

PROPOSAL LOCAL RULE AMENDMENT

Subject: Bookmakers

Summary	
<p>A review of the betting and bookmaker rules has shown that they are outdated and not relevant to modern greyhound racing requirements. Bookmakers are not a large presence at greyhound races, with betting predominately occurring digitally. GRV don't currently licence bookmakers, nor have any intention to develop a licensing scheme.</p> <p>The proposed rule changes will replace the Betting and Bookmaker rules with general provisions which enable GRV and Clubs to retain practical oversight of bookmaker compliance, attendance and conduct at greyhound races.</p>	
Proposed Rule	
Description	Comment
Current Local Rule Number (if applicable)	LRs 4 and 55
Proposed wording of the new or amended rule	<p>Delete LR 4 Application of the Betting and Bookmaker Rules.</p> <p>New rule and note:</p> <p>4 Application of the Betting and Bookmakers Rules</p> <p><u>4.1 [No content]</u></p> <p><u>Note: the previous Betting and Bookmaker Rules have been superseded by the rules set out in Division 10 of these Local Rules. 4.1 The Betting and Bookmakers Rules apply and form part of the Local Rules.</u></p> <p><u>4.2 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 prevail to the extent of the conflict.</u></p> <p><u>4.3 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 will be made subject to the provisions of the Betting and Bookmakers Rules.</u></p> <p>New LR 55.2</p> <p>55. Bookmakers</p> <p><u>55.1 A person must not act, nor must a Club permit a person to act, as a Bookmaker at any meeting or Event unless the person is registered pursuant to the provisions of the Act.</u></p> <p><u>55.2 A Bookmaker operating at an Event must be appropriately dressed and behave in accordance with standards commensurate with the ideals of:</u></p> <p><u>55.2.1 upholding bookmaking as a profession; and</u></p> <p><u>55.2.2 in the best interests of the greyhound racing industry.</u></p>

	<p><u>55.3 A officer of a Club or Controlling Body may require any Bookmaker to produce for inspection:</u></p> <p><u>55.3.1 any certificate, licence or authority issued to him pursuant to the provisions of the Act or any law or regulations that they are bound by; or</u></p> <p><u>55.3.2 any betting ticket whether written out or not; or any betting books or other documents relating to betting transactions including any race book, card, paper or thing used to record any betting transaction in the possession or control; and</u></p> <p><u>55.3.3 any such certificate, licence, authority, ticket, book, document or thing and at their discretion, seize, impound or take any copies or extracts from same.</u></p> <p><u>55.4 A Bookmaker is subject to and bound by the provisions of the Act and must follow any Lawful Order issued by a Club or the Controlling Body. the Local Rules.</u></p>
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Subject: Care of injured greyhound

Summary	
<p>The proposed rule supports GRV commitment to the reduction of racing fatalities and euthanasia rates, and the encouragement of the diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of greyhounds injured during a race or trial at a Victorian racecourse.</p> <p>This proposal is in line with numerous other GRV initiatives which seek to encourage the rehabilitation of injured greyhounds including education/awareness building, the greyhound recovery initiative, OTV guidelines for on-track euthanasia and existing rehoming rules.</p> <p>Regulatory intervention is considered necessary to support these activities, to demonstrate GRV's commitment to the reduction of euthanasia and promotion of greyhound recovery post injury and to ensure that any breach of the rules in relation to unnecessary euthanasia can be prosecuted and result in both general and specific deterrence.</p>	
Proposed Rule	
Description	Comment
Current Local Rule Number (if applicable)	13A and 14.

New rule

LR13A Greyhound injury and rehabilitation

- 13A.1 If a *greyhound* sustains any serious injury at an *Event* or *racecourse* when a *veterinarian* is in attendance:
- 13A.1.1 the *veterinarian* must ensure that the *greyhound* is only euthanised where, in the opinion of the *veterinarian*:
- 13A.1.1.1 the *greyhound* has sustained an injury or medical condition which requires immediate euthanasia to relieve incurable and excessive pain; or
- 13A.1.1.2 the extent of the *greyhound's* injury is such that, even with appropriate veterinary care and rehabilitation, the long-term prospects of recovery are poor and immediate euthanasia is in the best interests of the *greyhound's* welfare.
- 13A.2 If a *greyhound* suffers an injury at a *racecourse* when a *veterinarian* is not in attendance, and there is reason to suspect that the *greyhound* may be seriously injured, the *person in charge* of that *greyhound* must present the *greyhound* to a veterinary clinic as soon as reasonably practicable.
- 13A.3 Where a *greyhound* is presented to a veterinary clinic under rule 13A.1 or 13A.2:
- 13A.3.1 the *person in charge* of the *greyhound* must inform the treating *veterinarian* that:
- 13A.3.1.1 the *greyhound* is a registered greyhound; and
- 13A.3.1.2 any consideration of euthanasia or repair, treatment and rehabilitation of the *greyhound* is subject to the rules of racing, including this rule; and

- 13A.3.2 a *veterinarian* may only euthanase the *greyhound* where, in the opinion of the *veterinarian*:
- 13A.3.2.1 the *greyhound* has sustained an injury or medical condition which requires immediate euthanasia to relieve incurable and excessive pain; or
 - 13A.3.2.2 the extent of the *greyhound's* injury is such that the long-term prospects of recovery are poor and immediate euthanasia is in the best interests of the *greyhound's* welfare.
- 13A.3.3 if the *veterinarian* diagnoses an injury that is:
- 13A.3.3.1 eligible for the Controlling Body's greyhound recovery initiative; or
 - 13A.3.3.2 surgical repair or conservative treatment is a recommended option to manage the injury,
- then the *Owner* or *person* responsible for the *greyhound* must:
- 13A.3.3.3 not authorise euthanasia of the *greyhound*;
 - 13A.3.3.4 authorise surgical repair or other treatment as recommended by the *veterinarian*; and
 - 13A.3.3.5 maintain care of the *greyhound* for such period of time necessary for the *greyhound* to recover from the injury.
- 13A.4 It is a *Serious Offence* to:
- 13A.4.1 provide false or misleading information to the *Controlling Body* in connection with LR 13A; or
 - 13A.4.2 to be directly or indirectly involved in, or knowingly concerned with, a breach of 13A.3.3.

Amended rule

Amend LR 14 Death of a greyhound (to ensure breach of new clause 13A is a serious offence under the rules) as marked up below:

- 14.4 It is a *Serious Offence* to:
- 14.4.1 provide false or misleading information to the *Controlling Body* in connection with LR 14;
 - 14.4.2 to be directly or indirectly involved in, or knowingly concerned with, the death of a *greyhound* other than in accordance with LR13A.1.1, LR 13A.3.2 or LR 14.1 or the disposal of a *greyhound* other than in accordance with LR 14.3.3;
 - 14.4.3 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 LR13A.1.1, LR 13A.3.2 or LR 14.1;
 - 14.4.4 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 14.3.3; or
 - 14.4.5 to aid, abet, counsel or procure any *person* to euthanase a *greyhound* other than in accordance with LR13A.1.1, LR 13A.3.2 or LR 14.1 or dispose of a *greyhound* other than in accordance with LR 14.3.3.



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Subject: Adult supervision of young people with catcher or attendant registration

Summary	
<p>The proposed rule supports GRV commitment to the protection of children and young people from harm and abuse.</p> <p>It also ensures that young people (aged 14-18) are not left with sole responsibility for greyhounds outside of the supervised environment of a racecourse.</p> <p>For example, the rule would apply if a young person were undertaking duties at trial tracks or the kennels of registered person. While GRV acknowledges that young people, particularly the children of participants, may undertake duties at trials and non-raceday events, the proposed rule puts the responsibility of supervising the young person (and therefore the greyhound) onto an adult registered person.</p> <p>The Rule will empower both Stewards and Club employees to monitor whether a young person has someone with them, providing supervision, particularly on trial days.</p>	
Proposed Rule	
Description	Comment
Current Local Rule Number (if applicable)	LR 15
Proposed wording of the new or amended rule	<p>New rule:</p> <p>15.2 Other than at an <i>Event</i>, a <i>Catcher</i> or <i>Attendant</i> under the age of 18 must be supervised by an <i>Owner</i> or <i>Trainer</i> when undertaking <i>catcher</i> or <i>attendant</i> activities.</p>

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Subject: Lawful orders

Summary	
The proposed rule seeks to clarify that GRV Stewards can issue lawful orders to support the regulatory framework and enable better enforcement of the rules. A breach of the new rule would constitute an offence (contravening the rules), pursuant to GAR156(a), enabling appropriate action for non-compliance. A breach of a lawful order is also proposed to be changed from a serious offence to an offence.	
Proposed Rule	
Description	Comment
Current Local Rule Number (if applicable)	LR 9, 9A and 63.9
Proposed wording of the new or amended rule	<p>New definition in LR 9 Definitions:</p> <p>Lawful order means any order, directive, or instruction given by the <i>Controlling Body</i>, <i>Stewards</i> or an <i>authorised person</i> in relation to greyhound racing, in the interests of animal welfare, or to ensure, encourage or improve compliance, or prevent non-compliance with a policy or code of practice adopted by a <i>Controlling Body</i>, these <i>Rules</i>, or the <i>Act</i>.</p> <p>New LR 9A:</p> <p>LR 9A Lawful Orders</p> <p>9A.1 The <i>Controlling Body</i>, <i>Stewards</i> or an <i>authorised person</i> may issue a person with a <i>lawful order</i>.</p> <p>9A.2 A person must comply with a <i>lawful order</i>.</p> <p>Delete 63.9</p> <p>63.9 [no content]</p>

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Subject: Registration conditions (number of greyhound limits)

Summary	
<p>Proposed changes will seek to limit the number of greyhounds by virtue of the number of suitable housing (kennels) available on a property and in consideration of a participant's time spent as a registered participant in the industry.</p> <p>These changes are proposed to apply to any new applications for registration (including those returning from disqualification or after their registration was cancelled by the controlling body). The conditions are not intended to apply to participants who were registered in the relevant category when the rules comes into effect. However, they are intended to apply if the participant changes their registration for example, an owner applying to be a trainer.</p> <p>The changes reflect modern regulatory practices for a licensing or registration scheme whereby new registrants have period of restricted registration that is aimed at reducing risks of non-compliance for new registrants and protecting the reputation of the industry while also recognising the value and role of experienced participants.</p>	
Proposed Rule	
Description	Comment
Current Local Rule Number (if applicable)	LR 19
Proposed wording of the new or amended rule	<p>New LR 19.2.5</p> <p>[It is a condition of registration that a registered person]</p> <p>19.2.5 must ensure that the total number of greyhounds kept at their <i>greyhound property</i> does not exceed the number of suitable housing available at that <i>greyhound property</i>.</p> <p>New LR19.2A</p> <p>19.2A For the purposes of LR 19.2.5 if the <i>greyhound property</i> is used by more than one <i>registered person</i>, the limit on the total number of <i>greyhounds</i> kept at that <i>greyhound property</i> is shared jointly and severally by all the <i>registered persons</i> using the <i>greyhound property</i> such that the total number of <i>greyhounds</i> kept at the <i>greyhound property</i> does not exceed the total number of suitable housing.</p> <p>New LR19.3A</p> <p>19.3A Unless the <i>Controlling Body</i> determines otherwise, a person registered by the <i>Controlling Body</i> on or after [1 July 2025] is registered on the condition that:</p> <p>19.3A.1 in the case of registration in the category of <i>Owner</i>, the total number of <i>greyhounds</i> that <i>person</i> can have an interest in, own, or have in their care and control, must not be more than 5 <i>greyhounds</i> at any one time;</p>

	<p>19.3A.2 in the case of a registration in the category of Trainer, the total number of greyhounds that person can train or have kenneled at their greyhound property must not be more than 5 greyhounds at any one time;</p> <p>19.3A.3 in the case of registration in the category of Breeder, the total number of litters that can be whelped by that <i>person</i> must not be more than two litters.</p> <p>19.3B Unless the Controlling Body determines otherwise, the conditions in LR 19.3A:</p> <p>19.3B.1 apply to a <i>person's</i> registration for a period of 3 years;</p> <p>19.3B.2 do not apply to a <i>person</i> who was registered with the <i>controlling body</i> as at [1 July 2025] in the same category of registration as the condition applies unless that <i>person's</i> registration is subsequently cancelled or the registration expires and is not renewed within 12 months.</p>
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Subject: Registration eligibility and applications

Summary	
<p>Proposed changes clarify existing registration processes, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - clarifying that it is the responsibility of the applicant to meet eligibility criteria before GRV can consider their application; - enhancing transparency for the two stage processing that is already in place for applications for registration; - clarifying that GRV can refuse to grant an application to a spouse or domestic partner of a person who is not eligible to be registered. 	
Proposed Rule	
Description	Comment
Current Local Rule Number (if applicable)	LRs 16, 17 and 18

Amend LR 16 Registration eligibility

- 16.1 The Controlling Body may only consider an application for registration if the applicant has met the eligibility criteria below

Amend LR 17 Registration application

- 17.1 Applications for registration with the *Controlling Body* must:

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- 17.1.5 be accompanied by a current national police certificate as required by the *Controlling Body*;

Amend LR18 Application process

- 18.2 Without limiting the *Controlling Body's* power to refuse to grant an application, the *Controlling Body* may refuse to grant an application in circumstances where, in the opinion of the *Controlling Body*:

- 18.2.1 the applicant is the current spouse or domestic partner (as defined in the *Act*) of a *person* who is ineligible to apply for registration, has been refused registration or had their registration cancelled by the *Controlling Body*, who is *disqualified*, or who is *suspended* for a not insignificant period; or

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PROPOSAL LOCAL RULE AMENDMENT

Subject: Miscellaneous

Summary	
<p>Change 1 Use of Greyhound Property</p> <p>To clarify that reference to “suspension” in the context of the use of a greyhound property/residence of a person disqualified, warned off or suspended includes the registration status of suspension (ie, penalty issued by Victorian Racing Tribunal) as well as temporary suspensions issued by GRV in relation to potential breaches of Local Rules.</p> <p>Change 2 Clubs – Tabcorp Agreements</p> <p>These LRs (and accompanying definitions) relate to Club support of GRV obligations relevant to previous joint venture arrangements with Tabcorp and are no longer required.</p>	
Proposed Rule	
Description	Comment
Current Local Rule Number (if applicable)	LRs 25 and 57
Proposed wording of the new or amended rule	<p>Change 1 Use of Greyhound Property</p> <p>Amend LR 25 Use of a Greyhound Property or Residence of a person who is disqualified, warned off or suspended.</p> <p>Change reference to “<i>suspended for a potential breach of the Local Rules</i>” in LR25.1 and 25.3 to “<i>suspended (including suspension for a potential breach of the Local Rules)</i>”</p> <p>Change 2 Clubs – Tabcorp Agreements</p> <p>Delete LR 57</p> <p>Delete definition of “TABCORP Agreements” in clause 9 Definitions</p>