Summary of major amendments to GRV Local Rules – November 2026

Breeder Registration Eligibility	GRV is introducing new LR 16.1.9 that requires a person to 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.
Greyhound Properties	GRV is replacing LR 25 with a new rule relating to greyhound properties that is clearer and easier to apply. The changes also cover people who have been found guilty of animal cruelty offences, or offences involving live baiting or luring. The new rule is split into four parts and 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 stops 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 requires 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 requires 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 makes 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.
False or Misleading Information	To make it clear that people involved in greyhound racing must not give GRV false or misleading information, statements or documents at any time, and to make the rules easier to apply, the rules relating to false or misleading information are changing. Rules LR 12.4, LR 13.4 and LR 14.4.1 relating to providing false or misleading information in different situations have been removed, and two new rules added to Rule 61A – Conduct Offences. Rule 61A.2 makes it an offence to **provide** false or misleading information in connection with greyhound racing. Rule 61A.3 makes it an offence to **publish** false or misleading information connected with greyhound racing.
Warning Off, Convictions and Interpretation of Rules	To clarify how the Board can use its powers, GRV has introduced: • a new definition in LR 9 to clarify what *Convicted* and *Conviction* includes, • new Rule 8.2 to make it clearer how the Board can apply rules, and • new Rule 10B.1 to make it clear that the Board can manage matters relating to the warning off of a person in its absolute discretion.
Debt Recovery	GRV is introducing new Rule 69A.2.6 and Rule 69A.3 so it can recover costs from a person if their breach of the Rules causes GRV to lose money or pay extra costs, such as 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.
Serious Offences	GRV is reclassifying some rule breaches from **Serious Offences** to **General Offences** to allow these matters to be dealt with by GRV Stewards, rather than being referred to the Victorian Racing Tribunal (VRT).

	This approach does not reduce the seriousness of the conduct involved. The same penalties remain available where appropriate, as both the Stewards and the VRT can impose similar penalties. The intent of the change is to make the disciplinary process quicker and more efficient, while maintaining the integrity of greyhound racing. Rules 14, 62, 63 and 65 have been amended, with several parts from Rule 62, Rule 63 and Rule 65 removed, resulting in the remaining parts of each rule being renumbered.
Preferential Box Draws	GRV is changing Rule 54A relating to Preferential Box Draws to allow the use of Isolynx race data to help identify a greyhound's early racing style (Identified Trait), which can then be used when allocating starting boxes in races that use a Preferential Box Draw. A new definition is being added to LR 9 to describe what a greyhound's Identified Trait means and how it can be used.
Removal of Trial Track registration	The requirement for Trial Tracks to be registered under the Local Rules is being removed. The broad coverage already provided by the Rules of Racing, the Code, and other policies and legal obligations governing the activities of registered people at Greyhound Properties means that separate registration of Trial Tracks is no longer necessary. Rules 15.3, 28, 29 and 30 are being removed, and Rules 10.2, 65.7 and 68.1.3 updated to remove references to Greyhound Trial Tracks. The definition of a Greyhound Trial Track in Rule 9 has also been removed.