

## New registration requirements – new categories of registration and changes to existing categories

This fact sheet explains the introduction of new categories of participant registration and changes to existing categories of participant registration. The changes are set out in LR [insert rule numbers] of the *Greyhound Racing Victoria New Local Racing Rules*.

### THE CHANGE

Greyhound Racing Victoria (GRV) recognises the importance of overseeing all participants involved in all stages of a greyhound's involvement in greyhound racing in Victoria.

GRV has introduced three new categories of participant registration, Whelper, Rearer and Greyhound Educator.

GRV has also changed existing categories of participant registration, including introducing different levels of registration for breeder and trainer.

### WHAT THE CHANGE MEANS

There are now 9 categories of registration, covering the lifecycle of a racing greyhound:

- Owner
- Studmaster
- Breeder
- Whelper
- Rearer
- Greyhound Educator
- Trainer
- Attendant
- Catcher

### ***New registration categories***

GRV are introducing three new categories of registration for participants in the greyhound racing industry, being:

- Whelper – a person who cares for a female greyhound and her puppies from 7 days before her expected whelping date and up to 20 weeks after whelping.
- Rearer – a person who cares for greyhounds which are registered with GRV until they commence education activities. Rearers are responsible for socialisation of the greyhounds and the teaching of chasing skills.
- Greyhound Educator – a person who cares for greyhounds from when they complete the rearing phase until when they commence the training stage. Greyhound Educators are responsible for familiarising a greyhound with the race track environment and teaching racing skills.

### ***Changes to existing categories of registration***

There are a range of other changes to the existing categories of participant registration, including modifications to the definitions and the eligibility requirements.

Key changes include:

- the introduction of three different classes to the Breeder category of registration, Breeder (Class C), Breeder (Class B), and Breeder (Class A), each of which have applicable restrictions (or in the case of a Class A breeder, no restriction) on the number of litters that can be bred each year;
- the introduction of three different classes to the Trainer category of registration, Trainer (Class C), Trainer (Class B) and Trainer (Class A). Class C and Class B have limits on the numbers of greyhounds that can be trained, and Class C also requires the greyhounds to be owned by the trainer. Class A has no restriction on the number of greyhounds that may be trained;
- the introduction of education requirements for all categories of registration, which will form part of the eligibility requirements;
- the introduction of a 'fit and proper person' requirement, which will require GRV to satisfy itself that an applicant is a fit and proper person for registration. Further information about the fit and proper person requirement can be found here [ [## insert link to FPPR info sheet ##](#) ].

The definitions and activities that may be carried out by each of the 9 categories of registration are set out in the table [ [## insert link to registration table ##](#) ].

### ***When do the changes apply?***

The changes will be introduced in 2017. Registered participants and new applicants will be informed about the new requirements and given reasonable time to comply with them.