



Tasmanian Greyhound Local Rules of Racing
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TASMANIAN GREYHOUND LOCAL RULES OF RACING

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PREFACE

The *Racing (Tasracing Pty Ltd) Act 2009* provides for the establishment of Tasracing.

Tasracing, amongst other things, is responsible for the making of the rules of greyhound racing. These Rules are made pursuant to section 11(1)(k) of the *Racing Regulation Act 2004*.

These Rules may be altered from time to time by Tasracing.

These rules may be referred to as the Tasmanian Greyhound Local Rules of Racing (LR(Tas)) pursuant to Greyhounds Australasia Rules.

PART 1: PRELIMINARY

1 Operation

- 1.1 These Rules are cited as the Tasmanian Greyhound Local Rules of Racing (LR (Tas)).
- 1.2 These Rules are made under the *Racing Regulation Act 2004* and shall come into operation on 1 January 2009.
- 1.3 On the coming into operation of these Rules, the Rules of the Greyhound Racing Regulatory Panel in operation immediately prior thereto shall be revoked, but this revocation shall not, unless the contrary intention expressly appears:
- (a) revive anything not in force or existing at the time at which the revocation becomes operative;
 - (b) affect the previous operation of those Rules or anything duly done under those Rules;
 - (c) affect any penalty, suspension, disqualification, warning off, punishment or declaration of default incurred in respect of any matter under those Rules;
 - (d) affect any inquiry, legal proceeding or remedy in respect of any registered person or club, right, privilege, obligation, liability, penalty, suspension, disqualification, warning off, punishment or declaration of default under those Rules;
 - (e) affect any such inquiry, legal proceeding or remedy may be instituted, continued or enforced, and any such penalty, suspension, disqualification, warning off, punishment or declaration of default may be imposed as if those prior rules had not been revoked.
- 1.4 Any person breaching any of the rules herein shall be guilty of an offence and are liable to incur a penalty under GAR 95.
- 1.5 Where any amendment is made to these Rules, notice in the Tasmanian greyhound racing Formguide or such other publication as determined by Tasracing shall be deemed complete notice for the purposes of notifying all registered persons or clubs of any amendments.

2 Definitions

- 2.1 Definitions in the *Racing Regulation Act 2004* have the same meaning in these Rules unless the context or subject matter otherwise indicates or requires.
- 2.2 In these Rules, unless the context or subject matter otherwise indicates or requires:

“**Act**” means the *Racing Regulation Act 2004*;

“**Appeal**” means an appeal instituted under section 29 of the *Act*;

“Approved Controlling Authority” means, according to the context –

- (a) Tasracing where it relates to the functions and powers vested in that body pursuant to Section 11 of the *Act*; or
- (b) Director of Racing where it relates to the functions and powers pursuant to section 6 and 7 of the *Act*;

“Authorised Officer” means a Steward or person appointed pursuant to section 51 of the *Act*;

“Breeder” means a registered owner or authorised person who is engaged in the breeding of greyhounds as at the date of whelping and for racing purposes;

“Catcher” means a registered person who catches a greyhound at a meeting or qualifying trial;

“Confederacy” means a partnership of two (2) but no more than four (4) persons registered as owners;

“Director” means the person appointed to the position of Director of Racing pursuant to Section 5 of the *Act*;

“Disqualification” means disqualified under these Rules or those regulating greyhound racing in any State or Territory of the Commonwealth of Australia or New Zealand;

“GAR” means the Greyhounds Australasia Rules approved from time to time by Greyhounds Australasia Limited;

“Grader” means a person appointed to that position by the Secretary of the Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources;

“Grading Schedule” means that schedule approved by the Director;

“Greyhound Trial Track” means a racecourse or a facility registered by the Director utilised for the purpose of education and/or training greyhounds;

“LR (Tas)” means the Tasmanian Greyhound Local Rules of Racing adopted from time to time by Tasracing;

“Nomination” means the submission of an entry in respect of a greyhound for a meeting or an Event in accordance with the current applicable method and providing the information required by the Director.

“Offence” means an offence under or breach of these Rules;

“Penalty Unit” means the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars (\$120.00) per unit and when multiplied by the number of Penalty Units specified in a Rule in relation to an Offence, the product equals the monetary amount of Penalty for the Offence;

“Person” means a person who has been granted registration and/or licence by an Approved Controlling Authority;

“Prohibited Substance” means any substance which is outlined in the definition of prohibited substances in the Greyhound Australasia Rules;

“RST” means Racing Services Tasmania, the division of the Department of Infrastructure Energy and Resources responsible for the integrity control of greyhound racing in Tasmania;

“Series” means an event comprising qualifying trials and/or heats and/or semi-finals and a final;

“Special Event” means a feature race or series as determined and published by Tasracing;

“Syndicate” means a group of members of more than two (2) but no more than twenty (20) registered persons;

“Syndicate Manager” means an owner who is a member of a syndicate and appointed by such syndicate to act for and on behalf of all members of the syndicate;

“Syndicate Member” means a registered person who is a member of a syndicate;

“Tasracing” means the body established under the *Racing (Tasracing Pty Ltd) Act 2009*;

“TRAB” means the Tasmanian Racing Appeal Board established under the *Racing Act 1983* and continued under section 23 of the *Act*;

“Training” means a greyhound will be deemed to be in training when the greyhound’s kennel notice has been processed to the satisfaction of RST;

3 Application of Greyhounds Australasia Rules

3.1 The GAR as adopted by Tasracing shall apply and form part of these Rules.

3.2 If the GAR are amended in any way from time to time, such amendment must be adopted by a resolution of Tasracing before it is deemed to apply.

4 Application of the *Racing Regulation Act 2004*

4.1 The provisions of the *Act* and the regulations shall form part of these Rules.

4.2 In the event of a conflict between the LR (Tas) and the *Act* then the latter shall prevail to the extent of the conflict.

5 Conflict between Rules

- 5.1 In the event of a conflict between any provisions of the LR (Tas) and the GAR, the provisions of the LR (Tas) shall prevail.

6 Determination of Rules

- 6.1 If any matter, issue, question, contingency or circumstance arises which is not or is alleged not to be provided for in these Rules, such matter, issue, question, contingency or circumstance shall be decided by the Director, having regard to the recommendations of Tasracing.

7 Tasmanian Racing Appeals Board

- 7.1 The *Act* constitutes the TRAB.
- 7.2 A person aggrieved by a penalty under these Rules may appeal to the TRAB, subject to the matter being within the jurisdiction of the TRAB.
- 7.3 The lodging of an appeal must be in accordance with the requirements of the *Act*.

PART 2: REGISTRATION

8 Recognition of Interstate Approved Controlling Authority

- 8.1 Tasracing and RST shall recognise as an Approved Controlling Authority any authority or body that falls within this phrase as defined in the GAR.
- 8.2 Any person registered with an Approved Controlling Authority shall, while the person remains a resident outside Tasmania, be deemed to be registered by the Director for the enforcement of these Rules.
- 8.3 A greyhound which is registered with an Approved Controlling Authority and which is nominated for and/or participates in any Event in Tasmania shall be subject to any decision or penalty provided for in these Rules.
- 8.4 In these Rules any reference to a first or subsequent offence shall be deemed to include a reference to a first or subsequent offence of a like nature and includes any offence occurring at any place outside Tasmania where an Approved Controlling Authority has jurisdiction and which would, if committed in Tasmania, constitute an offence under these Rules.

9 Registered Persons

- 9.1 Persons who wish to be owners, trainers, attendants, catchers or syndicate members must be registered by the Director and must make application in such manner, pay such fee and comply with such conditions as may be prescribed from time to time by the Director.

- 9.2 The Director may refuse to grant any application for registration made pursuant to LR (Tas) 9.1 and may cancel or suspend any registration.
- 9.3 The Director is at liberty to vary, as he or she sees fit, the conditions applicable to the registered person after the date of registration.
- 9.4 A registered person may at any time apply for cancellation or suspension of his/her registration. Subject to LR (Tas) 9.5, such person's registration shall be deemed to be cancelled or suspended (as the case may be) upon the Director so resolving.
- 9.5 If a registered person gives his/her registration certificate to a Steward, employee of RST or the Director with an indication that the registered person wishes the registration to be cancelled or suspended, then the registration of that person shall be deemed to be cancelled or suspended (as the case may be) from the time that the registration certificate is given to the Steward, employee of RST or the Director.
- 9.6 (a) The Director shall cancel a person's registration if that person is convicted of a crime or offence in any State or Territory of Australia or in any country and sentenced to a period of imprisonment.
(b) The registration of that person shall be deemed to be cancelled from the date of imprisonment.
- 9.7 The Director may cancel any person's registration if that person resides with a Disqualified, Defaulter or Warned off person of any racing code in any State or Territory of Australia.
- 9.8 Where a person's registration is cancelled or suspended pursuant to this Rule, the Director shall notify the person in writing of such cancellation or suspension.

10 Conditions on the Granting of Registrations

- 10.1 A person may apply for registration or renewal of registration for such periods as the Director prescribes from time to time.
- 10.2 Unless the Director otherwise determines, registration shall automatically be cancelled if the registered person dies, or resides outside the State of Tasmania for a period of ninety (90) days continuously.
- 10.3 Every registered person must produce his or her certificate of registration on demand made by a Steward or a person authorised in writing by the Director.
- 10.4 (a) A registered person shall notify RST in writing of any change of address within three (3) days of such change.
(b) Pursuant to GAR 105(1) a trainer shall obtain approval from the Controlling Body prior to changing their kennel address if the kennels are not located at their residence.
(c) Without limitation, a trainer shall notify RST immediately upon changing their kennel address.

10.5 It shall be a condition on the granting of any application for registration that the applicant agrees to be bound by these Rules.

10.6 Should a registered person be disqualified, suspended, warned off or declared a defaulter such person shall be required to surrender their registration or licence to an authorised officer.

11 Owners, Trainers, Attendants and Catchers

11.1 No person shall be granted registration as an owner or owner/attendant unless the person:

- (a) has attained the age of eighteen (18) years;
- (b) has attained accreditation and/or done such other things as prescribed by Tasracing from time to time.

11.2 A person holding registration as an owner or owner/attendant shall not be entitled to train any greyhound, including greyhounds registered in their ownership.

11.3 **“Training”** means a greyhound will be deemed to be in training when the greyhound’s kennel notice has been processed to the satisfaction of RST.

11.4 No person shall be granted registration as a trainer unless the person:

- (a) has attained the age of eighteen (18) years;
- (b) has attained accreditation and/or done such other things as prescribed by Tasracing from time to time.

11.5 A person holding registration as a trainer shall not be required to hold registration as an owner in respect of any greyhounds which he or she owns or part owns.

11.6 A person holding registration as an owner/trainer shall only be permitted to train greyhounds which are owned or part-owned by themselves or by the person’s spouse, other domestic partner, parent, sibling or child.

11.7 A person holding registration as a trainer shall be entitled to train greyhounds owned by any registered person unless the Director otherwise determines.

11.8 No person shall be granted registration as an attendant unless the person:

- (a) has attained the age of sixteen (16) years and if the applicant is under the age of eighteen (18) years, the application must be accompanied by a written consent signed by the applicant's parent or guardian who is over the age of eighteen (18) years.
- (b) has attained accreditation and/or done such others things as prescribed by Tasracing from time to time.

11.9 No person shall be granted registration as a catcher unless the person:

- (a) has attained the age of fourteen (14) years and if the applicant is under the age of eighteen (18) years, the application for registration must be accompanied by a written consent signed by the applicant's parent or guardian who is over the age of eighteen (18) years.

- (b) has attained accreditation and/or done such other things as prescribed by Tasracing from time to time.
- 11.10 All catchers must be a registered person to catch a greyhound on race day or at qualifying trials.
- 11.11 Any owner, trainer, attendant, catcher or other person who without reasonable excuse is found on the premises of a club outside of:
 - (a) the normal hours approved by a club for the conduct of a meeting, qualifying trials or other trials; or
 - (b) such other official times as are approved by a club;shall be guilty of an offence.

12 Confederacy and Syndicates

- 12.1 Where a greyhound is owned by more than two (2) persons but not more than twenty (20) persons the registration of such persons as owners may be in the name of a syndicate. A greyhound shall not be owned by more than twenty (20) persons.
- 12.2 Where a greyhound is owned by two (2) but not more than four (4) persons the greyhound may be in the name of a confederacy or a syndicate.
- 12.3 Where a greyhound is owned by a confederacy the first name listed on the application and registration shall act as the authorised representative for and on behalf of the confederacy.
- 12.4 Application for registration as a syndicate or confederacy shall be made in such a manner, and such fees paid, as may be prescribed from time to time by the Director.
- 12.5 Registrations as a syndicate or confederacy will be effective for such period as is prescribed by the Director from time to time. Each syndicate must comply with any requirements relating to renewal of registrations as specified by the Director from time to time.
- 12.6 The Director does not accept any liability or responsibility whatsoever for disputes arising between members of a syndicate or confederacy.
- 12.7 The Director may refuse to grant any application for registration or renewal of registration of a syndicate and may cancel or suspend any registration at any time, and for any reason.
- 12.8 Each syndicate member or confederacy member is required to be a person registered by the Director in accordance with these Rules.
- 12.9 Each syndicate must immediately notify RST in the form and manner prescribed by RST from time to time of:
 - (a) any change in the composition of the membership of the syndicate;
 - (b) any change in the syndicate manager appointed by the syndicate for the purposes of these Rules; and
 - (c) termination or other dissolution of the syndicate.

- 12.10 Each syndicate must nominate a syndicate manager who is entitled to and shall:
- (a) exercise on behalf of the syndicate any powers which the syndicate as owner of a greyhound may exercise, including without limitation the sole power to withdraw a greyhound from an Event;
 - (b) receive any prize money payable to the owner in respect of any greyhound raced by the syndicate;
 - (c) be empowered to sign and execute documents on behalf of the syndicate, including without limitation documents relating to change of ownership or naming of the greyhound;
 - (d) receive any document or notice required to be served under the Rules on any member of the syndicate;
 - (e) be deemed to be authorised to act for or on behalf of all syndicate members unless otherwise provided in the Rules;
 - (f) otherwise act on behalf of the syndicate in all matters.
- 12.11 The receipt by the syndicate manager of any prize money payable to the owner shall be deemed to be complete satisfaction of the liability for payment or delivery of same.
- 12.12 The syndicate manager must hold an owners registration and shall be nominated in writing and notified to RST at the time when the syndicate applies for registration.
- 12.13 Each syndicate must nominate a person to act as the second syndicate manager who must hold an owners registration and shall be empowered to act as the syndicate manager in the event that the syndicate manager is unable to exercise any of their powers through absence, illness or other such circumstances.
- (a) The second syndicate manager shall be nominated in writing and notified to RST at the time when the syndicate applies for registration.
 - (b) RST is authorised to deal with the second syndicate manager if RST is unable to contact the syndicate manager after making reasonable efforts to do so.
- 12.14 The Director may, if he/she deems it necessary, interview or appoint a representative to interview the person nominated pursuant to LR (Tas) 12.10 or LR (Tas) 12.13 to be the syndicate manager or the second syndicate manager respectively prior to granting or refusing registration to a syndicate.
- 12.15 Except as otherwise determined by RST, the syndicate manager or the second syndicate manager respectively shall be deemed to be authorised to act for and on behalf of all current members of the syndicate for the purposes of these Rules but all members of the syndicate are liable for due observance of these Rules.
- 12.16 Any document or notice required to be served under these Rules on a member of a syndicate shall be deemed to be served on such member if it is served on the syndicate manager or the second syndicate manager respectively.

- 12.17 No greyhound owned by any syndicate shall be nominated for or be allowed to compete in any Event if any member of the syndicate is undergoing a period of disqualification, suspension, warning off or is declared to be a defaulter.

13 Studmasters and Breeders

- 13.1 Every Studmaster and Breeder must be registered by the Director as a licensed owner or trainer.

14 Bookmakers

- 14.1 A person shall not act, nor shall a club permit a person to act, as a Bookmaker or Bookmaker's Agent at any meeting unless the person is registered pursuant to the provisions of the *Act*.
- 14.2 Bookmakers and their Agents shall be subject to and bound by the provisions of the *Act*.

15 Training Requirements

- 15.1 A greyhound having its first start in an event shall be prohibited from competing in such an event within seven (7) days of the greyhound's kennel notice being processed to the satisfaction of RST.
- 15.2 A greyhound having a transfer of trainer and kennels shall be prohibited from competing in an event within seven (7) days of the kennel notice relating to the transfer being processed to the satisfaction of RST.
- 15.3 The periods of prohibition referred to in LR (Tas) 15.1 and LR (Tas) 15.2 hereof shall commence at 12.01AM on the calendar day that the relevant kennel notice is processed to the satisfaction of RST.
- 15.4 Where special circumstances exist, the Director may reduce the periods of prohibition referred to in LR (Tas) 15.1 and LR (Tas) 15.2 hereof.
- 15.5 Except as provided by LR (Tas) 15.6 hereof, the trainer of a greyhound shall be physically present at all training and/or trialling sessions undertaken with the greyhound.
- 15.6 If the trainer of a greyhound cannot be physically present at any training and/or trialling session undertaken with the greyhound, then the trainer may authorise another registered person to be present at that training and/or trialling session and to be responsible for the greyhound.
- 15.7 The registered person to whom authority has been given pursuant to LR (Tas) 15.6 must:
- (a) carry during the training and/or trialling session a letter of authority signed by the trainer, and must produce the letter of authority to the Stewards upon request; or

- (b) be named on the trainers authority listing and approved by the Chairman of Stewards.
- 15.8 A letter of authority referred to in LR (Tas) 15.7(a), must state the following;
- (a) the name of the trainer giving the authority;
 - (b) the name of the registered person to whom the authority is given;
 - (c) the registered name and ear brands of the greyhound the subject of the authority;
 - (d) the date of the training and/trialling session covered by the authority;
 - (e) the name of the racecourse or greyhound trial track at which the training and/or trialling session is held.
- 15.9 The use of any tanned and professionally processed sheep skin used as a lure or attached to a lure arm is permitted and shall not be deemed to create an offence under GAR86B or GAR86C, however the use of any other animal skin for any purpose, whether it be at any registered track or private residence, is deemed an offence under GAR86B or GAR86C.

PART 3: OPERATION OF GREYHOUND TRIAL TRACKS

16 Greyhound Trial Tracks and Managers

- 16.1 Application for registration of a Greyhound Trial Track shall be made in such manner, such fee shall be paid and such conditions complied with as may be prescribed from time to time by the Director.
- 16.2 Every application for registration of a Greyhound Trial Track shall specify one (1) natural person as its manager, who may be the proprietor of the Greyhound Trial Track.
- 16.3 When the proprietor of a Greyhound Trial Track desires to appoint one (1) or more assistant managers of the Greyhound Trial Track, notification shall be given to RST in writing.
- 16.4 No person shall take part in the management of a Greyhound Trial Track unless the person is registered by the Director as the manager or as an assistant manager of that Greyhound Trial Track.
- 16.5 A person who desires to register as a manager or an assistant manager shall make application in such manner and pay such fee as may be prescribed from time to time by the Director.
- 16.6 The Director may refuse to grant any application for registration made pursuant to this Rule and may cancel or suspend any registration.
- 16.7 The following conditions shall attach to the granting of registration in respect of any Greyhound Trial Track:
- (a) the Greyhound Trial Track shall be operated so as to comply with all applicable laws;
 - (b) unless otherwise approved by the Director, the Greyhound Trial Track shall not be used or open for use outside of daylight hours;

- (c) the perimeter of the Greyhound Trial Track must be fenced in such a manner so as to prevent the escape of any greyhound or unauthorised use; and
 - (d) no nuisance or other condition liable to be dangerous to health or offensive shall be caused or permitted to suffer or to exist on a Greyhound Trial Track.
- 16.8 The Director may in granting any application for registration of a Greyhound Trial Track impose such additional conditions as it deems fit and may at any time afterwards by notice in writing served on the proprietor and/or manager revoke or vary such conditions or impose any further conditions.
- 16.9 The manager shall ensure at all times during the currency of registration of a Greyhound Trial Track that a copy of the registration certificate of that Greyhound Trial Track is displayed so as to be clearly visible to all persons entering the land.
- 16.10 RST shall keep a register in which shall be recorded the names and addresses of all Greyhound Trial Tracks and their respective managers and assistant managers.

17 Conditions of Operation – Greyhound Trial Tracks

- 17.1 Any person who takes a greyhound to or permits any greyhound to be on a Greyhound Trial Track that is not registered by the Director in order that such greyhound be trialled or trained thereon, shall be guilty of an offence.
- 17.2 The proprietor, manager and assistant manager of a Greyhound Trial Track which is operated otherwise than in accordance with its conditions of registration and these Rules shall be guilty of an offence.
- 17.3 No Greyhound Trial Track shall be used or open for use at the advertised trial times unless its manager or assistant manager is present and engaged in the operation of that Greyhound Trial Track.
- 17.4 For the purpose of LR (Tas) 17.3 any advertised trial times for a registered Greyhound Trial Track must have prior approval by the Director.
- 17.5 A person who:
 - (a) uses in connection with greyhound racing or training any species of bird or animal which is alive, whether as a lure or to excite a greyhound or otherwise, or brings on to any grounds or within the boundaries of any property within which a greyhound trial track or racecourse is situated any such bird or animal which might reasonably be capable of being so used;
 - (b) allows a greyhound for the purpose of training to pursue or attack any live bird or animal; or
 - (c) is convicted in a Court for the use of or having a live bird or animal for any purpose connected with greyhound racing or training;is guilty of an offence.

- 17.6 Where a breach of LR (Tas) 17.5 occurs on any ground under the control or management of the licensee or manager of a greyhound trial track the registration of the track and of any person concerned with the management of that track may be cancelled, either for a specified period or permanently, and any such person may be penalised in accordance with these Rules.
- 17.7 No fee may be charged for the entry of any person or greyhound to a Greyhound Trial Track.
- 17.8 Unless otherwise approved by the Director, the award of any money, prize, trophy or other consideration in respect of any matter occurring on any Greyhound Trial Track is prohibited.
- 17.9 No person shall engage in betting on any matter occurring on any Greyhound Trial Track.
- 17.10 An authorised officer may, subject to the production of proof of identification if demanded, at all reasonable times enter on and inspect a registered Greyhound Trial Track, and may require a registered person to supply such information as may be considered reasonably necessary for the purposes of administering these Rules.

PART 4: CLUBS

18 Clubs – General

- 18.1 A Club shall not conduct any meeting or qualifying trial unless the Director has registered the Club.
- 18.2 The Director may refuse to grant the registration of a Club if it does not comply with the conditions set out in the *Act*.
- 18.3 The Director may at any time suspend a club's registration for such period as he or she thinks fit, or, following an inquiry, cancel the registration of a Club if the Director is of the opinion that such suspension or cancellation is warranted in terms of the conditions set out in the *Act*.

19 Behaviour and Attire at Race Meetings

- 19.1 A club shall ensure that all persons at a meeting are suitably dressed and behave in accordance with a standard commensurate with the ideal of the betterment of greyhound racing as a public entertainment.
- 19.2 The Steward in charge of a meeting may require the club to have removed from the premises of the club any person who is, in that Steward's opinion, not suitably dressed or who is intoxicated or behaving improperly.
- 19.3 (a) No person at a meeting, including an attendant, owner or trainer, may parade a greyhound at the meeting, unless such person is suitably attired as per the dress code determined by Tasracing.

- (b) All catchers must be suitably attired as per the dress code determined by Tasracing.
- (c)
 - (i) The Steward in charge of a meeting may direct that a person is in breach of this Rule (“the infringing person”). If such a direction is given to the infringing person the person must not parade, handle or act as a catcher of a greyhound for the remainder of the meeting unless he or she can change his/her attire so that, in the opinion of the Steward in charge of the meeting, the person is no longer in breach of this Rule.
 - (ii) Any other appropriately registered person present at the meeting may be nominated by a Steward or by the infringing person as a substitute to parade, handle or act as a catcher of the greyhound of the infringing person, provided that the nominated person is authorised, suitably experienced and is attired so as to not be in breach of this Rule.
 - (iii) If such a substitute person cannot be found, or if the infringing person does not consent to a Steward’s nomination for a substitute person, the greyhound of the infringing person must be scratched and the infringing person shall be guilty of an Offence.
- (d) The Steward in charge of a meeting has absolute discretion to determine whether a person is in breach of this Rule.

PART 5: PRIZE MONEY

20 Payment of Prize Money

- 20.1 Any prize money that a greyhound may win shall be paid to the owner in such manner as determined by the Controlling Body unless, by direction from the Stewards any prize money won is to be withheld pending the result of any testing for prohibited substances or any Steward’s Inquiry or investigation.
- 20.2 There shall be no entitlement to any prize money until its payment has been authorised by the Steward in Charge of the meeting or the Chairman of Stewards.
- 20.3 Where a Special Event is abandoned pursuant to GAR 57 the prize money allocated to the Event shall not be distributed until the matter has been determined by the Club and approved by Tasracing.

PART 6: NOMINATIONS

21 Nominations

21.1 **“Nomination”** means the submission of an entry in respect of a greyhound for a meeting or an Event in accordance with the current applicable method and providing the information required by the Director.

21.2 It shall be a condition of the nomination of any greyhound for any race or qualifying trial that the nominator is liable for payment to the relevant club of all fees payable in respect of the nomination and its acceptance.

22 Requirements

22.1 A greyhound shall only be nominated for an Event:
(a) provided that the greyhound is appropriately registered, and cleared for racing by the Stewards; and
(b) by its registered trainer or their authorised agent; and
(c) in such manner as the Director prescribes from time to time.

23 Conditions of Acceptance of Nominations by Racing Services Tasmania

23.1 It shall be a condition of the acceptance by RST of a nomination in respect of a greyhound for any Event that:

- (a) only a person registered by the Director or an Approved Controlling Authority as Trainer of the greyhound or a person so authorised by that Trainer may submit a nomination;
- (b) for a greyhound that is domiciled interstate the person submitting a nomination shall provide in writing from the Approved Controlling Authority in the State or Territory in which the greyhound last raced a clearance stating the greyhound is free from any prohibition.
- (c) at the time of submitting the nomination -
 - (i) all persons associated with the greyhound are required pursuant to these Rules to be the holders of current registration certificates;
 - (ii) all particulars in the nomination are correct;
 - (iii) the greyhound is eligible to be nominated for the Event in accordance with these Rules, and is not suspended, subject to an order to undergo a satisfactory trial, or otherwise ineligible to be nominated;
- (d) the person submitting the nomination agrees to be bound by these Rules, the rules, regulations, by-laws or other constituent documents of the club and the conditions applicable to the Event;
- (e) should the greyhound be selected to start in any Event, then if afterwards in any circumstances whatsoever:
 - (i) the conditions of entry to the Event are changed;
 - (ii) the Event does not take place;
 - (iii) the greyhound is not permitted to compete in the Event for any reason including (without limitation) disqualification, suspension, or being subject to any order pursuant to these Rules to undergo a satisfactory trial; or
 - (iv) the greyhound suffers any injury or illness by reason of any matter occurring while the greyhound is on any ground controlled or administered by the club, Tasracing or RST,

no liability shall lie as against the club, Tasracing, RST, or their respective servants and agents for any loss or damage howsoever sustained; and

- (f) Nominations are required to be submitted in writing under the following circumstances:
 - (i) a greyhound having its first start in an event or series or first start in an event or series in Tasmania, or
 - (ii) a greyhound which last competed in an event or series outside of Tasmania.

23.2 When a greyhound has competed once in an Event or Qualifying Trial in Tasmania, its nomination for any subsequent event or Qualifying Trial may be made verbally or electronically to RST.

23.3 The Grader with permission from the Chairman of Stewards may permit a person submitting a nomination to withdraw that nomination prior to the closure of nominations provided that the nomination is withdrawn in writing, or in a manner approved by the Chairman of Stewards.

23.4 Any greyhound in respect of which a nomination is withdrawn after closure of nominations but prior to box draw for any reason shall be prohibited from competing in any other Events for a period of ten (10) days from the date of the meeting.

23.5 Where special circumstances exist, and after application is made in writing to the Chairman of Stewards the period of prohibition referred to in LR (Tas) 23.4 may be reduced.

24 Grading

24.1 The field in any Event shall comprise a maximum of eight (8) greyhounds, plus up to two (2) reserve greyhounds may be selected.

24.2 All nominations submitted in respect of a meeting shall be considered by the grader, who shall select the greyhounds that shall comprise the field to compete in an Event, plus up to two (2) reserve greyhounds.

24.3 For the purposes of LR (Tas) 24.1, the following matters shall be taken into account in the selection process:

- (a) Subject to the provisions of any policies, the club may, from the nominations received for the meeting and by such time as the Grader allows, determine the types and distances of events to be conducted at the meeting. If in the sole opinion of the club, there is no responsible official or employee available to determine the types and distances of Events by the appropriate time, then the Grader may determine same.
- (b) The club may determine the order in which Events are to be conducted at the meeting and the club may change the order as a result of the box draw.
- (c) Where a club receives insufficient nominations for a meeting the Grader may extend the closing time for receipt of nominations for the meeting.

- (d) The eligibility of a greyhound to compete in an Event shall be determined in accordance with the Rules of Racing and Grading Schedule and the conditions of the Event.
 - (e) A nominee of the club shall be entitled to be present when the Grader selects the fields for the meeting.
- 24.4 Notwithstanding that the nomination of a greyhound for an Event has been accepted, the Grader may select the greyhound for any other Event of the same distance as provided in the Grading Schedule for which the greyhound is eligible to compete at the meeting and the greyhound shall be deemed to have been nominated for the other Event.
- 24.5 The eligibility of a greyhound to compete in an event shall be determined in accordance with the Tasmanian Greyhound Local Rules of Racing, the Greyhounds Australasia Rules, the Grading Schedule and any advertised conditions of the event.
- 24.6 The Grader may leave a greyhound out of a draw if the greyhound is marked for an early race and there is no suitable early race on the program to cater for such greyhound.

PART 7: PARTICIPATION OF GREYHOUNDS IN EVENTS

25 Participation

- 25.1 No greyhound shall be eligible to compete in an Event unless:
 - (a) it is registered with an Approved Controlling Authority;
 - (b) its owner and trainer are registered by an Approved Controlling Authority; and
 - (c) the greyhound has been nominated or is deemed to have been nominated for the Event in accordance with these Rules.
- 25.2 A greyhound shall not be eligible to compete in more than one (1) Event on any one (1) day.
- 25.3 Any greyhound which is owned by any person who has died shall be eligible to compete in an Event for which the box draw has been finalised.
- 25.4 Where a greyhound is sold, leased or the ownership transferred after the box draw for an Event or qualifying trial has been completed, such greyhound shall be sold, leased or transferred with its engagements.
- 25.5 An owner or trainer wishing to withdraw a greyhound after the box draw has been completed, for reasons other than injury, illness or seasonal condition shall make application in writing to the Chairman of Stewards who, in his or her sole discretion, shall determine whether the reason is a valid reason for the withdrawal and, if so determined, waive any penalty or period of prohibition that may otherwise be imposed for the withdrawal.
- 25.6 Any greyhound withdrawn by the Stewards after the official close of scratching time shall be required to be examined by a veterinary surgeon and

a certificate confirming the greyhounds condition be forwarded to RST within forty-eight (48) hours of the scratching.

- 25.7 The Stewards conducting a meeting or qualifying trial may withdraw any greyhound from an Event and may impose a period of prohibition for a period not exceeding ten (10) days commencing on and including the date of the Event.

26 Reserves

- 26.1 The “particular Event” referred to in GAR 22(11) shall apply to a Final or a Consolation only.

27 Qualifying Trials

- 27.1 In non-betting Qualifying Trials any greyhound that cannot be catered for in the allotted number of trials shall be placed on a reserve listing for the trials in an order determined by the order of choice and shall be subjected to the same conditions and penalties which attach to other greyhounds in the draw.

- 27.2 In non-betting Qualifying Trials, at the appointed scratching time, the reserves shall fill any boxes vacant due to withdrawals from the first greyhound on the list down until all greyhounds have been allocated boxes or there are no more vacant boxes to be filled.

- 27.3 In non-betting qualifying trials if a reserve greyhound becomes eligible to compete in a heat, it shall wear the number and rug and start from the box which was drawn for the greyhound which it replaced in the Event.

28 Juvenile and Maiden

- 28.1 A greyhound is a juvenile until and including the last day of the corresponding month of its whelping in the second year thereafter and shall remain a juvenile for a race which was programmed to be run within that period but postponed to a date after that period.

- 28.2 In a series for maiden greyhounds, a greyhound which wins a race as part of the series remains eligible to compete further in the series, but a greyhound which wins a race outside the series is not eligible to further contest the series.

PART 8: PRESCRIBED MANNER

29 Box Draw

- 29.1 The box draw for a meeting shall be carried out as follows:
- (a) it shall be open to the public;
 - (b) it shall be random;
 - (c) unless otherwise authorised by the Director or Chairman of Stewards, it shall be conducted by means of a computer program approved by the Director.

- 29.2 Where the box draw is not conducted using a computer:
- (a) it shall be conducted by at least two (2) persons including at least one Steward and a person authorised by the Chairman of Stewards;
 - (b) it shall be conducted using a device provided by RST for the purpose of the box draw; and
 - (c) a record of the initial field, and the box draw and the time and date on which the Box Draw was conducted shall be signed by each of the persons conducting the Box Draw to certify compliance with this Rule.

- 29.3 Upon application in writing from a club, the Chairman of Stewards may grant approval for a box draw to be conducted in an alternative method provided that the method approved is under the full supervision of a Steward.

30 Timing of Events

- 30.1 For the purposes of GAR 60 the timing shall be carried out by use of an approved electronic device or in the event of a malfunction a stopwatch. The commencement of timing for an Event shall correspond with the release of the starting boxes. The conclusion of timing for an Event shall be when the nose of the leading greyhound reaches the alignment of the winning post as projected across the track at an angle of ninety (90) degrees.

- 30.2 No race record either for an Event or racecourse shall be recognised unless such time is electronically timed or recorded.

31 Satisfactory Trials

- 31.1 For the purpose of GAR 71 and GAR 72, the following conditions shall also be complied with where a greyhound is ordered to undergo a satisfactory trial:
- (a) The person authorised to supervise the satisfactory trial shall check the identity of the greyhound as corresponding with the Certificate of Registration or Greyhound Identification Card.
 - (b) The greyhound shall wear a race rug.
 - (c) Except in the case of a satisfactory trial under GAR 40, GAR 71 and GAR 76 or unless approval has been granted by the Chairman of Stewards, no less than four (4) greyhounds inclusive of the greyhound undergoing the satisfactory trial shall compete in the Trial.
 - (d) The person authorised to supervise the satisfactory trial shall as soon as is practicable, upon completion of the Trial, submit a report in writing in the form required by the Chairman of Stewards.
 - (e) If a greyhound is ordered to undergo a Satisfactory Trial the greyhound must complete such Satisfactory Trial in accordance with the Schedule of Qualifying Times as determined by Tasracing.
 - (f) For clearance at all venues and pursuant to GAR 52 and GAR 71 a greyhound must perform a satisfactory trial over the same distance and at the track where the greyhound originally offended.

31.2 For the purposes of GAR 36, the Stewards shall not grant permission for a greyhound to wear blinkers in an Event unless the greyhound has performed a satisfactory trial in blinkers to the satisfaction of the Stewards.

31.3 A greyhound that has not competed in any Event for a period more than six (6) months must complete a satisfactory trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards before a nomination will be accepted for any Event.

32 Veterinary Supplies

32.1 For the purposes of the Rules the prescribed pharmaceuticals, veterinary supplies and instruments brought onto a racecourse shall be kept under lock and key by the Veterinary Surgeon.

32.2 No registered person may collect prescription medications, veterinary supplies or instruments from the Veterinary Surgeon at a meeting unless the Steward in charge has given permission to do so.

33 Racing appliances

33.1 A racing appliance shall mean any material, device or other item, which may be authorised by Stewards to be worn or placed on a greyhound competing in an Event.

33.2 Subject to this Rule, a greyhound competing in an Event shall not wear a racing appliance unless the owner or trainer has obtained the prior permission of the Stewards to do so.

33.3 For the purposes of this Rule and GAR 35, the Stewards may require a greyhound to perform a satisfactory trial with a racing appliance to the satisfaction of the Stewards before permission is granted for that greyhound to wear that racing appliance in an Event.

34 Non-Starter

34.1 Should there be an occurrence of mechanical or other defect with the starting boxes, which has denied a greyhound a fair start, Stewards may declare the greyhound a non-starter.

34.2 If at the time of the start of an event a greyhound has not been placed in the starting boxes either inadvertently or for any other reason, Stewards may declare the greyhound a non-starter.

34.3 If in the opinion of the Stewards a greyhound has, in extraordinary circumstances that are unrelated to any racing incidents, been prevented from being competitive the Stewards may declare the greyhound to be a non starter.

34.4 Should a greyhound be declared a non-starter it shall be deemed to have not participated in the Event and the weight record card amended accordingly.

35 Qualifying Times - Stewards' Trials

- 35.1 Greyhounds required to undertake a stewards' trial must do so to the satisfaction of the stewards and in accordance with the Schedule of Qualifying Times as determined by Tasracing.

PART 9: WELFARE OF GREYHOUNDS

36 Welfare of Greyhounds

- 36.1 A person shall not keep a greyhound in circumstances, which in the opinion of a Steward, is or may be detrimental to the greyhound.
- 36.2 A person responsible for the keeping of greyhounds should comply with the requirements detailed in the Tasracing Greyhound Animal Welfare Manual.
- 36.3 A person shall not, in the keeping of any greyhound, cause or permit to suffer or exist on any premises owned or occupied by the person or of which the person is in charge, any nuisance or other condition liable to be dangerous to health or offensive.
- 36.4 If a greyhound is seriously injured and is suffering, and there is no alternative other than for the greyhound to be euthanased, such euthanasia must be performed expeditiously by the most appropriate means available and performed humanely.
- 36.5 Any person responsible for a greyhound that has been
- (a) euthanased pursuant to LR (Tas) 36.4 ; or
 - (b) has died of natural causes;
- must advise RST within forty-eight (48) hours of such occurrence by way of statutory declaration.
- 36.6 A statutory declaration pursuant to LR (Tas) 36.5(a) is not limited by but shall include the following:
- (a) that the greyhound was seriously injured and the nature of the injury;
 - (b) that the greyhound was suffering;
 - (c) that there was no reasonable alternative treatment;
 - (d) who performed the euthanasia; and
 - (e) when the euthanasia was performed.
- 36.7 For the purpose of GAR 106 (3), Tasracing directs that the last registered owner of the greyhound will be deemed to be responsible for that greyhound until such time as they advise 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.
- 36.8 No person shall permit:
- (a) any greyhound to be used for hurdle racing or for any type of hurdle education or training.
 - (b) a greyhound to pursue or attack any live animal or animal carcass for the purpose of enticing, educating or training a greyhound.

- (c) a greyhound to enter or remain in a public place without an appropriate lead and muzzle.
- 36.9 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 a person authorised in writing by the Director.

PART 10: PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

37 Administration and Possession

- 37.1 No person shall
- (a) within seventy-two (72) hours prior to the kennelling at a meeting or qualifying trial at which a greyhound is engaged, administer a preparation of a description other than that which is normally found in that greyhounds diet; or
 - (b) have in their possession on a racecourse where a meeting or qualifying trial is being conducted any prohibited substance; or
 - (c) have in their possession any syringe, needle or other instrument, which could be used to administer any substance to a greyhound.
- 37.2 A person with a reasonable excuse may obtain prior written approval from the Chairman of Stewards for the provisions of LR (Tas) 37.1 (b) or LR (Tas) 37.1 (c) to be waived.

38 Swabbing and Testing

- 38.1 A Club or a Club's Veterinary Surgeon, or any other person shall not be liable for any loss, damage or injury howsoever arising out of, or occurring during, any test, examination, taking of a sample or autopsy carried out in accordance with the Rules or while the greyhound is in the possession of the Stewards.
- 38.2 Where a sample is taken from any greyhound and where upon preliminary analysis a prohibited substance is found in the sample, the following provisions shall apply :
- (a) the Stewards shall notify the Owner and Trainer of the greyhound that a prohibited substance has been found in the sample and GAR83(4) shall apply.
 - (b) where an Event is being, or has been conducted by way of a series of races and a final:
 - (i) the greyhound shall be disqualified from the race from which the sample was taken and shall not be eligible to compete in any further race in the series or the final of the Event.
 - (ii) If the greyhound has competed in any further race in the series or the final of the Event, the greyhound is retrospectively disqualified from the race from which the sample was taken and any further race in the series

including that final and GAR64(2) and LR (Tas) 38 (4) shall apply.

- 38.3 LR (Tas) 38.2 (b) shall apply regardless of whether the greyhound had the prohibited substance in its system at the time it competed in any further race in the series, including the final.
- 38.4 (a) Where an Owner or Trainer (in this rule “the Second Owner/Trainer”) recovers any prize money under GAR64(2) from another Owner or Trainer, they must, as soon as is practicable, return any prize money that they originally received for the Event to the club conducting the meeting.
- (b) Upon receiving any prize money under LR (Tas) 38.4(a), the club conducting the meeting must make reasonable attempts to notify the Owner or Trainer (in this rule the “Third Owner/Trainer”) of the greyhound finished in the placing directly following the greyhound of the Second Owner/Trainer.
- (c) The Third Owner/Trainer is entitled to collect the prize money returned under LR (Tas) 38.4 from the club conducting the meeting at their own expense.

PART 11: PENALTIES

39 Penalties

- 39.1 For the purposes of GAR 95, the fine imposed for any one (1) offence shall not exceed two hundred (200) Penalty Units.

PART 12: FEES

40. Fees

- 40.1 The Approved Controlling Authority may impose and recover fees in respect of anything done under these rules.
- 40.2 Without limiting the scope of sub-rule (1) fees may be imposed and recovered in respect of any application, grant, approval, notification, report, publication, nomination, registration, inspection, test, examination, inquiry, authority, transfer, license, lease or permit.
- 40.3 Information about fees may be given in such manner as the Approved Controlling Authority considers appropriate.

PART 13: BETTING EXCHANGES

41. Betting Exchanges

For the purpose of this rule “lay” means the offering or the placing of a bet on a greyhound to lose an Event or the offering or the placing of a bet that the greyhound will not be placed in the first four (4) finishing positions in an Event in accordance with GAR 61.

- 41.1 Any person directly involved, or who provided a service connected to a greyhound, within the preceding 21 days of the greyhound starting in an Event, shall not lay the greyhound in the Event.
- 41.2 In circumstances where it is an offence for a person to lay a greyhound under this rule it shall also be an offence for that person to:
- (a) have a greyhound laid on his behalf; or
 - (b) receive any money or other valuable consideration in any way connected with the laying of a greyhound by another person.
- 41.3 It shall be an offence for any person to offer an inducement to a participant in greyhound racing with the intention of profiting from a greyhound not participating in an Event to the best of its ability.

PART 14: CONSEQUENCES OF SUSPENSION, DISQUALIFICATION WARNING OFF OR DECLARATION AS A DEFAULTER.

42. Consequences of Certain Penalties

- 42.1 A person who is suspended under these Rules shall not, during the period of such suspension:
- (a) nominate a greyhound for any Event;
 - (b) permit a greyhound of which that person is the Owner or the Trainer to compete in any Event;
 - (c) act as an Attendant or Catcher at any race meeting, or on any race course or training complex;
 - (d) act as an official at any race meeting or on any race course.
- 42.2 A person who is suspended under these Rules shall have all rights and privileges associated with registration withdrawn.
- 42.3 A person who is disqualified, Warned Off or declared to be a Defaulter under these Rules, in addition to the constraints imposed under LR (Tas) 42.1 and LR (Tas) 42.2, shall not, during the period of such disqualification or while the person is Warned Off or declared to be a Defaulter:
- (a) associate with a person connected with the greyhound racing industry for any purpose relating to that industry;
 - (b) allow or authorise any person to conduct any activity associated with the greyhound racing industry at his or her training establishment or kennel address without permission of the controlling body;
 - (c) enter upon any premises or kennel address where greyhounds are being domiciled or used for the purpose of the greyhound racing industry;
 - (d) be a member of any registered greyhound club;
- 42.4 A person shall not be eligible for any award in connection with greyhound racing if the person has been disqualified, Warned Off or declared to be a Defaulter during the period of determination of the award.
- 42.5 Except as otherwise determined by the Director no person who resides with any person who is Disqualified, Warned Off or declared to be a Defaulter shall be permitted to be or remain registered.

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