

GRV Local Rules

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PART 1: INTERPRETATION, DEFINITIONS, AND APPLICATION OF THE LOCAL RULES

Division 1: Application of the Local Rules and transitional provisions

1 The Application of the Local Rules

- 1.1 The *Local Rules* are made under section 82 of the *Act* and will commence on 1 November 2026.
- 1.2 On the commencement of the *Local Rules*, the *Controlling Body's* rules in operation immediately prior (the previous rules) will be revoked, but this revocation will not, unless the contrary intention expressly appears:
 - 1.2.1 revive anything not in force or existing at the time at which the rescinding or variation took effect;
 - 1.2.2 affect the previous operation of the previous rules or anything duly done under those previous rules;
 - 1.2.3 affect any *penalty, suspension, disqualification, warning off*, punishment or declaration of *defaulter* incurred in respect of any matter under those previous rules; or
 - 1.2.4 affect any Inquiry or other disciplinary process, 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 *defaulter*, and
 - 1.2.5 any such Inquiry or other disciplinary process, legal proceeding or remedy may be instituted, continued, or enforced, and any such *penalty, suspension, disqualification, warning off*, punishment or declaration of *defaulter* may be imposed as if those previous rules had not been revoked.

2 Application of the Greyhounds Australasia Rules

- 2.1 The Greyhounds Australasia Rules (GARs) as adopted by the Controlling Body apply and form part of the *Local Rules*.
- 2.2 If the GARs are amended in any way from time to time, any amendment must be adopted by a resolution of the Controlling Body before it is deemed to apply.
- 2.3 Where reference is made in the GARs to Schedules, those references are to the corresponding Schedule to the *Local Rules*.

3 Application of the Plumpton Coursing Rules

- 3.1 The *Plumpton Coursing Rules* apply and form part of the *Local Rules*.
- 3.2 The *Controlling Body* is responsible for the conduct, promotion, and administration of Plumpton coursing in accordance with the *Plumpton Coursing Rules*.

4 Application of the Betting and Bookmakers Rules

[No content]

Note: The previous *Betting and Bookmakers Rules* have been superseded by the rules set out in Part 7: Division 10 of these *Local Rules*.

5 Conflict between Rules

- 5.1 In the event of any conflict between any provisions of the *Local Rules* and the *GARs*, the *Plumpton Coursing Rules* or the *Betting and Bookmakers Rules*, the provisions of the *Local Rules* will prevail.

6 Mutual Recognition

- 6.1 The *Controlling Body* recognises as a *Controlling Body* any authority or body that falls within this phrase as defined in GAR 9.
- 6.2 Any person registered with a *Controlling Body* will, while the person remains resident outside Victoria, be deemed to be registered with the *Controlling Body*.
- 6.3 A *greyhound* or a *person* who is registered with a *Controlling Body* and which is nominated for and/or participates in any *Event* in Victoria will be subject to any decision or penalty provided for in the *Local Rules*.
- 6.4 In the *Local Rules* any reference to a first or subsequent *offence* will 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 the *Local Rules*.

Division 2: New Rules

7 Amendment of Rules

- 7.1 Where any amendment is made to the *Local Rules*, the *Controlling Body* must:
- 7.1.1 publish a notice of the making or amendment of the *Local Rules* in the Government Gazette; and
 - 7.1.2 within 14 working days after the making of or amendment of a *Local Rule*:
 - 7.1.2.1 publish the *Local Rules* and each amendment of the *Local Rules* on the Internet; and
 - 7.1.2.2 display or cause to be displayed a notice of the making or amendment of the *Local Rules* at each *Club*.
- 7.2 A *Local Rule* or amendment to a *Local Rule* comes into force on the day the notice is published in the Government Gazette, or on a later day specified in the notice.

Division 3: Interpretation

8 Interpretation

- 8.1 Definitions in the *Act* or the *GARs* have the same meaning in the *Local Rules* unless the context or subject matter otherwise indicates or requires.
- 8.2 The *Controlling Body* may apply any rule even where there may be a more specific rule that deals with the same or similar subject matter.

Division 4: Definitions

9 Definitions

9.1 In the *Local 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 by *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 *Controlling Body*); or
- e. such other relationship or connection determined by the *Controlling Body* from time to time;

Betting and Bookmakers Rules means the rules of that name adopted by the *Controlling Body*.

Bookmaker is as defined in the *Act*.

Controlling Body means the *Controlling Body* of *GRV* appointed pursuant to the *Act*.

Convicted and **conviction** 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.

Breeder means a *person* who is engaged in the breeding of *greyhounds* for *greyhound racing* purposes.

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

Investigator means a *person* authorised by the *Controlling Body* pursuant to section 77A (1) of the *Act*.

Greyhound Property means the property or premises which a *person* uses for any permitted activities under these rules and, for the avoidance of doubt, this includes to keep (unless retired as a pet), breed, whelp, rear, pre-train and *train* any *greyhounds*.

GRV means Greyhound Racing Victoria.

Identified Trait means a racing behaviour of a *greyhound* that is identified or determined by the *Controlling Body* for the purposes of performing *box draws* or any other functions of the *Controlling Body*.

Lawful order means any order, directive, or instruction given by the *Controlling Body*, *Stewards* or an *authorised person* 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 the *Controlling Body*, these *Rules*, or the *Act*.

Local Rules means the rules of the *Controlling Body* as set out in this document (as amended from time to time) referred to with the prefix 'LR' and the Greyhounds Australasia Rules adopted by the *Controlling Body* referred to with the prefix 'GAR'.

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

National Police Certificate means a criminal history check conducted by an official ACIC Accredited Provider that includes disclosable court outcomes and pending charges across all Australian states and territories.

Offence means an *Offence* under or breach of the *Local Rules* and includes a *Serious Offence*.

Preferential Box Draw means a *box draw* conducted by way of a partially random allocation process and used to determine the respective starting boxes that *greyhounds* are to be placed in for an *Event*.

Prescribed Form means a document that requires completion by the applicant, which includes a digital form, as issued by the *Controlling Body* from time to time.

Private Syndicate means an arrangement 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*.

Plumpton Coursing Rules means the rules of that name adopted by the *Controlling Body*.

Racing Integrity Commissioner has the meaning set out in section 3(1) of 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 *Controlling Body* from time to time.

Serious Offence means a breach of the *Local Rules* which is deemed to be a *Serious Offence* for the purposes of the *Act* and the *Local Rules*.

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

Division 5: Fees, forms, notices, and communications

[Note: No Local Content]

PART 2: THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF CONTROLLING BODIES

Division 1: General powers

10 No Action

- 10.1 No action can be brought in any court against any member of the *Controlling Body* or officer of the *Controlling Body* who, acting in good faith, enters upon any land for any of the purposes of the *Local Rules*.
- 10.2 No action can be brought in any court against the *Controlling Body*, a member of the *Controlling Body* or officer of the *Controlling Body* in relation to any injury, loss or damage howsoever occurring on the premises of a *Club*.

10A Lawful Orders

- 10A.1 The *Controlling Body*, Stewards or an authorised person may issue a *person* with a *Lawful Order*.
- 10A.2 A person must comply with a *Lawful Order*.

10B Warning Off

- 10B.1 Without limiting any power under these Rules or any applicable *Act*, the *Controlling Body* may, in its absolute discretion and at any time, *warn off* any *person*, whether or not grounds exist for taking any other action under these Rules.

11 Appointment of Investigators

- 11.1 The *Controlling Body* may appoint a person to be an *Investigator* for the purposes of the *Act* by declaration in writing.
- 11.2 The *Investigator* may investigate matters in respect of the enforcement of, and compliance with, the *Local Rules*, and may perform such other functions as permitted by the *Act*.

Division 2: Powers in relation to registration of persons and greyhounds

[Note: No Local Content]

Division 3: Powers in relation to Events and meetings

[Note: No Local Content]

Division 4: Powers of entry, search, inspection, and taking of possession

[Note: No Local Content]

PART 3: THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF STEWARDS

Division 1: Stewards' powers

[Note: No Local Content]

Division 2: How Stewards make decisions

[Note: No Local Content]

PART 4: ANIMAL WELFARE

Division 1: Animal welfare obligations in relation to greyhound racing

12 Greyhound rehoming efforts

- 12.1 When a *greyhound* is to no longer be utilised for racing or breeding purposes, every effort must be made by the *Owner* of the *greyhound* to rehome that *greyhound* to an appropriate home.
- 12.2 An *Owner* must:
 - 12.2.1 keep detailed records of their compliance with LR 12.1; and
 - 12.2.2 provide records and evidence kept under this rule to the *Controlling Body* on request.
- 12.3 An *Owner* is not required to comply with LR 12.1 if the *greyhound* is not suitable for rehoming due to:
 - 12.3.1 a serious health condition;
 - 12.3.2 a serious behavioural condition that constitutes a danger to humans or aggression to dogs; or
 - 12.3.3 legal direction.
- 12.4 Removed.

13 Notice of Intention to Euthanase

- 13.1 If an *Owner* cannot find an appropriate home for their *greyhound* and is considering euthanising the *greyhound*, the *Owner* must provide the *Controlling Body* with notice, in the *Prescribed Form* at least seven days, but no more than 42 days, prior to the euthanasia.
- 13.2 Application for an extension to the duration of a notice under LR 13.1 may be made at any time prior to the expiration of the notice, in the *Prescribed Form*. The *Controlling Body* may, in its absolute discretion refuse to grant, or grant, an application for extension.
- 13.3 An *Owner* must:
 - 13.3.1 keep detailed records of their compliance with LR 13.1; and
 - 13.3.2 provide records and evidence kept under this rule to the *Controlling Body* on request.

13.4 Removed.

14 Death of a greyhound

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

14.2 LR 14.1 will not apply if:

14.2.1 immediate euthanasia is obviously essential due to:

14.2.1.1 the *greyhound* suffering from a catastrophic injury or catastrophic medical condition/illness; and

14.2.1.2 the *greyhound* cannot be transported to a *veterinarian* within a period of one hour at regular driving speeds, due to geographical remoteness, and

14.2.2 the euthanasia is carried out under the direction of a *veterinarian*; and

14.2.3 the *Owner* or *person* responsible for the *greyhound* obtains a written certificate or letter from the *veterinarian* providing details of the direction.

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

14.3.1 within two 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 *Controlling Body* 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 14.2.3);

14.3.2 within 24 hours of notification in accordance with LR 14.3.1 the *Controlling Body* may direct that the *Owner* or *person* responsible for the *greyhound* release the body of the deceased *greyhound* to allow a necropsy to be performed by a *veterinarian*; and

14.3.3 the body of the deceased *greyhound* must be disposed of:

14.3.3.1 via a veterinary clinic;

14.3.3.2 via an animal cremation service approved by the Environmental Protection Authority; or

14.3.3.3 by an alternate method of disposal approved by the *Controlling Body* on such conditions as they see fit; and

14.3.4 within seven 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 *Controlling Body* in the *Prescribed Form* of the method of disposal.

14.4 It is an *Offence* to:

14.4.1 be directly or indirectly involved in, or knowingly concerned with, the death of a *greyhound* other than in accordance with LR 14.1 or the disposal of a *greyhound* other than in accordance with LR 14.3.3;

14.4.2 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 14.1;

- 14.4.3 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
- 14.4.4 aid, abet, counsel or procure any *person* to euthanase a *greyhound* other than in accordance with LR 14.1 or dispose of a *greyhound* other than in accordance with LR 14.3.3.

Division 2: The role and functions of veterinarians

[Note: No local content]

Division 3: Obligations in relation to the whereabouts of greyhounds

[Note: No local content]

Division 4: Limitations and/or exclusions in relation to participation of greyhounds in Events

[Note: No local content]

Division 5: Rules in relation to injury, condition or illness of a greyhound connected with an Event

[Note: No local content]

Division 6: Requirements in relation to a greyhound passport for the purpose of export of a greyhound

[Note: No local content]

PART 5: REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONS AND GREYHOUNDS

Division 1: Registration of persons and greyhounds

15 Registration categories

- 15.1 A *person* must be registered with the *Controlling Body* to be, to undertake the activities of, or act as, an *Owner*, *Trainer*, *Catcher*, *Attendant*, *Studmaster* or *Breeder* of a *greyhound*.
- 15.2 A *person* who engages in the whelping, rearing, breaking in or education of a *greyhound* must be registered with the *Controlling Body*.
- 15.3 Other than at an *Event*, a *Catcher* or *Attendant* under the age of 18 years must be supervised by an *Owner* or *Trainer* when undertaking *catcher* or *attendant* activities.

16 Registration eligibility

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

- 16.1.1 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;
- 16.1.2 the *person's* principal place of residence is in the State of Victoria;
- 16.1.3 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;
- 16.1.4 the *person* has attained the experience and/or training prescribed by the *Controlling Body* for registration in the relevant category or the *Controlling Body* is satisfied that the *person* 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 *Controlling Body* has not refused an application for registration related to the *person* in the six months preceding the date that the application was lodged;
- 16.1.7 the *person* has not plead guilty or had a finding of guilt for any *offence* 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 *person* has complied with any other requirements, including any additional eligibility requirements, prescribed by the *Controlling Body* from time to time for registration in the relevant category.
- 16.1.9 if seeking registration in the category of *Breeder*, the *person* was continuously registered by the *Controlling Body* in the category of *Owner* or *Trainer* for the three years prior to their application.

17 Registration application

- 17.1 Applications for registration with the *Controlling Body* must:
 - 17.1.1 be made in the manner and the *Prescribed Form* by the *Controlling Body* from time to time;
 - 17.1.2 state each category of registration being sought;
 - 17.1.3 be accompanied by the prescribed information relating to the identity of the applicant;
 - 17.1.4 be accompanied by the prescribed information relating to the character of the applicant;
 - 17.1.5 be accompanied by a current *National Police Certificate* as required by the *Controlling Body*;
 - 17.1.6 be accompanied by prescribed information relating to the education and/or training of the applicant;
 - 17.1.7 be accompanied by the prescribed fee; and
 - 17.1.8 be complete and accompanied by any other information or declarations required by the *Controlling Body*.

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

18 Application process

- 18.1 The *Controlling Body* may, in its absolute discretion, refuse to grant an application for registration or grant an application for registration subject to any conditions the *Controlling Body* thinks appropriate for the registration.
- 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
 - 18.2.2 the applicant resides with a *person* who has been refused registration, had their registration cancelled by the *Controlling Body*, is *disqualified*, or who is *suspended* for a not insignificant period; or
 - 18.2.3 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 *Local Rules*, in the period for which the applicant is registered; or
 - 18.2.4 the registration may adversely impact the *Controlling Body's*:
 - 18.2.4.1 control of the sport of *greyhound racing*; or
 - 18.2.4.2 promotion of the sport of *greyhound racing*; or
 - 18.2.4.3 conduct of *greyhound Events*; or
 - 18.2.4.4 promotion or improvement of animal welfare within the sport of *greyhound racing*; or
 - 18.2.4.5 promotion of compliance with the *Local Rules* or monitoring of compliance with the *Local Rules*; or
 - 18.2.4.6 the person has not provided information requested by the *Controlling Body* that the *Controlling Body* reasonably believes will assist the *Controlling Body* in its consideration of the person's application.
 - 18.2.5 the applicant has engaged in conduct at any time that, if the same conduct occurred around the time of application, would, in the *Controlling Body's* opinion, amount to a breach of GAR 159 or any other *offence* relating to luring and baiting of live animals.

19 Conditions of Grant of all Registrations

- 19.1 Unless the *Controlling Body* otherwise determines, a *person's* registration is automatically cancelled if the *registered person* dies, or the *person* resides outside the State of Victoria for a period of 90 consecutive days.
- 19.2 It is a condition of registration that a *registered person*:

- 19.2.1 must produce their registration identification on a demand made by a *Steward* or *authorised person*;
 - 19.2.2 is bound by and must comply with the *Local Rules* as amended from time to time;
 - 19.2.3 is and always remains when registered, a fit and proper person, to be registered;
 - 19.2.4 is and remains capable of undertaking the activities of and meeting their obligations as a *registered person*; and
 - 19.2.5 must ensure that the total number of *greyhounds* kept at their *Greyhound Property* does not exceed the number of suitable housing available at that *Greyhound Property*.
- 19.2A For the purposes of LR 19.2.5 if the *greyhound property* is used by more than one *registered person*, the limit on the total number of *greyhounds* kept at that *Greyhound Property* is shared jointly and severally by all the *registered persons* using the *Greyhound Property* such that the total number of *greyhounds* kept at the *Greyhound Property* does not exceed the total number of suitable housing.
- 19.3 It is a condition of registration that a *registered person* must notify the *Controlling Body* in writing:
- 19.3.1 of any change of address within three days of such change; or
 - 19.3.2 if registered in the category of *Trainer*, immediately upon any change to their place of residence or the location of their *Greyhound Property*; or
 - 19.3.3 immediately upon becoming aware of any information contained in their application or accompanying declarations is no longer true and correct, or that *person* no longer meets an eligibility criterion for registration.
- 19.3A Unless the *Controlling Body* determines otherwise, a person registered by the *Controlling Body* on or after 1 November 2025 is registered on the condition that:
- 19.3A.1 in the case of a *person* registered in the category of *Owner* after a period of *disqualification* or where that *person* was not continuously registered by the *Controlling Body* in the category of *Owner* for the three years prior to their application, the total number of *greyhounds* that *person* can have an interest in, own, kennel or have in their care and control, must not be more than five *greyhounds* at any one time;
 - 19.3A.2 in the case of a *person* registered in the category of *Trainer* after a period of *disqualification* or where that *person* was not continuously registered by the *Controlling Body* in the category of *Trainer* for the three years prior to their application, the total number of *greyhounds* that *person* can have an interest in, own, *train*, kennel or have in their care and control, must not be more than five *greyhounds* at any one time;
 - 19.3A.3 in the case of registration in the category of *Breeder*, the total number of litters that can be whelped by that *person* must not be more than two litters.
- 19.3B Unless the *Controlling Body* determines otherwise, the conditions in LR 19.3A:
- 19.3B.1 apply to a *person's* registration for a period of three years;
 - 19.3B.2 do not apply to a *person* who was registered with the *Controlling Body* as at 1 November 2025 in the same category of registration as the condition applies unless that *person's* registration is subsequently cancelled or the registration expires and is not renewed within 12 months.

- 19.4 If, at any time, the *Controlling Body* determines that a *registered person* is not a fit and proper person to be registered by the *Controlling Body*, the *Controlling Body* may cancel the *person's* registration, or suspend the *person* from participating in *greyhound racing*, until that *person* has satisfied the *Controlling Body* that the *person* is a fit and proper person to be registered by the *Controlling Body*.
- 19.5 If the *Controlling Body* determines that a property used by a *registered person* in connection with activities for which they are registered, is not fit for purpose, the *Controlling Body* may cancel the *person's* registration, or suspend the *person* from participating in *greyhound racing*, until that *person* has satisfied the *Controlling Body* that the property used by the *registered person* is fit for purpose.
- 19.6 The *Controlling Body* may, from time to time, require a *registered person* to provide information, further details, or undertakings in relation to any matter related to the *Controlling Body's* functions and duties. The *Controlling Body* may cancel a *person's* registration, or suspend them from participating in *greyhound racing*, if the information or undertakings are not provided within the period specified by the *Controlling Body*.

20 Term of registration

- 20.1 Registration of a *person* remains in force for a period specified by the *Controlling Body* at the time of registration, or as determined by the *Controlling Body* from time to time, which cannot be longer than three years.

21 Additional Provisions for Owners, Trainers, Catchers, Attendants

- 21.1 The *Controlling Body* may only grant an application for registration in the category of *Trainer* if the *Controlling Body* is satisfied that the *person* has attained at least Certificate II (C2) accreditation or such other accreditation prescribed by the *Controlling Body* from time to time.
- 21.2 A *person* holding registration as a *Trainer* is not required to hold registration as an *Owner* in respect of any *greyhounds* which they own.
- 21.3 A *person* holding registration as a *Trainer* with Certificate II (C2) accreditation of the Racing Industry Training Package (Greyhounds) will only be permitted to *train greyhounds* which are owned, or part owned, by the *Trainer* or by any *registered person* residing with the *Trainer*.
- 21.4 A *person* holding registration as a *Trainer* with Certificate III (C3) accreditation of the Racing Industry Training Package (Greyhounds) will be entitled to *train greyhounds* owned by any *registered person* unless the *Controlling Body* otherwise determines.
- 21.5 A *person* must not be granted registration as an *Attendant* unless the *person* has attained at least Certificate I (C1) accreditation of the Racing Industry Training Package (Greyhounds) or such other accreditation prescribed by the *Controlling Body* from time to time.

22 Cancellation or suspension of registration at request of registered person

- 22.1 A *registered person* may at any time apply for cancellation or *suspension* of their registration. Subject to LR 22.2, such *person's* registration will be deemed to be cancelled or *suspended* (as the case may be) when the *Controlling Body* notifies the *registered person* that the *Controlling Body* accepts that request.
- 22.2 If a *registered person* gives their registration certificate to a *Steward* or a member of the *Controlling Body* with an indication that the *registered person* wishes the registration to be cancelled or *suspended*, this action constitutes an application under LR 22.1.

- 22.3 Where a *person's* registration is cancelled or *suspended* pursuant to this LR, the *Controlling Body* will notify the person in writing of such cancellation or *suspension*.

23 Residing with a person who is disqualified, warned off or declared to be a defaulter

- 23.1 No *person* who resides with any *person* who is *disqualified*, *warned off* or declared to be a *defaulter* will be permitted to be or remain registered under the *Local Rules* without the *Controlling Body's* approval.

Division 2: Greyhound Properties

24 Greyhound Properties

- 24.1 The *Controlling Body*, when considering an application for registration, may grant the application with conditions that affect the use of a *Greyhound Property*.
- 24.2 The *Controlling Body* may deem any property that has, in the *Controlling Body's* opinion, been used by a *registered person* in connection with *greyhound racing*, to be a *Greyhound Property* for the purposes of the *Local Rules*.

25 Use of a Greyhound Property or Residence of a person who is disqualified, warned off or suspended

- 25.1 A registered *person* must not keep (unless retired as a pet), breed, whelp, handle, rear, pre-train, or *train* any *greyhound* on the premises where a *person* resides, who:
- 25.1.1 is disqualified;
 - 25.1.2 is warned off; 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; or
 - 25.1.3.2 an *offence* under GAR 159(1) or any *offence* relating to luring or baiting using live animals.
- 25.2 Without limiting the prohibition in LR 25.1, a registered *person* must not, unless otherwise approved by the *Controlling Body*, keep (unless retired as a pet), breed, whelp, handle, rear, pre-train, or *train* any *greyhounds* on the premises where a *person* resides:
- 25.2.1 whose registration has been cancelled by the *Controlling Body* for a breach of the *Local Rules*;
 - 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 *offence* under GAR 159 or any other *offence* 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 *suspended*, excluding the residence where the applicant ordinarily resides;
 - 25.2.6 who is a declared *defaulter*.

- 25.3 Without limiting the prohibition in LR 25.1, a registered *person* must not, unless otherwise approved by the *Controlling Body*, keep (unless retired as a pet), breed, whelp, handle, rear, pre-train, or *train* any *greyhounds* at any *Greyhound Property* of a *person*:
- 25.3.1 who is disqualified;
 - 25.3.2 who is warned off;
 - 25.3.3 who has had a finding of guilt for an *offence* under GAR 159 or any other *offence* 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 *Controlling Body* for a breach of the *Local Rules*;
 - 25.3.6 whom the *Controlling Body* has determined is not a Fit and Proper person to be registered;
 - 25.3.7 whose registration has been *suspended*, excluding the *Greyhound Property* where the applicant ordinarily resides; or
 - 25.3.8 who is a declared *defaulter*.
- 25.4 If a *person* who is *disqualified*, *warned off*, or declared a *defaulter*, is approved to enter, go to, or remain at, a *Greyhound Property*, that approval does not permit a registered *person* to keep, house, breed, whelp, handle, rear, pre-train, or *train greyhounds* in breach of LR 25.1 or without the approval required by LR 25.2 or LR 25.3.

26 Notification of Greyhound Properties

- 26.1 A *registered person* must notify the *Controlling Body* (by such means required by the *Controlling Body*) of all relevant details of each *Greyhound Property* it controls, and when it ceases to control any such *Greyhound Property*.
- 26.2 Where a *Greyhound Property* could be considered to be controlled by two or more *registered persons*, each such *registered person* must notify the *Controlling Body* of the *Greyhound Property* in accordance with this sub-rule and each such *registered person* is responsible for ensuring compliance with LR 26.1 in respect of that *Greyhound Property*.

27 Greyhound Property conditions

- 27.1 As a condition of registration, a *registered person* must, in respect of any *Greyhound Property* they control, comply with:
- 27.1.1 any conditions issued by the *Controlling Body* from time to time;
 - 27.1.2 any conditions on their registration in respect to their *Greyhound Property*; and
 - 27.1.3 all Local Laws relevant to their *Greyhound Property*.
- 27.2 The *Greyhound Properties* controlled by a *registered person* for the purposes of Division 2 are those that are:
- 27.2.1 owned, occupied, leased or sub-leased by them (whether in part or jointly with any other *person*); or

- 27.2.2 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
- 27.2.3 deemed by the *Controlling Body* or Stewards as being the *Greyhound Property* of that *person*.

Division 3: Greyhound Trial Tracks

- 28 **Removed**
- 29 **Removed**
- 30 **Removed**

Division 4: Syndications

31 **Syndicates – General**

- 31.1 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*.
- 31.2 No *greyhound* registered with any *Private Syndicate* or *Public Syndicate* can be nominated for or be allowed to compete in any *Event* if:
 - 31.2.1 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
 - 31.2.2 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 LR 33.6.
- 31.3 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*.

32 **Syndicates Registration**

- 32.1 Application for registration of a *Private Syndicate* or a *Public Syndicate* must:
 - 32.1.1 be made in the manner and in the *Prescribed Form*;
 - 32.1.2 nominate a Syndicate Manager and Alternative Syndicate Manager;
 - 32.1.3 be accompanied by the prescribed information relating to the identity of the applicant, the *Syndicate Manager* and the *Alternative Syndicate Manager*;
 - 32.1.4 be accompanied by the prescribed fee; and
 - 32.1.5 be complete and accompanied by any other information or declarations required by the *Controlling Body*.
- 32.2 In addition to the requirements of LR 32.1, an application for registration of a *Public Syndicate* must also include:
 - 32.2.1 a copy of the Public Syndicate Agreement; and

32.2.2 a declaration that each *Member* has accepted the terms of the *Public Syndicate Agreement*, been provided with a copy of the *Local Rules* and is not currently *warned off, disqualified, suspended* or declared to be a *defaulter* from *greyhound racing* or any other approved *Controlling Body*.

32.3 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*.

32.4 The *Controlling Body* may, in its absolute discretion, grant an application, refuse to grant an application for registration or grant an application for registration subject to any conditions the *Controlling Body* thinks appropriate.

33 Syndicate Manager

33.1 A Syndicate Manager and Alternative Syndicate Manager must, at all times, be registered as an Owner.

33.2 For the avoidance of doubt, a Syndicate Manager or Alternative Syndicate Manager may:

33.2.1 exercise any powers which an *Owner* of a *greyhound* may exercise in relation to any *greyhounds* owned by the *Private Syndicate* or *Public Syndicate*;

33.2.2 receive any *prize money* payable to an *Owner* in respect of any *greyhound* raced by a *Private Syndicate* or *Public Syndicate*;

33.2.3 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 name of a *greyhound*; and

33.2.4 otherwise act on behalf of the *Private Syndicate* or *Public Syndicate* in all matters.

33.3 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.

33.4 The *Controlling Body* will 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 *Controlling Body* is unable to contact the *Syndicate Manager* after making reasonable efforts to do so.

33.5 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 days.

33.6 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.

33.7 Any document or notice required to be served under the *Local Rules* on a *Member* is deemed to be served on the *Member* if it is served on the *Syndicate Manager* or the *Alternative Syndicate Manager*.

34 Private Syndicates

- 34.1 A *Private Syndicate* must not have any more than 20 *Members*.
- 34.2 All *persons* who hold an interest in a *greyhound* registered with a *Private Syndicate* must be registered as *Owners* under the *Local Rules*.
- 34.3 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*.

35 Public Syndicates

- 35.1 A *Public Syndicate* must not have any more than 50 *Members*.
- 35.2 *Members* of a *Public Syndicate* are not required to be registered as *Owners* under the *Local Rules*.
- 35.3 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*.
- 35.4 The *Syndicate Manager* and *Alternative Syndicate Manager* of a *Public Syndicate* must:
- 35.4.1 keep a list of all *Members* current and make the list available to other *Members* to inspect upon request;
 - 35.4.2 notify the *Controlling Body* within three days of any addition or removal of a *Member*;
 - 35.4.3 keep a copy of the *Public Syndicate Agreement* current and make it available to *Members* to inspect upon request; and
 - 35.4.4 notify the *Controlling Body* within three days of any changes to the *Public Syndicate Agreement*.

PART 6: BREEDING AND IDENTITY**Division 1: Rules in relation to breeding female greyhounds, sires and litters (including registration requirements)****36 Minimum age of breeding**

- 36.1 A male *greyhound* must not be used as a sire unless it is over the age of 18 months.
- 36.2 A female *greyhound* must not be used as a breeding female unless it is over the age of 18 months.

Division 2: Artificial insemination

[Note: No Local Content]

Division 3: DNA Rules

[Note: No Local Content]

Division 4: The Stud Book

[Note: No Local Content]

PART 7: EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Division 1: Restrictions on the conduct of Stewards and other officials

37 Veterinarian on racecourse

- 37.1 An *Event* must not proceed if an officiating *veterinarian* is not present on the *racecourse*.

38 Veterinary Supplies

- 38.1 All pharmaceuticals, veterinary supplies and instruments kept by an officiating *veterinarian* must be appropriately secured, kept and used in accordance with:
- 38.1.1 standards and procedures of a reasonable *veterinarian*; and
 - 38.1.2 conditions prescribed from time to time by the *Controlling Body* and notified to officiating *veterinarians*.

Division 2: Scratchings

[Note: No Local Content]

Division 3: Race day procedures, checks and requirements prior to the start of a race

39 Kennelling time

- 39.1 Unless otherwise directed by the *Stewards* or an *authorised person*, the handler of a *greyhound* drawn in an *Event* must present the correct *greyhound* to the *Stewards* not later than 30 minutes before the advertised starting time of the first *Event* of the relevant *meeting*.

[Note: GAR 86 requires not later than 45 minutes]

40 Standards for attire worn at meeting

- 40.1 A *registered person* must not wear any attire to an *Event* which is, in the opinion of the *Steward* in charge of a *meeting*, offensive or inappropriate.
- 40.2 All attire (including headwear) worn by any *person* acting as a handler or *Catcher* of a *greyhound* at a *meeting*, must meet the *Controlling Body's* prescribed standards for race day attire.
- 40.3 Where the *Steward* in charge of a meeting has determined that a *person's* attire does not meet the *Controlling Body's* prescribed standards for race day attire, they may direct that:
- 40.3.1 the *person* must not parade, handle or act as a *Catcher* of a *greyhound* for the remainder of the *meeting* or until the *person's* attire meets the *Controlling Body's* prescribed standards for race day attire;
 - 40.3.2 the *Steward* may nominate a substitute to parade, handle or act as a *Catcher* of the *greyhound*, provided that the nominated *person* is, in the opinion of the *Steward*,

authorised, suitably experienced and is attired in accordance with the *Controlling Body's* prescribed standards for race day attire; and

40.3.3 if a substitute cannot be found, or a *person* does not consent to the substitute, the *greyhound* must be scratched.

40.4 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 *Local Rule*.

41 Vacant boxes

41.1 Notwithstanding GAR 85(3), where there are less than eight *greyhounds* eligible to compete in an *Event* at the time when a *box draw* is to be carried out, the number of the box or boxes to be left vacant may be determined by the *Controlling Body*.

Division 4: Weighing and weight procedures

[No local rule content]

Division 5: The starting and running of a race

42 Timing of Events

42.1 For the purposes of GAR 113 the timing will be carried out by use of an electronic device or stopwatch. The commencement of timing for an *Event* will correspond with the release of the starting box gate. The conclusion of timing for an *Event* will be when the nose of the leading *greyhound* reaches the alignment of the winning post as projected across the track at an angle of 90 degrees.

42.2 Notwithstanding GAR 113, 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 0.01 of a second, the more precise unit will 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*.

43 Catchers

43.1 Unless otherwise permitted by the *Steward* in charge of the *meeting*, a *person* must not catch a *greyhound* on race day unless they are a registered *Catcher*, *Attendant* or *Trainer*.

44 Events Conducted by way of Heats and Final

44.1 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 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 GAR 114.

44.2 Where a dead heat is adjudged in a heat and as a result provides a number in excess of eight 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*.

44.3 Where the determination of finishing order pursuant to LR 44.2 still provides a number in excess of eight plus reserves, the determination for the purposes of LR 44.1 shall be made by ballot of the *greyhounds* that have qualified equally in accordance with GAR 114.

Division 6: Marring, and where a greyhound fails to pursue

[No local rule content]

Division 7: Steps to be taken where performance or behaviour of a greyhound raises concern

45 Satisfactory Trials

- 45.1 For the purposes of GAR 132, the following conditions must also be complied with if a *greyhound* is ordered to undergo a satisfactory trial:
- 45.1.1 The *authorised person* supervising the satisfactory trial will:
 - 45.1.1.1 check the identity of the *greyhound* as corresponding with the *greyhound's* identification record; and
 - 45.1.1.2 weigh the *greyhound* and record its weight in the records kept by the *Controlling Body*.
 - 45.1.2 The *greyhound* must wear a race rug.
 - 45.1.3 Except in the case of a satisfactory trial under GAR 22(5), GAR 42(2), GAR 102, GAR 106(1), GAR 130, GAR 133 and GAR 135, no less than four *greyhounds* inclusive of the *greyhound* undergoing the satisfactory trial must compete in the satisfactory trial.
 - 45.1.4 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.
 - 45.1.5 If a *greyhound* fails to be cleared to race after attempting three successive satisfactory trials, that *greyhound* will not be eligible to undergo further satisfactory trials for a period of 28 days from the date of its last satisfactory trial.
- 45.2 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 will lie against the *Club*, the *Controlling Body*, or their respective servants and agents for any loss or damage howsoever sustained.

46 Trials during a meeting

- 46.1 The *Controlling Body* may at any time permit a *greyhound* to run in a trial during a *meeting*.
- 46.2 Without limiting LR 45.1, any *greyhound* which runs in a trial during a *meeting* will be subject to the *Local Rules* as if the *greyhound* was competing in an *Event*.

Division 8: Restrictions on a greyhound participating in an Event after whelping, service, or if unraced for more than six months

[No local rule content]

Division 9: Nominations

47 Nomination Requirements

- 47.1 A *greyhound* is only eligible for nomination for an *Event* if:
- 47.1.1 nominated by its registered *Trainer*;
 - 47.1.2 in the case of the death of a registered *Owner*, when a new *Owner* of that *greyhound* is registered with the *Controlling Body* or the estate of the deceased is deemed by the *Controlling Body* to be the registered *Owner*;
 - 47.1.3 the *Owner* and the *Trainer* of the *greyhound* accept the risk of injury, loss or damage arising from participation in the *Event*;
 - 47.1.4 the *greyhound's* registration is current and active; and
 - 47.1.5 nominated in such manner as the *Controlling Body* prescribes from time to time.

47A Frequency of Starts

[No Content]

Note: The previous Frequency of Starts Rules have been superseded by GAR 39 Limits on frequency of racing or trialling.

48 Minimum age of nomination

- 48.1 A *greyhound* cannot be nominated for an *Event* which will be conducted before the *greyhound* attains the age of:
- 48.1.1 18 months in the case of an *Event* other than a coursing *Event*; and
 - 48.1.2 16 months in the case of a coursing *Event*.
- [Note: GAR 21 which provides for a minimum age of 16 months does not apply in Victoria]

49 Conditions of acceptance of nominations by the Controlling Body

- 49.1 It is a condition of the *Controlling Body* accepting a nomination that:
- 49.1.1 at the time of submitting the nomination:
 - 49.1.1.1 all *persons* having an interest in the *greyhound* and required to be registered pursuant to the *Local Rules*, hold a relevant, current and active registration;
 - 49.1.1.2 all particulars in the nomination are correct;
 - 49.1.1.3 the *greyhound* is eligible to be nominated for the *Event* in accordance with the *Local Rules* and any eligibility requirements of the *Event*; and
 - 49.1.1.4 the *greyhound* is not *suspended*, subject to an order to undergo a satisfactory trial or stand-down period, or otherwise ineligible to be nominated;
 - 49.1.2 the *greyhound's* *Owner* and the *Trainer* agree:

- 49.1.2.1 to be bound by the *Local Rules*, the rules, regulations, by-laws or other constituent documents of the *Club* and the conditions applicable to the *Event*;
- 49.1.2.2 that neither the *Club* or the *Controlling Body*, or their respective employees, servants and agents are liable for any loss or damage, or any injury or illness sustained by the *greyhound*, on any ground controlled or administered by the *Club* or the *Controlling Body*;
- 49.1.2.3 that neither the *Club* or the *Controlling Body*, and their respective staff, servants and agents are liable for any damage or loss suffered where a *greyhound* is selected to start in (or as a reserve for) any *Event*, and if afterwards, in any circumstances whatsoever:
 - 49.1.2.3.1 the conditions of entry to the *Event* are changed;
 - 49.1.2.3.2 the *Event* does not take place; or
 - 49.1.2.3.3 the *greyhound* is not permitted to compete in the *Event* for any reason including error; and
- 49.1.2.4 there is no entitlement to any *prize money* until its payment has been authorised by the *Controlling Body*;
- 49.1.3 if the *greyhound* is selected to start in any *Event*, then if afterwards in any circumstances whatsoever:
 - 49.1.3.1 the conditions of entry to the *Event* are changed;
 - 49.1.3.2 the *Event* does not take place;
 - 49.1.3.3 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 the *Local Rules* to undergo a satisfactory trial; or
 - 49.1.3.4 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 *Controlling Body*,

no liability will lie as against the *Club*, the *Controlling Body*, or their respective servants and agents for any loss or damage howsoever sustained; and
- 49.1.4 there is no entitlement to any *prize money* until its payment has been authorised by the *Controlling Body*.
- 49.2 The *Controlling Body* may permit a *person* submitting a nomination to withdraw that nomination prior to the closure of nominations.
- 49.3 A *greyhound* which has its nomination for an *Event* withdrawn after closure of nominations but prior to *box draw* for any reason is given a stand-down period commencing at the time of the withdrawal and continuing for 10 days from the date of the *Event*.

50 Grading

- 50.1 The field in any *Event* must comprise a maximum of eight *greyhounds*, plus two reserve *greyhounds* may be selected.
- 50.2 All nominations submitted in respect of a *meeting* will be considered by an *authorised person* who will select, in that *authorised person's* absolute discretion, the *greyhounds* that will comprise the field to compete in an *Event*, plus up to two (2) reserve *greyhounds*.

50.3 For the purposes of LR 50.2, the following matters must be taken into account in the selection process:

50.3.1 The *authorised person* and the *Club* may, from the nominations received for the *meeting* and by such time as the *Controlling Body* allows, determine the types and distances of *Events* to be conducted at the *meeting*. If in the sole opinion of the *Controlling Body*, there is no responsible official or employee available to determine the types and distances of *Events* by the appropriate time, then the *Controlling Body* may determine same.

50.3.2 The *authorised person* 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*.

50.3.3 Where a *Club* receives insufficient nominations for a *meeting* an *authorised person* may extend the closing time for receipt of nominations for the *meeting*.

50.3.4 The eligibility of a *greyhound* to compete in an *Event* will be determined in accordance with the *Local Rules*.

50.3.5 A nominee of the *Club* is entitled to be present when an *authorised person* selects the fields for the *meeting*.

50.4 Notwithstanding that the nomination of a *greyhound* for an *Event* has been accepted, an *authorised person* 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* will be deemed to have been nominated for the other *Event*, save that this Rule will not apply for *Events* conducted by way of heats and a final.

50.5 An *authorised person* may, in their absolute discretion, deem that a *greyhound* is not suitable for an *Event* for which it has been nominated and may refuse the nomination.

50.6 Without limiting an *authorised person's* discretion pursuant to LR 50.5 in making a determination of a *greyhound's* suitability for an *Event*, the *authorised person* may consider any relevant factors in the particular circumstances, including (without limitation):

50.6.1 animal welfare issues; and

50.6.2 the official race form.

51 Re-grading

51.1 Without derogating from and in addition to the provisions of LR 50:

51.1.1 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 an *authorised person*, be included in the field for any *Event* of the same distance at the *meeting*; and

51.1.2 where a *greyhound* is nominated to compete in an *Event* at a track where the *greyhound* has not participated for a period of one month or more, the *greyhound* may, at the discretion of an *authorised person*, be included in the field for any *Event* of the same distance at the *meeting*.

52 Death of registered Owner

52.1 Any *greyhound* which is owned by any *person* who has died will be eligible to compete in an *Event* which has been *box drawn*.

53 Special Events

- 53.1 The *Controlling Body* may grant permission to a *Club* to conduct a Special Event.

54 Box Draw

- 54.1 The *box draw* for a *meeting* must:
- 54.1.1 be open to the public;
 - 54.1.2 be random;
 - 54.1.3 otherwise authorised in writing by the *Controlling Body* or two *authorised persons*, be conducted by means of a computer program approved by the *Controlling Body*;
- 54.2 The field for an *Event*:
- 54.2.1 will first be determined by an *authorised person* (**Initial Field**); then
 - 54.2.2 the Initial Field will be randomly allocated into a numerical sequence (**Re-ordered Field**); then
 - 54.2.3 the starting boxes will be randomly allocated to the Re-ordered Field; and
- that random allocation of starting boxes will comprise the *box draw*.
- 54.3 Where the *box draw* is conducted using a computer, a digital log will be created and saved to record that the *box draw* has been completed.
- 54.4 Where the *box draw* is not conducted using a computer:
- 54.4.1 it will be conducted by at least two *persons* including at least one *authorised person*;
 - 54.4.2 it will be conducted using a device provided by the *Controlling Body* for the purpose of the *box draw*; and
 - 54.4.3 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 will be signed by each of the *persons* conducting the *box draw* to certify compliance with this Rule.
- 54.5 The process used to perform the *box draw* will be audited from time to time and the results of the audit reported to the *Controlling Body*.
- 54.6 Upon application from a *Club*, the *Controlling Body* 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 *person*.

54A Preferential Box Draws

- 54A.1 The *Controlling Body* may, from time to time, determine that a *box draw* for an *Event* will be drawn as a *Preferential Box Draw*.
- 54A.2 For the purposes of this LR 54A, if any inconsistency between it and LR 54 arises, then the provisions of this LR 54A or the allocation process used for a *Preferential Box Draw* shall prevail.
- 54A.3 For the purposes of a *Preferential Box Draw* the *Controlling Body* may, in its sole discretion, designate a *greyhound* in the Initial Field as having an *Identified Trait*.
- 54A.4 Starting boxes for will be allocated to the Initial Field to the starting box number most aligned to the *greyhound's Identified Trait*.

Division 10: Bookmakers

55 Bookmakers

- 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*.
- 55.2 A *Bookmaker* operating at an *Event* must be appropriately dressed and behave in accordance with standards commensurate with the ideals of:
- 55.2.1 upholding bookmaking as a profession; and
 - 55.2.2 in the best interests of the *greyhound racing* industry.
- 55.3 An officer of a *Club* or *Controlling Body* may require any *Bookmaker* to produce for inspection:
- 55.3.1 any certificate, licence or authority issued to them pursuant to the provisions of the *Act* or any law or regulations that they are bound by; or
 - 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
 - 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.
- 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*.

Division 11: Clubs

56 Club Registration

- 56.1 A *person* must not conduct any *meeting* unless it is registered as a *Club* by the *Controlling Body*.
- 56.2 An application for registration or renewal of registration of a *Club* for a forthcoming registration period must be made on or before 1 May preceding the commencement of the registration period.
- 56.3 Every application for registration or renewal of *Club* registration must be made in such manner as the *Controlling Body* prescribes from time to time.
- 56.4 The *Controlling Body* may:
- 56.4.1 refuse to grant a *Club* registration if it is of the opinion that refusal is in the best interests of *greyhound racing*; and
 - 56.4.2 grant or renew *Club* registration on such conditions as the *Controlling Body* deems fit.
- 56.5 Without limiting LR 56.4.2, as conditions of the *Controlling Body* granting or renewing registration, or allowing a *Club* to retain its registration, the *Controlling Body* may require:
- 56.5.1 the rules, regulations, by-laws, financial and operational records and other constituent documents of the *Club* comply with the *Controlling Body's* requirements as laid down from time to time;
 - 56.5.2 the full and proper disclosure to the *Controlling Body* by the *Club* of all financial and Operational Records of that *Club*; and

56.5.3 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 *Controlling Body* prior to being submitted for the approval of members.

56.6 The *Controlling Body* may at any time cancel, or suspend for such period as it thinks fit, the registration of a *Club* if the *Controlling Body* is of the opinion that such cancellation or *suspension* is warranted. The *Controlling Body* must notify the *Club* in writing of any cancellation or *suspension* of its registration.

57 Removed

58 Behaviour and attire at meetings

58.1 A *Club* must 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.

58.2 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.

59 Bookmaker Standards

59.1 A *Club* must ensure that all betting on *greyhound Events* is conducted in accordance with the *Local Rules*.

Division 12: Prize money

60 Payment of Prize Money

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

60.1.1 Owner - 50.0%

60.1.2 Trainer - 50.0%

60.2 Any *prize money* of the *Owner* will be paid to the *Trainer* as agent for the *Owner* unless the *Controlling Body* decides otherwise.

60.3 All *prize money* will be paid by means of electronic funds transfer into the recipient's nominated account, unless the *Controlling Body* believes that special circumstances exist which justify a contrary payment method.

PART 8: PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES AND PROHIBITED METHODS

Division 1: Powers in relation to testing and collection of samples

60A Presentation after scratching or removal or greyhound

60A.1 Where a *greyhound* is presented for an *Event* in Victoria and the *Controlling Body* requires a sample to be taken from the *greyhound*, presentation at that *Event* is deemed to continue until the sample is taken notwithstanding the scratching of the *greyhound* and while the *greyhound* remains at the racecourse.

Division 2: Prohibited substances, exempted substances, and permanently banned prohibited substances, and offences in relation to them

[No local rule content]

Division 3: Prohibited methods

[No local rule content]

Division 4: Requirements in relation to treatment records

[No local rule content]

Division 5: Evidentiary and procedural provisions in relation to samples

[No local rule content]

PART 9: MISCONDUCT/OFFENCES

Division 1: General offences

61 Out of Hours access to Clubs

61.1 No *person* can be on the premises of a *Club* without a reasonable excuse outside of:

- 61.1.1 the normal hours approved by a *Club* for the conduct of a *meeting* or trials; or
- 61.1.2 such other official times as are approved by a *Club*.

61A Conduct Offences

61A.1 An offence is committed if any *person* (including an official) assaults, abuses, interferes with, threatens, or harasses another *person*:

- 61A.1.1 while undertaking any activity in connection with *greyhound racing*; or
- 61A.1.2 in or at any place in connection to *greyhound racing*, 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.3 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.3.1 is false, deceptive or misleading; or
- 61A.3.2 omits any matter or thing without which the information is misleading.

62 GARs – Prohibited Substances Serious Offences

62.1 It is a *Serious Offence* to breach GAR 143(1).

[Note: GAR 143(1) relates to the administration of a prohibited substance for the purpose of affecting condition, behaviour or performance, or preventing a *greyhound* from starting in an *Event*.]

62.2 It is a *Serious Offence* to breach GAR 150(2).

[Note: GAR 150(2) relates to a prohibited method of administration of substances.]

63 GARs – Other Serious Offences

63.1 It is a *Serious Offence* to breach GAR 163.

[Note: GAR 163 relates to corruption, fraudulent or improper behaviour.]

63.2 It is a *Serious Offence* to breach GAR 156 (c).

[Note: GAR 156 (c) relates to an *unregistered person* holding themselves out as an *Owner* or *Trainer*.]

63.3 It is a *Serious Offence* to breach GAR 156(d) and/or GAR 156(e) where the relevant conduct is in respect of a *Serious Offence*.

[Note: GARs 156(d) and (e) relate to attempting, conspiring, aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring a *person* to commit a rule breach.]

63.4 It is a *Serious Offence* to breach GAR 156(f), where the conduct 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.]

63.5 It is a *Serious Offence* to breach GAR 156(q).

[Note: GAR 156(q) relates to improper acts for the purpose of affecting the performance or behaviour of a *greyhound* in an *Event*.]

63.6 It is a *Serious Offence* to breach GAR 156(t).

[Note: GAR 156(t) relates to use of substances or items to affect the performance of a *greyhound*.]

63.7 It is a *Serious Offence* 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 neglect, dishonest, corruption or improper act in connection with the breeding, registration, sale or transfer of *greyhounds*.]

63.8 It is a *Serious Offence* to breach GAR 156(y).

[Note: GAR 156(y) relates to identification tampering.]

63.9 It is a *Serious Offence* to breach GAR 166.

[Note: GAR 166 relates to prohibited lay betting including betting to lose.]

63.10 It is a *Serious Offence* to breach GAR 167.

[Note: GAR 167 relates to *offences* by a *Club*.]

- 63.11 It is a *Serious Offence* to breach GAR 171, where the conduct relates to any member of a *Controlling Body* or a *Steward*, officer or employee of a *Controlling Body*.
[Note: GAR 171 relates to conduct of a *person* at an inquiry, hearing or appeal.]
- 63.12 It is a *Serious Offence* to breach GAR 75(7).
[Note: GAR 75(7) relates to the prohibition on a *Steward* having an interest in *greyhounds* and engaging in betting transactions.]
- 63.13 It is an *Offence* for a *person* 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.

Division 2: Animal welfare offences relating to luring and baiting (including live baiting)

64 GARs – Serious Offences relating to luring and baiting

- 64.1 It is a *Serious Offence* to breach GAR 159(1).
[Note: GAR 159(1) relates to live animal and luring *offences*.]
- 64.2 It is a *Serious Offence* to breach GAR 159(3).
[Note: GAR 159(3) relates to animal carcass or part of an animal luring or baiting *offences*.]
- 64.3 It is a *Serious Offence* to breach GAR 159(5).
[Note: GAR 159(5) relates to animal material luring and baiting *offences*.]
- 64.4 It is a *Serious Offence* to breach GAR 159(6).
[Note: GAR 159(6) relates to failure to report witnessing luring and baiting conduct.]

Division 3: Other animal welfare offences

65 Serious Offences: GAR Animal Welfare Rules

- 65.1 It is a *Serious Offence* to breach GAR 44(1).
[Note: GAR 44(1) requires a *person* intending to export a *greyhound* to obtain a *greyhound* passport.]
- 65.2 It is a *Serious Offence* to breach GAR 45(2).
[Note: GAR 45(2) relates to conduct where a *person* is(or should) be aware that a *greyhound* is likely to be exported in contravention of the *GARs*.]

Division 4: Corruption, dishonesty, and misleading behaviour

[No local rule content]

Division 5: Offences in relation to investigations and inquiries

[No local rule content]

Division 6: Conduct detrimental to the interests of greyhound racing

[No local rule content]

Division 7: Misconduct by Clubs

[No local rule content]

Division 8: Obligations of registered persons to report certain offences and circumstances

[No local rule content]

PART 10: DISCIPLINARY PROCESSES AND PENALTIES

Division 1: Disciplinary matters

[No local rule content]

Division 2: Inquiries, hearings and appeal rights

[No local rule content]

Division 3: Penalties

66 Temporary Suspension

66.1 Where in the opinion of the *Stewards*:

66.1.1 there is prima facie evidence that a *registered person* has:

66.1.1.1 breached the *Local Rules*; or

66.1.1.2 has committed an *offence* pursuant to Part 9 of the *GARs*; and

66.1.2 it is necessary to make a decision immediately in respect of the matters referred to in LR66.1.1 in order to protect the integrity of the sport of *greyhound racing*;

the *Stewards* may immediately suspend that *person*.

66.2 Where a decision is made by the *Stewards* under LR 66.1; the *Stewards* will:

66.2.1 notify the *registered person* of the decision within two hours of the decision;

66.2.2 if practicable, provide the *registered person* with copies of the evidence relied on for making the decision; and

66.2.3 request that the *registered person* provide information to the satisfaction of the *Stewards* regarding the matters referred to in LR 66.1.1.

66.3 The *suspension* of a *registered person* pursuant to LR 66.1 is temporary and will only operate to the earliest in time of:

66.3.1 two business days from the date of the *suspension* pursuant to LR 66.1; or

- 66.3.2 another decision of the *Stewards* (such a decision may not be pursuant to LR 66.1.1 regarding the same *person*).

67 Transfer of ownership or training responsibilities by a person who is disqualified, warned off, suspended, declared to be a defaulter etc

- 67.1 No *person* who is *disqualified*, *warned off*, *suspended*, declared to be a *defaulter* or otherwise directed by the *Controlling Body* as falling within this LR as a result of unacceptable conduct by that *person* (the defaulting *person*), will 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):

67.1.1 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 *Controlling Body*;

67.1.2 any relative, spouse or domestic partner of the defaulting *person* regardless of whether they reside with the defaulting *person*; or

67.1.3 any relative, spouse or domestic partner of any *person* falling within LR 67.1.1.

- 67.2 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 *Controlling Body* or *Stewards*.

68 Prohibition on suspended person entering greyhound racing premises

- 68.1 Unless the *Controlling Body* or *Stewards* direct otherwise, in addition to the consequences set out in GAR 178(2), a *person* who is *suspended* must not, during the period of *suspension*:

68.1.1 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;

68.1.2 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

68.1.3 enter or go or remain on, at any time, any place where *greyhounds* are *trained*, kept or raced but excluding the *Greyhound Property* where the *suspended person* ordinarily resides.

69 Consequences of declaration of defaulter

- 69.1 If a *person* is declared a defaulter and fails to repay the relevant amounts owed to the *Controlling Body* and or a *Club* (as applicable) in full within two months of being declared a *defaulter* (the final due date):

69.1.1 that *person's* registration may be cancelled on the day after the final due date by the *Controlling Body*;

69.1.2 if a *defaulter's* registration is cancelled, they may reapply for registration in accordance with LR 11.1; and

69.1.3 the *Controlling Body* may refuse any application for registration by that *person* if they have not paid any amounts owed to the *Controlling Body* and or a *Club*, including

any amounts which gave rise to the original decision to declare the *person* a *Defaulter*.

69A Failure to pay

- 69A.1 Where the *Controlling Body* has issued a *registered person* with a demand for payment and:
- 69A.1.1 that demand provided the *person* with notice of the *Controlling Body*'s powers under this rule; and
 - 69A.1.2 the *person* failed to pay the *Controlling Body* within 14 days or such other longer time specified within that demand;
- the *Controlling Body* may, without needing to further communicate with that *person* or provide any further time to pay:
- 69A.1.3 withhold the payment of *prize money* allocated to that *person* and offset that *prize money* allocation against the amount due to the *Controlling Body* under the demand for payment until the full amount is paid; and/or
 - 69A.1.4 prohibit that *person* from nominating a *greyhound* for an *Event* or Satisfactory Trial until the full amount is paid to the *Controlling Body*; and/or
 - 69A.1.5 prohibit a *greyhound* that *person* owns or otherwise has an interest in from being nominated for an *Event* or a satisfactory trial until the full amount is paid to the *Controlling Body*.
- 69A.2 The *Controlling Body* may issue a *person* 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 *prize money* the *person* is not entitled to;
 - 69A.2.4 payments made in error; or
 - 69A.2.5 any other monies owing or due from that *person* to the *Controlling Body*; or
 - 69A.2.6 any loss suffered by the *Controlling Body* as a result of a *person*'s conduct.
- 69A.3 A demand for payment under the Rules will amount to a debt owed to the *Controlling Body*.

69B Revocation of licence or registration for unpaid fines or repayment of prizemoney debts

- 69B.1 The *Controlling Body* may cancel or suspend a *person*'s registration, or the registration of any *greyhound* owned (in whole or part) by that *person*, if the *Controlling Body* determines that the *person* has failed to:
- 69B.1.1 pay any fine imposed upon them for a breach of the Rules; or
 - 69B.1.2 return any *prize money* in accordance with GAR 117(2).

69C Registration eligibility

- 69C.1 A *person* is not eligible for registration with the *Controlling Body* under the *Local Rules* unless the *person* has paid to the *Controlling Body* all fees, fines or other monetary penalties, *prize money* under GAR 117(2), payments made in error, or any other monies owing or due from that *person* to the *Controlling Body* or has entered into an agreement with the *Controlling Body* relating to the payment of these monies.

70 Dealing with Breeding Units of Semen

- 70.1 If a *person* is *disqualified*, *suspended*, *warned off*, declared to be a *defaulter* or otherwise declared by the *Controlling Body* 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, or obtain registration of or import any *breeding unit of semen*.
- 70.2 Notwithstanding LR 70.1 the defaulting *person* may, within 30 days of becoming a defaulting *person* or such other period as the *Controlling Body* may approve, transfer any breeding units of semen registered in their name to another *person* in accordance with the *Local Rules*, provided that such transfer is not to (whether by initial transfer or any subsequent transfer):
- 70.2.1 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 *Controlling Body*;
 - 70.2.2 any relative, spouse or domestic partner of the defaulting *person* regardless of whether they reside with the defaulting *person*; or
 - 70.2.3 any relative, spouse or domestic partner of any *person* falling within LR 70.2.1.
- 70.3 Approval of the *Controlling Body* under LR 70.2 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 *Controlling Body*.