

# Greyhound Policy Manual

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*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 in accordance with Clause 2.5 of the Minimum Nominations policy.
- 3.2. 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.
- 3.3. 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.
- 3.4. The scheduling of an additional race 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.
- 3.5. If eleven races are programmed the maximum number of heats for qualifying trials shall be three.

**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 synthetic material as a lure in connection with greyhound training, education or preparation to race, racing or trialling
- 2.2 Tasracing shall provide the material to be used as a lure in races in Tasmania which shall be a synthetic material only.
- 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 used as a lure at trials shall be a synthetic material only.
- 2.5 Each Club/Association shall provide a drag lure (used to drag pups into the catching pen) which shall be made from 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 synthetic material provided by the Club/Association conducting the trials.
- 2.7 All lures (including drag lures) used in races, trials or at a Registered Trial Track must be of a material and design approved by the Director of Racing.
- 2.8 Trainers are not permitted to interfere with the material provided by the Club/Association as a lure in any way (including scenting the material).
- 2.9 For the purpose of this policy, "synthetic material" means non-animal derived materials.

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## 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 in Tasmania by an individual Owner or Partnership.
- 4.1.2 **Leading Trainer** – Number of races won in Tasmania.
- 4.1.3 **Leading Sire** - Number of races won by his progeny in Tasmania.
- 4.1.4 **Leading Brood Bitch** - Number of races won by her progeny in Tasmania 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 for performances in Tasmania.
- 4.2 All awards, excluding the Greyhound of the Year, shall be determined as soon as possible following 31 December in each year based on the race results as at that date. The subsequent disqualification or amendment of results once an award has been determined by Tasracing will not affect the determination of the winner of the award.
- 4.3 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 Co-ordinator for the panel.
- 4.2.2 The panel will be provided with a list of greyhounds that meet the selection criteria in accordance with Clause 4.2.5 and each member shall vote for three greyhounds they believe should be included as finalists for the award. The voting shall be 3 for first choice, 2 for second choice and 1 for third choice. The Co-ordinator shall determine the finalists as the three greyhounds with the highest vote score.
- 4.2.3 Each Member of the Panel shall then vote on those three finalists to determine one greyhound to be named as the Greyhound of the Year. The voting shall be 3 for first choice, 2 for second choice and 1 for third choice. The Co-ordinator shall determine the GOTY as the greyhound with the highest votes score.
- 4.2.4 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.



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4.2.5 Selection Criteria:

- 4.2.5.1 The greyhound must have been domiciled in Tasmania for a minimum period of 3 months during the period in which the awards are determined.
- 4.2.5.2 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).
- 4.2.5.3 Any performances shall only be considered if the greyhound was owned or trained by a resident of Tasmania at the time of those performances.
- 4.2.5.4 *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 Office of Racing Integrity.

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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. STARTERS BONUS**

A bonus of \$100 will be paid to the first Tasbred greyhound finishing in every race from 1 November 2017.

### **3.2. TASBRED GRADE SIX BONUS**

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

### **3.3. VACCINATION ASSISTANCE**

An assistance of \$200 per live pup will be paid to the owner upon registration of a litter with the Office of Racing Integrity from 1 November 2017.

## 1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 The intention of the Greyhounds Australasia 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 in the number of greyhounds that 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 Controlling Body;
  - 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 over 12 months of age)  
***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 Where the death of pups from previous litters occurred which was outside the reasonable control of the owner an application may be made to the Controlling Body for a reduction in the percentage as defined in Clause 2.1.5(a). The application must be supported by written advice of the circumstances surrounding the death of the pups by submission of either:
- (a) a report from the veterinary surgeon who was supervising the care of the pups at the time; or
  - (b) a statutory declaration from the owner at the time.
- 2.1.7 On request for a review, the Controlling Body may, at its discretion, grant an exemption to the percentage referred to in Clause 2.1.5(c) after considering:
- a) the number of greyhounds that won a race,
  - b) the number of races won, and
  - c) the quality of the races won;
- and determining that the number and quality of races won merits an exemption being granted. Once reviewed, the decision of the Controlling Body shall be final.
- 2.1.8 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.
- 2.1.9 The veterinary certificate can either be lodged with the application or lodged after the controlling body has considered and granted provisional approval of the application.
- 2.1.10 If the veterinary certificate is lodged after provisional approval, the application shall be reviewed in its entirety to ensure it meets the criteria as at the date of approval.
- 2.1.11 If the veterinary certificate expires before a breeding female is mated, the breeder must lodge another veterinary certificate and the application will then be reviewed in its entirety to ensure it meets the criteria as at the date of re-approval.
- 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 Controlling Body.
- 2.3 For the sake of clarification, if the breeding female is mated, irrespective of the result of the mating, a complete new application is required to be lodged if it is desired to mate her again.

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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 Greyhounds Australasia Rule 51 (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 replacement greyhound identification card must be paid.
  - b) Where the difference was as a result of an error by either the Office of Racing Integrity or Greyhounds Australasia 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.

## 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 120 (2) states that “If two or more *greyhounds* dead heat in an *Event* the *prize money* to be awarded for the relevant placings must be aggregated and equal shares awarded to the relevant connections”.
- 2.2. In the case of a dead heat for first placing in a race, all winners shall be paid the first place stakes if the prizemoney for first place is \$5,000 or less, otherwise the provisions of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 120 (2) shall apply.





## **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 the Office of Racing Integrity for the placement of persons on the Defaulters List due to the non-payment of fines is as follows:-

1. Participants will be invoiced for fines issued by Stewards. Payment is required within the period stipulated on the invoice and by a method outlined on the document.
2. Should a fine remain unpaid after the stated period and no contact has been made with ORI 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 Tasmanian Greyhound Rules of Racing.
3. If a participant's name is presented to the Director of Racing 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 Tasmanian Greyhound Rules of Racing.
  - All principal racing authorities and clubs will be notified of such placement.
  - The participant's 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.
4. Participants should be aware that removal of their name from the Defaulters List may not automatically occur upon payment of amount/s outstanding as approval of the Director is required.

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## 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 Black dress shorts** – Black socks and shoes must be worn with shorts

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

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

**2.1.5 Logos** – Logos can be on the left and/or right-hand side of the garment but must be neat, tidy and acceptable to the Stewards.

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

**2.1.7 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** Participants may provide their own wet weather gear which in the opinion of the Stewards is acceptable provided it is black in colour.

## **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.

## **EAR TATTOOING 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 owner of the litter advising they are to contact the Marking Official to arrange ear tattooing and marking up of their litter.

### **PAYMENT FOR SERVICE**

The fee for this service is detailed in the Schedule of Fees in operation at the time of application and includes the following – Litter registration fee (1 payment for entire litter); Microchip fee – set fee per greyhound pup and Ear tattooing fee – set fee per greyhound pup. Payment of fees is to be made with lodgement of the Litter Registration application.

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

An owner must make application to the Director using the approved form, requesting permission to euthanase a greyhound.

An owner shall not euthanase a greyhound until written approval from the Director has been received unless the greyhound is euthanased due to a medical or legal exemption as detailed in Local Rules 22.7 and 22.8.

If a greyhound is required to be euthanased, the only acceptable method of euthanasia is by an overdose of barbiturate administered by a veterinarian.

If immediate euthanasia is obviously essential:

- (i) to alleviate the greyhound from suffering following a catastrophic injury or medical condition/illness, and
- (ii) the greyhound cannot be transported to a veterinarian within a period of one hour at regular driving speeds, and
- (iii) the euthanasia is carried out under the direction of a veterinarian unless every avenue possible has been explored to contact a veterinarian in which case evidence of those efforts must be documented and provided to the Director.

The only acceptable option for euthanasia in these circumstances to end the animal's suffering shall be by the use of a firearm by a person who is appropriately licenced under the Firearms Act 1996 and competent to ensure the humane euthanasia of the animal.

Where euthanasia is carried out under the direction of a veterinarian the owner or person responsible for the greyhound must obtain a written certificate or letter from the veterinarian providing details of the direction to euthanase due to the need administer immediate euthanasia.



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## 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. SHORT SPRINT AND SPRINT RACES

#### 2.1.1. SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR A SERIES CONDUCTED IN HEATS, SEMI FINALS AND A FINAL

- 2.1.1.1. Any series conducted in Heats, Semi Finals and Finals (excluding Breeders Classics) 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

- 2.1.1.2. 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. In this case two Semi Finals and a Final will be conducted on the dates advertised provided there are at least 7 eligible first preference heat nominations for each Semi Final. The fields for the Semi Finals shall be selected from those greyhounds with a first preference nomination for the Heats with eligibility and field selection on the grade and order of choice at the time the fields for the Semi Finals are drawn.
- 2.1.1.3. If there are insufficient eligible first preference nominations to conduct Heats or Semi Finals then, provided there are at least 7 eligible first preference nominations for a Final, a Final only will be conducted on the date advertised for the Final. If there are 8 or more eligible first preference nominations for the Heats, the field for the "Final Only" shall be selected from those greyhounds with eligibility and field selection on the grade and order of choice at the time the fields for the final are drawn. If there are less than 8 eligible first preference nominations for the Heats, then new nominations shall be called for the "Final Only" and connections must re-nominate for the "Final Only" and the field shall be selected from the nominations received with selection preference going to those greyhounds that had an eligible first preference nomination for the heats.
- 2.1.1.4. 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 first preference nominations received as per the Heats/Nominations table.

- 2.1.1.5. A greyhound must contest and finish in a race in a series or in the case of an abandoned or No Race have been entitled to contest the race at the time the race was abandoned or was declared a "No Race", before being eligible for and/or listed in the field of a further race in the series.

## **2.1.2. SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR A SERIES CONDUCTED IN HEATS AND A FINAL**

- 2.1.2.1. 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 first preference nominations to conduct at least 2 Heats with at least 7 eligible nominations in each heat then no Heats shall be conducted.
- 2.1.2.2. If Heats are not conducted, provided there are at least 7 eligible first preference nominations for a Final, then a Final only will be conducted on the date advertised for the Final. If there are 8 or more eligible first preference nominations for the heats, then the field for the "Final Only" shall be selected from those greyhounds with eligibility and field selection on the grade and order of choice at the time the fields for the final are drawn. If there are less than 8 eligible first preference nominations for the heats, then new nominations shall be called for the "Final Only" and connections must re-nominate for the "Final Only" and the field shall be selected from the nominations received with selection preference going to those greyhounds that had an eligible first preference nomination for the heats.
- 2.1.2.3. 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 first preference nominations received as per the Heats/Nominations table.
- 2.1.2.4. A greyhound must contest and finish in a heat or in the case of an abandoned or No Race have been entitled to contest the heat at the time the heat was abandoned or was declared a "No Race", before being eligible for and/or listed in the field to contest the Final.

## **2.1.3. SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR A SERIES CONDUCTED IN TWO SETS OF HEATS AND FINAL**

- 2.1.3.1. 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 first preference 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.

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- 2.1.3.2. 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” only series. The Special Conditions for a Series conducted in Heats and a Final as defined in Clause 2.1.2 then apply to the new series.
- 2.1.3.3. 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 to provide at least 8 eligible first preference nominations for each Heat.
- 2.1.3.4. A greyhound must contest both sets of heats or in the case of an abandoned or No Race have been entitled to contest the heat at the time the heat was abandoned or was declared a “No Race”, to be eligible for and/or listed in the field to contest the Final.

#### **2.1.4 SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR A FEATURE EVENT CONDUCTED WITHOUT HEATS**

- 2.1.4.1 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.

## **2.2. MID DISTANCE AND DISTANCE RACES**

### **2.2.1. SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR A SERIES CONDUCTED IN HEATS AND A FINAL**

- 2.2.1.1. 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 first preference nominations to conduct at least 2 Heats with at least 6 eligible nominations in each heat then no Heats shall be conducted.
- 2.2.1.2. If Heats are not conducted for a Mid Distance or Distance series (not being Free-to-All heats) then an event for the same grade as the heats will be programmed provided there are at least 6 eligible nominations that have stipulated a second choice for the grade of the heats over that distance. Provided there are at least 6 eligible first preference nominations for a Final, a Final only will be conducted on the date advertised for the Final. If there are 8 or more eligible first preference nominations for the Heats those greyhounds shall be deemed nominated for the Final only and the Final shall be selected from those nominations with eligibility and field selection on the grade and order of choice at the time the fields for the final are drawn. If there are less than 8 eligible first preference nominations for the heats, then new nominations shall be called for the “Final Only” and connections must re-nominate for the “Final Only” and the field shall be selected from the nominations received with selection preference going to those

greyhounds that had an eligible first preference nomination for the heats.

- 2.2.1.3. If Heats are not conducted for a Free-to-All Mid Distance or Free-to-All Distance series then, provided there are 6 or more eligible nominations, those greyhounds shall be deemed nominated for a Free-to-All race over the distance of the Heats. Provided there are at least 6 eligible first preference nominations for a Final, a Final only will be conducted on the date advertised for the Final. If there are 8 or more eligible first preference nominations for the Heats, those greyhounds shall be deemed nominated for the Final only and the Final shall be selected from those nominations with eligibility and field selection on the grade and order of choice at the time the fields for the final are drawn. If there are less than 8 eligible first preference nominations for the heats, new nominations shall be called for the "Final Only" and connections must re-nominate for the "Final Only" and the field shall be selected from the nominations received with selection preference going to those greyhounds that had an eligible first preference nomination for the heats.
- 2.2.1.4. 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 first preference nominations received as per the Heats/Nominations table.
- 2.2.1.5. A greyhound must contest and finish in a heat or in the case of an abandoned or No Race have been entitled to contest the heat at the time the heat was abandoned or was declared a "No Race", before being eligible for and/or listed in the field to contest the Final.

## **2.2.2. SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR A SERIES CONDUCTED IN TWO SETS OF HEATS AND FINAL**

- 2.2.2.1. 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 first preference 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.
- 2.2.2.2. 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" only series. The Special Conditions for a Series conducted in Heats and a Final as defined in Clause 2.2.1 then apply to the new series.

- 2.2.2.3. In the case of Mid Distance or Distance Heats (not being Free-to-All Heats) not being 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 6 eligible nominations that have stipulated a second choice for the grade of the heats over that distance.
- 2.2.2.4. In the case of Free-to-All Mid Distance or Free-to-All Distance heats not being conducted on the first day of the Series then, provided there are 6 or more eligible nominations, those greyhounds shall be deemed nominated for a Free-to-All race over the distance of the Heats at that meeting.
- 2.2.2.5. 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 to provide at least 8 eligible first preference nominations for each Heat.
- 2.2.2.6. A greyhound must contest both sets of heats or in the case of an abandoned or No Race have been entitled to contest the heat at the time the heat was abandoned or was declared a "No Race", to be eligible for and/or listed in the field to contest the Final.

**2.2.3. SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR A FEATURE EVENT CONDUCTED WITHOUT HEATS**

- 2.2.3.1. Any Feature Event scheduled to be conducted without Heats shall only be conducted provided there are at least 6 eligible nominations unless Tasracing, in exceptional circumstances, grants approval for the event to be conducted with fewer eligible nominations.

**2.3. HEATS/NOMINATIONS TABLE**

**2.3.1. Short Sprint & Sprint races:**

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

**2.3.2. Mid Distance & Distance races:**

Minimum Number of Eligible Nominations	Number of Heats
12	2
18	3
28	4
35	5
42	6
56	7
64	8

## **2.4. CONFLICT OF CONDITIONS**

- 2.4.1** In the event of a conflict between any provisions of this policy and the specified conditions of a race or series, the provisions of the specified conditions of a race or series shall prevail.
  
- 2.4.2** Tasracing retains the right to amend any of the above conditions at their absolute discretion to maximise the number and/or quality of races being programmed.

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## 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 Greyhounds Australasia Rule 66 (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.



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

## 1. OBJECTIVE

1.1. The objective of the Greyhound Recovery Rebate Scheme (GRRS) policy is to prescribe the parameters for the scheme which is aimed to provide financial support for the treatment and rehabilitation of serious injuries sustained by greyhounds at race meetings and official trial sessions and thus minimise euthanasia as a result of such injuries.

## 2. POLICY

2.1. The Greyhound Recovery Rebate Scheme is only available for injuries incurred by greyhounds at a race meeting or qualifying trials or an official trial session at which club officials are present.

2.2. Tasracing will contribute funding up to a maximum of \$5,500 including GST towards all veterinary costs for greyhound injuries eligible under the scheme.

2.3. On identification of an eligible injury, the on-track Veterinarian will offer the option of participation within the scheme to the person responsible for the greyhound at the meeting.

2.4. Participation in the scheme is voluntary, however, the Conditions of Entry (Clause 4) must be satisfied before a greyhound will be accepted into the scheme.

2.5. The person responsible for the greyhound may use any registered Veterinarian(s) in the treatment of the injury sustained.

2.6. Tasracing retains the right to assess any situation and make any decision it deems appropriate at its entire discretion on any matters which arises from time to time, in respect to any claim under this policy.

## 3. ELIGIBLE INJURY

3.1. A GRRS-eligible injury or medical condition is defined as:

- any **bone fracture** except a single metacarpal or metatarsal fracture, a toe (phalangeal and/or sesamoid) fracture or a tail fracture; or
- any **joint dislocation above and including the wrist or hock**, (therefore does not include metacarpal-phalangeal or metatarsal-phalangeal dislocation, toe dislocation, or tail dislocation); or
- a complete Achilles tendon rupture; or
- any other severe injury or medical condition where on-track euthanasia may otherwise be considered appropriate.

#### **4. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

4.1. The following criteria applies for any greyhound to be eligible for the GRRS:

##### 4.1.1 Race Meetings & Qualifying Trials

4.1.1.1 The injury must have occurred during a race at a race meeting or qualifying trial at a registered track in Tasmania where an on-track Veterinarian is present; and

4.1.1.2 The On Track Vet must stabilise the injury/condition and administer appropriate pain relief and may require referral of the injured greyhound to an off-the-track veterinary referral clinic, which may be an out-of-hours emergency clinic (GRRS-funded), to enable the injured greyhound to receive further veterinary assessment and treatment. The participant in charge of the greyhound must arrange for transport of the greyhound to the off-track veterinary referral centre. The purpose of this consultation is to obtain an accurate diagnosis (including x-rays, where indicated) and prognosis of the injury/condition.

4.1.1.3 Where necessary, the off-track referral veterinary centre should consult with a veterinary orthopaedic specialist on the diagnosis and prognosis of the injury, and where indicated, make arrangements for appropriate treatment of the injury to be carried out by a specialist or a veterinary surgeon with appropriate experience.

##### 4.1.2 Official Trial Sessions

4.1.2.1 The injury must have occurred during an official trial session in Tasmania, at which club officials are present.

4.1.2.2 A Club Official must certify the occurrence of the injury on the GRRS application form.

4.1.2.3 The person responsible for the greyhound must arrange for the immediate transfer of the injured greyhound to an off-the-track veterinary centre for stabilisation of the injury, appropriate pain relief and further diagnostic procedures (including X-rays where indicated).

4.1.2.4 Where necessary, the off-track referral veterinary centre should consult with a veterinary orthopaedic specialist on the diagnosis and prognosis of the injury, and where indicated, make arrangements for appropriate treatment of the injury to be carried out by a specialist or a veterinary surgeon with appropriate experience.

- 4.2. The person responsible for the greyhound must organise and be responsible for all costs of the transport to and from the off-track Veterinarian(s) and also for any required care during their greyhound's rehabilitation and recovery.

## 5. FUNDING

- 5.1. Funding consists of **veterinary costs** payable directly to the veterinarian(s) and/or reimbursement of the participant.
- 5.2. **Injury/condition confirmed to be not GRRS-eligible:** Tasracing will fund all reasonable costs of the initial veterinary diagnostic consultation (including immediate treatment, such as pain relief and/or injury stabilisation, as well as X-rays, necessary to ensure the welfare of the greyhound) up to the point of reaching a diagnosis but will not fund any subsequent treatment costs.
- 5.3 **Injury/condition confirmed to be GRRS-eligible:** Tasracing will provide funding as follows:
- - **Stage 1:** Tasracing will fund all reasonable costs of the initial off-the-track veterinary diagnostic consultation (including immediate treatment, such as pain relief and/or stabilisation, and X-rays as necessary to ensure the welfare of the greyhound during this stage) up to the point of reaching a diagnosis plus:
      - where the greyhound is treated conservatively, this treatment and aftercare will be fully funded; or
      - where the greyhound is treated surgically, all reasonable pre-surgical costs will be fully funded (surgery costs are covered in stage 2 below); or
      - where the prospects of recovery with an acceptable welfare outcome are poor, such that euthanasia is considered by the veterinarian to be in the best interests of the greyhound, Tasracing will also fund the cost of euthanasia.
    - **Stage 2 (surgery):** Over and above stage 1 funding, Tasracing will also fund all reasonable **veterinary costs for the surgical treatment** and post operative care up to \$5,500 (including GST).
- 5.4 The person responsible for the injured greyhound will be liable for any cost more than the above amount.
- 5.5 Additional funds may be available in exceptional circumstances by application to Tasracing.
- 5.6 Tasracing, at its entire discretion, may assist with the cost of travel arrangements for specialist treatment as part of the maximum funding amount.



## **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.

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### **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)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dark Ears (DE)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scar (S)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wh Chest High (WCH)	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 / No Testicle (1/NT)



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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.

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## 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.



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## 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 and animal husbandry matters.
- 2.2.2. The manager and staff should be familiar with the signs of common diseases and injuries of greyhounds.
- 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 to prevent the spread of disease.
- 2.2.4. Appropriate veterinary care must be provided for sick or injured greyhounds.
- 2.2.5. Greyhounds suspected of being sick or injured shall 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 must be obtained in the event of unexplained illness or deaths.

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- 2.2.8. Internal and external parasites should be controlled in accordance with veterinary advice.
- 2.2.9. 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. That record must be retained for a minimum of two (2) years from the time the greyhound leaves their care in accordance with Greyhounds Australasia Rule 151. Such record of treatment must be produced for inspection when requested by a Steward or a person authorised by the Controlling Body.
- 2.2.10. The following illustration details an example of the minimum acceptable detail of records required to be kept.

<b>MEDICATION LOG</b>			
<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Greyhound</b>	<b>Treatment (name, dose, route)</b>	<b>Administered by (Name and Signature)</b>

**2.3. Euthanasia**

- 2.3.1. An owner must make application to the Director using the approved form, requesting permission to euthanase a greyhound.
- 2.3.2. An owner shall not euthanase a greyhound until written approval from the Director has been received.
- 2.3.3. Euthanasia may only be carried out as detailed in the Tasmanian Greyhound Rules of Racing and referenced in the Euthanasia policy (GPOL0011)

Each morning during the period of daylight saving when a race meeting is scheduled, the Racing Operations Section of the Office of Racing Integrity 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.

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## **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 10 to 50 vials per shipment, with on average fifteen 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, if 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 Greyhounds Australasia Rule 70 (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.



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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 Greyhounds Australasia Rule 70 (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 Greyhounds Australasia Rule 70 (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. Through our international links our DNA testing laboratory requests the international canine markers 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 our DNA testing laboratory 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 breeding female

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 Greyhounds Australasia Rule 48 (3))
- GA must be provided with the registration papers along with a certified pedigree from the country of origin.
- The greyhound must meet Australian vaccination standards.
- GA must be provided with a copy of the Canine DNA Markers from the country of origin.
- 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.



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 controlling 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 breeding female, 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.

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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.

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**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.

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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.

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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.



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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.

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**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.

Greyhounds Australasia Rule 33 states that a greyhound whelped must be microchipped and ear tattooed in accordance with the requirements of a Controlling Body.

This policy outlines the procedures determined by the Office of Racing Integrity (ORI) (the Integrity Controlling Body) as applicable to meeting the requirements of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 33.

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

- C3 vaccination must be completed in accordance with Greyhounds Australasia Rule 25 between 6 and 8 weeks of age.
- Owners must arrange to have their litters marked up and ear tattooed between 8 to 10 weeks of age by an ORI Marking Official prior to having the pups micro-chipped.
- Pups must have an ORI approved and supplied microchip implanted by an ORI Approved Implanter and this must occur between 10 to 16 weeks of age.
- C5 Vaccination must also be completed in accordance with Greyhounds Australasia Rule 25 between 10 and 16 weeks of age.
- A fully completed litter registration application must be submitted to ORI within 4 months from the date of whelping, unless approval for an extension of this time is sought and granted by ORI.

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## 1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 The objective of this policy is to document the minimum number of nominations required 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 or as follows, no race shall be scheduled to be conducted unless there are at least 8 eligible first preference nominations.
- 2.1.1 Unless otherwise stipulated, no Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 3, Mixed Grades 1/2, Mixed Grades 2/3, Invitation or Free-to-All races over the Sprint and Short Sprint distances shall be scheduled to be conducted unless there are at least 6 eligible first preference nominations. In respect to Short Sprint races, this clause applies only to races specifically called for.
- 2.1.2 Unless otherwise stipulated, no Mid Distance race shall be scheduled to be conducted unless there are at least 6 eligible first preference nominations.
- 2.1.3 Unless otherwise stipulated, no Distance race shall be scheduled to be conducted unless there are at least 4 eligible first preference nominations.
- 2.1.4 Unless otherwise stipulated, the first race at a meeting for Grade 6 (sprint) greyhounds shall be scheduled to be conducted provided there are 6 or more eligible first preference nominations.
- 2.1.5 It is permissible for a race with less nominations than stipulated in Clauses 2.1.1, 2.1.2 or 2.1.3 to be scheduled if, after the closing of nominations, which have been extended, it is required to provide 10 races at a meeting.
- 2.2 When a Feature Event or the heats of a feature event are called for and there are insufficient nominations to conduct the race or the minimum number of heats, as defined in the Feature Events policy, then nominations for the Feature Event/heats only (not the entire meeting) will be extended until 11am.
- 2.3 First preference nominations only shall be considered when determining the events to be conducted at a meeting except when:
- 2.3.1 A Feature Event without heats, after nominations have been extended, does not have sufficient nominations to proceed in which case the greyhounds nominated for the feature event shall be transferred to their second preference and the events to be conducted shall then be determined.

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- 2.3.2 Heats of a Feature Event, after nominations have been extended, do not have sufficient nominations to conduct at least two heats in which case the greyhounds nominated for the heats shall be transferred to their second preference and the events to be conducted shall then be determined.
- 2.3.3 An event with special conditions (including Masters races) does not have sufficient nominations to proceed in which case the greyhounds nominated for that event shall be transferred to their second preference and the events to be conducted shall then be determined.
- 2.4 If, after extending nominations, there are insufficient first preference nominations to conduct a 10 event program, then the second and (if necessary) subsequent nomination preferences shall be considered and the events to be conducted shall then be determined.
- 2.5 If the races called for are not conducted due to a lack of nominations, then the races to be scheduled to provide 10 races on the programme shall be selected in the following order:
- Grade 6 (sprint)
  - Mixed Grades 1 & 2 (sprint)
  - Grade 3 (sprint)
  - Invitation or Mixed Grade 2 & 3 (sprint)
  - One additional Maiden race (if called for)
  - Mixed Maiden & Grade 6 (sprint)
  - An additional Mid-Distance race (for the grade called for)
  - An additional Distance race (for the grade called for)
  - An additional Masters races (on the conditions called for)
  - Mid Distance race
  - Distance race
  - Grade 4 (sprint)
  - Mixed Grades 3 & 4 (sprint)
  - Grade 5 (sprint)
  - Mixed Grades 4 & 5 (sprint)
  - Short Sprint races:
    - Firstly - Races with 8 or more nominations – one race in rotation of the order of:
      - Any race Called for
      - Grade 6
      - Mixed 1/2
      - Grade 3 (or Invitation or Mixed 2/3)
      - Grade 5
      - Grade 4until no more races can be programmed.
    - Secondly, mixed grade races in the order of:
      - Mixed Maiden/6
      - Mixed 3/4
      - Mixed 4/5

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- 2.6 If there is a Mixed 1/2 or Grade 2 race with less than 8 starters plus 2 reserves and, after the allocation of races detailed in clause 2.5 has been implemented, there are Grade 3 greyhounds not listed as starters, then the Mixed 1/2 or Grade 2 race will be amended to an Invitation race or a Mixed 2/3 race and those Grade 3 greyhounds not listed as starters will be considered for inclusion in the race or as a reserve to fill any vacancies based on their order of choice. Please note that the original field selected will not be altered and this clause shall not apply if there is a Mixed 1/2 race and an Invitation race scheduled to be conducted.
- 2.7 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.

## **Approved Muzzle**

An approved muzzle is one that is of standard design, is of wire and includes a strap behind the ears, 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.

It is an offence to use a Barking Muzzle at any time on any greyhound unless in circumstances approved by the Controlling Body or used by a veterinarian for the sole purpose of examination or treatment.

It is also an offence for a person to have in their possession a Barking Muzzle without the prior written approval of the Director.

## **Muzzles in Race Day Kennels**

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 race day kennel bay, based on their knowledge of the manners of the individual greyhound.

Pursuant to the Tasmanian Greyhound Rules of Racing, before the greyhound is removed from the kennel bays, for any reason, the greyhound must be wearing a metal wire racing muzzle. NB: Plastic muzzles will not suffice.

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**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.





## **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.



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#### **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 Greyhound Clubs Australia group calendar operates on the Australian financial year, that is, 1 July to 30 June. The process in operation by GCA is to review group race schedules and prize money annually before being resolved at GCA'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**

### **JUNE 2020**

The orderly and responsible issuing of a greyhound name is a feature of high quality greyhound racing administration.

In considering an application to register a greyhound, the controlling body will require the greyhound name to be assessed and allocated by the Naming Registrar. Pursuant to the National Rules, Greyhounds Australasia is the Naming Registrar.

While the Naming Registrar may accept or refuse a greyhound name for registration in its absolute discretion, Greyhounds Australasia operates under a policy approved by member controlling bodies and operates in the best interest of the greyhound racing industry.

Applicants should note that the approval or allocation of a greyhound name does not amount to an endorsement or representation by Greyhounds Australasia or any controlling body that use of the name will not infringe the rights of any other person. The applicant will need to make its own inquiries to ensure that it will not be infringing any other person's intellectual property rights.

Each application is considered on its own merits. Any previous decision of the Naming Registrar in respect of any other greyhound will have no bearing, and not serve as a binding precedent, on the decision of the Naming Registrar in considering any other application.

Without limiting its general discretion, the following guidelines are published as non-exhaustive bases on which the Naming Registrar may refuse a prospective name of a greyhound:

#### Depiction of the name

1. It has more than 16 characters inclusive of spaces and apostrophes.
2. It contains punctuation other than spaces or apostrophes.
3. It contains any numerals.
4. It uses apostrophes excessively.
5. It contains more than three words, whether or not represented as three separate words.
6. It commences with either the definite (i.e. "the") or indefinite (i.e. "a") article (e.g. "**The** Architect" or "**A** Long Summer").
7. It uses one or more single letters anywhere in the name (e.g. "**I** Am Trouble" or "I E C") or the use of words to reflect letters (e.g. "EYE EE CEE").
8. Names made up entirely of words that represent numbers.
9. Names prohibited by law or that require the approval of another person by law (e.g. ANZAC").
10. Names that do not accord with the indexation requirements of the Stud Books. This includes abbreviated words (other than commonly used contractions – e.g. "she's",

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"can't"), words misspelt, or words rendered in a manner that is grammatically incorrect (Note: Abbreviated words will be assessed and, if acceptable recorded, as complete words. For example, "Stop "N" Think" would be assessed as "Stop And Think"; "Round em up" would be assessed as "Round them up"; "Shesa Lady" would be assessed as "She's A Lady".)

### Similar names

11. It has been allocated to a greyhound anywhere in Australia or New Zealand during the 15 years previous to receipt of the allocation.
12. It has previously been granted to a greyhound recorded as a sire or dam in the Greyhounds Australasia database.
13. It has previously been granted to a greyhound recorded as a group winner in the Greyhounds Australasia database.
14. It is the name of a prominent or renowned greyhound, regardless of when registered.
15. It has close similarity in the pronunciation of another registered name or name to which this policy refers (e.g. Mr. Yew, Mister You).
16. It uses a term allocated to another person as a Prefix or Suffix in accordance with the Prefix/Suffix Policy.

### Unacceptable names

17. The name, in the opinion of Greyhounds Australasia:
  - (a) has a political or religious connotation;
  - (b) is too difficult to pronounce;
  - (c) is derogatory, downgrading or offensive;
  - (d) is obscene, vulgar, scandalous or controversial;
  - (e) contains any word or words that use, or infer, the concept of "dog" (e.g. "hound", "poodle", "canine", "pup", "puppy", "canine", "kay nine") or any other breed of dog (e.g. "poodle", "snoodle");
  - (f) rhymes with, or has the pronunciation that is similar to, other names that would be unacceptable;
  - (g) is offensive or prejudicial to the image or interests of the greyhound racing industry; or
  - (h) includes words not commonly recognised or understood in Australia and New Zealand.
18. It indicates the opposite to the actual sex of the subject greyhound.



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19. It imitates wagering or track terms (e.g. "Vacant Box", "Late Scratching", "Number Four", "Red Rug", "Blue Box") or would otherwise cause confusion in that regard.
20. It is the name of a prominent racing event without the permission of the appropriate authority.

#### Commercial names

21. It is a trade name (whether or not registered as a business name), a registered company or association name, or contains a trade mark (whether or not registered) in use, or reasonably likely to be known, in Australia or New Zealand or anything substantially identical with or deceptively similar to, such a trade mark.
22. It is regarded by the Naming Registrar as having the purpose, effect or likely effect of promoting a business or the brand name of any goods or services.
23. It uses the names of, or suggestive of, wagering or broadcasting entities.

#### Names of individuals

24. It is the name, or pseudonym, of, or infers or is a suggestive of, a prominent person (whether living or deceased) (e.g. "Marilyn Monroe" or "Norma Jean Baker").



## **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.

### **FEE STRUCTURE**

It was agreed that the one-off registration fee would be a lifetime fee.

### **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.
- The greyhound must be DNA tested and have a semen evaluation completed before any application will be considered.
- The one off national sire registration fee is applicable on application.

### **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.

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## 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-imbusement 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 the Office of Racing Integrity.
- 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.

 <b>LABORATORY ADVICE NOTE</b> <b>ANIMAL HEALTH LABORATORY</b>		Accession No. Serial No. <b>114201</b> Case Manager
Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment 165 Westbury Road, PROSPECT 7250 Telephone: (03) 6336 5216	PO Box 46, KINGS MEADOWS 7249 Fax: (03) 6344 3085	
Name & Address for Reply <u>DR. S. J. KING</u> <u>LAWNESTON VETERINARY HOSPITAL</u> <u>421 WELLINGTON ST. LAWNESTON 7250</u> Phone: <u>6344 4566</u> Fax: _____ Urgent <input type="checkbox"/> Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Fax <input type="checkbox"/> Post <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Date of Submission <u>01/01/09</u> Date of Receipt at Laboratory _____ Property Number <u>M</u> Municipality _____ Submitter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <small>department practitioner owner abattoir Laboratory other</small>	
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Phone/Fax	Signature: _____	

## 1 OBJECTIVE

1.1 The objective of this policy is to prescribe the process for determining whether races will be postponed or abandoned, the payments to be made in the case of postponed or abandoned races and the selection of greyhounds to further contest a series in the case of abandoned races.

## 2 POLICY

### 2.1 Circumstances beyond Control

2.1.1 Should there be an occurrence prior to or during a meeting which results in an indefinite delay, a decision to postpone or abandon a meeting or part of a meeting shall be made in accordance with the following:

2.1.1.1 At a twilight or night meeting, if a race cannot be conducted by the time allocated for the second subsequent race.

2.1.1.2 At a day meeting, if a race cannot be conducted by the time allocated for the fourth subsequent race.

### 2.2 Heats or Semi Finals

2.2.1 Where heats or semi-finals are scheduled, if one or more heat or semi-final is conducted then all the remaining heats or semi-finals shall be abandoned.

2.2.2 Where heats or semi-finals are scheduled and none of the heats or semi-finals have been conducted, a review of the calendar shall be undertaken to determine whether it is practical to postpone the heats or semi-finals until the following meeting of the club. In this case, the Stewards, in consultation with the Club and trainers of engaged greyhounds, shall provide a recommendation to Tasracing as to the postponement of the heats or semi-finals and Tasracing shall determine whether the heats or semi-finals are postponed or abandoned by 9.00am on the following day. If postponement is not practical, then the heats or semi-finals shall be abandoned.

### 2.3 Greyhounds to further contest in a series

2.3.1 Where a race which is part of a series has been abandoned, then the greyhounds to further contest the series shall be determined by a random public draw as per the provisions of GAR111 being applied to each of the abandoned heats or semi-finals.

2.3.2 In the case where a determination is required to be made between two or more greyhounds to contest further in the series or be named as a reserve or the order of reserves, then such selection shall be determined by a random public draw as per the provisions of GAR111 being applied to each of the abandoned heats or semi-finals.

## 2.4 False Start or No Race

2.4.1 If a False Start or a No Race is declared for a race with a total stake of \$9,600 or less and the race is not re-run at the meeting, the race will be abandoned and the payment of the prize money allocated to the race shall be distributed in accordance with GAR 111 (3).

2.4.2 If a False Start or a No Race is declared for a race with a total stake in excess of \$9,600 and the race is not re-run at the meeting, the preferred option is to postpone the race if practical. However the Stewards, in consultation with the Club and trainers of engaged greyhounds, shall provide a recommendation to Tasracing as to the abandonment or postponement of the race and Tasracing shall determine whether the race is to be postponed or abandoned by 9.00am on the following day.

2.4.3 If Tasracing determines that a race with a total stake in excess of \$9,600 is to be abandoned then the prize money allocated to the race shall be distributed evenly among the relevant connections of the greyhounds that were eligible to compete at the time the False Start or No Race was declared.

2.4.4 If Tasracing determines the race with a total stake in excess of \$9,600 is to be postponed then a travelling allowance shall be made to each trainer of the greyhounds eligible to compete at the time of the announcement which shall be based on the area code of the telephone number of the residential address of the trainer as per the following:

- 2.4.4.1 In the same telephone area code \$50
- 2.4.4.2 The adjoining telephone area code \$130
- 2.4.4.3 The furthest telephone area code \$180

## 2.5 Races Unable to Proceed **within 3 hours prior to the kennels opening.**

2.5.1 In the event that races cannot proceed (including a meeting that has commenced), the preferred option is to postpone any race with a total stake in excess of \$9,600 if practical. However the Stewards, in consultation with the Club and trainers of engaged greyhounds, shall provide a recommendation to Tasracing as to the abandonment or postponement of each of the races involved and Tasracing shall determine whether the races are postponed or abandoned by 9.00am on the following day.

2.5.2 If the decision made is to **abandon** races the prize money allocated to the races abandoned shall be distributed evenly among the relevant connections of the greyhounds eligible to compete at the time of the abandonment.



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- 2.5.3 If the decision made is to **postpone** races then a travelling allowance shall be made to each trainer of the greyhounds eligible to compete at the time of the announcement which shall be based on the area code of the telephone number of the residential address of the trainer as per the following:
- |         |                                   |       |
|---------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| 2.5.3.1 | In the same telephone area code   | \$50  |
| 2.5.3.2 | The adjoining telephone area code | \$130 |
| 2.5.3.3 | The furthest telephone area code  | \$180 |

2.6 Meeting Unable to Proceed **more than 3 hours prior to the kennels opening.**

- 2.6.1 In the event that a meeting cannot proceed, the preferred option is to postpone any race with a total stake in excess of \$9,600 if practical. However, Tasracing, in consultation with the Stewards and the Club shall make a determination as to whether each of the races will be postponed or abandoned at the earliest opportunity but no later than 9.00am on the following day.
- 2.6.2 There is no entitlement to stake money or travelling allowance for any race postponed or abandoned more than 3 hours prior to the time of the opening of kennels for the meeting.

### 3 PROCEDURES

- 3.1 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 announcement that the race would not proceed was made.  
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.
- 3.2 Whenever a decision on the abandonment or the postponement of races at a meeting is made the next day, the nominations for the next meeting shall be extended to 11.30am on the day the decision on the abandonment or postponement is determined and announced.

### 4 OTHER ENGAGEMENTS

- 4.1. Any greyhound engaged in the postponed event will firstly take its place in the postponed event. Any greyhound engaged in the postponed event (excluding reserves that haven't obtained a start) which is already drawn into another race the day prior to the date of the postponed event shall be required to be withdrawn from such other race.
- 4.2. Any greyhound engaged in the postponed event (including reserves) which is already engaged in an event to be held within 3 days of the postponed event may be withdrawn without penalty from such other event.

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## 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.

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**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 Tasmanian Greyhound Rules of Racing. The Rules are available from Tasracing or the Office of Racing Integrity (ORI) and may be downloaded from the websites at [www.tasracingcorporate.com.au](http://www.tasracingcorporate.com.au) or [www.racing.tas.gov.au/](http://www.racing.tas.gov.au/)

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 Greyhounds Australasia Rule 137.

Substances exempt from being prohibited substances are defined in Greyhounds Australasia Rule 138.

Permanently Banned Prohibited Substances are defined in Greyhounds Australasia Rule 139.

**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 Greyhounds Australasia Rule 151.
- Personnel handling therapeutic substances should use disposable gloves and wash their hand between administrations

ORI 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 ORI. All costs for the testing are the responsibility of the trainer.

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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 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. That record must be retained for a minimum of two (2) years from the time the greyhound leaves their care in accordance with Greyhounds Australasia Rule 151. Such record of treatment must be produced for inspection when requested by a Steward or a person authorised by the Controlling Body.

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

Illustration 1

<b>MEDICATION LOG</b>			
<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Greyhound</b>	<b>Treatment (name, dose, route)</b>	<b>Administered by</b>

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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.

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## 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 be conducted at one track each week at Devonport Launceston and Hobart on rotation on the following basis:
- 2.1.1 Devonport trials will held over the Sprint distance
  - 2.1.2 Launceston trials will be over both the Sprint and Short Sprint distances with every third rotation being over the Sprint.
  - 2.1.3 Hobart trials will be over both the Sprint and Short Sprint distances with every third rotation being over the Short Sprint.
  - 2.1.4 Qualifying Trials will be restricted to Mixed 4/5 or Mixed 5/6 grades
  - 2.1.5 Where possible Short Sprint qualifying trials shall be scheduled when a Grade 5 Short Sprint race is programmed.
  - 2.1.6 Qualifying Trials shall not be scheduled at meetings where designated Feature Events are programmed and shall be reduced to 3 heats if 11 races are programmed.
- 2.2 One race, at every meeting wherever possible, restricted to greyhounds over the age of 42 months shall be programmed as detailed in clause 2.3. These races shall be known as Masters Races.
- 2.3 Masters Races shall be programmed on the following basis:
- 2.3.1 Hobart and Launceston:
    - Mixed 4/5 Sprint
    - Mixed 4/5 Sprint Reverse Order of Choice
    - Mixed 4/5 Short Sprint
    - Mixed 4/5 Short Sprint Reverse Order of Choice
    - Free-to-All Sprint
    - Free-to-All Short Sprint
  - 2.3.2 Devonport
    - Mixed 4/5 Sprint
    - Mixed 4/5 Sprint Reverse Order of Choice
    - Free-to-All Sprint
- 2.4 Mid Distance races will be scheduled for Mixed Maiden/6, Grade 5 or Mixed 4/5 with a Free-to-All race once per month rotating between each track.
- 2.5 Long Distance races will be scheduled as per the Feature Events Calendar and any other guidelines adopted.

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- 2.6 The following shall apply to Short Sprint races:
- 2.6.1 A maximum of three races over the Short Sprint distance, excluding Masters Races, shall be programmed at any meeting.
  - 2.6.2 Short Sprint races will be programmed on a rotation basis (where possible) of Grade 6, Grade 5, Grade 4, Grade 6, Free-to-All and Maiden.
  - 2.6.3 The number of Short Sprint races programmed shall be three for Grades 6 & Grade 5, two for Grade 4 and one for Free-to-All and Maiden.
  - 2.6.4 The frequency of the programming of Short Sprint races and the rotation of grades shall always be subject to other races scheduled.
- 2.7 Specific races will be programmed at each meeting with reference to the number of races to be scheduled if sufficient nominations are received.
- 2.8 A Maiden race, either over the sprint or short sprint, will be programmed where practical each fortnight on a rotation basis between tracks.
- 2.9 The grade 6 races at one meeting per month over the sprint, rotating between tracks, will be restricted to Tasbred greyhounds only.
- 2.10 Tasracing retains the right to amend any of the above conditions in special circumstances to maximise the number or quality of races being programmed.



## 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 Tasmanian Greyhound Rules of Racing require an owner to make all reasonable efforts to avoid euthanasia of their greyhound by finding it a suitable long-term home.

An owner must make application to the Director using the approved form, requesting permission to euthanase a greyhound.

Every greyhound retired as a pet must be surgically sterilised by a veterinarian prior to being retired as a pet or placed with a rehoming/adoption agency, including GAP. A copy of the de-sexing certificate must be lodged with the Director, except where a veterinarian after examining the greyhound certifies, to the satisfaction of the Director, that being surgically sterilised would be detrimental to its welfare.

Local Rule 22 details the requirements for rehoming and the options available should the greyhound not be suitable as a pet due to medical, behavioural or legal reasons.

Once a registered greyhound is notified to the Director as being retired as a pet, transferred to an adoption program or surrendered to another agency it shall cease to be registered as a greyhound for the purposes of racing or breeding under the provisions of the Rules.

#### **4. OTHER INFORMATION:**

The Dog Control Act requires that all greyhounds must be on a leash at all times in a public place and must be muzzled unless the greyhound has successfully completed an approved program in respect of the training and assessment of greyhounds for suitability to be without a muzzle.

Tasracing urges all owners retiring greyhounds as pets to transfer them to Tasracing's GAP program which is an approved greyhound suitability program. More details and information on GAP is available at [www.gaptas.org.au](http://www.gaptas.org.au).



## 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.

<b>MARGIN</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>MARGIN</b>	<b>TIME</b>
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](http://www.iata.org))



## **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.

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## **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

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## 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:**

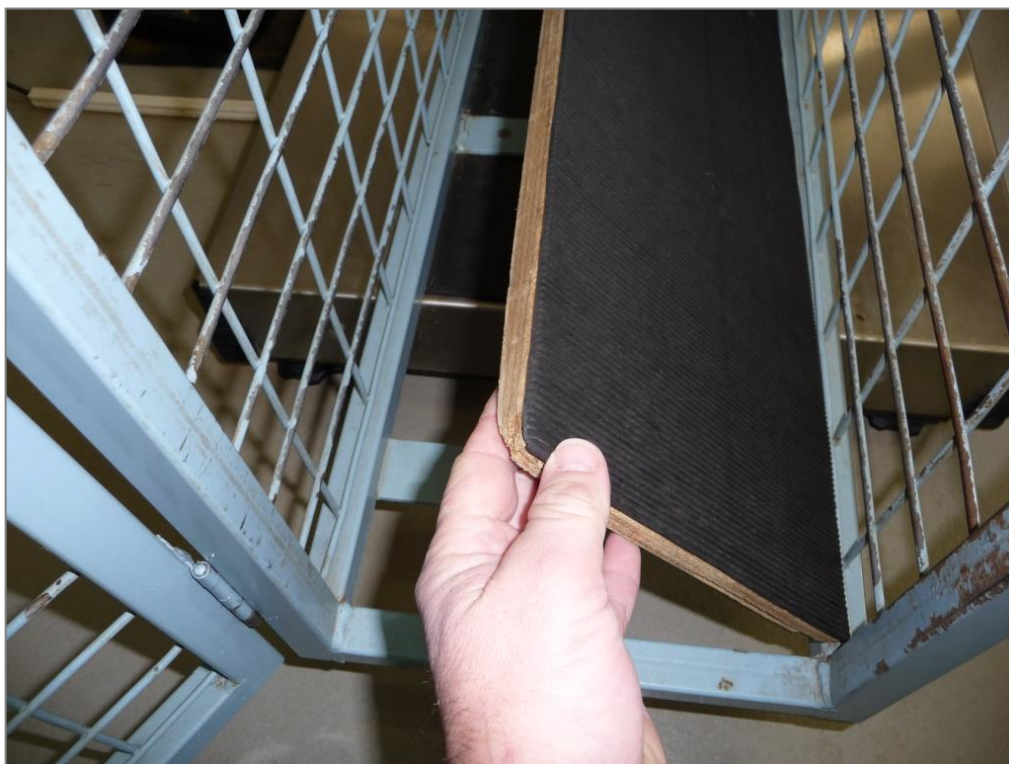
- 4.5.1 The Club shall retain on file for a period of at least two years a copy of the certifications for the scales and check weights; and
- 4.5.2 The Stewards shall retain on file for a period of 12 months a copy of their report from each race meeting indicating that the scales were checked with the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



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**1. OBJECTIVE:**

The objective of this policy is to outline the approved format for the keeping of the record of the genuine and daily efforts made to socialise the greyhound to non-training and non-racing settings and environments as required under Local Rule 22.5 (i) (b).

**2. POLICY:**

2.1 The record to be maintained for a greyhound during the wind-down period for rehoming is required to indicate the name, microchip and earbrand of the greyhound, the activities undertaken during the wind-down period and the number of times during the wind-down period that such activities have been undertaken.

2.2 The following is an example of the appropriate record that is required to be maintained:

<b>Race Name</b>
<b>Pet Name</b>
<b>Earbrand</b>
<b>Microchip</b>
<b>28 Day commencement date</b>

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<b>Activity</b>																												
<b>Walks</b>																												
	Busy road																											
	To a Park																											
	High people volume area																											
	With other breeds of dogs																											
	Other:																											
<b>Introductions</b>	Adults																											
	Children																											
	Other Breeds of Dog																											
	Cats																											
	Birds																											
<b>Other Experiences</b>	Time inside house/lounge																											
	Break routine out of kennels																											
	Stairs																											
<b>Handling - resource guarding</b>	Handle while eating																											
	remove food bowl when eating																											
	Handle - feet, tail etc																											
	Car training																											
<b>Final Comments</b>																												

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct record of the activities undertaken to socialise the greyhound to non-training and non-racing settings and environments.

Signed: ..... Date: .....



# GRADING SCHEDULE

8 July 2024



Tasmanian  
Government

Department of Natural Resources and  
Environment Tasmania

**Office of Racing Integrity**

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## 1. DEFINITIONS

<b>Age</b>	The age of a greyhound shall be reckoned from the last day of the month of its whelping
<b>Ballot</b>	A greyhound which has nominated for a race meeting but has not gained a start.
<b>Compulsory Consolation</b>	Is a race which greyhounds that do not qualify for the Final are required to contest.
<b>Consolation</b>	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 for the Final of such Series.
<b>Distance Race</b>	Is any race of 680 metres or more
<b>Drop Down</b>	Is a greyhound dropping in Grade (see Clause 16.8)
<b>Free-To-All</b>	Is a race open to all greyhounds, including maidens
<b>Grader</b>	Is a person or persons appointed by the Office of Racing Integrity to determine field selection and grading in greyhound races.
<b>Guarding</b>	The process to make every effort to separate greyhounds that are trained or owned by the same person, where there is more than 1 division of an event (see guarding section).
<b>Invitation</b>	Is a combination of grades 1, 2 and 3.
<b>Maiden</b>	Is a greyhound that has not won or been awarded first place in any race.
<b>Maiden Race</b>	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 any 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 any race on any track at any distance to participate (e.g. Hobart Maiden Thousand).
<b>Masters Race</b>	Is a race restricted to greyhounds over the age of 42 months.
<b>Mid-Distance Race</b>	Is any race of 570 metres or more but less than 680 metres.
<b>Mixed</b>	Is a combination of any 2 adjoining grades e.g. 1 and 2, 2 and 3, 3 and 4.
<b>Non-Penalty Race</b>	Is a race where the stake money to the winner is less than \$451. The winner of a non-penalty race will not incur a grading penalty with the exception of a greyhound's Maiden win, regardless of the amount of stakes earned by the winner.
<b>Open Best</b>	Is a race or series open to all greyhounds except maidens
<b>ORI</b>	The Office of Racing Integrity.
<b>Penalty Bearing Race</b>	Is a race where the stake money to the winner is \$451 or more.
<b>Qualifying Trials</b>	Are races conducted to determine the eligibility of the greyhounds to compete in a Final. The winner of a Qualifying Trial will not incur a grading penalty.
<b>Reverse Order of Choice</b>	Is where a race is selected by complete reversal of Order of Choice & selection based on Section 10.8 of this document (i.e. Order of Choice 12 upwards to Order of Choice 1)
<b>Reverse Order of Grade</b>	Is where a race is selected from the lowest grade to the highest grade (i.e. Grade 5, then Grade 4 etc.)
<b>Restricted Best</b>	Is a race or series open to all greyhounds eligible under the restrictions of the race or series, in which maidens are also eligible to compete.
<b>Restricted Wins Race</b>	Is a race restricted by the amount of wins a greyhound has.
<b>Short Sprint</b>	Is any race of less than 400 metres.
<b>Special Event</b>	Is a Feature Race or Series approved by the Controlling Body and published in the Greyhound Calendar.

<b>Sprint Race</b>	Is any race of 400 metres or more but less than 570 metres.
<b>Step-Grading</b>	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.
<b>Tasmanian Bred</b>	Is a greyhound whelped in Tasmania.

## **2. NOMINATIONS**

**2.1** A nomination may be refused by ORI if the information provided is incorrect or incomplete.

- i) Nominations must be lodged either through the online nominations portal or via fax on the Greyhound Nomination form to ORI by providing the following information:
- ii) Name of greyhound
- iii) The greyhound's ear brand
- iv) The trainer's name and licence number
- v) Club and date of meeting
- vi) Grade and distance of the race preferred
- vii) Second choices or 'No Higher' / 'No Reserve' comments in accordance with Clause 3 below.

**2.2** A greyhound cannot contest a race for a grade above or below that greyhound's grade unless in a Best Event, Mixed Grade, Invitation, Free-to-All, Masters Races, Consolation or Compulsory Consolation.

## **3. NOMINATION COMMENTS**

When nominating greyhounds, the only comments that will be accepted by ORI are the comments 'NO HIGHER' for maiden greyhounds only or 'NO RESERVE'.

## **4. FIRST STARTER NOMINATIONS**

**4.1** A First Starter Nomination form must be lodge under the following circumstances:

- i) A greyhound's first start.
- ii) If a greyhound's last race start was not in Tasmania.

**4.2** If the greyhound is having its first start, a First Starter Nomination form must be received prior to 10 am on the day nominations close.

**4.3** If a greyhound's last start was not in Tasmania, a First Starter Nomination form must be received by ORI prior to 10 am on the last working day, prior to the close of nominations.

**4.4** ORI may refuse any nomination form not received by the times stipulated in Clauses 4.2 and 4.3.

**4.5** A trainer, at the time of nominating a first starter in Tasmania, 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 nomination, ORI shall apply the highest grades to the track/s furthestmost from the trainer's normal place of residence.

**4.6** The allocation of grades in accordance with Clause 4.5 shall not be amended for any reason whatsoever once nominated by the Trainer or defined by ORI 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. EXTENDED NOMINATIONS**

- 5.1** If required, nominations will be extended until 11.30 am (unless otherwise specified by ORI) on the day scheduled for the closing of nominations. Trainers can nominate online or by phoning ORI prior to the closing of the extension.
- 5.2** Nominations for Special Events or for heats in Feature Events will be extended until 11.00 am (unless otherwise specified by ORI) on the day scheduled for the closing of nominations when there are insufficient nominations to conduct the minimum number of heats as defined in the Feature Events policy. Trainers can nominate by phoning ORI prior to the closing of the extension.

## **6. DUAL ENGAGEMENTS**

- 6.1** A greyhound shall not be eligible to compete in more than one event on two consecutive days.
- 6.2** 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 into a race, excluding Clauses 6.6 and 6.7.
- 6.3** In the case of a nomination on consecutive days, after having been drawn to compete at the first meeting the greyhound shall be withdrawn from the second meeting.
- 6.4** Should a greyhound qualify for a Semi Final of a Series or 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 Semi Final or 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.
- 6.5** Should a greyhound be drawn as a starter 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.
- 6.6** Should a greyhound be drawn as a starter for a Semi-Final or a Final (other than a Qualifying Final) which is to be conducted on the day following any other race for which the greyhound has already been drawn into, then the greyhound shall be withdrawn from such other race. The exception to this is if the other race is another Semi-Final or Final.
- 6.7** Should a greyhound be drawn as a starter for two Finals (other than a Qualifying Final) or two Semi Finals or a combination of both to be held on consecutive days then the greyhound shall be required to contest the Final or Semi Final for which it first qualified.



## 7. EARLY RACE REQUEST POLICY

**7.1** Strict criteria are 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. **Once all the following criteria are met, the Steward-in-Charge shall grant an 'Early Race' request:**

- i) 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
- ii) 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 requested be further confirmed by the greyhound being reweighed; AND
- iii) 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
- iv) A clinical assessment of the greyhound by the OTV confirms a state of distress and agitation in the greyhound; AND
- v) These examinations are to be witnessed by the Steward-in-Charge of the meeting; AND
- vi) Appropriate certification is supplied in writing signed by the OTV, Steward-in-Charge and the trainer of the greyhound.

**7.2** Should a greyhound that has been flagged as an 'Early Race' greyhound be drawn into a Final or Feature Event (where the winner's stakes are more than \$5000) that is programmed later than Race Six then the following will apply.

- i) 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
- ii) Proceed with nomination into that event. In this 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.

**7.3** 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 winner's 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.

## 8. GRADES: SHORT SPRINT / SPRINT / MID-DISTANCE AND DISTANCE RACES

- Grade Six (6)** Restricted to greyhounds under two (2) years of age at the time of the race for which it is nominated, that have not won or been awarded first place in a penalty bearing race at the distance on that track.
- Grade Five (5)** For winners of Grade Six (6) races over the distance on that track, winners of Maiden events or 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 (excluding a Maiden win) and greyhounds dropping from Grade Four (4).
- Grade Four (4)** For winners of Grade Five (5) races over the distance at that track and greyhounds dropping from Grade Three (3)
- Grade Three (3)** For winners of Grade Four (4) races over the distance at that track and greyhounds dropping from Grade Two (2)
- Grade Two (2)** For winners of Grade Three (3) races over the distance at that track and greyhounds dropping from Grade One (1)
- Grade One (1)** For winners of Grade Two (2) races over the distance at that track.

## 9. ORDER OF CHOICE

- Choice 1** Last start winner at this distance or any greyhound dropping down in grade to Grade 2 or lower.
- Choice 2** Placed, last start at this distance on the track of nomination.
- Choice 3** Placed, last start at this distance on any other track.
- Choice 4** Won, last start at another distance on any track (excluding non-penalty races).
- 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 this 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 this distance on any other track.
- Choice 8** Placed, at its third last start at this distance on the track of nomination.
- Choice 9** Placed, at its third last start at this distance on any other track.
- Choice 10** First start, this track and distance.
- Choice 11** Drawn as Reserve at previous nomination at this distance on track of nomination.
- Choice 12** Any greyhound that does not meet the criteria listed above.

## 10. ORDER OF CHOICE POLICIES

- 10.1** The form of a greyhound 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).
- 10.2** (i) 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.  
(ii) 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)***.
- 10.3** For the purpose of both 'Order of Choice' and 'Drop Down', a race in which the greyhound has fallen will be disregarded.
- 10.4** Any greyhound which is penalized 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.
- 10.5** Unplaced runs in non-penalty races will not count towards Drop Down.
- 10.6** 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 Event, Free-to-All (except ROC), Mixed 1/2, Mixed 2/3, a Semi Final or a Final.
- 10.7** In selecting a field, where two or more greyhound are on the same Order of Choice the following order of preference will prevail:
- (1) For Choice 1 greyhounds, selection will be made on previous performances.
  - (2) For Choice 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.
  - (3) For Order of Choice 5 and 10, preferences will be given to greyhounds that have never had a start at the distance.
  - (4) For Grade 6 Races (except in Best Races), the month of whelping, with greyhounds closest to turning 2 years of age given preference.
  - (5) After applying clauses 10.7 (1), (2) and (4) and for Order of Choice 11 and 12 greyhounds, the following order of selection will apply:
    - (a) Highest placing at the last start at track and distance.
    - (b) 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.

- (c) 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> will have a total of 18, whilst a greyhound finishing 6<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> will have a total of 19. In this case the greyhound with 18 points will be selected.
- (d) If totals are the same, a random manual ballot is applied.

## **11.FIELD SELECTION**

- 11.1** The Grader will consider a nomination for second and subsequent preferences **ONLY IF** the greyhound cannot obtain a start in the fields using the first preference.
- 11.2** 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.
- 11.3** ORI 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.
- 11.4** 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.
- 11.5** 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).
- 11.6** 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.
- 11.7** In Invitation races the greyhounds shall be selected first on their grade and then on their Order of Choice.
- 11.8** The selection of greyhounds for Free-to-All races shall be as follows:
  - (i) Maidens shall be first excluded.
  - (ii) Greyhounds shall be selected first on their Grade and then on their Order of Choice.
  - (iii) If Maidens are to be included in the field, then this shall be done on the Order of Choice.
  - (iv) Order of Choice '5' shall not apply to any greyhound.
- 11.9** In selecting fields for a meeting, the fields for those races called for and programmed shall be first selected and thereafter, subject to and in accordance with any other policy, single grade races shall be selected first as nominations permit, then mixed grade races from the highest grade down.
- 11.10** In the case of a single grade race and mixed grade race, greyhounds shall be selected for each race as determined by the provisions of the field selection criteria and their Order of Choice. In selecting a combination of a single grade race and a mixed grade race, reserves are not selected until starters for both races have been selected.

**11.11** 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:

- (a) **Restricted Best Races**, where the race/series is restricted by Grade as one of the conditions:
1. Maidens shall be first excluded.
  2. Order of Choice '5' shall not apply to any greyhound.
  3. The selection of other greyhounds shall be made on the Order of Choice, irrespective of Grade.
  4. Should it be necessary to include maidens in the field then this shall be done on the Order of Choice.
- (b) **Restricted Best Races**, where the race/series is not restricted by Grade as one of the conditions, the order of selection shall be:
1. Order of Choice '5' shall not apply to any greyhound.
  2. Grade 1 to Grade 4 greyhounds selected on their Grade and then on their Order of Choice.
  3. Grade 5 and Grade 6 (Non-Maiden) greyhounds selected on their Order of Choice only.
  4. Maiden Grade 5 and Grade 6 greyhounds selected on Order of Choice only.
- (c) **Open Best Races**
1. Maidens are not eligible to contest.
  2. Order of Choice '5' shall not apply to any greyhound.
  3. The field for any Open Best Race/Series shall be selected in accordance with the following order:
    - (i) Grade 1 greyhounds.
    - (ii) Grade 2 greyhounds with an Order of Choice between 1 & 9 (inclusive).
    - (iii) Grade 3 greyhounds with an Order of Choice between 1 & 9 (inclusive).
    - (iv) Grade 2 greyhounds with an Order of Choice between 10 & 12 (inclusive).
    - (v) Grade 3 greyhounds with an Order of Choice between 10 & 12 (inclusive).
    - (vi) Grade 4 greyhounds with an Order of Choice between 1 & 9 (inclusive).
    - (vii) Grade 5 & 6 greyhounds with an Order of Choice between 1 & 9 (inclusive).
    - (viii) Grade 4 greyhounds with an Order of Choice between 10 & 12 (inclusive).
    - (ix) Grade 5 & 6 greyhounds with an Order of Choice between 10 & 12 (inclusive).
- (d) **Major Feature Races** – The selection of greyhounds for the heats of the Major Feature Races being the Hobart Thousand, Launceston Cup and Devonport Cup shall be as follows:
1. Maidens are not eligible
  2. Order of Choice '5' shall not apply to any greyhound.
  3. Greyhounds winning the final of the last conducted races listed below shall be first included:
    - (i) Hobart Thousand
    - (ii) Maiden Thousand
    - (iii) Tasmania Gold Cup
    - (iv) Hobart Breeders Classic
    - (v) Devonport Breeders Classic
    - (vi) Devonport Cup
    - (vii) Tasmanian Oaks
    - (viii) Tasmanian Derby

- (ix) Gold Collar
- (x) Launceston Cup
- (xi) Illingworth Classic
- (xii) Launceston Breeders Classic
- (xiii) State National Sprint Championship
- (xiv) State National Distance Championship

The remaining field for Major Feature races shall be selected in accordance with the following order:

- (i) Grade 1 greyhounds
  - (ii) Grade 2 greyhounds with an Order of Choice between 1 & 9 (inclusive).
  - (iii) Grade 3 greyhounds with an Order of Choice between 1 & 9 (inclusive).
  - (iv) Grade 2 greyhounds with an Order of Choice between 10 & 12 (inclusive).
  - (v) Grade 3 greyhounds with an Order of Choice between 10 & 12 (inclusive).
  - (vi) Grade 4 greyhounds with an Order of Choice between 1 & 9 (inclusive)
  - (vii) Grade 5 & 6 greyhounds with an Order of Choice between 1 & 9 (inclusive)
  - (viii) Grade 4 greyhounds with an Order of Choice between 10 & 12 (inclusive)
  - (ix) Grade 5 & 6 greyhounds with an Order of Choice between 10 & 12 (inclusive)
4. A 'Grading Panel' will comprise the Director of Racing, Chairman of Stewards and another person appointed by the Director of Racing.
5. The selection process for Feature Races will include 'Grading Panel Discretion'. The panel will only utilize such discretion in the following circumstances and will be required to provide written reasons for its decision to include a greyhound using this clause if requested.
- (i) A greyhound that has been placed in a Group Race in the preceding three (3) months prior to the close of nominations.
  - (ii) A greyhound with superior form.

## **12. GUARDING**

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

- (i) Greyhounds with the same trainer AND same exact owners
- (ii) Greyhounds with the same trainer
- (iii) Greyhounds with same exact owners
- (iv) In Breeders Classic races, greyhounds with the same Breeder.

**12.2** 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.

## **13.RESERVES**

**13.1** 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.

**13.2** Except as provided in Clause 13.1, under no circumstances shall a reserve be eligible to be graded into another race in the same programme except as a reserve.

**13.3** Seeded Reserves will apply for all Finals and Consolations.

## **14.SERIES QUALIFICATION**

**14.1** 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.

**14.2** 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.

**14.3** 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. Should there be two (2) or more greyhounds on the same placing and time, a random ballot will be conducted.

**14.4** This shall be repeated until the required number of greyhounds to further contest the Series have been selected (including reserves).

**14.5** 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. 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 utilizing the Time Conversion Chart adopted by ORI.

## **15.REDRAWWS**

If at any time after publication of a selected race field, it is found that a greyhound has been omitted in error from the field, the Controlling Body (ORI) will be solely responsible for determining if it is practicable to conduct a redraw to allow that greyhound to be included in the field.

## 16. GRADING PENALTIES

**16.1** Unless otherwise stipulated a greyhound will be penalized one grade for each penalty bearing win on each track at the respective distance (short sprint, sprint, mid distance and distance).

**16.2** A Maiden may win one race on any track before being assessed as Grade 5 on all tracks.

**16.3** A Maiden may contest any Maiden or Grade 5 race unless the conditions of the race otherwise exclude the greyhound.

**16.4** One grading penalty only will be imposed for one or more wins in a Series – e.g.

HEAT	SEMI-FINAL	FINAL OR COMPULSORY CONSOLATION	PENALTY
1 <sup>st</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	1 Penalty
1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 Penalty
1 <sup>st</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 Penalty

**16.5** Wins in 'Non-Penalty' races run in Tasmania will not incur a grading penalty, excluding Maidens.

**16.6** Wins on interstate tracks with first prize money of \$450 or less will be treated as 'Non-Penalty' and will not be included when assessing the grade of a greyhound in Tasmania, excluding a greyhound's Maiden win.

**16.7** Wins on interstate tracks with first prize money of \$451 or more shall be classified as a win and be penalized as if those wins were on Tasmanian tracks as per the following examples:

- (i) A greyhound that has won one race while under and is still under the age of two (2) years shall be assessed Grade 5 on one track and Grade 6 on the other two tracks.
- (ii) A greyhound that has won one race since turning two (2) years of age shall be assessed Grade 5 all tracks.
- (iii) A greyhound that has won two (2) races since turning two (2) years of age shall be assessed Grade 4 on one track and Grade 5 on the remaining two tracks.
- (iv) A greyhound that has won three (3) races since turning two (2) years of age shall be assessed Grade 4 on two tracks and Grade 5 on the remaining one track.

**16.8** Any greyhound which is Grade 1, 2, 3 or 4 on any track will drop one grade for that distance on that track after three (3) consecutive unplaced runs at that distance on that track.

**16.9** 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.



## **17.QUALIFYING TRIALS**

- 17.1** Qualifying Trials shall be conducted only when programmed and will be over the distance and for the grade programmed.
- 17.2** Nominations close at 10.00 am on the same day as race nominations for the race meeting where Qualifying Trials are to be held.
- 17.3** If there are less than 10 nominations then the qualifying trails will be abandoned.
- 17.4** If there are 10 or 11 nominations then a Final will be conducted at the Club's next meeting.
- 17.5** If there are 12 or more nominations then heats shall be conducted with a Final at the Club's next meeting.
- 17.6** The maximum number of qualifying trials to be conducted shall be determined from time to time by the Controlling Body
- 17.7** The Final will carry normal graded stakes for the grade of the race.
- 17.8** Qualifying trials over the sprint distance 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.
- 17.9** Qualifying trials over the short sprint distances are for greyhounds Choice 7 or worse on the Order of Choice or greyhounds balloted from the race meeting at which the trials are scheduled.
- 17.10** Balloted from the race meeting is defined as greyhounds balloted from races selected to be conducted at the meeting over the same distance as the qualifying trials, including reserves, apart from reserves for a Final.
- 17.11** 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 in the following order:
- (i) Greyhounds balloted from the race meeting
  - (ii) Greyhounds not balloted from the race meeting
- 17.12** Kennels will close one (1) hour prior to the first race when qualifying trials are scheduled.
- 17.13** Greyhounds participating in qualifying trials will not be kenneled and it is the responsibility of the trainer to be at the kennels and present their greyhound in qualifying race order.

## 18.DISQUALIFICATION OF GREYHOUNDS

**18.1** A greyhound awarded first place in an event following the disqualification of the original winner will have its grade amended by one grade at the track and distance of the event and retain any unplaced runs from the lower grade.

Greyhounds **will not** have their grade amended in the following circumstances:

- When the win was the loss of Maiden status and the greyhound has broken its Maiden status in the meantime.
- When the greyhound's current grade is higher than it was in the event it is now being awarded.
- If the win does not incur a penalty (e.g. second win in a series)

**18.2** If the greyhound has any unfulfilled commitments at the track and distance where the disqualification occurred at the time the disqualification and change of grade is to be processed, it will not be processed until after those commitments have been completed.

**18.3** The disqualified winner of an event is manually dropped one Grade at the track and distance where the disqualification occurred if the win incurred a grade penalty at the time of the event.

**18.4** Manual recalculation of the Grade history of the subsequent winner and disqualified greyhound once the amendment to the grade has been processed, **will not** occur. There will be a simple Grade change at the time the disqualification is processed.

**18.5** The disqualification will not be processed for a period of 14 days from the date of the disqualification being imposed to allow for the lodgement of an appeal and if an appeal is lodged, not until the appeal has been determined.

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