operation for all race and trialing sessions (except fightback trials).

While every endeavour shall be made by the Club to ensure the stimulator is in working condition prior to each race or trial, the failure of the stimulator before or during any race or trial shall not be grounds for any protest, objection or declaration of a No Race.

MARGIN	TIME	MARGIN	TIME
Nose	0.001	7.1/2 Lengths	0.525
1/2 Head	0.004	7.3/4 Lengths	0.543
Head	0.009	8 Lengths	0.560
Neck (1/4 Length)	0.018	8.1/4 Lengths	0.578
1/2 Length	0.035	8.1/2 Lengths	0.595
3/4 Length	0.053	8.3/4 Lengths	0.613
1 Length	0.070	9 Lengths	0.630
1.1/4 Lengths	0.088	9.1/4 Lengths	0.648
1.1/2 Lengths	0.105	9.1/2 Lengths	0.665
1.3/4 Lengths	0.123	9.3/4 Lengths	0.683
2 Lengths	0.140	10 Lengths	0.700
2.1/4 Lengths	0.158	10.1/4 Lengths	0.718
2.1/2 Lengths	0.175	10.1/2 Lengths	0.735
2.3/4 Lengths	0.193	10.3/4 Lengths	0.753
3 Lengths	0.210	11 Lengths	0.770
3.1/4 Lengths	0.228	11.1/4 Lengths	0.788
3.1/2 Lengths	0.245	11.1/2 Lengths	0.805
3.3/4 Lengths	0.263	11.3/4 Lengths	0.823
4 Lengths	0.280	12 Lengths	0.840
4.1/4 Lengths	0.298	12.1/4 Lengths	0.858
4.1/2 Lengths	0.315	12.1/2 Lengths	0.875
4.3/4 Lengths	0.333	12.3/4 Lengths	0.893
5 Lengths	0.350	13 Lengths	0.910
5.1/4 Lengths	0.368	13.1/4 Lengths	0.928
5.1/2 Lengths	0.385	13.1/2 Lengths	0.945
5.3/4 Lengths	0.403	13.3/4 Lengths	0.963
6 Lengths	0.420	14 Lengths	0.980
6.1/4 Lengths	0.438	14.1/4 Lengths	0.998
6.1/2 Lengths	0.455	14.1/2 Lengths	1.015
6.3/4 Lengths	0.473	14.3/4 Lengths	1.033
7 Lengths	0.490	15 Lengths	1.050
7.1/4 Lengths	0.508		

1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 The objective of this policy is to outline the recommended standards for the transport of greyhounds.

2. POLICY

- 2.1. Transport should only be in motor vehicles or containers or trailers suitable for the purpose of transporting animals of greyhound size.
- 2.2. All greyhounds transported within motor vehicles should be suitably restrained to ensure security and protection for the driver and passengers of the vehicle as well as that of the greyhound.
- 2.3. Motor vehicles and trailers must be clean, registered, secure and roadworthy. Containers must be clean and secure.
- 2.4. Internal areas in the mode of transport should permit a greyhound sufficient room to enable it to sit, lie down or stand in a natural position without restriction and also be of appropriate size to avoid trauma during transport.
- 2.5. Greyhounds must be protected from extremes of temperature and must be provided with adequate light and ventilation.
- 2.6. Greyhounds must be given regular opportunity to “empty out” outside the mode of transport and to consume food/fluids during long periods of transportation.
- 2.7. Greyhounds must not be left unattended in a vehicle, trailer or container for any extended period.
- 2.8. Transport by air should be conducted in accordance with International Air Transport Association Live Animals Regulations as amended from time to time.
(www.iata.org)

If a greyhound is presented to the Stewards and found to have fleas (as opposed to being declared “infested”, “unclean” or “contagious”) then the handler/trainer is given one opportunity to remove the fleas. This will also apply to any greyhound that appears to have had an application of any flea preparation prior to entering the kennels.

- No flea sprays or treatments are to be applied to the greyhound.
- The Club’s Veterinary Surgeon will then re-inspect the greyhound before it is allowed to enter the kennels.
- Upon second examination if the Veterinary Surgeon is not satisfied that the greyhound is flea free then the Stewards will automatically withdraw the greyhound from its event in accordance with GAR 37(4).

For the purpose of clarity:

- Flea and flea infestations are determined by the presence of flea dirt and/or fleas.
- “Unclean” is a greyhound that is dirty or requires grooming and also includes a greyhound that has an offensive odour.
- All bedding brought into the kennel block must be clean and tidy and Stewards will also monitor this area.
- No trainer shall be granted permission to remove their greyhounds from the kennels for treatment with flea sprays and powders.
- No preparation shall be applied to any greyhound before entering the kennels.

ROUTINE VACCINATIONS

No vaccinations shall be administered by the On Track Veterinarian (OTV) on any part of the racecourse on the day of a race meeting including qualifying trials.

NON-EMERGENCY TREATMENTS (INJECTIONS)

No injection of any type shall be administered by the OTV on any part of the racecourse on the day of a race meeting including qualifying trials unless the treatment is part of the OTV emergency treatment.

1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1. The objective of this policy is to provide clear guidance on the use of GAP greyhounds for blood donations, blood and tissue collection and the donation of a terminal greyhound or the use of a greyhound carcass for scientific and/or educational purposes.

2. POLICY

- 2.1. No greyhound entered into a greyhound adoption program managed by Tasracing shall be used for any blood donation or the collection of any blood or tissue samples and the carcass of any such greyhound shall not be used for any scientific purpose whatsoever.
- 2.2. Tasracing recognises that blood donations do form an important part of veterinary practice where veterinarians use that blood in saving other canines and respects the rights of an owner of any breed of dog to consent for their pet to donate blood, however approval for this processes is appropriately the responsibility of individual owners.
- 2.3. Tasracing also recognises that the collection of blood or tissue samples and the donation of a terminal dog or the use of a carcass for scientific and/or educational purposes does form an important part of research and education and respects the rights of an owner of any breed of dog to consent for their pet to be used in such manner, however approval for this process is appropriately the responsibility of individual owners

GPOL0044

1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 The objective of this policy is to prescribe the minimum level specifications required for weighing scales to be used within the Greyhound Industry Code in Tasmania.

2. DEFINITION

- 2.1 NATA National Association of Testing Authorities;
2.2 LCD Liquid Crystal Display;
2.3 RHS Rectangular Hollow Section Steel.

3. POLICY

- 3.1 The scales for the weighing of greyhounds are not required to be National Standards Commission trade approved, but must:
- 3.1.1 Contain a capacity of 150kgs (minimum) x 100g;
 - 3.1.2 Contain a minimum 22mm LCD backlit display with “liveweight” option;
 - 3.1.3 Be powered by 240V with a rechargeable battery backup;
 - 3.1.4 Contain a platform of a minimum size of 550mm deep x 700mm wide;
 - 3.1.5 Satisfy weight tests to one third of capacity at platform edges;
 - 3.1.6 Contain a Tare & Zero function; and
 - 3.1.7 Contain a 100g check weight tolerance.

4. PROCEDURES

4.1 Check weights:

- 4.1.1 Each Club shall be required to provide 4 check weights of 10kg for use by the Stewards for the checking of the scales at race meetings.
- 4.1.2 The check weights shall be certified as correct with a copy of the NATA Report or Regulation 13 Certificate being available to the Stewards on request.

4.2 Weighing Cage

- 4.2.1 A weighing cage shall be affixed centrally to the platform of the scales by six countersunk screws.
- 4.2.2 The weighing cage shall be of weldmesh type material with reinforced ends and shall:
 - 4.2.2.1 Be constructed of 25 x 25mm RHS frame and 50 x 50mm mesh of the design in the attached photograph and painted with a non toxic "Sky Blue" paint;
 - 4.2.2.2 Contain a latched door at each end of the cage;
 - 4.2.2.3 Contain internal measurements of 1100mm long, 900mm high and 280mm wide;
 - 4.2.2.4 Contain a removable solid floor with permanently fixed rubber matting attached; and
 - 4.2.2.5 Contain no sharp edges internally or externally which may cause injury to animals or personnel

4.3 Checking Procedure:

- 4.3.1 The Stewards shall, prior to each race meeting and at any time required under the rules, check the accuracy of the scales by the following procedure:
 - 4.3.1.1 1 x 10kg weight to be placed on the left hand side of the cage;
 - 4.3.1.2 1 x 10kg weight to be placed in the centre of the cage; and
 - 4.3.1.3 1 x 10kg weight to be placed on the right hand side of the cage.
- 4.3.2 This procedure to be repeated for:
 - 4.3.2.1 2 x 10kg check weights;
 - 4.3.2.2 3 x 10kg check weights; and
 - 4.3.2.3 4 x 10kg check weights
- 4.3.3 The scales must have a 100g check weight tolerance. If the scales weigh a check weight of plus or minus 1kg, then the Stewards at the meeting may determine a variation to the displayed weight on the indicator for all greyhounds by that amount (plus or minus).
- 4.3.4 If the scales weigh a check weight or more than plus or minus 1kg then the Stewards at the meeting may determine a variation to the displayed weight on the indicator for all greyhounds and shall instruct the Club to have the scales recalibrated and the check weights recertified before the next race meeting.

4.4 Maintenance:

- 4.4.1 The Club shall ensure the scales and check weights are stored in such a manner as to prevent any tampering, adjustment or reprogramming.
- 4.4.2 The Club shall arrange for the scales and the check weights to be certified every six months by an authorised scale repairer, with such certification to indicate:
 - 4.4.2.1 The scales have been checked to capacity and a written report provided to this fact; and
 - 4.4.2.2 The check weights are certified and a NATA Report or Regulation 13 Certificate provided.

4.5 Record Maintenance:

- 4.5.1 The Club shall retain on file for a period of at least two years a copy of the certifications for the scales and check weights; and
- 4.5.2 The Stewards shall retain on file for a period of 12 months a copy of their report from each race meeting indicating that the scales were checked with the check weights in the manner required and the accuracy or otherwise of scales.

5. ACCOUNTABILITY / RESPONSIBILITY

- 5.1 At Launceston and Hobart the Club responsibilities are the responsibilities of Tasracing.

6. REFERENCES**Legislation, guidelines and other documents relevant to this policy include:**

- 6.1 Photographs for details of fixing method, flooring and overview as attached.

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Where a greyhound is brought to a track and upon presentation at the kennels the weight of a greyhound varies by more than 1 kilogram from the weight recorded in an Event or satisfactory weight trial in which it last performed the greyhound shall not be permitted to compete in the Event unless:

- Where a greyhound is presented for an Event and the greyhound has not competed in an Event for more than 28 days, the Stewards may, provided they have received notification in writing at the time of kennelling, and are satisfied with the reason stated, permit a variance of not more than 2 kilograms from the weight recorded at the greyhound's last Event.

There will not be any opportunity for a trainer to endeavour to amend the weight of the greyhound (ie emptying out or feeding) once the greyhound has been presented at the kennels.

APPENDIX A – GRADING SCHEDULE

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1) DEFINITIONS

AGE	the age of a greyhound shall be reckoned from the last day of the month of its whelping.
COMPULSORY CONSOLATION	is a race which greyhounds that do not qualify for the Final are required to contest.
CONSOLATION	is a race for greyhounds which contested Heats (in a Heats and Final Series) or Semi Finals of a Series, but which failed to qualify to contest the Final of such series.
DISTANCE RACE	is any race of 680 metres or more.
FREE-TO-ALL	is a race open to all greyhounds, including maidens.
INVITATION	is a combination of grades 1, 2 and 3.
MAIDEN	is a greyhound that has not won or been awarded first place in a penalty bearing race.
MAIDEN RACE	is a race restricted to greyhounds that are over the age of two (2) years and that have not won or been awarded first place in a penalty bearing race on any track at any distance unless the conditions of the race specifically permit greyhounds under the age of 2 years that have not won or been awarded first place in a penalty bearing race on any track at any distance to participate (e.g. Hobart Maiden Thousand).
MID DISTANCE RACE	is any race of 570 metres or more but less than 680 metres.
MIXED	is a combination of any 2 adjoining grades. e.g. 1 and 2 2 and 3 3 and 4 4 and 5 5 and 6 6 and Maiden
NON-PENALTY RACE	is a race where the stake money to the winner is less than \$451 and the winner will not receive a grading penalty.
OPEN BEST	is a race or series open to all greyhounds except maidens.
RESTRICTED BEST	is a race or series open to all greyhounds eligible under the restrictions of the race or series, in which maidens are eligible to compete.
SHORT SPRINT	is any race of less than 400 metres.
SPECIAL EVENT	is a feature race or series approved by the Board.
SPRINT RACE	is any race of 400 metres or more but less than 570 metres.
STEPGRADING	means a greyhound can win on a track over a distance and such win does not affect the greyhound's grade on any other track or the grade at the other distances on that track.
TASMANIAN BRED	is a greyhound whelped in Tasmania.

2) **NOMINATIONS**

- 2.1 Nomination forms must be lodged under the following circumstances:
A greyhound's first start or first start in Tasmania.
A greyhound's last race start was not in Tasmania.
- 2.2 If a greyhound's last start was interstate nomination forms must be received by the Office of Racing Integrity at least 24 hours prior to the close of nominations. The Office of Racing Integrity shall refuse any nomination form not received prior to 10am on the last working day prior to the close of nominations. If the greyhound is a first starter nomination forms must be received prior to 10am on the day nominations close.
- 2.3 Nominations may be made online or via fax to the Office of Racing Integrity provided the following information has been provided:
- (a) Name of greyhound.
 - (b) The greyhound's earbrand.
 - (c) The trainer's name and licence number.
 - (d) Club and date of meeting.
 - (e) Grade and distance of the race preferred.
 - (f) Second choices or 'No Higher' / 'No Reserve' comments.

Please Note: A nomination may be refused if incorrect or incomplete information is given.

3) **RESERVES**

- 3.1 Greyhounds named as reserves in the second round of heats of a series, semi-finals, finals (including Qualifying Finals), consolations or compulsory consolations are eligible to be graded into another race on the same programme, however in such circumstances a greyhound will be required to contest such heat, semi-final, final, consolation or compulsory consolation should the greyhound obtain a start in that heat, semi-final, final, consolation or compulsory consolation and shall be withdrawn from the other race.
- 3.2 Except as provided for in Clause 3.1, under no other circumstances shall a reserve be eligible to be graded into another race in the same programme except as a reserve.

4) **DEAD HEAT**

- 4.1 Where the Stewards and/or Judges declare a dead-heat for first place, all greyhounds dead-heating shall incur the normal grading penalty applicable to such race.

5) **GRADES - SHORT SPRINT; SPRINT; MID DISTANCE AND DISTANCE RACES**

- 5.1 **GRADE SIX (6)** **restricted to greyhounds under two (2) years of age at the time of the race**, providing the greyhound has not won or been awarded first place in a penalty bearing race at the distance on that track.
- 5.2 **GRADE FIVE (5)** for winners Grade six (6) races on that track, winners of Maiden events and greyhounds over the age of two (2) years that have not won or been awarded first place in a penalty bearing race over the distance at that track.

- 5.3 GRADE FOUR (4)** for winners of Grade five (5) races and greyhounds dropping from Grade three (3).
- 5.4 GRADE THREE (3)** for winners of Grade four (4) races and greyhounds dropping from Grade two (2).
- 5.5 GRADE TWO (2)** for winners of Grade three (3) races and greyhounds dropping from Grade one (1).
- 5.6 GRADE ONE (1)** for winners of Grade two (2) races.
- 5.7** Wins in 'Non-Penalty' races run in Tasmania will not incur a grading penalty, including Maidens.
- 5.8** Wins on interstate tracks with first prize money of \$450.00 or less will be treated as 'Non-Penalty' and not be included when assessing the grade of a greyhound in Tasmania.
- 5.9** Wins on Interstate tracks with first prize money of \$451.00 or more shall be classified as a win and be penalised as if those wins were on Tasmanian tracks as per the following examples:
- A. A greyhound that has won 1 race while under and is still under the age of 2 years shall be assessed Grade 5 on one track and Grade 6 on the other 2 tracks.
 - B. A greyhound that has won 1 race since turning 2 years of age shall be assessed Grade 5 all tracks.
 - C. A greyhound that has won 2 races since turning 2 years of age shall be assessed Grade 4 on 1 track and Grade 5 on the remaining 2 tracks.
 - D. A greyhound that has won 3 races since turning 2 years of age shall be assessed Grade 4 on 2 tracks and Grade 5 on the remaining 1 track.
 - E. Any Distance wins shall firstly be applied to tracks at which distance racing is conducted.
- 5.10** A trainer at the time of nominating shall stipulate in writing which track a greyhound will be classified the higher grade/s (if applicable). Should the trainer fail to provide such advice at the time of nominating, the Office of Racing Integrity shall apply the highest grades to the track/s furthest from the trainer's normal place of residence.
- 5.11** The allocation of grades in accordance with Clause 5.1.10 shall not be amended for any reason whatsoever once nominated by the Trainer or defined by the Office of Racing Integrity at the time of nomination, unless to correct an error in the original calculation of the grade of the greyhound (not the application of the grades to the various tracks).
- 5.12** Any greyhound which is Grade 1, 2, 3 or grade 4 on any track will drop 1 grade for that distance on that track after 3 consecutive unplaced runs at that distance on that track.
- 5.13** A greyhound cannot contest a race for a grade above or below that greyhound's grade unless in a best event, mixed grade, invitation or free-to-all.

6) **FIELD SELECTION**

6.1.1 The Office of Racing Integrity shall adopt an order of choice upon which the selection of greyhounds for all graded races (except invitations, best races and free-to-all races) shall be made.

6.1.2 The selection of greyhounds to contest an event may be made by reverse Order of Choice and/or grade, by age and/or a combination of conditions as defined in the programme.

6.1.3 In Invitation races the greyhounds shall be selected first on their grade and then on their Order of Choice.

6.1.4 The selection of greyhounds for free-to-all races shall be as follows:

1. Maidens shall be first excluded.
2. Greyhounds shall be selected first on their grade and then on their Order of Choice.
3. If Maidens are to be included in the field, then this shall be done on the Order of Choice except that Order of Choice '5' shall not apply to any greyhound.

6.1.5 Except for the Hobart Thousand, Launceston Cup and Devonport Cup, the selection of greyhounds for all best races shall be in accordance with the following order:

6.1.5.1 Restricted Best Races

A. Where the race/series is restricted by Grade as one of the conditions:

- (i) Maidens shall be first excluded.
- (ii) Order of Choice '5' shall not apply to any greyhound.
- (iii) The selection of other greyhounds shall be made on the Order Of Choice, irrespective of Grade.
- (iv) Should it be necessary to include maidens in the field then this shall be done on the Order of Choice.

B. Where the race/series is not restricted by Grade as one of the conditions:

- (i) Maidens shall be first excluded.
- (ii) Order of Choice '5' shall not apply to any greyhound
- (iii) Other greyhounds shall be selected first on their grade and then on their Order of Choice.
- (iv) Should it be necessary to include maidens in the field then this shall be done on the Order of Choice.

6.1.5.2 Open Best Races

A. In Open Best Races:

- (i) Maidens are not eligible to contest.
- (ii) Order of Choice '5' shall not apply to any greyhound.

- B.** The Field for any Open Best Race/series shall be selected in accordance with the following order:
- (i) Order 1 - Grade 1 greyhounds.
 - (ii) Order 2 - Grade 2 greyhounds with an Order of Choice between 1 & 9 (inclusive).
 - (iii) Order 3 - Grade 3 greyhounds with an Order of Choice between 1 & 9 (inclusive)
 - (iv) Order 4 - Grade 2 greyhounds with an Order of Choice between 10 & 12 (inclusive).
 - (v) Order 5 - Grade 3 greyhounds with an Order of Choice between 10 & 12 (inclusive).
 - (vi) Order 6 - Other greyhounds on the Order of Choice, irrespective of grade.

6.1.6 The selection of greyhounds for the heats of the Hobart Thousand, Launceston Cup and Devonport Cup shall be as follows:

Maidens are not eligible.

Greyhounds winning the final of the last conducted following races shall be first included.

- A.** Hobart Thousand.
- B.** Maiden Thousand.
- C.** Tasmania Gold Cup.
- D.** Hobart Breeders Classic.
- E.** Devonport Breeders Classic.
- F.** Devonport Cup.
- G.** Tasmanian Oaks.
- H.** Tasmanian Derby.
- I.** Gold Collar.
- J.** Launceston Cup.
- K.** Illingworth Classic.
- L.** Launceston Breeders Classic.
- M.** State National Sprint Championship.
- N.** State National Distance Championship.

Grade 1 greyhounds.

Grade 2 greyhounds with an Order of Choice between 1 & 9 (inclusive)

Grade 3 greyhounds with an Order of Choice between 1 & 9 (inclusive)

Grade 2 greyhounds with an Order of Choice between 10 & 12 (inclusive)

Grade 3 greyhounds with an Order of Choice between 10 & 12 (inclusive)

All other greyhounds shall be included on the Order of Choice, irrespective of grade except that Choice '5' on the Order of Choice shall not apply to any greyhound.

Please refer to Section (18) 'Major Feature Race Selection' for more information in relation to the selection process of the Hobart Thousand, Launceston Cup, and Devonport Cup heats.

6.2) PENALTIES

- 6.2.1** Unless otherwise stipulated a greyhound will be penalised one grade for each penalty bearing win on each track at the respective distance (short sprint, sprint, mid distance and distance).
- 6.2.2** A Maiden may win one penalty bearing race on any track before being assessed as Grade 5 on all tracks.
- 6.2.3** A Maiden may contest any Maiden or Grade 5 race unless the conditions of the race otherwise exclude the greyhound.
- 6.2.4** One grading penalty only will be imposed for one or more wins in a series.

e.g.

HEAT	SEMI	FINAL / COMPULSORY CONSULATION	PENALTY
1st	3rd	5th	1 penalty
1st	1st	1st	1 penalty
2nd	4th	1st	1 penalty

- 6.2.5** A greyhound will not incur a grade penalty for winning a non-penalty race (Maidens included).

6.3) QUALIFYING TRIALS OVER 400 METRES OR MORE

- 6.3.1** Qualifying Trials shall be conducted on race nights as programmed by Clubs.
- 6.3.2** A nomination fee of \$5.00 shall be charged for qualifying trials.
- 6.3.3** The maximum number of trials that will be conducted on any one night shall be:
If there are 10 or less races programmed - 6 trials
If there are more than 10 races programmed - 4 trials.
- 6.3.4** A minimum of 10 nominations are required before qualifying trials will be conducted.
- 6.3.5** If there are 10 or 11 nominations then a Final will be conducted at the Club's next meeting.
- 6.3.6** If there are 12 or more nominations then heats shall be conducted with a Final at the Club's next meeting.
- 6.3.7** Subject to Clauses 6.3.3, 6.3.4 and 6.4.5 all eligible greyhounds nominated shall be catered for in the heats.
- 6.3.8** Qualifying trials shall be conducted for Grade 5/6 and Grade 4/5 only with the final carrying normal graded stakes for the class of the race.
- 6.3.9** Qualifying trials are for greyhounds Choice 9 or worse on the Order of Choice or greyhounds balloted from the race meeting at which the trials are scheduled.

- 6.3.10** Balloted from the race meeting includes reserves for races over the same distances as the qualifying trials, but does not include reserves or greyhounds balloted from races over other distances unless the greyhound was nominated for a race over the same distance as the qualifying trial (excluding Maiden races unless a Maiden race is scheduled and programmed).
- 6.3.11** Should it be necessary to reduce the number of greyhounds to participate in the trials (or Final if a Final only is conducted) then the selection of greyhounds to participate shall be made in accordance with the Order of Choice on the following order:
- a) Greyhounds balloted from the race meeting
 - b) Greyhounds not balloted from the race meeting.
- 6.3.12** Nominations close at 10.00am two (2) working days prior to the day on which the trials are scheduled.
- 6.3.13** Greyhounds are required to be at the kennels at the following times:
If 4 trials are scheduled - 50 minutes prior to the first race on the night
If more than 4 trials are scheduled - 1 hour prior to the first race on the night.
- 6.3.14** Greyhounds participating in qualifying trials will not be kennelled and it is the responsibility of the trainer to be at the kennels and present their greyhound in qualifying race order.

6.4) QUALIFYING TRIALS OVER LESS THAN 400 METRES

- 6.4.1** Qualifying Trials shall be conducted on race nights as programmed by Clubs.
- 6.4.2** A nomination fee of \$5.00 shall be charged for qualifying trials.
- 6.4.3** The maximum number of trials that will be conducted on any one night shall be:
If there are 10 or less races programmed - 6 trials
If there are more than 10 races programmed - 4 trials.
- 6.4.4** A minimum of 10 nominations are required before qualifying trials will be conducted.
- 6.4.5** If there are 10 or 11 nominations then a Final will be conducted at the Club's next meeting.
- 6.4.6** If there are 12 or more nominations then heats shall be conducted with a Final at the Club's next meeting.
- 6.4.7** Subject to Clauses 6.4.3, 6.4.4 and 6.4.5 all eligible greyhounds nominated shall be catered for in the heats.
- 6.4.8** Qualifying trials shall be conducted for Maiden/Grade 6, Grade 4/5 and Grade 3/4 only with the final carrying normal graded stakes for the class of the race.
- 6.4.9** Should it be necessary to reduce the number of greyhounds to participate in the trials (or Final if a Final only is conducted) then the selection of greyhounds to participate shall be made in accordance with the Order of Choice.

- 6.4.10** Nominations close at 10.00am two (2) working days prior to the day on which the trials are scheduled.
- 6.4.11** Greyhounds are required to be at the kennels at the following times:
If 4 trials are scheduled - 50 minutes prior to the first race on the night.
If more than 4 trials are scheduled - 1 hour prior to the first race on the night.
- 6.4.12** Greyhounds participating in qualifying trials will not be kennelled and it is the responsibility of the Trainer to be at the kennels and present their greyhound in qualifying race order.

7) **ORDER OF CHOICE**

- CHOICE 1:** Last start winner this distance or any greyhound dropping down in grade to a Grade 3 or lower grade.
- CHOICE 2:** Placed at their last start at distance on the track of nomination.
- CHOICE 3:** Placed last start at distance on any other track.
- CHOICE 4:** Won at last start at another distance (short sprint/sprint/mid-distance/distance) on any track.
- CHOICE 5:** The greyhound's first race start or first start on a track if it has had less than 3 race starts. **Last start winner of a 'Non-Penalty' race at distance in Tasmania.**
- CHOICE 6:** Placed at its second last start at distance on the track of nomination.
- CHOICE 7:** Placed at its second last start at distance on any other track.
- CHOICE 8:** Placed at its third last start at distance on the track of nomination.
- CHOICE 9:** Placed at its third last start at distance on any other track.
- CHOICE 10:** First start this track and distance over the flat.
- CHOICE 11:** Reserve greyhound at previous nomination at distance on track of nomination.
- CHOICE 12:** Any greyhound that does not meet the criteria listed above.

8) **ORDER OF CHOICE POLICIES**

- 8.1** Form over any other distance category does not count in assessing the (Order of Choice). Only form over the distance of the race being graded will count in assessing the Order of Choice (Except with the provision provided for in Choice 4).
- 8.2** (a) A greyhound which finishes unplaced in any Final (other than a qualifying final) shall have that start disregarded for the purpose of both Order of Choice and drop down.
- (b) A greyhound that finishes second or third in any Final (other than a qualifying final) shall have that start disregarded if the greyhound's last start over the same distance prior to that Final was a win. ***(This refers to Order of Choice Only)***

- 8.3 For the purpose of both 'Order of Choice' and drop down, a fall will be disregarded.
- 8.4 Any greyhound which is penalised in the Order of Choice by way of interference from another greyhound which is suspended for such interference shall have that start disregarded for the purpose of both Order of Choice and drop down.
- 8.5 Unplaced runs in non-penalty races will not count towards drop down.
- 8.6 The Order of Choice of greyhounds winning non-penalty races will be elevated to Choice 5 at the next start at the same distance, unless their Order of Choice prior to winning the non-penalty event was higher than Choice 5.
- 8.7 The Order of Choice 1 for greyhounds dropping in grade only applies to the greyhound's next start on that track and distance, but does not apply and is forfeited if the greyhound's next start on the track after dropping in grade is in an Invitation race, Best race, Free-to-All race, Claiming Race, Mixed 1/2 race, Mixed 2/3 race, a Semi Final or a Final.
- 8.8 In selecting a field, where two or more greyhounds are on the same Order of Choice the following order of preference will prevail:
- (a) For Choices 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9, the finishing position of the performance which made the greyhound this Order of Choice. **Preference will be given to winners as opposed to placegetters.**
 - (b) For Grade 6 Races (except in best races), the month of whelping, with greyhounds closest to turning 2 years of age given preference.
 - (c) Previous performances.
 - (d) For Order of Choice 10 preferences will be given to greyhounds that have never had a start at the distance.
 - (e) For Order of Choice 11 and 12 greyhounds will be selected on their form at the distance on the track at which nominated, with the following order:
 - (i) Highest placing at the last start at track and distance.
 - (ii) If equal, the greyhound that has had only one start at the track and distance, followed by the greyhound that has had two starts at the track and distance, noting that if equal and if necessary, a random ballot will be conducted.
 - (iii) If the last start placing at track and distance is the same and the greyhounds have had at least three starts at the track and distance, add the finishing placing in the last three events at the track and distance with the lowest total gaining the start. For example, a greyhound finishing 6th, 8th and 4th will have a total of 18, whilst a greyhound finishing 6th, 5th and 8th will have a total of 19. In this case the greyhound with 18 points will be selected.
 - (iv) If totals are the same, a random manual ballot is applied.

9) GRADING POLICIES

- 9.1 Races to be drawn for a meeting will be determined by the programming, the nominations received, Policies for Minimum Nominations - Normal Graded Events and Feature Race Conditions.
- 9.2 Maiden greyhounds (two (2) years and older) nominated for a Maiden race and not selected in a Maiden race will be considered for selection in a grade five (5) race unless the comment 'NO HIGHER' has been stipulated at the time of nomination.

10) GRADING - HIGHER GRADES

Persons when nominating must stipulate on each and every occasion should they not wish their greyhound to be included in any graded race above the greyhound's grade.

A greyhound will not be included in any best race/series or free-to-all race/series unless specifically nominated for such race (grade 1 and 2 greyhounds excepted).

11) GRADING - MIXED RACES

A greyhound must take its place in a race as is determined by its order of choice.

By adding the comment '**NO HIGHER GRADE**' when nominating, you will ensure that your greyhound will not be placed in a race with greyhounds from higher grades should a mixed grade race be programmed.

Listed below are several possible scenarios:

1. When there is to be (for example) a Grade 4 and a mixed Grade 3 and 4 on the programme, the single grade (Grade 4) race shall be first selected. The greyhounds not selected will then be combined with the Grade 3 greyhounds for selection of the field for the higher (3/4) grade race. After that race has been selected the reserves for the single grade race (Grade 4) shall be selected and then the reserves for the higher (3/4) grade race shall be selected.

e.g. If a Grade 4 greyhound is not selected for the Grade 4, but will be selected for the 3/4 on its Order of Choice, however the connections have nominated '**No Higher Grade**', then such greyhound shall be deleted from the field and shall not be included for either race unless there are fewer than the maximum number of starters (including reserves) in the Grade 4 race.
2. If a greyhound is nominated for a Grade (3) race with the comment '**No Higher Grade**' and an Invitation or a Mixed Grade 2/3 race is programmed, but there is no Grade (3) race on the programme, the greyhound will be deleted from the field and will not be considered for the Invitation or Mixed 2/3 race.
3. If an Invitation or Mixed 2/3 race and a Grade (3) race are programmed, the Grade 3 race will be the first race selected. If a greyhound with the comment '**No Higher Grade**' is NOT selected for the Grade (3) race it will be deleted from the field, and will **ONLY** be considered as a reserve in the Grade (3) race in the event that there are insufficient nominations to fill the reserve positions without that greyhound.
4. If an Invitation or Mixed 2/3 and a Mixed 3/4 race are programmed and there is no Grade (3) race programmed, the Invitation or Mixed 2/3 race will be selected first. If your greyhound would have been selected in the Invitation or Mixed 2/3 race on its order of choice but has been nominated with the comment '**No Higher Grade**', it will be deleted from the field and will **ONLY** be considered as a reserve for the Mixed 3/4 race should there be insufficient nominations to fill the reserves positions without your greyhound (*it will not be considered for selection in the Mixed 3/4 race as a starter*). If the greyhound would not have been selected in the higher-grade race due to its order of choice it will then be considered for selection in the Mixed 3/4 race.

It is important to remember that in scenarios similar to this, the reserves are not selected until after all the starters for both races have been selected.

12) DUAL ENGAGEMENTS

A greyhound which has been drawn as a reserve for a meeting may be nominated for a meeting on the same or the following day/night, however the greyhound must fulfil its engagement at the first meeting conducted if it is drawn in.

When both meetings are to be held at the same time on the same day/night (i.e. afternoon, twilight or night) the order of engagement shall be Hobart then, Launceston, then Devonport; otherwise the order of engagement shall be afternoon then twilight then night.

In the case of a nomination on consecutive days, after having competed at the first meeting the greyhound may be withdrawn from the second meeting 'penalty free' provided the scratching has been lodged by scratching time for the second meeting. This applies to consecutive days only and to greyhounds engaged in a Qualifying Final on the second day (having qualified for the Final after the closing of nominations for the first day), but does not apply to greyhounds nominated for and drawn in to compete at both venues.

Should a greyhound qualify for a Semi Final of a Series after having been drawn into a meeting to be held within 3 days prior to or following the Semi Final, then the greyhound may be scratched without penalty and take its place in the Semi Final, providing application is made by scratching time for the meeting.

Should a greyhound qualify for a Semi Final or a Final to be conducted on the same day as any other race for which the greyhound has already been drawn into, then the greyhound shall be withdrawn from such other race.

Should a greyhound qualify for a Final as a starter or a reserve (other than a Qualifying Final) after having been drawn into a meeting to be held within 3 days prior to or following the Final, then the greyhound may be scratched without penalty and take its place in the Final providing application is made by scratching time for of the meeting.

13) EARLY RACE REQUEST POLICY

A strict criteria is to be applied to those greyhounds for which an early race has been requested. This can only be requested when a greyhound is engaged in an event later than race six on the programme:

- The Official Track Veterinarian (OTV) to have confirmed profuse salivation covering the floor of the kennel occupied by the greyhound in question when engaged in a race later than Race Six on the programme. - AND -
- The OTV to have confirmed clinical dehydration (using the customary 'skin pinch test' along the dorsum of the trunk) in the greyhound when taken from the kennel later than Race Six on the programme. This may, if required be further confirmed by the greyhound being reweighed. - AND -
- The OTV to have confirmed hyperthermia in the greyhound when removed from their kennel, revealing a body temperature at or above 39.5°C. - AND -
- A clinical assessment of the greyhound by the OTV confirms a state of distress and agitation in the greyhound. - AND -
- These examinations are to be witnessed by the Steward in charge of the meeting. - AND -
- Appropriate certification is supplied in writing signed by the OTV, Steward in charge and the trainer of the greyhound.

Once all these criteria have been met the Steward in charge shall grant an 'Early Race' request.

Should a greyhound that has been flagged as an 'Early Race' greyhound be drawn into a final or feature event (where the winners stakes are more than \$5000) that is programmed later than Race Six then the following will apply. The trainer/owner may, with permission of the Chairman of Stewards, either withdraw the greyhound from the event prior to the official scratching time (receiving a 10 day penalty), or proceed with nomination into that event. In the latter situation, the Steward in charge of the meeting accompanied by the OTV will conduct an examination of the greyhound prior to competing in the event using the above criteria.

Providing the greyhound is passed fit to compete, the greyhound will then no longer be flagged as an 'Early Race' greyhound. If the greyhound is passed unfit to run and becomes a late scratching this greyhound will be unable to nominate for heats of feature events (where the winners stakes are more than \$5000.) where the final will be conducted after Race Six for a period of six months. Following this six-month period the Trainer with the permission of the Chairman of Stewards may apply in writing to have his/her greyhound re-assessed.

14) EXTENDED NOMINATIONS

Nominations will only be extended until 11.30am on the day scheduled for the closing of nominations. The Club may contact trainers, or trainers may contact the Club or the Office of Racing Integrity to lodge nominations prior to the closing of the extension.

15) NOMINATION COMMENTS

When nominating greyhounds the only comments that will be accepted by the Office of Racing Integrity are the comments 'NO HIGHER' and 'NO RESERVE'. No other comments will be accepted.

16) REDRAWS

No redraw shall be granted by the Office of Racing Integrity for any race after final information has been sent to the printer for publication of the Form guide.

17) GUARDING

Where guarding of greyhounds (e.g. same grade and distance at a meeting, heats etc), is to be undertaken, the following order will apply:

- (a) Greyhounds with same trainer AND same exact owners
- (b) Greyhounds with the same trainer.
- (c) Greyhounds with same exact owners.
- (d) In Breeders Classic races, greyhounds with the same Breeder.

It should be noted that Guarding will occur when it is reasonable to do so. A failure to guard greyhounds will not result in a redraw or any approval to withdraw greyhounds.

18) MAJOR FEATURE RACE SELECTION

A Grading Panel, comprising the Director of Racing, Chairman of Stewards, and the person appointed to do the grading by the Office of Racing Integrity will select the top four seeds from the nominations received for the heats. In determining the seeds the panel will consult with the conducting club and interstate controlling bodies.

The seeds will be published and guarded in the heats. The selection of the remainder of the greyhounds will be a blind draw, subject to the usual guarding provisions.

The selection process for the above feature races will include 'Grading Panel Discretion'. Such discretion should only be utilised in the following circumstances.

- a) A greyhound that has been placed in a group race in the preceding three months prior to the close of nominations.
- b) A greyhound with superior form.
- c) The panel will only utilise (b) above in exceptional circumstances and will be required to provide written reasons for its decision to include a greyhound using this clause.

19) SERIES QUALIFICATION

The qualification of any greyhound to further contest or be named as a reserve for a series

- i.e. Semi final after heats
Final after semi finals
Final after heats

shall be determined by the placing of the greyhounds in each heat/semi final.

Should it be necessary to reduce the number of greyhounds to further contest a series or be named as a reserve for a series, then the greyhounds with the lowest placing shall be first excluded.

Should it be necessary to exclude/include greyhounds with the same placing, then the greyhound with the slowest time for that placing shall be first excluded.

This shall be repeated until there remains the required number of greyhounds to further contest the series and/or named as reserves.

The time for each greyhound shall be calculated by the photo finish equipment, however in the case of a breakdown or failure the times shall be taken from any other means of electronic timing and if that is not available or fails, then the race shall be hand timed and the time for each greyhound manually calculated using the beaten margins of each placing declared by the judge utilising the Time Conversion Chart adopted by the Office of Racing Integrity.