

**GREYHOUNDS AUSTRALASIA**  
**RULE AMENDMENTS**  
**Effective 1/1/2014**

**1. AMEND AND ADD DEFINITIONS [GA 1/1/2014]**  
**R1 Definitions**

"**failing to pursue**" means when a greyhound turns its head or visibly eases during the running of an event.

"**exempted substance**" includes the following substance(s) that are exempted from being prohibited substances:

(2). **Antimicrobials** (antibiotics) and other anti-infective agents with the exception of procaine penicillin

**2. ADD GAR 20(3)(v) [GA 1/1/2014]**  
**R20 Stewards control and regulation of race meeting**

(3)(v) Order that, prior to any further nominations being accepted for any greyhound, a Veterinary certificate be produced to the satisfaction of the Stewards, stating that at the time of examination, the greyhound is fit to start.

**3. AMEND AND ADD GAR23 [GA 1/1/2014]**  
**R23 Withdrawal after box draw**

(4) A greyhound withdrawn from an Event due to injury or illness, shall be prohibited from competing in any Event immediately from the time of its withdrawal until the completion of a period of 10 days commencing on the date of the event ("period of prohibition").

(5) The period of prohibition referred to in sub-rule (4) may be varied to a minimum of 7 days upon production of a veterinary certificate to the satisfaction of the Stewards stating that at the time of examination the greyhound is fit to start.

(6) For the purposes of sub-rule (5) no such application for reduction of the period of prohibition will be entertained for any withdrawal after the appointed scratching time.

(7) If, in the opinion of the Stewards a greyhound is withdrawn for, an unacceptable reason the owner and or trainer of the greyhound shall be guilty of an offence.

**4. AMEND & ADD R28, 33 & 34 [GA 1/1/2014]**  
**R28**

(1) A registered person must produce the current registration card issued to the person at anytime at the request of a Steward or other racing official.

(2) Any person who fails to comply with the request of a Steward or other racing official pursuant to sub-rule (1) may be guilty of an offence and any greyhound being owned, trained or handled by such person may not be permitted to compete in the event.

(3) A person shall not enter the kennel area at a meeting without the permission of the Stewards.

(4) A person shall not handle a greyhound presented for an Event unless he is an owner, trainer, attendant or a registered person authorised by the Stewards to handle a greyhound for the Event.

(5) The owner, trainer or person in charge of a greyhound shall not permit an unauthorised person to handle a greyhound presented for an Event.

**R33**

(1) A greyhound may not be permitted to compete in an Event unless, at the time of kennelling, the certificate of registration, the greyhound identity card or such other proof of registration to the satisfaction of the Stewards, is produced

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-rule (1) the Stewards, in their absolute discretion, if otherwise satisfied as to the identity of the greyhound, may permit it to start in the event

(3) In the event that a greyhound is not permitted pursuant to sub-rule (1) to compete in an event it shall be prohibited from competing in any event for ten (10) days from the date on which such greyhound was not permitted to compete

(4) Where the certificate of registration or greyhound identification card is not produced the handler or trainer may be guilty of an offence

**R34**

(1) A greyhound shall not be examined for ear branding and/or microchip until after the comparison has been made of the particulars contained in or endorsed on the certificate of registration, greyhound identification card or such other proof of identification to the satisfaction of Stewards at the time of kennelling. An ear brand or microchip shall not be acceptable as the only sufficient indication as to the identity of the greyhound.

**5. AMEND AND ADD GAR57(2) [GA 1/1/2014]**

**R57(2) Postponement or abandonment**

- (a) Where an event is abandoned pursuant to Rule 57(1), if, in the opinion of the Stewards, a greyhound would have qualified to be eligible to participate further in the series had the event not been abandoned, they may order that the greyhound be so qualified and exempt from any ballot conducted for the remaining positions pursuant to Rule 57(2)(b).
- (b) Where an abandoned Event is a leg of a series, and the Stewards have made no or only a partial ruling pursuant to Rule 57(2)(a), the Stewards shall, on the same day or such other time as the Controlling Body or Stewards deem appropriate, conduct a public random ballot from all remaining greyhounds which competed, or at the time were to compete, in the abandoned Event, to determine the greyhound/s which shall be eligible to participate further in the series.
- (c) Where times are a factor in determining which greyhounds shall be eligible to participate further in the series, the greyhound/s drawn in accordance with sub rule (b) shall be deemed to be the slowest time of the required placing to further participate in the series. When there is more than one abandoned Event and a differentiation is required between two (or more) greyhounds drawn in accordance with sub rule (b), then a further ballot shall be conducted to differentiate between them.

**6. AMEND GAR62(1) [GA 1/1/2014]**

**R62(1) All Clear**

(1) When the finishing positions in an Event have been decided by the judge, the first **four (4)** greyhounds and any others as directed by the Stewards shall be identified prior to the Stewards causing the "All Clear" to be announced.

**7. AMEND AND ADD GAR69-72 INCLUSIVE [GA 1/1/2014]**

**R69-72 inclusive**

**R69 Marring**

- (1) Where, in the opinion of the Stewards, a greyhound is found to have marred another greyhound during an Event, the Stewards shall impose a period of suspension in respect of the greyhound pursuant to sub-rule (2), and the specifics shall be recorded in the relevant Controlling Body Register, or where applicable, the Certificate of Registration or Weight Card of the greyhound.
- (2) The period of suspension imposed pursuant to sub-rule (1) shall be-
  - (a) in the case of a first offence, at the track where the offence occurred, 28 days and until the completion of a satisfactory trial; or
  - (b) subject to R70, in the case of a second offence, at all tracks, 3 months, and until the completion of a satisfactory trial; or
  - (c) in the case of a third or subsequent offence, at all tracks, 12 months and until the completion of a satisfactory trial.

**R69A Failing to pursue**

- (1) Unless Rule 69B otherwise applies, where, in the opinion of the Stewards, a greyhound fails to pursue the lure with due commitment during an Event, the Stewards shall impose a period of suspension in respect of the greyhound pursuant to sub-rule (2), and the specifics shall be recorded in the relevant Controlling Body Register, or where applicable, the Certificate of Registration or Weight Card of the greyhound.
- (2) The period of suspension imposed pursuant to sub-rule (1) shall be-
  - (a) in the case of a first offence, at the track where the offence occurred, 28 days and until the completion of a satisfactory trial; or
  - (b) subject to R70, in the case of a second offence, at all tracks, 3 months, and until the completion of a satisfactory trial; or
  - (c) in the case of a third or subsequent offence, at all tracks, 12 months and until the completion of a satisfactory trial.

**R69B Failing to pursue by reason of injury - first time only**

- (1) Where, in the opinion of the Stewards, a greyhound fails to pursue the lure with due commitment for the first time only then it shall be examined by the officiating veterinary surgeon or authorised person at the meeting and
  - (a) if found to be injured, it shall be suspended until the completion of a satisfactory trial, and the specifics shall be recorded in the relevant Controlling Body Register, or where applicable, the Certificate of Registration or Weight Card of the greyhound.
  - (b) if found not to be injured, then the provisions of R69A shall apply.
- (2) Where a greyhound is found to be suffering from an injury pursuant to this rule, a certificate shall be produced to the Stewards by the veterinary surgeon or authorised person detailing the injury.

**R70 Cancellation of marring or failing to pursue endorsement or recording**

- (1) Where the Controlling Body Register, Certificate of Registration or Weight Card of a greyhound contains one endorsement for having offended pursuant to Rule 69 for marring another greyhound or Rule 69A or 69B for failing to pursue the lure with due commitment, and that greyhound competes in not less than ten (10) Events, excluding a course, without again having the Controlling Body Register, its Certificate of Registration or Weight Card, or endorsed for a similar offence, the

Controlling Body may, upon application by the owner or trainer, cancel the endorsement. Only 1 application may be made pursuant to this Rule in respect of any greyhound.

- (2) Where the Controlling Body cancels an endorsement, that one cancelled endorsement shall not be treated as a prior offence for the purpose of determining the length of the period of suspension to be imposed on a subsequent offence or application of Rule 69B.

#### **R71 Unsatisfactory performance**

Where a greyhound fails to perform to the satisfaction of the Stewards, or has been determined, by the officiating veterinary surgeon or other authorised person, to have cramped during the running of an Event, the Stewards may:

- (1) order that it complete a satisfactory trial before being eligible to compete further or be nominated for any Event; and/or
- (2) order that it be subject to the production of a veterinary certificate certifying that it is not suffering from an injury or condition before being eligible to compete further in or be nominated for any Event.

#### **R71 (A) Unsatisfactory behaviour**

Where, in the opinion of the Stewards, a greyhound demonstrates unreasonable aggression towards other greyhounds or officials from the time the greyhound arrives at a racecourse for an Event or trial until the time the greyhound leaves the racecourse,

- (1) The Stewards may direct any or all of the following:
  - a) that the greyhound shall wear and compete in specified gear approved by the Stewards pursuant to R35 and/or;
  - b) that an approved person must act as a catcher and be stationed in such area as the Stewards determine and/or;
  - c) that where a greyhound is unable to be safely identified by an official or be examined to the satisfaction of the veterinary surgeon, such greyhound shall be withdrawn from the Event and/or;
  - d) that the greyhound completes a conditional satisfactory trial prior to competing in an Event.
- (2) In addition to the provisions of sub-rule (1) the Stewards may direct that no nominations be accepted for any Greyhound subject to any provisions of this rule pending the completion of any direction or further action by the Controlling Body.

#### **R72 Satisfactory trials**

- (1) Where it is ordered that a greyhound is to undergo a satisfactory trial-
  - (a) the trial shall not take place on the day of occurrence and shall not be a qualifying trial or Event.
  - (b) the trainer of the greyhound shall make application to a club that the satisfactory trial be conducted and the club shall make the necessary arrangements and advise the trainer accordingly;
  - (c) the trial shall be conducted with a field of greyhounds as determined by the Controlling Body over a similar distance or distance approved by the Stewards.
- (2) Other than for cramping, for clearance at all venues the trial must be performed at the venue where the order was given.
- (3) For clearance at all venues except the track where the order was given the trial may be performed at any venue;
- (4) The provisions of sub-rule (2) shall not apply to Rules 36, 40, 71(A), 74(2), 74(3) and 76.

#### **8. AMEND GAR74(2) [GA 1/1/2014]**

##### **R74 Greyhound suffering central or peripheral nervous system or vision condition**

- (2) Where a greyhound is prohibited from competing in an Event pursuant to sub-rule (1), the owner or trainer may apply to the Stewards for a further examination of the greyhound by a veterinary surgeon. Before such examination, the greyhound shall be required to complete a satisfactory trial. Upon completion of a satisfactory trial, the greyhound shall be examined by a veterinary surgeon approved by the Stewards. If the veterinary surgeon's examination indicates that the greyhound is in good health, he shall issue a certificate to that effect and the prohibition pursuant to **Rule 74(1)** shall cease to have effect immediately.

#### **9. AMEND GAR79A [GA 1/1/2014]**

##### **R79A Out of Competition Testing**

- (2) The following substances are deemed to be Permanently Banned Prohibited Substances and shall include a metabolite, isomer or artefact of any of the substances specified within.

- i. Erythropoiesis-stimulating agents, including but not limited to erythropoietin (EPO), epoetin alfa, epoetin beta, epoetin delta, epoetin omega, novel erythropoiesis stimulating protein (NESP; darbepoietin alfa), and methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta (Mircera) and other continuous erythropoietin receptor activators.
  - ii. Gonadotropins, including luteinising hormone (LH), follicle stimulating hormone (FSH), human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG) and equine chorionic gonadotropin (eCG; pregnant mare serum gonadotropin; PMSG).
  - iii. Gonadotropin releasing hormone (GnRH; gonadorelin).
  - iv. Corticotropins, including adrenocorticotrophic hormone (ACTH) and tetracosactrin (tetracosactide).
  - v. Substances listed in Schedule 8 and Schedule 9 of the *Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons* contained in the Australian *Poisons Standard*, as amended from time to time.
  - vi. Diacetylmorphine (heroin), benzoylmethylecgonine (cocaine), cannabinoids and lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD), gamma-hydroxybutyric acid (GHB) and its salts and amphetamines including amphetamine, methylamphetamine and methylenedioxy-methamphetamine (MDMA).
  - vii. Insulins and insulin-like growth factor-1.
  - viii. Growth hormones.
  - ix. Selective receptor modulators including but not limited to selective androgen receptor modulators (SARMS), selective estrogen receptor modulators (SERMS), selective opiate receptor modulators (SORMS) and selective glucocorticoid receptor agonists.
  - x. Peroxisome proliferator activated receptor  $\delta$  (PPAR $\delta$ ) agonists, including but not limited to GW 1516.
  - xi. AMPK activators, including but not limited to AICAR (5-amino-1- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosyl-imidazole-4-carboxamide).
  - xii. Other agents that directly or indirectly affect or manipulate gene expression.
  - xiii. Hypoxia inducible factor (HIF)-1 stabilisers, including but not limited to ITPP (myo-inositol trispyrophosphate).
  - xiv. Agents modifying myostatin function, including but not limited to myostatin inhibitors.
  - xv. Oxygen carriers including but not limited to perfluorochemicals, efaproxiral and modified haemoglobin products.
  - xvi. Thymosin beta.
  - xvii. Venoms of any species or derivatives thereof.
  - xviii. Synthetic proteins and peptides and synthetic analogues of endogenous proteins and peptides not registered for medical or veterinary use in Australia or New Zealand.
  - xix. Any substance capable of disguising or making undetectable the administration or presence of any Permanently Banned Prohibited Substance.
- (3) Where upon analysis a sample taken in accordance with this rule is found to contain a Permanently Banned Prohibited Substance or such sample is unable to be taken due to the actions or inactions of the person responsible for the greyhound, then;
- (a) the greyhound shall be withdrawn from any Event in which it has been nominated to compete;
  - (b) without limiting the application of Rule 92(5), the greyhound shall be ineligible to be nominated for any further Event until a sample is taken that does not breach this rule.
- (4) When a sample taken from a greyhound being trained by a licensed trainer or in the care of a registered person has been found to contain a Permanently Banned Prohibited Substance specified in sub-rule (2),
- i. the trainer and any other person who was in charge of such greyhound at the relevant time shall be guilty of an offence.
  - ii. the greyhound shall be disqualified from any Event or any benefit derived from a trial or test for which it was nominated at the time the sample was taken. (added – 01.01.11)
  - iii. the greyhound may be disqualified from any Event in which it has competed subsequent to the taking of such sample where, in the opinion of the Stewards, the Permanently Banned Prohibited Substance was likely to have had any direct and/or indirect effect on the greyhound at the time of the Event.
- (5) The Controlling Body may determine at any time any addition to this list of Permanently Banned Prohibited Substances in sub-rule (2) and communicate such additions to registered persons in a suitable manner.

- (6) The substances buprenorphine, butorphanol, fentanyl, hydromorphone, ketamine, methadone, morphine, oxymorphone, pethidine, and their metabolites, artifacts and isomers, are excepted from the provisions of Rule 79A(2)(v) when administered in accordance with the relevant state and commonwealth legislation by a Veterinary Surgeon for pain relief, sedation or anaesthesia but would be specified as a prohibited substance for the purposes of Rule 1.
- (7) If any substance or preparation that could give rise to an offence under this rule if administered to a greyhound at any time is found at any time at any premises used in relation to the training or racing of greyhounds then any registered person who owns, trains or races or is in charge of greyhounds at those premises is deemed to have the substance or preparation in their possession and such person shall be guilty of an offence and liable to penalty.

**10. ADD GAR83(7) [GA 1/1/2014]**  
**R83 Greyhound to be free of prohibited substances**

(7) Ethanol as evidenced by the presence of ethyl glucuronide and ethyl sulphate at or below a concentration of 20 micrograms per millilitre in a sample of urine taken from a greyhound will not breach the provisions of sub rule (2) of this rule.

**11. AMEND GAR84 [GA 1/1/2014]**  
**R84 Possession of prohibited substance**

(2) A registered person who has in their possession at any place used in relation to the training or racing of a greyhound, any quantity of a prohibited substance commits an offence unless that substance has been registered or labelled, or prescribed, dispensed or obtained, in compliance with the relevant State or Commonwealth legislation. The Stewards may take possession of any of these substances or preparations to test and or destroy.

**12. ADD GAR84A [GA 1/1/2014]**  
**R84A Treatment records to be kept**

- (1) The person in charge of a greyhound must keep and retain records detailing all vaccinations, antiparasitics and medical treatments administered to a greyhound from the time the greyhound enters their care until the greyhound leaves their care and for a minimum of two (2) years. Such record of treatment must be produced for inspection when requested by a Steward or a person authorised by the Controlling Body. Any person responsible for a greyhound at the relevant time who fails to comply with any provision of this rule shall be guilty of an offence.
- (2) Each record of treatment kept in accordance with this rule must, as a minimum requirement, include the following information:
- Name of the greyhound;
  - Date of administration of the treatment;
  - Name of the treatment (brand name or active constituent);
  - Route of administration;
  - Amount given;
  - Name and signature of person or persons administering and/or authorising treatment.
- (3) For the purposes of this rule “treatment” includes:
- All Controlled Drugs (Schedule 8) administered by a veterinarian;
  - All Prescription Animal Remedies and Prescription Only Medicines (Schedule 4);
  - All injectable veterinary medicines not already specified in this rule;
  - All Pharmacist Only (Schedule 3) and Pharmacy Only (Schedule 2) medicines;
  - All veterinary and other medicines containing other scheduled and unscheduled prohibited substances.
- (4)
- It shall be an offence for any person to administer or allow to be administered to any greyhound, any Permanently Banned Prohibited Substance referred to in Rule 79A.
  - It shall be an offence for any person other than a Veterinary Surgeon to possess, prescribe, administer or allow to be administered to any greyhound, any Schedule 4 or Schedule 8 substance listed in the *Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons* contained in the *Australian Poisons Standard*, as amended from time to time.
  - Sub rule (4)(b) shall not apply where a prescription for the substance was issued by a Veterinary Surgeon who prescribed the substance for the greyhound after personally examining that greyhound.

**13. AMEND GAR86(e) [GA 1/1/2014]**  
**R86(e) Offences**

(e) refuses or fails to attend or to give evidence at an inquiry, or produce a document or other thing in relation to an investigation, examination, test or inquiry pursuant to these Rules when directed by the Controlling Body, Stewards or the committee of a club to do so;

**14. AMEND GAR106(3) [GA 1/1/2014]**

**R106(3) Proper care (welfare) of greyhounds**

(3) At any time after the registration of a litter, the last registered owner or person responsible for the greyhound at the relevant time, shall, notify the Controlling Body by lodging the prescribed form,

(a) within ten working days, if that greyhound has transferred ownership, been retired as a pet or a breeding greyhound, been transferred to an adoption program, exported, surrendered to another agency,

(b) within two working days if that greyhound has been humanely euthanised by a veterinary surgeon or deceased.

**15. AMEND GAR135(2) [GA 1/1/2014]**

**R135 Import and export regulations**

(2) (a) Subject to Rule 127 (3) (b) a greyhound registered for artificial insemination purposes by a member country of the International Alliance of Greyhound Registries shall be deemed to be registered in Australia and New Zealand concerning any matter relating to insemination with imported semen.