

## Local and National Rule Changes FAQs

### Barking Muzzles

#### What do I have to do if I continue to use a Barking Muzzle?

GRV intends to phase Barking Muzzles out completely but in the interim has approved limited circumstances in which certain types of Barking Muzzles can continue to be used in Victoria under the *Barking Muzzle Guidelines and Policy* available at <https://greyhoundcare.grv.org.au/rules-of-racing>.

Participants will have 3 months from when the rules come into effect to familiarise themselves with the policy and document their greyhound's retraining or behavioural modification program.

If you have any questions about the ongoing use of barking muzzles please contact GRV's Participant Support Line on 1300 144 360 or email: [participants@grv.org.au](mailto:participants@grv.org.au).

### Rehoming

#### Do I have to submit a Notice of Intention (NoI) to euthanase a greyhound for a serious health condition (including serious injury)?

No, there is no requirement for a NOI where immediate euthanasia is in the best interests of the greyhound, but you should contact GRV before euthanasia if you are uncertain to avoid breaching the rule. You will need to provide GRV with a euthanasia certificate clearly stating the specifics of the medical condition.

#### Do I have to submit a Notice of Intention (NoI) to euthanase a greyhound for a serious behavioural condition?

No, there is no requirement for a NOI where the behaviour constitutes immediate danger to humans or other dogs (due to aggression), noting the specific criteria in the policy that must be met. You should contact GRV before euthanasia if you are uncertain to avoid breaching the rule. You will need to provide GRV with adequate evidence of the specifics of the aggressive behaviour, which may differ on a case-by-case basis.

#### Do I have to submit a Notice of Intention (NoI) to euthanase a greyhound if it has failed a Greyhound Adoption Program (GAP) temperament assessment?

Yes.

### Minimum vaccination requirements

#### Will GRV be preventing nominations unless I can prove that my greyhound has all required vaccinations?

Under new GAR 25 participants are required to meet minimum vaccination requirements for all registered greyhounds. Victorian participants are reminded that minimum vaccination requirements already exist under the *Code of Practice for the Keeping of Racing Greyhounds* (the Code) since it was introduced in January 2020.

Under GAR 25, Stewards *may* refuse a nomination of a greyhound for an Event if they do not meet the minimum vaccination requirements, however the decision to refuse a nomination on that basis may differ in each jurisdiction.

At this time, Victoria is not proposing to prevent nominations under this rule.

Victorian participants concerned about whether they will be refused a nomination to enter an Event interstate for not meeting the minimum vaccination requirements should contact the Controlling Body in that state or territory.

## **Dress Code**

### **Has the Dress Code changed for race day?**

No, aside from the option for participants to wear black shorts or a black skirt, during Daylight Savings time.

Minimum dress requirements have been moved from the rulebook and are now set out in the Racing Dress Standard Guidelines and Policy.

GRV will be undertaking further consultation with participants on minimum dress requirements, including when it will apply, later in the year.

Until the consultation later in the year is undertaken and any changes endorsed by the Board, current minimum dress requirements will continue to apply from 1 May when handling, parading, or catching a greyhound only. Participants must continue to wear appropriate flat soled, enclosed-toe shoes or boots while on-course and physically in charge of a greyhound, and when kennelling. This is due to the significant safety risks footwear such as thongs, heels, and crocs or similar slip-on shoes which continue to not be permitted.