

Draft amendment to GRV Local Rules

Breeder Registration Eligibility	
Summary	GRV is proposing that a person must be registered as an Owner or Trainer for three years before they can apply to become a Breeder. This is intended to help make sure breeders have practical experience in greyhound care and management before they start breeding.
Proposed wording of the new or amended rule	New Rule 16 Registration eligibility 16.1 The <i>Controlling Body</i> may only consider an application for registration if the applicant has met the eligibility criteria below: 16.1.1 the <i>person</i> is over the age of 18 years, or if seeking registration only as a <i>Catcher</i> or an <i>Attendant</i>, over the age of 14 years; 16.1.2 the <i>person's</i> principal place of residence is in the State of Victoria; 16.1.3 the <i>person</i> 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 <i>person's</i> character, reputation, honesty, integrity, criminal history and the <i>person's</i> history in relation to animal welfare; 16.1.4 the <i>person</i> has attained the experience and/or training prescribed by the <i>Controlling Body</i> for registration in the relevant category or the <i>Controlling Body</i> is satisfied that the <i>person</i> will attain that experience and/or training within a reasonable time; 16.1.5 any premises required for, or used in connection with, an activity in relation to the proposed category of registration is fit for purpose; 16.1.6 the <i>Controlling Body</i> has not refused an application for registration related to the <i>person</i> in the six months preceding the date that the application was lodged; 16.1.7 the <i>person</i> has not plead guilty or had a finding of guilt for any <i>offence</i> provided for by legislation directed at the prevention of cruelty to animals in any jurisdiction, or that would, if occurring in Victoria, be a breach of any legislation directed at the prevention of cruelty to animals; 16.1.8 the <i>person</i> has complied with any other requirements, including any additional eligibility requirements, prescribed by the <i>Controlling Body</i> from time to time for registration in the relevant category. 16.1.9 if seeking registration in the category of <i>Breeder</i>, the <i>person</i> was continuously registered by the <i>Controlling Body</i> in the category of <i>Owner</i> or <i>Trainer</i> for the three years prior to their application.
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Greyhound Properties	
Summary	GRV is proposing changes to make rules relating to greyhound properties clearer and easier to apply. The changes would also cover people who have been found guilty of animal cruelty offences, or offences involving live baiting or luring. The proposed rule is split into four parts. It applies when a person keeps, breeds, whelps, handles, rears, pre-trains or trains a greyhound, unless the greyhound has been retired as a pet. • Rule 25.1 would stop a registered person from keeping or training greyhounds at the home of certain people, including people who are disqualified, warned off, or have recent findings of guilt for certain animal welfare offences. • Rule 25.2 would require a registered person to get GRV approval before keeping or training greyhounds at the home of certain other people covered by the rule. • Rule 25.3 would require GRV approval before a registered person keeps or trains greyhounds at a greyhound property owned or used by certain people covered by the rule. Rule 25.4 would make it clear that an approval for a disqualified, warned off or defaulting person to enter a property does not allow anyone to breach these property rules.
Proposed wording of the new or amended rule	Remove LR 25.1, LR 25.2, LR 25.3 and LR 25.4 25 Use of a Greyhound Property or Residence of a person who is disqualified, warned off or suspended 25.1 A registered <i>person</i> must not keep (unless retired as a pet), breed, whelp, handle, rear, pre-train, or <i>train</i> any <i>greyhound</i> on the premises where a <i>person</i> resides, who: 25.1.1 is <i>disqualified</i>; 25.1.2 is <i>warned off</i>; or 25.1.3 has, in the preceding five years, had a finding of guilt for: 25.1.3.1 an offence provided for by legislation directed at the prevention of cruelty to animals; 25.1.3.2 an <i>offence</i> under GAR 159(1) or any <i>offence</i> relating to luring or baiting using live animals. 25.2 Without limiting the prohibition in LR 25.1, a registered <i>person</i> must not, unless otherwise approved by the <i>Controlling Body</i>, keep (unless retired as a pet), breed, whelp, handle, rear, pre-train, or <i>train</i> any <i>greyhounds</i> on the premises where a person resides: 25.2.1 whose registration has been cancelled by the <i>Controlling Body</i> for a breach of the <i>Local Rules</i>; 25.2.2 whom the Controlling Body has determined is not a Fit and Proper person to be registered; 25.2.3 who has had a finding of guilt for an <i>offence</i> under GAR 159 or any other <i>offence</i> relating to luring and baiting of animals*;

	25.2.4 has had a finding of guilt for an offence provided for by legislation directed at the prevention of cruelty to animals**; 25.2.5 whose registration has been <i>suspended</i>, excluding the residence where the applicant ordinarily resides; 25.2.6 who is a declared <i>defaulter</i>. 25.3 Without limiting the prohibition in LR 25.1, unless otherwise approved by the <i>Controlling Body</i>, no registered person may keep (unless retired as a pet), breed, whelp, handle, rear, pre-train, or <i>train</i> any <i>greyhounds</i> at any <i>Greyhound Property</i> of a <i>person</i>: 25.3.1 who is <i>disqualified</i>; 25.3.2 who is <i>warned off</i>; 25.3.3 who has had a finding of guilt for an <i>offence</i> under GAR 159 or any other <i>offence</i> relating to luring and baiting of live animals; 25.3.4 who has had a finding of guilt for any offence provided for by legislation directed at the prevention of cruelty to animals; 25.3.5 whose registration has been cancelled by the <i>Controlling Body</i> for a breach of the <i>Local Rules</i>; 25.3.6 whom the <i>Controlling Body</i> has determined is not a Fit and Proper person to be registered; 25.3.7 whose registration has been <i>suspended</i>, excluding the <i>Greyhound Property</i> where the applicant ordinarily resides; or 25.3.8 who is a declared <i>defaulter</i>. 25.4 If a <i>person</i> who is <i>disqualified</i>, <i>warned off</i>, or declared a <i>defaulter</i>, is approved to enter, go to, or remain at, a <i>Greyhound Property</i>, that approval does not permit a registered <i>person</i> to keep, house, breed, whelp, handle, rear, pre-train, or <i>train greyhounds</i> in breach of LR 25.1 or without the approval required by LR 25.2 or LR 25.3.
Explanatory information	* If the person was found guilty of a breach of GAR 159(1), or another live animal offence, the prohibition in LR25.1 applies for 5 years from the date of the finding of guilt. After that 5-year period has ended, the registered person may apply under LR25.2.3. ** If the person was found guilty of a POCTA offence within the last 5 years, the prohibition in LR25.1 applies for 5 years from the date of the finding of guilt. After that 5-year period has ended, the registered person may apply under LR25.2.4.
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False or Misleading Information	
Summary	GRV is proposing rule changes to make it clear that people involved in greyhound racing must not give GRV false or misleading information, statements or documents at any time. The changes would also make the rules easier to apply. Instead of having several separate rules about false or misleading information in different situations, GRV would have one clear rule that applies across greyhound racing. A second rule would also make it an offence to publish false or misleading information connected with greyhound racing.
Proposed wording of the new or amended rule	Remove LR 12.4, LR 13.4 and LR 14.4.1 61A Conduct Offences 61A.1 An offence is committed if any <i>person</i> (including an official) assaults, abuses, interferes with, threatens, or harasses another <i>person</i>: 61A.1.1 while undertaking any activity in connection with <i>greyhound racing</i>; or 61A.1.2 in or at any place in connection to <i>greyhound racing</i>, including at or in the vicinity of the place where an inquiry, other disciplinary process, hearing, or appeal proceeding is to take place, is taking place or has taken place. 61A.2 It is an offence to make or provide statements, information, or documents to the Controlling Body in connection with greyhound racing, any inquiry or investigation, registration, a greyhound, or otherwise where information is required in accordance with the Rules that: 61A.2.1 is false, deceptive, or misleading; or 61A.2.2 omits any matter or thing without which the information is misleading. 61A.2A It is an offence to make a statement or claim (whether orally, in a document, by publication or in any other way) in connection with greyhound racing that: 61A.2A.1 is false, deceptive, or misleading; or 61A.2A.2 omits any matter or thing without which the information is misleading.
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Warning Off, Convictions and Interpretation of Rules	
Summary	GRV is proposing a new rule to make it clearer how the Board can use its powers to manage matters relating to the warning off of a person.
Proposed wording of the new or amended rule	New definition <i>Convicted and conviction</i> include: a. a finding of guilt by a court for an offence— i. whether or not a conviction is recorded by the court; ii. whether the offence is an indictable offence or a summary offence; iii. in any jurisdiction including an interstate law or a foreign law; or b. an infringement conviction for an offence. New rules 8 Interpretation 8.2 The <i>Controlling Body</i> may apply any rule even where there may be a more specific rule that deals with the same or similar subject matter. 10B Warning Off 10B.1 Without limiting any power under these Rules or any applicable <i>Act</i>, the <i>Controlling Body</i> may, in its absolute discretion and at any time, <i>warn off</i> any <i>person</i>, whether or not grounds exist for taking any other action under these Rules.
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Debt Recovery	
Summary	GRV is proposing a rule change so it can recover costs from a person if their breach of the Rules causes GRV to lose money or pay extra costs. For example, this could include costs linked to caring for abandoned greyhounds. If the person does not pay the amount owed, GRV may take legal action to recover the money.
Proposed wording of the new or amended rule	New rules 69A Failure to pay 69A.2 The <i>Controlling Body</i> may issue a <i>person</i> with a demand for payment in relation to: 69A.2.1 fees; 69A.2.2 fines or other monetary penalty imposed in accordance with the Local Rules; 69A.2.3 <i>prize money</i> the <i>person</i> is not entitled to; 69A.2.4 payments made in error: ø 69A.2.5 any other monies owing or due from that <i>person</i> to the <i>Controlling Body</i>; or 69A.2.6 any loss suffered by the <i>Controlling Body</i> as a result of a <i>person's</i> conduct. 69A.3 A demand for payment under the Rules will amount to a debt owed to the <i>Controlling Body</i>.
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Serious Offences	
Summary	GRV is proposing to change some rule breaches from Serious Offences to General Offences. Under the proposal, these matters would usually be dealt with by GRV Stewards, rather than being referred to the Victorian Racing Tribunal (VRT). The proposal is not intended to reduce the seriousness of the conduct involved. The same penalties would remain available where appropriate, as both the Stewards and the VRT can impose similar penalties. The aim of the change is to make the disciplinary process quicker and more efficient, while maintaining the integrity of greyhound racing.
Proposed wording of the new or amended rule	Remove LR 12.4, LR 13.4, LR 14.4.1, LR 62.1, LR 62.2, LR 62.3, LR 62.5, LR 63.2, LR 63.3, LR 63.4, LR 63.5, LR 63.10, LR 63.11, LR 63.12, LR 63.14, LR 63.17, LR 63.22, LR 65.1, LR 65.2, LR 65.3, LR 65.6, LR 65.7, LR 65.8, LR 65.9 and LR 65.10 Amend Rule 14 Death of a greyhound 14.4 It is a Serious an 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 <i>greyhound</i> other than in accordance with LR 14.1 or the disposal of a <i>greyhound</i> other than in accordance with LR 14.3.3; 14.4.3 to be the <i>Owner</i> or <i>person</i> responsible for a <i>greyhound</i> at the time it is euthanased who has knowledge of, or suspects, the euthanasia of that <i>greyhound</i> other than in accordance with LR 14.1; 14.4.4 to be the <i>Owner</i> or <i>person</i> responsible for a <i>greyhound</i> at the time it is disposed who has knowledge of, or suspects, the disposal of that <i>greyhound</i> of other than in accordance with LR 14.3.3; or 14.4.5 to aid, abet, counsel, or procure any <i>person</i> to euthanase a <i>greyhound</i> other than in accordance with LR 14.1 or dispose of a <i>greyhound</i> other than in accordance with LR 14.3.3. Amend Rule 63 GARs – Other Serious Offences 63.8 It is a <i>Serious Offence</i> to breach GAR 156(f), except where the conduct was only negligent is corrupt or fraudulent. [Note: GAR 156(f) relates to conduct that is corrupt, fraudulent, or dishonest or constitutes misconduct or is negligent or improper.]

	63.16 It is a <i>Serious Offence</i> to breach GAR 156(v), where the conduct in connection with breeding, registration, sale, or transfer of greyhounds is corrupt. [Note: GAR 156(v) relates to conduct that is corrupt, fraudulent, or dishonest or constitutes misconduct or is negligent or improper.] 63.21 It is a <i>Serious Offence</i> to breach GAR 171, where the conduct relates to any member of a <i>Controlling Body</i> or a <i>Steward</i>, officer or employee of a <i>Controlling Body</i>. [Note: GAR 171 relates to conduct of a person at an inquiry, hearing, or appeal.] 63.24 It is a <i>Serious an Offence</i> for a <i>person</i> to be involved in conduct which is unbecoming or likely to prejudice the interests or reputation of the Controlling Body or greyhound racing or to bring the Controlling Body 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/or the Domestic Animals Act 1994 (Vic). Note: Amended rules may require re-numbering.
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Preferential Box Draws	
Summary	GRV is proposing a change to the rules for Preferential Box Draws. The change would allow GRV to use Isolynx race data to help work out a greyhound's early racing style, including whether it tends to move towards or away from the rail soon after the start. This information could then be used when assigning starting boxes in races that use a Preferential Box Draw.
Proposed wording of the new or amended rule	New definition Identified Trait means a racing behaviour of a <i>greyhound</i> that is identified or determined by the <i>Controlling Body</i> for the purposes of performing <i>box draws</i> or any other functions of the <i>Controlling Body</i>. Amend Rule 54A Preferential Box Draws 54A.3 For the purposes of a <i>Preferential Box Draw</i> the <i>Controlling Body</i> may, in its sole discretion, designate a greyhound in the <i>Initial Field</i> as a wide runner, railer or straight runner having an Identified Trait. 54A.4 Starting boxes will be allocated to the <i>Initial Field</i> in the following sequence until that particular allocation is exhausted; to the starting box number most aligned to the greyhound's Identified Trait. 54A.4.1 greyhounds designated under LR 54A.3 as wide runners will be randomly allocated to the highest available starting box numbers calculated by the number of greyhounds designated as wide runners; 54A.4.2 greyhounds designated under LR 54A.3 as railers will be randomly allocated to the lowest available starting box numbers calculated by the number of greyhounds designated as railers; 54A.4.3 greyhounds designated under LR 54A.3 as straight runners will be randomly allocated to the middle box numbers calculated by the number of greyhounds designated as straight runners; 54A.4.4 greyhounds without a designation under LR 54A.3 will be randomly allocated to the remaining starting box numbers.
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Removal of Trial Track registration	
Summary	GRV is proposing to remove the requirement for Trial Tracks to be registered under the Local Rules. This follows a Board decision to remove this requirement. A review of the current Trial Track registration framework considered whether separate Trial Track registration requirements address any welfare or integrity risks that are not already adequately managed through the existing Greyhound Property framework. A Greyhound Property is any property or premises used by a registered person for activities connected with their registration, including keeping, breeding, whelping, rearing, pre-training, and training greyhounds (LR 24). As trialling is a form of training, it is already captured within this framework. The activities undertaken at a Greyhound Property will vary depending on the size of the property and the facilities and infrastructure available for keeping and training greyhounds. In some cases, a registered person(s) may also permit other registered participants to use those facilities. Greyhound Properties are occupied and operated by a registered person(s) who are subject to the Rules of Racing, the Code, and other relevant policies and legal obligations governing their activities. Given the broad coverage already provided by the Greyhound Property framework, the Board determined that separate registration of Trial Tracks is no longer necessary.
Proposed wording of the new or amended rule	Remove definition Greyhound Trial Track is as defined in the Act. Remove: • LR 15.3 and Division 3: Greyhound Trial Tracks (LR 28, LR 29 and LR 30) • References to Greyhound Trial Tracks in LR 10.2, LR 65.7 (Note) and LR 68.1.3. NOTE: there may be other cross references that need to be amended or updated as a result of these proposed corrections.
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Miscellaneous Items	
Summary	GRV has identified several Local Rules that require amendments to correct technical and typographical errors relating to wording, numbering, punctuation, and formatting. Some words will be italicized that are not currently, and the numbering of rules will be fixed where not correct. If the proposed changes are approved, some rule numbers may also need to be updated so the rules stay in the right order. Local Rules that require changes to words, including additions or deletions, are below.
Proposed wording of the new or amended rule	Amend definitions <i>Greyhound Property</i> means the property or premises at which a <i>person</i> uses for any permitted activities under these rules (unless retired as a pet) and, for the avoidance of doubt, this includes to keep (unless retired as a pet), breed, whelp, rear, pre-train and <i>train</i> any <i>greyhounds</i>. <i>Local Rules</i> means the rules of the <i>Controlling Body</i> as set out in this document (as amended from time to time) referred to with the prefix 'LR' and the <i>Greyhounds Australasia Rules</i> adopted by the <i>Controlling Body</i> referred to with the prefix 'GAR'. Amend rules 19.2 It is a condition of registration that a <i>registered person</i>: 19.2.1 must produce their registration identification on a demand made by a <i>Steward</i> or <i>authorised person</i>; 19.2.2 is bound by and must comply with the <i>Local Rules</i> as amended from time to time; 19.2.3 is and always remains when registered, a fit and proper person; to be registered; and 19.2.4 is and remains capable of undertaking the activities of and meeting their obligations as a <i>registered person</i>; and 19.2.5 must ensure that the total number of <i>greyhounds</i> kept at their <i>Greyhound Property</i> does not exceed the number of suitable housing available at that <i>Greyhound Property</i>. Amend rule 63.15 It is a <i>Serious Offence</i> to breach GAR 156(t). [Note: GAR 156(t) relates to use of substances or items to affect the performance of a greyhound.] Amend rule 69C.1 A <i>person</i> is not eligible for registration with the <i>Controlling Body</i> under the <i>Local Rules</i> unless the <i>person</i> has paid to the <i>Controlling Body</i> all fees, fines or other monetary penalties, <i>prize money</i> under GAR 117(2), payments made in error, or any other moneys

	monies owing or due from that <i>person</i> to the <i>Controlling Body</i> or has entered into an agreement with the <i>Controlling Body</i> relating to the payment of these monies. Remove notes relating to previously amended rules 47.1 A greyhound is only eligible for nomination for an Event if: 47.1.3 [part LR 27.1] the <i>Owner</i> and the <i>Trainer</i> of the <i>greyhound</i> accept the risk of injury, loss or damage arising from participation in the <i>Event</i>; 49.1 It is a condition of the <i>Controlling Body</i> accepting a nomination that: 49.1.2.2 [part LR 27.1] that neither the <i>Club</i> or the <i>Controlling Body</i>, or their respective employees, servants and agents are liable for any loss or damage, or any injury or illness sustained by the <i>greyhound</i>, on any ground controlled or administered by the <i>Club</i> or the <i>Controlling Body</i>; 49.1.2.3 [part LR 27.1] that neither the <i>Club</i> or the <i>Controlling Body</i>, and their respective staff, servants and agents are liable for any damage or loss suffered where a <i>greyhound</i> is selected to start in (or as a reserve for) any <i>Event</i>, and if afterwards, in any circumstances whatsoever:
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