**Greyhound Local Rule Amendments**

Tasracing has amended the Tasmanian Greyhound Local Rules of Racing.

The amendments include the added definitions of a Rearer and a Whelper and updates the references to other licences.

A change to the welfare rules released in March now allows for the genuine attempts to rehome a greyhound (LR 36.4(e)(ii)) to be done in any order.

The following are details of the amendments (with the amendments highlighted in red):

Definitions:

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

**“Rearer”** means a person engaged by the breeder for the purpose of rearing of the greyhound pups including education until such time as they are to be named.

**“Whelper”** means a person engaged by the breeder to have the day to day care, control and custody of the Breeding Female including whelping, care and custody of a litter until the pups attain the age of 16 weeks;

9.1 Persons who wish to be studmasters, breeders, whelpers, rearers, 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.

11 Owners, Trainers, Attendants, and ~~Catchers~~ Syndicate Members

11.1 No person shall be granted registration as an owner, syndicate member 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 the RST from time to time.

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.~~

No greyhound is permitted to attend a registered trial track or trial session unless a kennel notice has been lodged advising that the greyhound is in the kennels of a registered trainer, breeder or rearer.

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

(a) has attained the age of ~~sixteen (16)~~fourteen (14) 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.

~~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~~ 9 A person holding registration as an ~~catcher/~~attendant provisional is permitted to handle and catch greyhounds under the supervision of a trainer at trial sessions only.

11.~~11~~10 No person shall be granted registration as an ~~catcher/~~attendant provisional 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 lodged a supervision and instruction agreement from a trainer.

(c) done such other things as prescribed by Tasracing from time to time.

11.~~12~~ 11 All persons carrying out the duties of an attendant ~~or catcher~~ on race day, at qualifying trials or at any trial session on a racecourse or Greyhound Trial Track must be the holder of a licence which permits them to participate in that activity.

11.~~13~~12 Any owner, trainer, attendant, ~~catcher, catcher/~~attendant provisional 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~~ Partnerships and Syndicates

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~~ partnership or a syndicate.

12.3 Where a greyhound is owned by a ~~confederacy~~ partnership the first name listed on the application and registration shall act as the authorised representative for and on behalf of the ~~confederacy~~ partnership.

12.4 Application for registration as a syndicate or ~~confederacy~~ partnership 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~~ partnership 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~~ partnership.

12.8 Each syndicate member or ~~confederacy~~ partnership member is required to be a person registered by the Director in accordance with these Rules.

13.6 The registered owner or person with authority to breed must not engage a person to whelp or rear a litter of pups unless that person is registered as a whelper or rearer.

13.~~6~~7 A person who contravenes LR (Tas) 13.2, LR (Tas) 13.3, ~~or~~ LR (Tas) 13.5 or LR (Tas) 13.6 is deemed guilty of an offence.

36.4 (e) (ii) After the end of the wind down period under LR36.4(e)(i), make at least one genuine attempt of the following ~~in order~~, unless successful in one of the previous attempts:

(a) Seek the greyhound's admission to the Greyhound Adoption Program Tasmania (GAP), and

(b) Seek to rehome the greyhound with at least two appropriate third parties who are capable of ensuring the welfare and well-being of the greyhound, and

(c) Seek to rehome the greyhound through at least one other animal adoption or rehoming agency.

36.4 (g) Where an application has been submitted under LR36.4(b) an owner must ensure the wind down activities detailed in LR36.4(e)(i) ~~must~~ continue until approval to euthanase has been granted by the Controlling Body.

The rule amendments are effective as from 1 October 2020.