

**GREYHOUND RACING VICTORIA (GRV)  
LOCAL RACING RULES (LR)**

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# RULES OF GREYHOUND RACING VICTORIA

## PREFACE

In these Rules “Board” means the Greyhound Racing Victoria (GRV) Board, formerly the Greyhound Racing Control Board of Victoria.

GRV’s Rules of Greyhound Racing incorporate the Greyhounds Australasia Rules (GAR), the Plumpton Coursing Rules and the Betting and Bookmaker Rules.

The following information details the legislation that applies in the State of Victoria:

**Victoria** - Racing Act 1958 (Vic) (as amended)

These Rules are made pursuant to the Racing Act 1958 (Vic).

## PART 1: PRELIMINARY

### 1 Operation

1.1 These Rules may be cited as the Greyhound Racing Victoria Rules and as LR. (amended 01/10/2017)

1.2 These Rules are made under section 82 of the Act, and shall come into operation on 1 January, 2011.

1.3 On the coming into operation of these Rules, the Board’s rules in operation immediately prior thereto (the “previous rules”) shall be revoked, but this revocation shall not, unless the contrary intention expressly appears:

- (a) revive anything not in force or existing at the time at which the revocation becomes operative;
- (b) affect the previous operation of the previous rules or anything duly done under those previous rules;
- (c) affect any Penalty, Suspension, Disqualification, Warning Off, punishment or declaration of Default incurred in respect of any matter under those previous rules; or
- (d) affect any Inquiry, legal proceeding or remedy in respect of any Registered Person or Club, right, privilege, obligation, liability, Penalty, Suspension, Disqualification, Warning Off, punishment or declaration of Default; and

any such Inquiry, legal proceeding or remedy may be instituted, continued or enforced, and any such Penalty, Suspension, Disqualification, Warning Off, punishment or declaration of Default may be imposed as if those previous rules had not been revoked.

- 1.4 Where any amendment is made to these Rules, the Controlling Body must:
- (a) publish a notice of the making or amendment of the Rules in the Government Gazette; and
  - (b) within 14 working days after the making of or amendment of a Rule

- a) publish the Rules and each amendment of the Rules on the Internet; and
- b) display or cause to be displayed a notice of the making or amendment of the Rules at each Club.
- (c) A Rule or amendment to a Rule comes into force on the day the notice is published in the Government Gazette, or on a later day specified in the notice.

(Amended 01/10/2017)

## 2 Definitions

2.1 Definitions in the Act or the GAR's have the same meaning in these Rules unless the context or subject matter otherwise indicates or requires.

2.2 In these Rules, unless the context or subject matter otherwise indicates or requires:

**“Alternative Syndicate Manager”** means a person empowered to act on behalf of the Syndicate Manager in the event that the Syndicate Manager is unable to exercise any of their powers through absence, illness or other circumstances.

**“Act”** means the Racing Act 1958 of Victoria;

**“Associated”** means, in respect to one greyhound to another greyhound

- (a) Both greyhounds are owned by the same person or syndicate or by Related Persons;
- (b) Both greyhounds are trained by the same person or Related Persons;
- (c) One greyhound is owned, and the other is trained, by the same person or by Related Persons;
- (d) Both greyhounds are kennelled at the same address (unless the shared-kennelling arrangement has otherwise been approved by the Board); or
- (e) Such other relationship or connection determined by the Board from time to time; (added 06/08/2014)

**“Authorised Officer”** means a person authorised by the Board pursuant to section 77A(1) of the Act;

**“Board”** means the Board of GRV appointed pursuant to the Act;

**“Breeder”** means a person who is engaged in the breeding of greyhounds for Racing purposes;

**“Catcher”** means a person who catches a greyhound at the conclusion of an Event.

**“CEO”** means the person appointed pursuant to section 73(1) of the Act;

**“GAR”** means the Greyhounds Australasia Rules;

**“Greyhound Training Property”** means the property or premises at which a person keeps (unless retired as a pet), trains or races greyhounds and, for the avoidance of doubt, includes rearing farms, boarding and breaking-in facilities; (amended 14/06/2016)

**“Greyhound Trial Track”** is as defined in the Act;

“**GRV**” means Greyhound Racing Victoria, formerly the Greyhound Racing Control Board of Victoria;

“**GRV RADB**” means the GRV Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board which is established pursuant to, and has the powers set out in, Part IIIA of the Act;

“**Investigator**” means a person appointed by the Board pursuant to LR 48.1;

“**LR**” means these Rules;

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

“**LR Penalty Unit**” means the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per unit and when multiplied by the number of LR Penalty Units specified in a Rule in relation to an Offence or Serious Offence (as applicable), the product equals the monetary amount of the Penalty for the Offence or Serious Offence (as applicable); (amended 14/06/2016)

“**Member**” means a person who has an interest in a greyhound that is held in a Public Syndicate or a Private Syndicate;

“**Prescribed Form**” means a document that requires completion by the applicant, which includes an on-line application form; (added 01.01.2013)

“**Private Syndicate**” means where an interest in a greyhound is held by two or more registered Owners;

“**Public Syndicate**” means an arrangement where an interest in a greyhound is held by two or more Members;

“**Public Syndicate Agreement**” means a written agreement entered into between Members of a Public Syndicate that sets out the financial, animal welfare, ongoing management and other arrangements of the Public Syndicate;

“**Racing Integrity Commissioner**” has the meaning set out in section 3(1) of the Act;

“**Regulations**” means any regulations made under or pursuant to the Act;

“**Related Persons**” are:

- (a) A person and any other person residing or co-locating with that person; and
- (b) Any other relationship between persons or entities as determined by the Board from time to time (added 06/08/2014)

“**Rules**” means the rules of the Board as set out in this document (as amended from time to time) other than the **GAR**’s, the Plumpton Coursing Rules and the Betting and Bookmaker Rules;

“**Serious Offence**” means a breach of these Rules which is deemed to be a serious offence for the purposes of the Act and these Rules, as specified in LR 47.1;

“**Syndicate Manager**” means the person who is responsible for the day-to-day operation and management of a Private Syndicate or Public Syndicate;

**“TABCORP Agreements”** means the Product Supply Agreement and the Racing Program Agreement entered into on behalf of GRV with TABCORP Holdings Ltd (or any successor as holder of the wagering licence in Victoria pursuant to the Gambling Regulation Act 2003 (Vic) and other parties;

**“Totalisator Odds”** means odds which are determined or to be determined by the result of the operation of a totalisator on any event;

**“VCAT”** means the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

**“Warned off”** has the meaning in GAR 1, and **“Warning Off”** has a similar meaning. Without limiting the foregoing, warned off is a penalty given to a person who is not registered and has a similar consequence to Disqualification. (added 14/06/2016)

### **3 Application of Greyhounds Australasia Rules**

- 3.1 The Greyhounds Australasia Rules (**GAR**) as adopted by the Board shall apply and form part of these Rules.
- 3.2 If the GAR’s are amended in any way from time to time, such amendment must be adopted by a resolution of the Board before it is deemed to apply.
- 3.3 Where reference is made in the GAR’s to Schedules, those references are to the corresponding Schedule to these LR’s.

### **4 Application of Plumpton Coursing Rules**

- 4.1 The Plumpton Coursing Rules shall apply and form part of these Rules.
- 4.2 GRV shall be responsible for the conduct, promotion and administration of Plumpton coursing in accordance with the Plumpton Coursing Rules.

### **5 Application of the Betting and Bookmakers Rules**

- 5.1 The Betting and Bookmakers Rules shall apply and form part of these Rules.
- 5.2 In the event of a conflict between the Betting and Bookmakers Rules and any lawful regulations, directions or requirements of the Bookmakers and Bookmakers' Clerks Registration Committee, then the latter shall prevail to the extent of the conflict.
- 5.3 Without derogating from any of the provisions of the Act, regulations under the Act or any other legislation, all agreements in relation to betting on greyhound Events shall be made subject to the provisions of these Betting and Bookmakers Rules.

### **6 Conflict between Rules**

In the event of any conflict between any provisions of these Rules and the GAR’s, the Plumpton Coursing Rules or the Betting and Bookmakers Rules, the provisions of these Rules shall prevail.

## **PART 2: BOARD'S GENERAL POWERS**

### **7 Common Seal**

- 7.1 The Board shall have a common seal.
- 7.2 The CEO shall provide for the safe custody of the common seal.
- 7.3 The common seal shall be used only by the authority of the Board, or of a committee of the Board so authorised by the Board.
- 7.4 Every document to which the common seal is affixed shall be signed by a member of the Board and be countersigned by another member of the Board or the CEO.

### **8 Convening Meetings of the Board**

The Chairman of the Board, or in the Chairman's absence the Deputy Chairman, is empowered to convene meetings of the Board and to give directions to the CEO.

### **9 No Action**

- 9.1 No action shall be brought in any court against any member of the Board or Officer of the Board who, acting in good faith, enters upon any land for any of the purposes of these Rules.
- 9.2 No action shall be brought in any court against the Board, a member of the Board or Officer of the Board in relation to any injury, loss or damage howsoever occurring on the Premises of a Club or on any Greyhound Trial Track.

## **PART 3: REGISTRATION**

### **10 Recognition of "Controlling Body"**

- 10.1 The Board shall recognise as a "Controlling Body" any authority or body that falls within this phrase as defined in GAR 1.
- 10.2 Any person registered with a Controlling Body shall, while the person remains resident outside Victoria, be deemed to be registered with the Board.
- 10.3 A greyhound which is registered with a Controlling Body and which is nominated for and/or participates in any Event in Victoria shall be subject to any decision or penalty provided for in these Rules.
- 10.4 In these Rules any reference to a first or subsequent Offence shall be deemed to include a reference to a first or subsequent Offence of a similar nature and includes any offence occurring at any place outside Victoria where a Controlling Body has jurisdiction and which would, if committed in Victoria, constitute an Offence under these Rules.

### **11 Registered Persons**



- 11.1 Persons who wish to be Owners, Trainers, Catchers or Attendants of greyhounds must be registered with the Board. (amended 01/10/2017)
- 11.1A A person may only be registered with the Board under the Rules if –
- (a) the person is over the age of 18 years, or if seeking registration only as a catcher or an attendant, over the age of 14 years;
  - (b) the person’s principal place of residence is in the state of Victoria;
  - (c) the Board is satisfied that the person is a fit and proper person to be registered in the category of registration sought, having regard to all matters relevant to the category of registration, which may include the person’s character, reputation, honesty, integrity, criminal history and the person’s history in relation to animal welfare;
  - (d) the person has attained the experience and/or training prescribed by the Board for registration in the relevant category;
  - (e) any premises required for activity in relation to the proposed category of registration are fit for purpose;
  - (f) the person has complied with any other requirements prescribed by the Board from time to time for registration in the relevant category.
- 11.2 (a) Applications for registration with the Board must:
- (i) be made in the manner and the form prescribed by the Board from time to time;
  - (ii) state each category of registration being sought;
  - (iii) be accompanied by the prescribed information relating to the identity of the applicant;
  - (iv) be accompanied by the prescribed information relating to the character of the applicant;
  - (v) be accompanied by a current national police certificate and/or an authorisation signed by the applicant for the Board to obtain a national police certificate for the applicant;
  - (vi) be accompanied by prescribed information relating to the education and/or training of the applicant;
  - (vii) be accompanied by the prescribed fee;
  - (viii) be complete and accompanied by any other information or declarations required by the Board.
- (b) The Board may require the applicant to provide the Board with further information or declarations that the Board requires to determine the application, and may refuse the application if the applicant does not comply with the request within the time determined by the Board.
- (c) The Board may, in its absolute discretion refuse to grant an application for registration.
- (d) The Board may grant an application for registration subject to any conditions the Board thinks appropriate for the registration.
- (e) Without limiting the Board’s power to refuse to grant an application, the Board may refuse to grant an application in circumstances where, in the opinion of the Board:
- (i) the applicant is the current and spouse or domestic partner (as defined in the Racing Act 1958) of a person who has been refused registration or deregistered

- by the Board, who is disqualified, or who is suspended for a not insignificant period; or
  - (ii) the applicant is likely to, for purposes of activity related to their proposed registration, associate with a person who is disqualified, warned off, suspended or declared to be a defaulter under the Rules, in the period for which the applicant is registered;
  - (iii) the registration may adversely impact the Board's control or promotion of the sport of greyhound racing or the conduct of greyhound races.
- (f) Without limiting the Board's power to refuse to grant an application, the Board may only grant an application for registration in a category if the Board is satisfied that:
- (i) the applicant is a fit and proper person to be registered;
  - (ii) the applicant has attained the experience and/or training to hold the registration in the particular category or can attain that experience and/or training within a reasonable time as determined by the Board;
  - (iii) any premises required for activity in relation to the proposed category of registration are fit for purpose or will be fit for purpose within a reasonable time as determined by the Board;
  - (iv) the applicant meets any other criteria determined by the Board from time to time.
- (g) The Board has complete discretion to vary the conditions applicable to the registered person after the date of registration.
- (h) The Board may cancel or suspend any registration.
- (i) Unless sooner cancelled or suspended by the Board, the registration of a person under LR 11.2 remains in force for a period specified by the Board which cannot be longer than three (3) years.

11.2A A registered person must notify the Board, in writing, within 7 days of:

- (a) being found guilty of an offence punishable by fine or imprisonment, other than a traffic offence; and/or
- (b) having their registration with an Australian racing body other than GRV (including those related to greyhound racing, harness racing or thoroughbred racing) or Greyhound Racing New Zealand suspended, disqualified or cancelled; and/or
- (c) being warned off or fined in excess of \$250 in connection with greyhound, thoroughbred or harness racing other than in Victoria; and/or
- (d) being the subject of any adverse action under the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986*.

11.3 A registered person may at any time apply for cancellation or suspension of his or her registration. Subject to LR 11.4, such person's registration shall be deemed to be cancelled or suspended (as the case may be) upon the Board so resolving. (amended 01/10/2017)

11.4 If a registered person gives his or her registration certificate to a Steward or a member of the Board with an indication that the registered person wishes the registration to be cancelled or suspended, then the registration of that person shall be deemed to be cancelled or suspended (as the case may be) from the time that the registration certificate is given to the Steward or member of the Board.

- 11.5 Where a person's registration is cancelled or suspended pursuant to this Rule, the Board shall notify the person in writing of such cancellation or suspension.
- 11.6 No person who resides with any person who is Disqualified, Warned Off or declared to be a Defaulter shall be permitted to be or remain registered under these Rules unless otherwise approved by the Board and any existing registration is open to cancellation by the Board subject to re-registration with the Board's approval.
- 11.7 Unless otherwise approved by the board, no registered person may train, keep (unless retired as a pet) or race any greyhounds at any property or premises which are deemed by the Board as being or as having been the Greyhound Training Property of a person who has had their registration ceased as a result of having been Disqualified, Warned Off, Suspended or declared to be a Defaulter for a breach or potential breach of the GARs or the Rules (the "**defaulting person**").

For the avoidance of doubt the registered person and the person who has had their registration ceased need not be the same person. (amended 14/06/2016)

- 11.8 No person who is Disqualified, Warned Off, Suspended, declared to be a Defaulter or otherwise directed by the Board as falling within this Rule as a result of unacceptable conduct by that person (the "**defaulting person**"), shall be permitted to transfer any ownership of any greyhound they own, or any training responsibilities for any greyhound they train, to (whether by initial transfer or any subsequent transfer):
- (a) any other person who resided with the defaulting person at or about the time of the offence the subject of the Disqualification, Warning Off, Suspension, declaration of Default or direction of the Board;
  - (b) any relative, spouse or domestic partner of the defaulting person regardless of whether they reside with the defaulting person; or
  - (c) any relative, spouse or domestic partner of any person falling within LR 11.8(a).

Approval of the Stewards must be obtained for the initial transfer, and all subsequent transfers, of the ownership and training responsibilities for each greyhound of a defaulting person, on each occasion. Any transfer that may have occurred in breach of this Rule, whether before or after the introduction of this Rule, may be voided by the Board or Stewards.

(amended 14/06/2016)

- 11.9 As a condition of registration and renewal of registration, a registered person must, in respect of any Greyhound Training Properties they control, comply with any conditions issued by the Board from time to time in respect of Greyhound Training Properties. (added 14/06/2016)
- 11.10 The Greyhound Training Properties controlled by a registered person for the purposes of LR 11.9 are those that are:
- (a) owned, occupied, leased or sub-leased by them (whether in part or jointly with any other person);

- (b) otherwise controlled by them, including indirectly through a relative, spouse or domestic partner, via ownership or control of a body corporate or trust, or control through other legal, equitable or contractual means; or
- (c) deemed by the Board or Stewards as being the Greyhound Training Property of that person.

(added 14/06/2016)

11.11 A registered person must notify Stewards (by such means required by the Stewards) of all relevant details of each Greyhound Training Property it controls, and when it ceases to control any such Greyhound Training Property. Where a Greyhound Training Property could be considered to be controlled by two or more registered persons, each such registered person must notify the Stewards of the Greyhound Training Property in accordance with this sub-rule and each such registered person is responsible for ensuring compliance with LR 11.9 in respect of that Greyhound Training Property. It is an Offence if a registered person fails to notify Stewards of any Greyhound Training Properties they control. This LR 11.11 does not come in to force until 30 days following the date these amended rules come into effect (as published in the Victoria Government Gazette). (added 14/06/2016)

11.12 Unless the Board or Stewards direct otherwise, in addition to the consequences set out in GAR 99 (2), a person who is Suspended is not, during the period of suspension:

- (a) to enter any enclosure or other portion of a racecourse or any lands occupied or used in connection with a racecourse during any Event, whether acting as agent or otherwise;
- (b) to enter the premises of a club on a day when a meeting, qualifying trial, satisfactory trial, other trial, Event or greyhound training of any type is occurring or would reasonably be expected to occur regardless of whether the meeting, qualifying trial, satisfactory trial, other trial, Event or training is actually occurring at that time; and
- (c) to enter or go or remain on, at any time, any place where greyhounds are trained, kept or raced including Greyhound Trial Tracks but excluding a Greyhound Training Property where the Suspended person ordinarily resides.

(added 14/06/2016)

11.13 If a person is declared a Defaulter and fails to repay the relevant amounts owed to GRV and or a Club (as applicable) in full within two calendar months of being declared a Defaulter (the “final due date”):

- (a) that person’s registration may be cancelled on the day after the final due date by the Board;
- (b) if a Defaulter’s registration is cancelled, they may reapply for registration in accordance with LR 11.1; and
- (c) the Board may refuse any application for registration by that person if they have not paid any amounts owed to GRV and or a Club, including any amounts which gave rise to the original decision to declare the person a Defaulter.

(added 14/06/2016)

11.14 Where in the opinion of the Stewards:

- (a) there is prima facie evidence that a registered person has:
  - (i) breached the Rules; or
  - (ii) has committed an offence pursuant to GAR 86; and
- (b) it is necessary to make a decision immediately in respect of the matters referred to in LR 11.14(a) in order to protect the integrity of the sport of greyhound racing;

the Stewards may immediately suspend that person.

(added 14/06/2016)

11.15 Where a decision is made by the Stewards under LR 11.14; the Stewards will:

- (a) notify the registered person of the decision within two hours of the decision;
- (b) if practicable, provide the registered person with copies of the evidence relied on for making the decision; and
- (c) request that the registered person provide information to the satisfaction of the Stewards regarding the matters referred to in LR 11.14(a).

(added 14/06/2016)

11.16 The suspension of a registered person pursuant to LR 11.14 is temporary and will only operate to the earliest in time of:

- (a) 2 business days from the date of the suspension pursuant to LR 11.14; or
- (b) another decision of the Stewards (such a decision may not be pursuant to LR 11.14 regarding the same person).

(added 14/06/2016)

11.17 Persons who wish to engage in the whelping, rearing, breaking in or education of greyhounds must be registered with the Board. This LR 11.17 does not come in to force

until twelve months following the date these amended rules come into effect (as published in the Victoria Government Gazette). (added 14/06/2016)

## **11A Registration of Greyhound Training Properties (added 14/06/2016)**

11A.1 The Board may prescribe categories of registration relative to a Greyhound Training Property. (added 14/06/2016)

11A.2 To register a Greyhound Training Property with a Controlling Body, a person must:

- (a) make an application to the Board in the manner prescribed;
- (b) pay the prescribed fee;
- (c) produce to the Board, any information required by the Board to assess the Greyhound Training Property's suitability for registration.

(added 14/06/2016)

11A.3 The Board when considering an application for registration may:

- (a) grant the application pursuant to any conditions it considers desirable;
- (b) request a person making application to appear before the Board and supply such information in respect of the application as the Controlling Body thinks fit;
- (c) refuse to grant the application.

(added 14/06/2016)

11A.4 The Board may cancel a registration or suspend, vary or alter or add to the conditions of a registration of a Greyhound Training Property. (added 14/06/2016)

11A.5 Unless sooner cancelled or suspended by the Board, the registration of a Greyhound Training Property remains in force for such time as may be prescribed by the Board. (added 14/06/2016)

## **12 Additional Provisions for Owners, Trainers, Catchers, Attendants**

12.1 No person shall be granted registration as a Trainer unless the person:

- (a) has attained at least Certificate II (C2) accreditation or such other accreditation prescribed by the Board from time to time.

12.2 A person holding registration as a Trainer shall not be required to hold registration as Owner in respect of any greyhounds which he or she owns.

12.3.1 A person holding registration as a Trainer with Certificate II (C2) shall only be permitted to train greyhounds which are owned or part owned by the Trainer or by any registered person residing with the Trainer.

- 12.3.2 A person holding registration as a Trainer with Certificate III (C3) accreditation shall be entitled to train greyhounds owned by any registered person unless the Board otherwise advises.
- 12.4 No person shall be granted registration as an Attendant unless the person:
- (a) has attained at least Certificate I (C1) accreditation of the Racing Industry Training Package (Greyhounds) or such other accreditation prescribed by the Board from time to time.
- 12.6 No person shall catch a greyhound on raceday unless they are a registered Catcher, Attendant or Trainer, save with the permission of the Steward-in-charge of the meeting.
- 12.78 Any Owner, Trainer, Attendant or other person who without reasonable excuse is found on the Premises of a Club outside of:
- (a) the normal hours approved by a Club for the conduct of a Meeting, Qualifying Trials or other trials; or
  - (b) such other official times as are approved by a Club,
- shall be guilty of an Offence.

### 13.1 Syndicates – General

- ~~13.1 Where a greyhound is owned by two or more persons the registration of such persons as Owners must be in the name of a Syndicate. (amended 1/1/14)~~
- ~~13.2 Application for registration as a Syndicate by Owners shall be made in such a manner, and they shall pay such fees, as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board.~~
- ~~13.3 Registrations as a Syndicate will be effective for such period as is nominated by the Board from time to time. Each Syndicate must comply with any requirements relating to renewal of registrations as specified by the Board from time to time.~~
- ~~13.4 The Board does not accept any liability or responsibility whatsoever for disputes arising between members of a Syndicate.~~
- ~~13.5 The Board may refuse to grant any application for registration or renewal of registration of a Syndicate and may cancel or Suspend any registration at any time, and for any reason.~~
- ~~13.6 Each Syndicate member is required to be registered with the Board as an Owner in accordance with these Rules.~~
- ~~13.7 Each Syndicate must immediately notify the Board in the form and manner prescribed by the Board from time to time of:~~
- ~~(a) any proposed change in the composition of the membership of the Syndicate;~~
  - ~~(b) any proposed change in the Delegated Person appointed by the Syndicate for the purposes of these Rules; and~~

~~(e) termination or other dissolution of the Syndicate.~~

~~13.8 Each Syndicate must nominate a Delegated Person who is entitled to and shall:~~

- ~~(a) exercise on behalf of the Syndicate any powers which the Syndicate as Owner of a greyhound may exercise, including without limitation the sole power to nominate a greyhound for, or withdraw a greyhound from, an Event;~~
- ~~(b) receive any Prize Money payable to the Owner in respect of any greyhound raced by the Syndicate;~~
- ~~(c) be empowered to sign and execute documents on behalf of the Syndicate, including without limitation documents relating to change of ownership or naming of the greyhound;~~
- ~~(d) receive any document or notice required to be served under the Rules on any member of the Syndicate;~~
- ~~(e) be deemed to be authorised to act for or on behalf of all Syndicate members unless otherwise provided in the Rules; and~~
- ~~(f) otherwise act on behalf of the Syndicate in all matters.~~

~~The receipt by the Delegated Person of any Prize Money payable to the Owner shall be deemed to be complete satisfaction of the liability for payment or delivery of same.~~

~~The Delegated Person shall be appointed in writing and notified to the Board at or before the time when the Syndicate applies for registration.~~

~~13.9 Each Syndicate must nominate a person (the “**Second Delegated Person**”) who shall be empowered to act as the Delegated Person, in the event that the Delegated Person is unable to exercise any of their powers through absence, illness or other such circumstances.~~

~~The Second Delegated Person shall be nominated in writing and notified to the Board at or before the time when the Syndicate applies for registration.~~

~~The Board shall not be responsible or liable for dealing with the Second Delegated Person as opposed to the Delegated Person and is under no obligation or requirement to determine if the Delegated Person is available in circumstances where the Second Delegated Person is acting or otherwise involved. All acts of the Board may be carried out with the Second Delegated Person if the Board is unable to contact the Delegated Person after making reasonable efforts to do so.~~

~~13.10 The Board may, if it deems it necessary, interview or appoint a representative to interview the person nominated pursuant to LR 13.8 or LR 13.9 (Vic) to be the Delegated person or the Second Delegated Person respectively prior to granting or refusing registration to a Syndicate. (amended 01/10/2017)~~

~~13.11 Except as otherwise determined by the Board, the Delegated Person or the Second Delegated Person respectively shall be deemed to be authorised to act for and on behalf of all current members of the Syndicate for the purposes of these Rules but all members of the Syndicate are liable for due observance of these Rules.~~



~~13.12 Any document or notice required to be served under these Rules on a member of a Syndicate shall be deemed to be served on such member if it is served on the Delegated Person or the Second Delegated Person respectively.~~

~~13.13 No greyhound owned by any syndicate shall be nominated for or be allowed to compete in any Event if any member of the Syndicate is undergoing a period of Disqualification, Suspension, Warning Off or is declared to be a Defaulter.~~

13.1.1 If an interest in any greyhound is held by two or more persons, it must be registered in the name of a Private Syndicate or a Public Syndicate.

13.1.2 No greyhound registered with any Private Syndicate or Public Syndicate can be nominated for or be allowed to compete in any Event if:

(a) any Syndicate Manager, Alternative Syndicate Manager or Member is undergoing a period of Disqualification, Suspension, Warning Off or is declared to be a Defaulter; or

(b) the Syndicate Manager and Alternative Syndicate Manager have been removed for any reason and any change has not been approved by the Controlling Body in accordance with LR13.3.6.

13.1.3 The Controlling Body does not accept any liability or responsibility whatsoever for disputes arising between Members, Syndicate Managers or Alternative Syndicate Managers or otherwise in connection with the operation of a Private Syndicate or Public Syndicate.

## **13.2 Syndicates Registration**

13.2.1 Application for registration of a Private Syndicate or a Public Syndicate must:

(a) be made in the manner and the form prescribed by the Controlling Body from time to time;

(b) nominate a Syndicate Manager and Alternative Syndicate Manager;

(c) be accompanied by the prescribed information relating to the identity of the applicant, the Syndicate Manager and the Alternative Syndicate Manager;

(d) be accompanied by the prescribed fee; and

(e) be complete and accompanied by any other information or declarations required by the Controlling Body.

13.2.2 In addition to the requirements of LR13.2.1, an application for registration of a Public Syndicate must also include:

(a) a copy of the Public Syndicate Agreement;

(b) a declaration that each Member:

i. has accepted the terms of the Syndicate Agreement;

ii. been provided with a copy of the Rules; and

iii. is not currently warned off, disqualified or suspended from greyhound racing or any other racing codes

13.2.3 The Controlling Body may require the applicant to provide further information or declarations that the Controlling Body requires to determine the application, and may refuse the application if the applicant does not comply with the request within the time determined by the Controlling Body.

- 13.2.4 The Controlling Body may, in its absolute discretion, refuse to grant an application for registration.
- 13.2.5 The Controlling Body may grant an application for registration subject to any conditions the Controlling Body thinks appropriate.

### **13.3 Syndicate Manager**

- 13.3.1 A Syndicate Manager and Alternative Syndicate Manager must, at all times, be registered as an Owner.
- 13.3.2 For the avoidance of doubt, a Syndicate Manager or Alternative Syndicate Manager may:
- (a) exercise any powers which an Owner of a greyhound may exercise in relation to any greyhounds owned by the Private Syndicate or Public Syndicate, including without limitation power to nominate a greyhound for, or withdraw a greyhound from, an Event;
  - (b) receive any Prize Money payable to an Owner in respect of any greyhound raced by a Private Syndicate or Public Syndicate;
  - (c) be empowered to sign and execute documents on behalf of a Private Syndicate or Public Syndicate, including without limitation, documents relating to change of ownership or naming of a greyhound; and
  - (d) otherwise act on behalf of the Private Syndicate or Public Syndicate in all matters.
- 13.3.3 The receipt by the Syndicate Manager or Alternative Syndicate Manager of any Prize Money payable to a Private Syndicate or Public Syndicate is deemed to be complete satisfaction of the liability for payment or delivery of same.
- 13.3.4 The Controlling Body shall not be responsible or liable for any dealings with the Alternative Syndicate Manager and is under no obligation or requirement to determine if the Syndicate Manager is available in circumstances where the Alternative Syndicate Manager is acting. All acts of the Controlling Body may be carried out with the Alternative Syndicate Manager if the Board is unable to contact the Syndicate Manager after making reasonable efforts to do so.
- 13.3.5 Each Private Syndicate and Public Syndicate must notify the Controlling Body of any change in the Syndicate Manager or Alternative Syndicate Manager appointed by that syndicate within three (3) days.
- 13.3.6 Any change in the Syndicate Manager or Alternative Syndicate Manager must be approved by the Controlling Body. The Controlling Body may, in its absolute discretion, refuse to grant such approval or may grant such approval subject to any conditions the Controlling Body thinks appropriate.
- 13.3.7 Any document or notice required to be served under these Rules on a Member shall be deemed to be served on such Member if it is served on the Syndicate Manager or the Alternative Syndicate Manager.

### **13.4 Private Syndicates**

- 13.4.1 A Private Syndicate must not have any more than twenty (20) Members.
- 13.4.2 All persons who hold an interest in a greyhound registered with a Private Syndicate must be registered as Owners under these Rules.

13.4.3 All persons who hold an interest in a greyhound registered with a Private Syndicate are deemed, jointly and severally, to be the Owner of any greyhound registered in the ownership of that Private Syndicate.

### **13.5 Public Syndicates**

13.5.1 A Public Syndicate must not have any more than fifty (50) Members.

13.5.2 Members of a Public Syndicate are not required to be registered as Owners under these Rules.

13.5.3 The Syndicate Manager and Alternative Syndicate Manager of a Public Syndicate are each, jointly and severally, deemed to be the Owner of any greyhound registered in the ownership of that Public Syndicate.

13.5.4 The Syndicate Manager and Alternative Syndicate Manager of a Public Syndicate must:

- (a) keep a list of all Members current and make the list available to other Members to inspect upon request;
- (b) notify the Controlling Body within three (3) days of any addition or removal of a Member;
- (c) keep a copy of the Syndicate Agreement current and make the Syndicate Agreement available to Members to inspect upon request; and
- (d) notify the Controlling Body within three (3) days of any changes to the Syndicate Agreement.

## **14 Studmasters and Breeders**

14.1 Every Studmaster and Breeder must be:

- (a) registered with the Board;
- (b) at least 18 years of age; and
- (c) approved in accordance with the relevant competency requirements as specified by the Board in writing from time to time.

14.2 If a person is Disqualified, Suspended, Warned Off, declared to be a Defaulter or otherwise declared by the Board as falling within this Rule as a result of unacceptable conduct by that person (the “defaulting person”), such person must not use, transfer or deal with any breeding unit of semen (as defined in GAR 125), or obtain registration of or import any breeding unit of semen. (added 14/06/2016)

14.3 Notwithstanding LR 14.2, the defaulting person may, within 30 days of becoming a defaulting person or such other period as the Board may approve, transfer any breeding units of semen registered in their name to another person in accordance with these Rules, provided that such transfer is not to (whether by initial transfer or any subsequent transfer):

- (a) any other person who resided with the defaulting person at or about the time of the offence the subject of the Disqualification, Warning Off, Suspension, declaration of Default or direction of the Board;

- (b) any relative, spouse or domestic partner of the defaulting person regardless of whether they reside with the defaulting person; or
- (c) any relative, spouse or domestic partner of any person falling within LR 14.3(a).

Approval of the Board must be obtained for the initial transfer, and all subsequent transfers, of the breeding units of semen of a defaulting person, on each occasion. Any transfer that may have occurred in breach of this Rule, whether before or after the introduction of this Rule, may be voided by the Board.

(added 14/06/2016)

## **15 Bookmakers etc.**

- 15.1 A person shall not act, nor shall a Club permit a person to act, as a Bookmaker, Bookmaker's Clerk or Bookmaker's course agent at any Meeting unless the person is registered pursuant to the provisions of the Act.
- 15.2 A Bookmaker, Bookmaker's Clerk and Bookmaker's course agent shall be subject to and bound by the provisions of the Act and these Rules.

## **16 Conditions of Grant of all Registrations**

- 16.1 A person may apply for registration or renewal of registration for such periods as the Board prescribes from time to time. Unless the Board otherwise determines, registration shall automatically be cancelled if the Registered Person dies, or resides outside the State of Victoria for a period of ninety (90) days continuously.
- 16.2 Every Registered Person must produce his certificate of registration on a demand made by a Steward or other Officer of the Board.
- 16.3 A Registered Person shall notify the Board in writing of any change of address within three (3) days of such change. Without limitation, a Trainer shall so notify the Board immediately upon changing his or her place of residence or the location of his or her Kennels and the Board may at any time if it sees fit review his or her registration.
- 16.4 (a) An application for registration is granted by the Board and registration is held by the registered person on the condition that:
  - (i) the person agrees to be bound by and comply with these Rules as amended from time to time;
  - (ii) the person is, at all times, a fit and proper person to be registered by the Board; and
  - (iii) the information in the application and accompanying declarations submitted by the person was true and correct.
- (b) If the Board determines that a registered person is not a fit and proper person to be registered by the Board, the Board may deregister the person and not re-register the person, or suspend the person from participating in greyhound racing, until that person has satisfied the Board that the person is a fit and proper person to be registered by the Board.
- (c) The Board may, from time to time, require a registered person to provide information, further details or undertakings in relation to any matter related to the Board's functions

and duties. The Board may de-register a person, or suspend them from participating in greyhound racing, if the information or undertakings are not provided within the period specified by the Board.

(added 01/10/2017)

#### **PART 4: OPERATION OF GREYHOUND TRIAL TRACKS**

##### **17 Greyhound Trial Tracks and Managers**

- 17.1 Application for registration of a Greyhound Trial Track shall be made in such manner, such fee shall be paid and such conditions complied with as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board.
- 17.2 Every application for registration of a Greyhound Trial Track shall specify one (1) natural person as its manager, who may be the proprietor of the Trial Track.
- 17.3 When the proprietor of a Greyhound Trial Track desires to appoint one (1) or more assistant managers of the Trial Track, notification shall be given to the Board in writing.
- 17.4 No person shall take part in the management of a Greyhound Trial Track unless the person is registered with the Board as the manager or as an assistant manager of that Trial Track.
- 17.5 A person who desires to register as a manager or an assistant manager shall make application in such manner and pay such fee as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board.
- 17.6 The Board may refuse to grant any application for registration made pursuant to this Rule and may cancel or suspend any registration.
- 17.7 The following conditions shall attach to the grant of registration in respect of any Greyhound Trial Track:
- (a) the Greyhound Trial Track shall be operated so as to comply with all applicable laws;
  - (b) unless otherwise approved by the Board or Stewards, the Greyhound Trial Track shall not be used or open for use other than between the hours of one hour before sunrise and one hour after sunset on any day; (amended 14/06/2016)
  - (c) provision must be made so as to ensure that no greyhound transported to or from any Greyhound Trial Track is removed from or placed in any vehicle other than on the Greyhound Trial Track;
  - (d) the perimeter of the Greyhound Trial Track must be fenced in such a manner so as to prevent the escape of any greyhound; and
  - (e) no nuisance or other condition liable to be dangerous to health or offensive shall be caused or permitted to suffer or to exist on a Greyhound Trial Track.
- 17.8 The Board may in granting any application for registration of a Greyhound Trial Track impose such additional conditions as it deems fit and may at any time afterwards by notice

in writing served on the proprietor or manager revoke or vary such conditions or impose any further conditions.

- 17.9 The manager shall ensure at all times during the currency of registration of a Greyhound Trial Track that a copy of the registration certificate of that trial track is displayed so as to be clearly visible to all persons entering the land.
- 17.10 The Board shall keep a register in which shall be recorded the names and addresses of all Greyhound Trial Tracks and their respective managers and assistant managers.

## **18 Conditions of Operation**

- 18.1 Any person who takes a greyhound to or permits any greyhound to be on a Greyhound Trial Track which is not registered with the Board in order that such greyhound be trialled or trained thereon, shall be guilty of an Offence.
- 18.2 The proprietor, manager and assistant manager of a Greyhound Trial Track which is operated otherwise than in accordance with its conditions of registration and these Rules shall be guilty of an Offence.
- 18.3 No Greyhound Trial Track shall be used or open for use unless its manager or assistant manager is present and engaged in the operation of that Trial Track.
- 18.4 No live animal other than a greyhound shall be used or caused to be used in any manner on any Greyhound Trial Track or surrounding area as defined by the Board.
- 18.5 Without derogating from the provisions of LR 18.4, no person shall use or cause to be used any live animal as a lure for greyhounds or for the exciting of greyhounds on any Greyhound Trial Track or any other location. (amended 01/10/2017)
- 18.6 (a) The Manager, assistant manager, proprietor, lessee or other occupier of a Greyhound Trial Track shall each be guilty of an Offence under these Rules if in any of the situations described in LR 18.4 occurs.
- (b) A person shall be guilty of a Serious Offence if they breach LR 18.5.
- 18.7 No fee may be charged for the entry of any person or greyhound to a Greyhound Trial Track.
- 18.8 Unless otherwise approved by the Board, the award of any money, prize, trophy or other consideration in respect of any matter occurring on any Greyhound Trial Track is prohibited.
- 18.9 No person shall engage in betting on any matter occurring on any Greyhound Trial Track.

## **PART 5: GOBIS**

### **19 Establishment and Administration of GOBIS**

- 19.1 The Board may establish, alone or in conjunction with others, a scheme to be known as GOBIS to support and promote on a national basis the greyhound breeding industry in Victoria by paying or otherwise providing incentives or bonuses to Breeders and Owners of Victorian bred greyhounds and stud greyhounds standing in Victoria.

- 19.2 The Board may establish, conduct and administer GOBIS on such conditions as it thinks fit and may (unless the conditions otherwise provide) amend or add to the conditions of GOBIS without notice, and may also terminate GOBIS.

## **PART 6: CLUBS**

### **20 Clubs - General**

- 20.1 A Club shall not conduct any Meeting unless the Club is registered by the Board
- 20.2 The Board may refuse to grant the registration of a Club if it is of the opinion that such refusal is in the best interests of greyhound racing.
- 20.3 (a) The Board may grant or renew the registration of a Club on such conditions as the Board deems fit.
- (b) Without limiting LR 20.3(a), as conditions of the Board granting or renewing registration or allowing a Club to retain its registration the Board may require:
- (i) the rules, regulations, by-laws, financial and operational records and other constituent documents of the Club comply with the Board's requirements as laid down from time to time;
  - (ii) the full and proper disclosure to the Board by the club of all financial and Operational Records of that Club; and
  - (iii) any proposed amendment, addition or deletion to the Club's rules, regulations, by-laws or other constituent documents be submitted to and approved by the Board prior to being submitted for the approval of members. (amended 01/10/2017)
- 20.4 The Board may at any time cancel, or suspend for such period as it thinks fit, the registration of a Club if the Board is of the opinion that such cancellation or suspension is warranted. The Board shall notify the Club in writing of any cancellation or suspension of its registration.
- 20.5 Every application by a Club for registration or renewal of registration shall be made in such manner as the Board prescribes from time to time. When submitting to the Board its application for registration, a Club shall forward with such application a true copy of its rules, regulations, by-laws or other constituent documents, each certified as a true copy by the Secretary or other authorised Official of the Club.
- 20.6 An application for registration or renewal of registration of a Club for a forthcoming registration period shall be made on or before 1 May preceding the commencement of the registration period.
- 20.7 The Board shall keep a register in which shall be recorded the name of all Clubs registered by the Board.

### **21 Clubs - TABCORP Agreements**

- 21.1 A Club shall take all action and provide all assistance considered by the Board to be reasonably necessary or desirable to enable the Board to fulfil its obligations under the TABCORP Agreements, including without limitation:
- (a) assisting the Board in the timely preparation of:
    - (i) the racing program as it relates to greyhound racing in Victoria;
    - (ii) the annual marketing program as it relates to the promotion of greyhound racing in Victoria;
  - (b) performing the racing program to the extent that it relates to the Club; and
  - (c) providing the Board with information in respect of all Events conducted by the Club.
- 21.2 A Club shall comply with all instructions and directions of the Board that the Board considers to be reasonably necessary or desirable to ensure that the Board is able to comply fully with its obligations under the TABCORP Agreements.
- 21.3 Notwithstanding any other Penalty which may be imposed on a Club or an Official, officer or employee of the Club pursuant to these Rules, if a Club does not so provide the information to the Board in accordance with the preceding provisions of this Rule, the Board may revoke the Club's registration or Suspend its registration for such period as the Board thinks fit.
- 21.4 For the purposes of this Rule the Board shall not be required to provide a Club with copies of the TABCORP Agreements.

## **22 Behaviour and Attire at Meetings**

- 22.1 A Club shall ensure that all persons at a Meeting are suitably dressed and behave in accordance with a standard commensurate with the ideal of the betterment of greyhound racing as a public entertainment.
- 22.2 The Steward in Charge of a Meeting may require the manager of a Club to have removed from the Premises of a Club any person who is, in that Steward's opinion, not suitably dressed or who is intoxicated or behaving improperly.
- 22.3 (a) No person at a Meeting, including an Attendant, Owner or Trainer, may parade, handle or act as a catcher of a greyhound at the Meeting, unless such person is attired in the following prescribed clothing:
- (i) black or dark blue ankle length trousers;
  - (ii) a collared white shirt or polo top (amended 01/01/2014)
  - (iii) black or dark socks;
  - (iv) black shoes, boots or gumboots; and
  - (v) such other or alternate clothing as the Board may determine from time to time.



- (b) All clothing (including headwear) worn by any person parading, handling or acting as a catcher of a greyhound at a Meeting, must, in the opinion of the Steward in Charge of the Meeting, be inoffensive and appropriate for the requirements of the relevant activity.
- (c) The following items of clothing must not be worn at a Meeting by any person while that person is parading, handling or acting as a catcher of a greyhound at the Meeting;
  - (i) overalls or track pants of any description;
  - (ii) any item of denim clothing;
  - (iii) track shoes or high heeled shoes of any description; or
  - (iv) such other clothing as the Board may determine from time to time.
- (d)
  - (i) The Steward in Charge of a Meeting may direct that a person is in breach of this Rule (“**the infringing person**”). If such a direction is given, the infringing person must not parade, handle or act as a catcher of a greyhound for the remainder of the Meeting unless he or she can change his or her attire so that, in the opinion of the Steward in Charge of the Meeting, the person is no longer in breach of this Rule.
  - (ii) Any other person present at the Meeting may be nominated by a Steward or by the infringing person as a substitute to parade, handle or act as a catcher of the greyhound of the infringing person, provided that the nominated person is authorised, suitably experienced and is attired so as to not be in breach of this Rule.
  - (iii) If such a substitute person cannot be found, or if the infringing person does not consent to a Steward’s nomination for a substitute person, the greyhound of the infringing person must be scratched and the infringing person shall be guilty of an Offence.
- (e) For the avoidance of doubt, the Steward in Charge of a Meeting has absolute discretion to determine whether a person is in breach of this Rule.

## **PART 7: APPEALS**

### **23 Appeals against Stewards’ decisions**

- 23.1 Any appeal against a Steward’s decision in respect of an Offence made pursuant to these Rules is, subject to LR23.2 and the Act, to be heard and determined by the GRV RADB.
- 23.2 (a) Subject to the Act and LR 23.2(b), where the Stewards have imposed a Penalty in respect of any Offence on a person, Club or greyhound, the person, Club or the Owner or Trainer of that greyhound on whom the Penalty was imposed may within the time specified in section 83J(2)(b) of the Act (or such extended period granted by the GRV RADB pursuant to section 83L of the Act) of the Steward’s decision, appeal against the decision that the Offence was committed, or the imposition of the Penalty, or both, to the GRV RADB.

- (b) Subject to LR 23.2(c), where the Penalty imposed by the Stewards in relation to an Offence in relation to a person, Club or greyhound is:
  - i) a fine of \$250 or less; or
  - ii) a penalty which is not a suspension, disqualification or warning off,
 the person, Club or the Owner or Trainer of that greyhound on whom the Penalty was imposed has no right of appeal to the GRV RADB.
- (c) Notwithstanding LR 23.2(b), an appeal must be heard by the GRV RADB if the Racing Integrity Commissioner directs that such an appeal be heard by the GRV RADB in accordance with section 83K of the Act.
- (d) The GRV RADB will hear and determine any matter referred to it by the Stewards or GRV pursuant to section 83C(d) of the Act.
- (e) Pending the determination of an appeal, the Chairman or Deputy Chairman of the GRV RADB may order a stay of execution of the penalty appealed against subject to any terms or conditions that the Chairman or Deputy Chairman thinks appropriate. (amended 01/06/2010)

23.3 A notice of appeal to the GRV RADB must be in the prescribed form that is specified in the Regulations pursuant to section 83J (2)(a) of the Act from time to time.

23.4 Where:

- (a) any Event comprises Qualifying Trials and/or heats and/or semi-finals (together “**preliminary races**”) and a final;
- (b) a greyhound during the running of a preliminary race is suspended pursuant to GAR69 or GAR71; and
- (c) the greyhound would otherwise be eligible to compete in the next preliminary race or the final (as the case may be) of the Event,

the Owner or Trainer of the greyhound may within the time specified in section 83J(2)(b) of the Act (or such extended period granted by the GRV RADB pursuant to section 83L of the Act) of the Steward’s decision being made appeal against the Steward’s decision to the GRV RADB.

23.5 The GRV RADB may, in its absolute discretion and subject to such conditions as it thinks fit, suspend in whole or in part the operation of the decision which is the subject matter of the appeal to the GRV RADB pending the determination of the appeal by the GRV RADB.

23.6 Any person who fails to abide by any decision of the GRV RADB on an appeal including any order imposing a Penalty or as to the refund of any Prize Money paid, shall be guilty of a Serious Offence.

23.7 Any person who:

- (a) wilfully insults, threatens or interferes with or obstructs any member of the GRV RADB or employee of the GRV in or in the vicinity of the place where the GRV RADB is to hear, is hearing, or has heard, an appeal or other hearing;
- (b) wilfully influences or attempts to influence any member of the GRV RADB, or employee of GRV or any party, witness or other person concerned in any way with an appeal or other hearing being heard or to be heard by the GRV RADB;
- (c) wilfully interrupts the hearing of an appeal or other hearing by the GRV RADB;  
or
- (d) misbehaves before the GRV RADB in any manner,

shall be guilty of a Serious Offence.

23.8 Without limiting any powers granted to GRV RADB pursuant to the Act, the GRV RADB may, whether at an initial hearing or at an appeal, impose all Penalties available to the Stewards or the Board pursuant to these Rules and the GAR's.

23.9 Any determinations, decisions or actions by the GRV RADB are deemed to be the actions of the Controlling Body for the purposes of the GAR's.

## **24 Review by VCAT of GRV RADB decisions**

24.1 A Steward or a person whose rights are affected by a decision of the GRV RADB may apply to VCAT for review of that decision pursuant to sections 83OH of the Act, provided that an application for such review is made within the periods prescribed by section 83OI of the Act.

## **PART 8: PRIZE MONEY**

### **25 Payment of Prize Money**

25.1 In all races conducted in Victoria, unless GRV approves otherwise, any prize money that a greyhound may win will be allocated to the Owner and Trainer as follows:

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Allocation</b>
Owner	50.0%
Trainer	50.0%

25.2 Any prize money of the Owner will be paid to the Trainer as agent for the Owner unless GRV decides otherwise.

25.3 All prize money will be paid by means of electronic funds transfer into the recipient's nominated account, unless GRV believes that special circumstances exist which justify a contrary payment method. (added 01/07/2011)

## **PART 9: NOMINATIONS**

### **26 Requirements**

- 26.1 A greyhound shall only be nominated for an Event:
- (a) by its registered Owner or Trainer; or
  - (b) in the case of the death of a registered Owner, when a new Owner of that greyhound is registered with the Board or the estate of the deceased is deemed by the Board to be the registered Owner, unless LR 29.3 applies; and (Amended 01/10/2017)
  - (c) in such manner as the Board prescribes from time to time.

26.2 A Trainer must notify a Steward prior to presentation for an Event if any greyhound being presented for that Event is suffering from an injury or illness which may affect that greyhound's fitness to race, including (without limitation) injuries sustained at a previous Event that were not detected in a veterinary examination at that previous Event. (added 01/10/2017)

**26A Minimum age of nomination**

26A.1 GAR21 does not apply.

26A.2 Subject to LR 26.1(c), a greyhound shall not be nominated for an Event to be conducted before the greyhound attains the age of 18 months. This LR 26A.2 does not come into force until 01/04/2018.

26A.3 A greyhound shall not be nominated for a Plumpton meeting to be conducted before the greyhound attains the age of 16 months.

(added 01/10/2017)

**27 Conditions of Acceptance of Nominations by the Board**

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

- (a) only:
  - (i) a person registered with the Board the Trainer of the greyhound or a person so authorised by that Trainer; or
  - (ii) a person registered with the Board as the Owner of the greyhound or, in the case of a Syndicate, the Delegated Person

may submit a nomination;

- (b) at the time of submitting the nomination:
  - (i) all persons associated with the greyhound and required pursuant to these Rules to be registered are the holders of current registration certificates;
  - (ii) all particulars in the nomination are correct;

- (iii) the greyhound is eligible to be nominated for the Event in accordance with these Rules, and is not Suspended, subject to an order to undergo a Satisfactory Trial, or otherwise ineligible to be nominated;
- (c) the person submitting the nomination agrees to be bound by these Rules, the rules, regulations, by-laws or other constituent documents of the Club and the conditions applicable to the Event;
- (d) should the greyhound be selected to start in any Event, then if afterwards in any circumstances whatsoever:
  - (i) the conditions of entry to the Event are changed;
  - (ii) the Event does not take place;
  - (iii) the greyhound is not permitted to compete in the Event for any reason including (without limitation) Disqualification, Suspension, or being subject to any order pursuant to these Rules to undergo a Satisfactory Trial; or
  - (iv) the greyhound suffers any injury or illness by reason of any matter occurring while the greyhound is on any ground controlled or administered by the Club or the Board,

no liability shall lie as against the Club, the Board, or their respective servants and agents for any loss or damage howsoever sustained; and
- (e) there shall be no entitlement to any Prize Money until its payment has been authorised by the Steward in Charge of the Meeting.

27.2 The Board may permit a person submitting a nomination to withdraw that nomination prior to the closure of nominations.

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

## **28 Grading**

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

28.2 All nominations submitted in respect of a Meeting shall be considered by the Board grader who shall select, in the Board grader's absolute discretion, the greyhounds that shall comprise the field to compete in an Event, plus up to two (2) Reserve Greyhounds.

28.3 For the purposes of LR 28.2, the following matters shall be taken into account in the selection process: (amended 01/10/2017)

- (a) The Board grader and the Club may, from the nominations received for the Meeting and by such time as the Board allows, determine the types and distances of Events to be conducted at the Meeting. If in the sole opinion of the Board,

there is no responsible official or employee available to determine the types and distances of Events by the appropriate time, then the Board may determine same.

- (b) The Board grader and the Club may determine the order in which Events are to be conducted at the Meeting save that the Club may change the order as a result of the Box Draw.
  - (c) Where a Club receives insufficient nominations for a Meeting the Board may extend the closing time for receipt of nominations for the Meeting.
  - (d) The eligibility of a greyhound to compete in an Event shall be determined in accordance with the Rules.
  - (e) A nominee of the Club shall be entitled to be present when the Board grader selects the fields for the Meeting.
- 28.4 Notwithstanding that the nomination of a greyhound for an Event has been accepted, the Board grader may select the greyhound for any other Event of the same distance for which the greyhound is eligible to compete at the Meeting and the greyhound shall be deemed to have been nominated for the other Event, save that this Rule shall not apply for Events conducted by way of heats and a final.
- 28.5 The Board grader may, in his/her absolute discretion, deem that a greyhound is not suitable for an Event for which it has been nominated and may refuse the nomination.
- 28.6 Without limiting the Board grader's discretion pursuant to LR 28.5, in making a determination of a greyhound's suitability for an Event, the Board grader may consider any relevant factors in the particular circumstances, including (without limitation):
- (a) animal welfare issues; and
  - (b) the official race form.
- 28.7 The Board grader may impose a limit on the number of Associated Greyhounds eligible to compete in a particular race in accordance with the GRV Grading Guidelines as amended from time to time. (added 06/08/2014)

## **PART 10: ELIGIBILITY OF GREYHOUNDS TO COMPETE IN EVENTS**

### **29 Participation**

- 29.1 No greyhound shall be allowed to compete in an Event unless:
- (a) its Owner and Trainer are registered with the Board;
  - (b) the greyhound has been nominated or is deemed to have been nominated for the Event in accordance with these Rules.
- 29.2 A greyhound shall not be eligible to compete in more than one (1) Event over any two (2) day period, save that a greyhound may be permitted to compete in more than one (1) Event at a Coursing meeting. [Amended 01/05/14]

- 29.3 Any greyhound which is owned by any person who has died shall be eligible to compete in an Event which has been Box Drawn.

### **30 Hierarchy of Flat Events**

- 30.1 The eligibility of a greyhound to compete in a flat Event shall be determined in accordance with the following hierarchy of Events (in ascending order):

- (a) A greyhound shall be deemed to be eligible for a Juvenile Event if the greyhound at the time of starting:
  - (i) is under the age of two (2) years as calculated from the last day of the month in which the greyhound was born, save that where a Juvenile Event is conducted by way of heats and a final, a greyhound shall be eligible to compete in the final if the greyhound is over the age of two (2) years at the time the final is conducted;
  - (ii) has not won a Race other than a Juvenile Race; and
  - (iii) has not won more than one (1) Juvenile Race at each of two (2) Victorian country tracks and/or one (1) Victorian metropolitan track.
- (b) A greyhound shall be deemed to be eligible for a Maiden Event if the greyhound:
  - (i) at the time of starting, has never won a flat Race (except where the Race is a Coursing Event); or
  - (ii) in relation to a Maiden Event which consists of heats and a final, wins a heat or otherwise qualifies for the final and does not win another Race before the final is held, but a greyhound which has qualified for the final and wins another Race before the final is held is not eligible to compete in the final.
- (c) A greyhound shall be deemed to be eligible for a Grade 7 Event if the greyhound has only won one (1) Event. [Added 01/01/2015]
- (d) A greyhound shall be deemed to be eligible for a Grade 6 Event if the greyhound has only won two (2) Events. [Added 01/01/2015]
- (e) A greyhound shall be deemed to be eligible for a Grade 5 Event if the greyhound is ineligible for a higher grade Event.
- (f) A greyhound shall be deemed to be eligible for a Grade 4 Event if the greyhound has won a Grade 5 Event and is ineligible for a higher grade Event.
- (g) A greyhound shall be deemed to be eligible for a Grade 3 Event if the greyhound has won a Grade 4 Event and is ineligible for a higher Grade Event.
- (h) A greyhound shall be deemed to be eligible for a Grade 2 Event if the greyhound has won a Grade 3 Event and is ineligible for a higher grade Event.

- (i) A greyhound shall be deemed to be eligible for a Grade 1 Event if such greyhound has won a Grade 2 Event and is eligible to start from a Grade 1 mark in a Handicap Event.

30.2 Notwithstanding the hierarchy of Events as set out in this Rule:

- (a) A greyhound is eligible for a Mixed Grade Event if the greyhound is eligible for a Grade 5 Event or is eligible for a Grade 4 Event.
- (b) A greyhound is eligible for a Free For All Event if the greyhound is eligible for a Grade 4, Grade 3, Grade 2 or Grade 1 Event.
- (c) Where an Event contains only two (2) consecutive Grades of greyhounds, the Event shall be called a Mixed Stake.

### **31 Special Events**

The Board may, if it deems fit, upon application being made to it in writing, grant permission to a Club to conduct an Event where special conditions apply restricting the eligibility of greyhounds to participate, and such Event shall be known as a Special Event.

### **32 Advancing Grades**

- 32.1 Where a maiden Event is conducted by way of heats and a final, a greyhound which wins both a heat and the final shall at the conclusion of the final be advanced by one (1) grade only and shall thereupon be deemed to be eligible for a Grade 5 Event.
- 32.2 Where a juvenile Event is conducted by way of heats and a final, a greyhound which wins both a heat and the final shall be deemed to have won one (1) Event for the purposes of eligibility to compete in subsequent juvenile Events.
- 32.3 Where a Grade 7 Event is conducted by way of heats and a final, a greyhound which wins both a heat and the final shall at the conclusion of the final be advanced by one (1) grade for each win and shall thereupon be deemed to be eligible for a Grade 5 Event. [Added 01/01/2015]
- 33.4 Where a Grade 6 Event is conducted by way of heats and a final, a greyhound which wins both a heat and the final shall at the conclusion of the final be advanced by one (1) grade for each win and shall thereupon be deemed to be eligible for a Grade 4 Event. [Added 01/01/2015]
- 32.5 Where a Grade 5 Event is conducted by way of heats and a final, a greyhound which wins both a heat and the final shall at the conclusion of the final be advanced by one (1) grade for each win and shall thereupon be deemed to be eligible for a Grade 3 Event.
- 32.6 A greyhound which wins a Grade 5 or higher Grade Event shall be advanced one (1) Grade when it next competes in an Event of the same distance at the track at which it won. Where a greyhound other than a Grade 5 greyhound, is unplaced at that track in two (2) starts in a Race of the same distance to that of its last win at the track, it shall when it next participates in a Race of the same distance at the track, be lowered one (1) Grade.
- 32.7 Where a greyhound is adjudged to have dead-heated for first place, the greyhound shall be deemed have won the Event.



32.8 For the purposes of this Rule "**final**" includes a semi-final.

### **33 Events Conducted by way of Heats and Final**

- 33.1 (a) Where an Event is conducted by way of heats and a final, the hierarchy of eligibility of a greyhound to compete in the final, being no more than eight (8) in number plus Reserves (if any), shall be determined from the heats in accordance with their finishing order as determined by the judge pursuant to GAR61.
- (b) Where a dead heat is adjudged in a heat and as a result provides a number in excess of (8) and two reserves for the final, the determination shall be made first on the basis of finishing order, and then based on the measurement of finishing time for each subsequent placegetter. The greyhound/s that qualifies faster shall be considered ahead of the slower greyhound/s.
- (c) Where the determination of finishing order pursuant to LR33.1(b) still provides a number in excess of eight (8) plus reserves, the determination for the purposes of LR33.1(a) shall be made by ballot of the greyhounds that have qualified equally in accordance with GAR67.
- 33.2 Where a greyhound is selected as Reserve pursuant to this Rule, such greyhound shall be eligible to compete in another Event at the Meeting provided such greyhound is nominated for the other Event and/or is not required to compete in the final as a result of the Reserve Box Draw.
- 33.3 Where a greyhound which qualifies for a heat or final is Disqualified for any reason prior to the heat or final, the following provisions shall apply:
- (a) the greyhound that is subsequently declared to qualify for the heat or final shall replace the Disqualified greyhound in the heat or final (as the case may be); and
- (b) if the replacement greyhound replaces the Disqualified greyhound after the Box Draw, there shall be no redraw of boxes for the heat or final and the replacement greyhound shall start in the Box Drawn by the Disqualified greyhound.

### **34 Re-grading**

- 34.1 Without derogating from and in addition to the provisions of LR 28.1:
- (a) where a greyhound is nominated to compete in an Event at a track where the greyhound has not previously participated, the greyhound may, at the discretion of the Board grader, be included in the field for any Event of the same distance at the Meeting; and
- (b) where a greyhound is nominated to compete in an Event at a track where the greyhound has not participated for a period of one (1) month or more, the greyhound may, at the discretion of the Board grader, be included in the field for any Event of the same distance at the Meeting.

## **PART 11: PRESCRIBED MANNER**

## 35 Nominations

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

## 36 Box Draw

36.1 The Box Draw for a Meeting shall be carried out as follows:

- (a) It shall open to the public;
- (b) It shall be random;
- (c) Unless otherwise authorised in writing by the Board or two Authorised Officers, it shall be conducted by means of a computer program approved by the Board;
- (d) The field for an Event shall first be determined by the grader or an Authorised Officer (“**Initial Field**”);
- (e) The Initial Field shall then be randomly allocated into a numerical sequence (“**Re-ordered Field**”);
- (f) Finally, the starting boxes shall be randomly allocated to the Re-ordered Field;
- (g) That random allocation of starting boxes shall comprise the Box Draw.

36.2 Where the Box Draw is conducted using a computer, a computer printout of the Box Draw shall be signed and dated by the person who operated the computer and by an Authorised Person to record that the Box Draw has been completed.

36.3 Where the Box Draw is not conducted using a computer:

- (a) it shall be conducted by at least two persons including at least one Authorised Officer;
- (b) it shall be conducted using a device provided by the Board for the purpose of the Box Draw; and
- (c) a record of the Initial Field, Re-ordered Field and the Box Draw and the time and date on which the Box Draw was conducted shall be signed by each of the persons conducting the Box Draw to certify compliance with this Rule.

36.4 The process used to perform the Box Draw shall be audited from time to time and the results of the audit reported to the Board.

36.5 Upon application from a Club, the Board may grant approval for a Box Draw to be conducted in an alternative method provided that the method approved is under the full supervision of a Steward or Approved Officer.

## 37 Timing of Events

- 37.1 For the purposes of GAR60 the timing shall be carried out by use of an electronic device or stop watch. The commencement of timing for an Event shall correspond with the release of the starting gate. The conclusion of timing for an Event shall be when the nose of the leading greyhound reaches the alignment of the winning post as projected across the track at an angle of ninety (90) degrees.
- 37.2 Notwithstanding GAR60, where the Steward in charge of a meeting is reasonably satisfied that the equipment in use for an Event enables a more precise unit of measurement than .01 of a second, the more precise unit shall be the basic unit of measurement for the purposes of the time of the Event and the times recorded for each greyhound running in the Event.

### **38 Satisfactory Trials**

- 38.1 For the purpose of GAR71 and GAR72, the following conditions shall also be complied with where a greyhound is ordered to undergo a Satisfactory Trial:
- (a) The person authorised to supervise the Satisfactory Trial shall check the identity of the greyhound as corresponding with the Greyhound Certificate.
  - (b) The greyhound shall wear a race rug.
  - (c) Except in the case of a Satisfactory Trial under GAR40 and GAR76, no less than four (4) greyhounds inclusive of the greyhound undergoing the Satisfactory Trial shall compete in the Trial.
  - (d) The person authorised to supervise the Satisfactory Trial shall forthwith, upon completion of the Trial, submit a report in writing with the Board in the form required by the Board.
  - (e) If a greyhound is ordered to undergo a Satisfactory Trial on a circle track, and successfully completes that Satisfactory Trial on a straight track, it will be cleared for straight track racing only.
  - (f) If a greyhound fails to be cleared to race after undergoing three (3) successive Satisfactory Trials, such greyhound shall not be eligible to undergo further Satisfactory Trials for a period of 28 days from the date of its last Satisfactory Trial. [added 01/10/2010]
  - (g) The person authorised to supervise the Satisfactory Trial shall weigh the greyhound prior to the Satisfactory Trial and record such weight in the records kept by the Controlling Body. [added 25/10/2011]
- 38.2 For the purposes of GAR36, the Stewards shall not grant permission for a greyhound to wear blinkers in an Event unless the greyhound has performed a trial in blinkers to the satisfaction of the Stewards, and the provisions of paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (e) of LR 38.1 shall (the necessary changes being made) apply to that trial. (amended 01/10/2017)
- 38.3 For the avoidance of doubt, in the event a greyhound suffers any injury, illness or death by reason of any matter or thing occurring during a Satisfactory Trial, no liability shall lie as against the Club, the Board, or their respective servants and agents for any loss or damage howsoever sustained.

### **39 Trials between Events**

- 39.1 The Board may at any time permit greyhounds to run in a trial in between Events at a Meeting.
- 39.2 Without limiting LR 39.1, any greyhound which runs in a trial in between Events at a Meeting shall be subject to the Rules as if the greyhound was running in an Event. (amended 01/10/2017)

### **40 Veterinary Supplies**

- 40.1 For the purposes of the Rules the prescribed pharmaceuticals, veterinary supplies and instruments shall be:
- (a) as published by the Board from time to time and notified to officiating Veterinary Surgeons;
  - (b) kept under lock and key by the Veterinary Surgeons; and
  - (c) kept in accordance with those procedures adopted and used by a reasonable Veterinary Surgeon and otherwise kept on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board and notified to officiating Veterinary Surgeons.

### **41 Racing appliances**

- 41.1 A racing appliance shall mean any material, device or other item which may be authorised by Stewards to be worn or placed on a greyhound competing in an Event.
- 41.2 Subject to this Rule, a greyhound competing in an Event shall not wear a racing appliance unless the Owner or Trainer has obtained the prior permission of the Stewards to do so.
- 41.3 For the purposes of this Rule and GAR35 the Stewards may require a greyhound to perform a Satisfactory Trial with a racing appliance to the satisfaction of the Stewards before permission is granted for that greyhound to wear that racing appliance in an Event.

## **PART 12: WELFARE OF GREYHOUNDS**

- 42.1 It is a Serious Offence if a person keeps a greyhound in conditions which are dangerous or detrimental to the health and safety of a greyhound.
- 42.2 A person shall not in the keeping of any greyhound cause or permit that greyhound to suffer in any manner on any premises owned or occupied by that person or permit any nuisance or other condition that is likely to be dangerous to the health or safety of that greyhound or which is otherwise offensive.
- 42.3 For the purposes of GAR106(3), the Board directs the last registered owner of that greyhound will be responsible for that greyhound and shall advise the Board if that greyhound is to be retired as a pet, a breeding greyhound, a GAP greyhound, or has been humanely euthanised by a veterinarian.
- (a) If the Board has been advised that a greyhound is retired as a pet, a breeding greyhound or a GAP greyhound, such greyhound shall be required to undergo a

veterinary examination and perform a satisfactory trial Pursuant to GAR 71 & 72 and LRR 38.1 before and further nomination will be accepted.  
(added 25/10/2011)

- 42.3A An Owner or person responsible for a greyhound who provides false or misleading information in relation to GAR106(3) or LR42.3 is guilty of a Serious Offence. (added 01/10/2017)
- 42.3B The Controlling Body may require a registered person to provide information or further details as it thinks fit in relation to a notification under GAR106(3) or LR42.3. A person who fails to comply may be suspended from participating in greyhound racing until the person provides the relevant information. (added 01/10/2017)
- 42.4 (a) On the sale or disposal of an unnamed greyhounds, the breeders or last registered owner must within ten (10) working days of the sale or disposal, notify the Board using the appropriate form of that occurrence.
- (b) A person who purchases or acquires the ownership of an unnamed greyhound must within ten (10) working days, notify the Board of the purchase or acquisition using the appropriate form of that occurrence.
- 42.4A An owner or person responsible for a greyhound who provides false or misleading information in relation to GAR117, GAR118 or LR42.4 is guilty of a Serious Offence. (added 01/10/2017)
- 42.4B A Controlling Body may require a registered person to provide information or further details as it thinks fit in relation to a notification under GAR117, GAR118 or LR42.4. A person who fails to comply may be suspended from participating in greyhound racing until the person provides the relevant information. (added 01/10/2017)
- 42.5 A meeting (as defined in the GAR's) shall not proceed if a veterinary surgeon is not present on the racecourse. (added 01/05/2014)

#### 42.6 **Rehoming and notice requirements**

- (a) An Owner must make all reasonable efforts to avoid euthanasia of their greyhound by finding it a suitable long term home.
- (b) An Owner must provide the Board with at least 14 days but no more than 42 days, prior written notice, in the approved form, of an intention to euthanase a fit and healthy greyhound. For the avoidance of doubt, a notice under this sub-rule can only be lodged after the requirements of LR42.6(c) have been met.

##### *Minimum requirements for rehoming*

- (c) Without limiting LR42.6(a), actions that an Owner must take to find a suitable long term home for their greyhound include:
- (i) a wind down period comprising at least 28 days during which the Owner must ensure that:
- (A) the greyhound has not engaged in any racing related activities, including but not limited to) trialling, breaking, education, training or racing; and

- (B) genuine and daily efforts have been made to socialise the greyhound to non-training and non-racing settings and environments, and
- (ii) after the end of the wind down period under LR42.6(c)(i), making at least one genuine attempt of each of the following:
  - (A) seek to re-home the greyhound with at least two appropriate third parties who are capable of ensuring the welfare and well-being of the greyhound, and
  - (B) seek the greyhound's admission to the Greyhound Adoption Program, and
  - (C) seek to rehome the greyhound's through at least one other animal adoption, re-homing or rescue agency.
- (d) For the avoidance of doubt, an Owner must ensure that wind down activities in LR42.6(c)(i) must continue throughout the period of notice required in LR42.6(b).

*Medical exception from rehoming and notice requirements*

- (e) LR 42.6(a) and LR42.6(b) do not apply if a registered veterinarian certifies, in the prescribed form, that the greyhound is suffering from an incurable condition or injury that causes significant pain or discomfort, or a marked reduction in quality of life.

*Legal exception from rehoming and notice requirements*

- (f) LR42.6(a) and LR42.6(b) do not apply if the greyhound is required to be euthanased to comply with law.

*Behavioural exception from rehoming requirements*

- (g) LR 42.6(c)(ii) does not apply if a registered veterinarian or other person approved by the Board certifies, in the prescribed form, that the greyhound is displaying significant behavioural characteristics that negatively impact on its suitability as a pet, including aggression towards humans or other animals.

*Extension of duration of notice*

- (h) Application for an extension to the duration of a notice under LR42.6(b) may be made at any time prior to the expiration of the notice, in the approved form. The Board or an authorised officer of the Board may grant or refuse an application for an extension.

*Evidence of rehoming requirements*

- (i) An Owner must:
  - (i) keep detailed records of their compliance with LR42.6, and
  - (ii) provide records and evidence kept under this rule to a Steward or authorised officer of the Board on request.

*Serious offence to fail to comply with rehoming and notice requirements*

- (j) Failure to comply with LR42.6 is a Serious Offence.

(added 01/10/2017)

42.7 Not used.

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

This rule shall not apply if:

- (a) immediate euthanasia is obviously essential due to:
  - a. the greyhound suffering from a catastrophic injury or medical condition/illness, and
  - b. the greyhound cannot be transported to a registered veterinarian within a period of one hour at regular driving speeds, due to geographical remoteness, and (added 14/06/2016)
  - c. the euthanasia is carried out under the direction of a registered veterinarian,

AND

- (b) the Owner or person responsible for the greyhound obtains a written certificate or letter from the veterinary practitioner providing details of the direction.

(added 14/06/2016)

42.9 Where a greyhound has died (whether due to natural causes, accident, misadventure, euthanasia or otherwise):

- (a) within 2 working days of the date of death (and prior to disposal of the body of the deceased greyhound), the Owner or person responsible for the greyhound must notify the Board in the prescribed form of the death of the greyhound and provide a veterinary certificate of euthanasia where available (including, without limitation, the written certificate or letter referred to in LR 42.8);
- (b) within 24 hours of notification in accordance with LR 42.9(a) the Stewards or an authorised officer of the Board may direct that the Owner or person responsible for the greyhound release the body of the deceased greyhound to allow an autopsy to be performed by a registered veterinarian; (amended 01/10/2017)
- (c) the body of the deceased greyhound must be disposed of:
  - (i) via a veterinary clinic;
  - (ii) via an animal cremation service approved by the Environmental Protection Authority; or
  - (iii) by an alternate method of disposal approved by the Board, the Stewards or an authorised officer on such conditions as they see fit;
- (d) within 7 days of the date that the body of the deceased greyhound is disposed of, the Owner or person responsible for the greyhound must notify the Board in the prescribed form of the method of disposal.

(added 14/06/2016)

42.10 It is a Serious Offence:

- (a) to provide misleading or false information to a Steward or authorised officer in connection with LR 42.6 and LR 42.7;
- (b) to be directly or indirectly involved in, or knowingly concerned with, the euthanasia of a greyhound other than in accordance with LR 42.7 and LR 42.8 or the disposal of a greyhound other than in accordance with LR 42.9;
- (c) to be the Owner or person responsible for a greyhound at the time it is euthanased who has knowledge of, or suspects, the euthanasia of that greyhound other than in accordance with LR 42.7 and LR 42.8;
- (d) to be the Owner or person responsible for a greyhound at the time it is disposed who has knowledge of, or suspects, the disposal of that greyhound of other than in accordance with LR 42.9;
- (e) to aid, abet, counsel or procure any person to euthanase a greyhound other than in accordance with LR 42.7 and LR 42.8 or dispose of a greyhound other than in accordance with LR 42.9.

(added 14/06/2016)

42.11 A person shall only use or have in their possession at any place where greyhounds are, or are to be kept, trained or educated or prepared to race, or racing, a lure that is approved by the Board. (added 14/06/2016)

42.12 A lure may be constructed of synthetic or artificial materials only. For the avoidance of doubt, a lure must not contain any part of an animal. (added 14/06/2016)

42.13 It is a Serious Offence to use a lure in relation to a greyhound which is not approved by the Board. (added 14/06/2016)

42.14 It is a Serious Offence:

- (a) to be directly or indirectly involved in, or knowingly concerned with, conduct which breaches LR 42.11;
- (b) to aid, abet, counsel or procure any person to commit an act which breaches LR 42.11.

(added 14/06/2016)

42.15 A person (first person) commits a Serious Offence if another person breaches LR 42.11 on land or property (including any Greyhound Training Property, greyhound trial track, training track, facility or surrounding area) owned, controlled, occupied or managed by the first person. (added 14/06/2016)

42.16 It is a Serious Offence for a registered person who witnesses conduct which breaches LR 42.11 but fails to report that conduct to Stewards as soon as reasonably practicable. (added 14/06/2016)



- 42.17 It is an Offence for any person to manufacture, sell, offer for sale, market or advertise any lure within Victoria except those approved by the Board. (added 14/06/2016)
- 42.18 Subject to 42.19 but without derogating from LR 42.13 to LR 42.15, it is a Serious Offence for a person to:
- (a) use in connection with greyhound training, education or preparation to race, or racing, any animal, animal carcass or any part of an animal whether as bait, quarry or lure, or to entice, excite or encourage a greyhound to pursue it or otherwise; or
  - (b) attempt to possess, or have possession of, or bring onto, any grounds, premises or within the boundaries of any property where greyhounds are trained, kept or raced, any animal, animal carcass or any part of an animal for the purpose of being, or which might reasonably be capable of being, or likely to be, used as bait, quarry or lure to entice or excite or encourage a greyhound to pursue it; or (amended 01/10/2017)
  - (c) cause, procure, permit or allow a greyhound to pursue or attack any live animal, animal carcass or any part of an animal.
- (added 14/06/2016)
- 42.19 Nothing in Rule 42.18 serves to create an offence in association with the normal, routine feeding of meat or bones to greyhounds, provided that such source of feed has been obtained in accordance with all applicable legislation and regulations relating to the acquisition of such food items and the welfare of the animals involved and is not being or intended to be used for any other purpose. (added 14/06/2016)
- 42.20 A person shall not be in breach of LR 42.18(b) where the animal is kept on or at the premises as a domesticated pet or is kept for rural or agricultural purposes with prior notification to and approval from the Stewards or the Board. Notification must be in the manner and form required by the Stewards or Board for this exclusion to apply. (added 14/06/2016)
- 42.21 Where a person is guilty of an offence under section 13 of the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986*, it is deemed that the person has breached LR42.18. (added 14/06/2016)
- 42.22 Where a person is found guilty of an offence under LR42.18 the minimum penalty that must be imposed is disqualification for life unless there is a finding that special circumstances exist. (added 14/06/2016)
- 42.23 It is a Serious Offence to be:
- (a) in any way directly or indirectly involved in committing, or knowingly concerned with, such conduct as set out in LR42.18. (added 14/06/2016)
  - (b) aid, abet, counsel or procure any person to commit such conduct as set out in LR 42.18 (added 14/06/2016)
- 42.24 It is a Serious Offence for a registered person who witnesses conduct which breaches LR 42.18 but fails to report that conduct to Stewards as soon as reasonably practicable. (added 14/06/2016)

- 42.25 Where a person is found guilty of an offence under LR42.24 the minimum penalty that must be imposed is disqualification for a period of ten years unless there is a finding that special circumstances exist. (added 14/06/2016)
- 42.26 It is a Serious Offence to fail to use all reasonable endeavours to prevent a greyhound pursuing or attacking any live animal, animal carcass or any part of an animal unless there is a finding that special circumstances exist. (added 14/06/2016)
- 42.27 (a) A reference in the Rules to:
- (i) “any part of an animal” includes without limitation skin, hair, bone, blood, faeces, urine or flesh;
  - (ii) “skin” includes without limitation any leather or rawhide whether treated, tanned or otherwise;
  - (iii) “in relation to a greyhound” includes without limitation training, breaking in, rearing, educating, preparing to race or racing a greyhound;
  - (iv) “lure” means any item, natural or man-made, that is used in any way, by any person with the intention or effect of encouraging or inciting a greyhound to pursue, attack or excite it by responding to such stimuli, and ‘quarry’ and ‘bait’ shall have a similar meaning; and
  - (v) “training” shall include, in addition to those activities otherwise defined as ‘training’ in the Rules, any activities whereby a greyhound is exposed to any item for the purpose or effect, or that would have the likely effect, of enticing, exciting or encouraging it to pursue, entice or excite, or that causes such reaction from a greyhound.
- (added 14/06/2016)
- (b) Where any officer, employee, member, visitor or contractor of a Club has knowledge of, or suspects, an offence may be occurring contrary to LR 42.13, LR 42.17 or LR 42.18 on any ground under the control or management of a Club, that Club shall report the matter forthwith to the Board or Stewards. A failure to do so may result in the licence of that Club being cancelled, either for a specified period or permanently, and the Club may be penalised pursuant to these Rules. (added 14/06/2016)
- (c) Where any manager, employee, member, visitor or contractor has knowledge of, or suspects, an offence may be occurring contrary to LR 42.13, LR 42.17 or LR 42.18 on any ground under the control or management of a licensee or manager of a greyhound trial track or greyhound training facility, the trial track or training facility manager shall report the matter to the Stewards or Board forthwith. A failure to do so may result in the registration of the track or facility and of any person concerned with the management of that track or facility being cancelled, either for a specified period or permanently, and any such person may be penalised pursuant to these Rules. (added 14/06/2016)

- (d) Any person penalised under LR 42.13, LR 42.17 or LR 42.18 or any equivalent Rule in any jurisdiction shall not be entitled to make any application to the Board or Stewards for any licence or registration or to be an owner of any registered greyhound. (added 14/06/2016)

#### **42B Minimum age of breeding**

42B.1 (a) GAR127(1) does not apply.

- (b) A greyhound must not be used as a sire unless it is registered as a sire and has attained the age of 18 months. This LR42B.1 does not come in to force until 01/04/2018.

42B.2 (a) GAR 127(6) does not apply.

- (b) A female greyhound must not be used for breeding purposes unless it is registered as a breeding female and has attained the age of 18 months. This LR 42B.2 does not come in to force until 1 March 2018.

(added 1/10/2017)

### **PART 13: PENALTIES**

43.1 For the purposes of GAR95(1)(a), the fine imposed for any one (1) Offence or one (1) Serious Offence shall not exceed four hundred (400) LR Penalty Units. (amended 1/10/2017)

### **PART 14: PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES**

44.1 None of the Board, an Officer of the Board, a Club, a Veterinary Surgeon, or any other person shall be liable for any loss, damage or injury howsoever arising out of, or occurring during, any test, examination, taking of a specimen or autopsy carried out in accordance with the Rules or while the greyhound is in the possession of the Stewards.

44.2 Where a specimen is taken from any greyhound and where upon preliminary analysis a prohibited substance is found in the specimen, the following provisions shall apply:

- (a) the Stewards shall notify the Owner and Trainer of the greyhound that a prohibited substance has been found in the specimen and GAR83 shall apply;
- (b) where an Event is being, or has been conducted by way of a series of races and a final:
  - (i) the greyhound shall be disqualified from the race from which the specimen was taken and shall not be eligible to compete in any further race in the series or the final of the Event.
  - (ii) If the greyhound has competed in any further race in the series or the final of the Event, the greyhound is retrospectively disqualified from the race from which the specimen was taken and any further race in the series including that final and GAR64 and LR44 shall apply. (amended 1/10/2017)

- (iii) this rule is to have effect and to be conclusive irrespective of whether further testing procedures or other circumstances establish that the greyhound was presented for the race from which the sample was taken free of any prohibited substances.  
(added 01/07/2011)

44.3 LR44.2 (b) shall apply regardless of whether the greyhound had the prohibited substance in its system at the time it competed in any further race in the series, including the final.  
(amended 1/10/2017)

44.4

- (a) Where a registered person is paid stake money or any other money for an Event, and the greyhound is subsequently disqualified for returning a positive swab result or for any other reason, the Board is entitled to seek the return of all money paid.
- (b) The Board will specify the time period (days) in which the stake money is to be repaid to GRV. The Board may elect to default a registered person for the failure to repay money by the due date.
- (c) Where the Board determines that a registered person must repay stake money and other money to GRV, the Board may advise the amended placegetters:
  - 1) that GRV will pay the amended place getters their full entitlement, adjusted for any payments previously received for the Event, and
  - 2) that the Board has assumed responsibility for the recovery of amounts under GAR64.

(amended 01/01/2014)

44.5 For the purposes of these Rules and the GAR's, 3-Methoxytyramine is deemed to be an "Exempted Substance" in the definition of "Prohibited Substance" where the amount detected in urine is below 1.6 milligrams per litre. If 3-Methoxytyramine is detected in urine at or above 1.6 milligrams per litre in any greyhound, that greyhound is deemed to have an unusual or abnormal amount of an endogenous substance for the purposes of these Rules and for the purposes of the definition of "Prohibited Substance" in the GAR's.

#### **OUT OF COMPETITION TESTING**

44.6 The Board may declare in writing that a laboratory is an accredited laboratory for the purposes of these Rules and the GAR's from time to time.

#### **PART 15: FEES**

45.1 The Board may prescribe a fee in connection with any act, matter or thing provided for by the Rules or within its powers.

45.2 The Board may prescribe additional fees to apply where a prescribed fee is not paid within the time required by the Rules.

## **PART 16: NON-APPEARANCE AT INQUIRIES**

46.1 Where a person or club is served with the notice of an inquiry in accordance with the GAR's but does not appear at the inquiry, the inquiry may proceed in the absence of that person or club.

## **PART 17: SERIOUS OFFENCES**

47.1 The following Rules and GAR's, if breached, are deemed to be Serious Offences under these Rules and for the purposes of the Act:

- (a) GAR 83;
- (b) GAR 86(c) to GAR86(f) (inclusive);
- (c) GAR 86(g) to GAR86(l) (inclusive);
- (d) GAR 86(m) & (n), where such conduct is in respect of a GAR or Rule that is a Serious Offence;
- (e) GAR 86(o), except where such conduct was negligent only;
- (f) GAR 86(p), (r), (s), (x), (y), (aa), (ac), (ad), (ae), (af), (ah) & (ai) [GRV 1.1.11] (amended 14/06/2016)
- (g) GAR 87;
- (h) GAR 88;
- (i) GAR 91;
- (j) GAR 94;
- (k) GAR 104(7);
- (l) GAR 106(1) & (2);
- (m) such other Rules and GAR's expressly stated as being Serious Offences; and
- (n) such other Rules and GAR's deemed by the Board to be a Serious Offence (as the Board may declare in writing from time to time).

47.2 The Stewards or the Board may charge a person or Club with a Serious Offence in accordance with section 83M of the Act.

47.3 The GRV RADB is responsible for hearing and determining any Serious Offences in the first instance.

47.4 Hearings by the GRV RADB in the first instance will be conducted in accordance with section 83N of the Act and in accordance with any other procedures specified by the GRV RADB.

- 47.5 Without limiting section 83O of the Act, the GRV RADB may, in determining a Serious Offence:
- (a) order the refund of any Prize Money paid; and
  - (b) make any order as to the registration, breeding or kennelling of any greyhound.
- 47.6 Any person who fails to abide by any decision of the GRV RADB, including any order imposing a Penalty or requiring a refund of any Prize Money paid, shall be guilty of a Serious Offence.
- 47.7 Any conduct of a greyhound which gives rise to an Offence under these Rules or the GAR's is deemed to be an Offence applicable to the Owner and/or Trainer of that greyhound.
- 47.8 All decisions of the GRV RADB are final subject only to further rights of appeal as specified in LR 24.
- 47.9 It is a Serious Offence for a person to be involved in conduct which is unbecoming or likely to prejudice the interests or reputation of GRV or greyhound racing or to bring GRV or greyhound racing into disrepute, including, but not limited to, a finding of guilt for an offence contrary to the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986* (Vic) and the *Domestic Animals Act 1994* (Vic). (added 14/06/2016)

## **PART 18: INVESTIGATOR**

- 48.1 The Board may appoint a person to be an Investigator for the purposes of the Act by declaration in writing.
- 48.2 The Investigator may investigate matters in respect of the enforcement of, and compliance with, the Rules, and may perform such other functions as permitted by the Act.

## **PART 19: PRESENTATION OF GREYHOUND FOR RACING AND KENNELING TIME**

- 49.1 For the purposes of GAR 31, a greyhound drawn for an Event shall be in the hands of the Stewards not later than 30 minutes before the advertised starting time of the first Event of the meeting or qualifying trial. (amended 29/06/2010)

## **PART 20: AUTOMATIC CANCELLATION OF A MARRING OR FAILING TO PURSUE ENDORSEMENT**

- 50.1 For the purposes of GAR 70, where a greyhound has been previously recorded with a single endorsement for a breach of rule GAR 69 it shall be automatically removed from the greyhound's record, after competing in not less than ten (10) Events, excluding a course, without being subsequently endorsed for a breach of GAR 69.
- (added 01/01/2013)

## **PART 21: GREYHOUND RACING VICTORIA INTEGRITY COUNCIL**

### **51 Appointment of the Greyhound Racing Victoria Integrity Council**

- 51.1 The Board may, with the approval of the Minister for Racing,

- (a) appoint five persons to constitute the Greyhound Racing Victoria Integrity Council (the 'Integrity Council') with:
  - (i) three of the appointed members of the Integrity Council not to hold any office or participant license within the greyhound racing code (including any office or employment with Greyhound Racing Victoria, any Racing Club or any participant representative body), and
  - (ii) two of the appointed members to be GRV Board Members (other than the Chair or the Deputy Chair of Greyhound Racing Victoria)
- (a) with the approval of the Minister of Racing appoint a Chair from amongst the persons appointed to the Integrity Council under LR 51.1, and (amended 1/10/2017)
- (b) define the term of office and remuneration of persons appointed to constitute the Integrity Council.

## **52 Function of the Greyhound Racing Victoria Integrity Council**

52.1 The function of the Integrity Council is to:

- (a) carry out the functions and exercise the powers set out in the Integrity Council charter as set by the GRV Board and amended from time to time in consultation with the Racing Integrity Commissioner
- (b) oversee the integrity assurance functions of Greyhound Racing Victoria and to consult with, advise and, where necessary direct the Integrity Department in relation to operational matters
- (c) advise the GRV Board, and make any recommendations to the GRV Board, in respect of racing integrity related matters, including regarding:
  - (i) rule making or amendment proposals;
  - (ii) integrity risk, policy and strategic matters;
  - (iii) participant licensing and registration strategy applications and related policy, procedures and resourcing of the integrity assurance function;
  - (iv) resourcing of the integrity assurance function of Greyhound Racing Victoria
- (d) Advise and report on any matter referred to it by;
  - (i) the GRV Board
  - (ii) the Integrity Manager or the Stewards
  - (iii) the Racing Integrity Commissioner
- (e) liaise with the Racing integrity Commissioner and external law enforcement agencies;
- (f) liaise with the Integrity Councils of the other racing codes in order to promote cross-code co-operation, resource sharing and integrity-related training and development;
- (g) review integrity policy compliance, and

- (h) consider and review any matter relevant to the integrity of racing as deemed appropriate.

(added 01/05/2014)

## **PART 22: EXPORT**

### **LR53 Export**

53.1 Where a greyhound has been exported from Australia without a valid greyhound passport and certified pedigree having been issued by Greyhounds Australasia, GRV records indicating that a person was the owner of the greyhound at the time of the export shall be prima facie evidence that registered owner intended to export the greyhound for the purposes of GAR 124(1), or for the purpose of any proceedings or charges laid pursuant to these Rules.

53.2 A person shall:

- (a) be guilty of a Serious Offence if the person sells or otherwise transfers ownership or custody of a greyhound to another person in circumstances where they are aware, or ought to be aware, that the greyhound will be, or is likely to be exported.
- (b) A person will not be in breach of sub-rule (a) if the person has, prior to selling or transferring ownership or custody of the greyhound, taken adequate steps to ensure that the provisions of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 124(1) have been, or will be, complied with by the intended recipient of the greyhound, by obtaining from the intended recipient:
  - (i) a copy of the written request from the intended recipient to Greyhounds Australasia for a greyhound passport and certified pedigree in respect of the relevant greyhound; and
  - (ii) a written response from Greyhounds Australasia confirming that such a passport and certified pedigree has been, or will be issued.

53.3 A breach of GAR124(1) is a Serious Offence

(added 1/10/2017)