

**RACING
SERVICES
TASMANIA**

**GREYHOUND
POLICY MANUAL**

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Integrity policies previously approved by the Greyhound Racing Regulatory Panel become policies of Racing Services Tasmania as at 1 January 2009.

Any amendments or additions to policies must be approved by the Director of Racing.

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CLEARANCES FOR RACING

A greyhound having its first start shall not be eligible to be nominated for any event until the greyhound has been presented and cleared to race by the stewards. An ear branding or marking official cannot clear a greyhound for any reason.

Clearance times for greyhounds will be half an hour before the official start of kennelling at any race meeting, or by prior arrangement made with the Chairman of Stewards.

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DRESS CODE

Trousers, Shirts and Jumpers

The following dress standards for persons parading greyhounds (except in non betting races) have been adopted:

During Daylight Savings

Men: Long black trousers/jeans
White shirt with a collar with/without a one coloured white or cream or fawn jumper.

Women: Black slacks/jeans (No dresses or skirts to be worn)
White shirt with a collar with/without a one coloured white or cream or fawn jumper.

All Other Times

Men: Long black trousers/jeans
A white shirt with a collar together with a black jumper (or cardigan which must be buttoned or zipped up at all times);
or
A black long sleeved shirt with collar

Women: Black slacks/jeans (No dresses or skirts to be worn)
A white shirt with a collar together with a black jumper (or cardigan which must be buttoned or zipped up at all times);
or
A black long sleeved shirt with collar

Footwear, Headwear Etc.

Footwear: Black flat soled shoes (e.g. flat sports shoe)

Headwear: Of a quality and style acceptable by the Stewards

Miscellaneous: No article is to be carried (e.g. Handbags, radios etc.)

Persons must be dressed in clean and tidy clothing and be neatly groomed.

Catchers.

There are no dress standards for persons catching greyhounds except persons must be appropriately dressed and be neat and clean and tidy. Appropriately dressed shall be determined by the Stewards, but includes:

Flat soled shoes must be worn
No dresses or skirts are to be worn
No article is to be carried

Wet Weather Gear

The wearing of wet weather gear is not compulsory.

Wet weather gear shall be provided by all owners, trainers, attendants and catchers at their own expense and shall be of clear (or as near to clear as possible) plastic **or a black coat** of a style approved by the Stewards and shall be maintained in a clean and serviceable condition.

It shall be the responsibility of the trainer to ensure the coat is neat and tidy and clean.

The Stewards have been given the power to prevent any handler from handling a greyhound unless the coat is neat and tidy and clean.

Feature Events

In all events with a stake of \$5000 or more to the winner, the persons parading greyhounds shall be attired in the coat, bow tie and cummerbund supplied by the Club. It shall be at the discretion of the Racing Manager as to whether the coat shall be worn due to the prevailing weather conditions, however the coats will be worn or not worn by all handlers.

Non Betting Races

As from 25 March, 2003, there will be no dress standards for persons parading greyhounds in non betting races, except persons must be appropriately dressed and be neat and clean and tidy. Appropriately dressed shall be determined by the Stewards, but includes:

Flat soled shoes must be worn
No dresses or skirts are to be worn
No article is to be carried

Policy effective as at 1/6/2004 under GRT policy manual

Policy Amended 29/4/2005 – effective 1/6/2005.

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Policy Amended 01/01/2007 – effective immediately

Policy Amended 23/07/2007 – effective 1 August 2007

DUAL ENGAGEMENTS

A greyhound which has been drawn as a reserve for a meeting may be nominated for a meeting on the same or the following day/night, however the greyhound must fulfil its engagement at the first meeting conducted if it is drawn in.

When both meetings are to be held at the same time on the same day/night (i.e. afternoon, twilight or night) the order of engagement shall be Hobart then Launceston then Devonport otherwise the order of engagement shall be afternoon then twilight then night.

In the case of a nomination on consecutive days, after having competed at the first meeting the greyhound may be withdrawn from the second meeting penalty free provided the scratching has been lodged by scratching time on the morning of the second meeting. This applies to consecutive days only and to greyhounds engaged in a Qualifying Final on the second day (having qualified for the Final after the closing of nominations for the first day) but does not apply to greyhounds nominated for and drawn in to compete at both venues.

Should a greyhound qualify for a Semi Final of a Series after having been drawn into a meeting to be held within 3 days prior to or following the Semi Final, then the greyhound may be scratched without penalty and take its place in the Semi Final providing application is made by scratching time on the day of the meeting.

Should a greyhound qualify for a Semi Final or a Final to be conducted on the same day as any other race for which the greyhound has already been drawn into, then the greyhound shall be withdrawn from such other race.

Should a greyhound qualify for a Final as a starter or a reserve (other than a Qualifying Final) after having been drawn into a meeting to be held within 3 days prior to or following the Final, then the greyhound may be scratched without penalty and take its place in the Final providing application is made by scratching time on the day of the meeting.

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EAR BRANDING & MARKING UP – HOBART AREA

Marking Up

The Marking Official will be available at trials at Tattersalls Park at the following times for the purpose of marking up application forms for the purpose of naming greyhounds.

Every Tuesday from 6.30 pm until 9.30 pm

Every second Saturday from 8.30 am until 11.30 am

NB: The Marking Official will not travel to your property to identify (mark up) a greyhound for naming purposes unless he/she is required to visit the property to ear brand a litter of pups.

The Marking Official will not be available to mark up greyhounds on race night (ie Thursday).

Ear branding

Litter registration forms will be forwarded directly to the Marking Official for organisational purposes.

A letter will be issued to the breeder advising they are to contact the Marking Official to arrange ear branding of their litter.

The Marking Official must forward an itinerary to the Assistant Registrar and a copy to the Registrar 48 hours before he/she intends to conduct the service and await approval to attend as outlined in the itinerary.

The Marking Official should not deviate from the agreed itinerary unless approval is obtained from the Assistant Registrar in the first instance or the Registrar.

Payment for Service

The Marking Official must collect payment at the time the service is conducted. **Accounts will not be issued to participants by Racing Services Tasmania. Fees are as follows:-**

Marking Up (Naming Applications)	\$5.00 per greyhound
Ear branding	\$6.00 per greyhound

Participants should ensure that they have the correct money, as it will not be possible to give change.

Monies are to be sealed in a secure plastic sleeve (supplied) and delivered to the RST Hobart office for receipting.

An interim receipt is to be issued to the breeder or agent by the Marking Official at the time of the service with an official receipt being forwarded from RST. The Marking Official must submit duplicate copies of receipts issued to the RST office for reconciliation.

Effective as at 1 August 2008

EARLY RACE REQUESTS

A strict criteria is to be applied to those greyhounds for which an early race has been requested. This can only be requested when a greyhound is engaged in an event later than race six on the program:-

- The Official Track Veterinarian (OTV) to have confirmed profuse salivation covering the floor of the kennel occupied by the greyhound in question when engaged in a race later than Race Six on the program. –AND –
- The OTV to have confirmed clinical dehydration (using the customary “skin pinch test” along the dorsum of the trunk) in the greyhound when taken from the kennel later than Race Six on the program. This may, if required be further confirmed by the greyhound being reweighed. – AND –
- The OTV to have confirmed hyperthermia in the greyhound when removed from their kennel, revealing a body temperature at or above 39.5°C. – AND –
- A clinical assessment of the greyhound by the OTV confirms a state of distress and agitation in the greyhound – AND –
- These examinations are to be witnessed by the Steward in charge of the meeting. – AND –
- Appropriate certification is supplied in writing signed by the OTV, Steward in charge and the trainer of the greyhound.

Once all these criteria have been met the Steward in charge shall grant an early race request.

Should a greyhound that has been flagged as an early race greyhound be drawn into a final or feature event (where the winners stakes are more than \$5000) that is programmed later than Race Six then the following will apply. The trainer/owner may, with permission of the Chairman of Stewards, either withdraw the greyhound from the event prior to the official scratching time (receiving a 10 day penalty), or, proceed with nomination into that event. In the latter situation, the Steward in charge of the meeting accompanied by the OTV will conduct an examination of the greyhound prior to competing in the event using the above criteria.

Providing the greyhound is passed fit to compete, the greyhound will then no longer be flagged as an early race greyhound. If the greyhound is passed unfit to run and becomes a late scratching this greyhound will be unable to nominate for heats of feature events (where the winners stakes are more than \$5000.) where the final will be conducted after Race Six for a period of six months. Following this six-month period the Trainer with the permission of the Chairman of Stewards may apply in writing to have his/her greyhound re-assessed.

Effective as at 1/8/2005 under GRRP Policy Manual

Amended as at 24/06/2005

Amended as at 20/01/2006

EUTHANASIA POLICY

The only acceptable method of euthanasia for racing and retired greyhounds is by an intravenous lethal injection of Pentobarbitone.

No other method of euthanasia is condoned.

All other methods of euthanasia have an inherent risk of not being carried out quickly and efficiently and so leaving the dog in a stressful and painful situation.

No other methods of euthanasia have any support based on current public and social standards.

This decision is consistent with Greyhounds Australasia's Rule 106 (3) regarding euthanasia of greyhounds.

This policy has the full support of the Australian Veterinary Association (AVA) and the Australian Greyhound Veterinary Association (AGVA).

Effective as at 01/05/2008 under GRRP Policy Manual

EXTENDED NOMINATIONS

As from 1 February, 2002, nominations will only be extended until 11.30 am on the day scheduled for the closing of nominations. The Secretary of the Club may contact trainers, or trainers may contact the Club or the Council Office to lodge nominations prior to the closing of the extension.

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FLEAS AND UNCLEAN GREYHOUNDS

If a greyhound is presented to the Stewards and found to have a flea infestation or is unclean the greyhound will not be allowed in the kennels or to take place in the event for which it has been drawn. This will also apply to any greyhound that appears to have had an application of any flea preparation prior to entering the kennels.

- Flea and flea infestations parasites as determined by the presence of flea dirt and fleas.
- Unclean is a greyhound that is dirty or requires grooming and also includes a greyhound that has an offensive odour.
- All bedding brought into the kennel block must be clean and tidy and Stewards will also monitor this area.
- No trainer shall be granted permission to remove their greyhounds from the kennels and be treated with flea sprays and powders.
- No preparation shall be applied to any greyhound before entering the kennels.

Effective as at 01/08/2008 under GRRP Policy Manual

GRADING - HIGHER GRADES

Persons when nominating must stipulate on each and every occasion should they not wish their greyhound to be included in any graded race above the greyhound's grade.

A greyhound will not be included in any best race/series or free-to-all race/series unless specifically nominated for such race (grade 1 and 2 greyhounds excepted).

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GRADING - MIXED RACES

When there is to be (for example) a grade 4 and a mixed grades 3 and 4 on the programme, the single grade (grade 4) race shall be first selected.

The greyhounds not selected will then, together with the higher grade greyhounds form the field for the higher (3/4) grade race.

After that race has been selected the reserves for the single grade race (grade 4) shall be selected and then the reserves for the higher (3/4) grade race shall be selected.

A greyhound must take its place in the race as is determined by its order of choice.

If a grade 4 greyhound is not selected for the grade 4, but will be selected for the 3/4, on its order of choice, however the connections have nominated "no higher grade", then such greyhound shall be deleted from the field and shall not be included for either race unless there are fewer than the maximum number of starters (including reserves) in the grade 4 race.

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HOT WEATHER

Each morning during the period of daylight saving when a race meeting is scheduled, the Racing Office of Racing Services Tasmania will log on to the Bureau of Meteorology website, which gives the most up-to-date temperature forecasts for each centre in the State.

The forecast temperature is then ascertained for the racing venue for that day.

Applications for scratchings without penalty due to the heat will only be approved if the official Bureau of Meteorology predicted temperature is 30° Celsius or above at the venue where the meeting is to be conducted and the journey required for reaching the track exceeds eighty kilometres one way.

The application must be made prior to the official scratching time for the meeting.

Trainers cannot pick and choose which greyhounds to scratch. If the Trainer applies to scratch a greyhound from a race meeting under this policy ALL of his/her greyhounds must be scratched from that race meeting.

The Stewards will maintain records of the Trainers applying to scratch and greyhounds scratched due to the heat.

If the temperature at the venue reaches 33° Celsius during the course of the meeting, the Stewards may abandon the race meeting.

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LICENCES – INTERSTATE PERSONS

No person shall be issued a licence in Tasmania unless such person resides in Tasmania.

Any person visiting Tasmania will have any licence issued by the Controlling Body in the State in which they normally reside recognised with all its privileges in Tasmania for a period of three months from the time of arrival.

After three months of continual residence in Tasmania the recognition of a licence issued by the Controlling Body of another State will cease and the person is required to apply for and be granted a Tasmanian licence and cancel the licence issued by the State in which they previously resided.

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QUALIFYING TIMES

The Qualifying Times for all Stewards Trials shall be as follows:

QUALIFYING TIMES

Devonport

Flat	452m	26.66
Flat	580m	34.80

Launceston

Flat	278m	16.50
Flat	515m	30.90
Flat	600m	36.00
Flat	720m	43.56

Hobart

Flat	340m	20.06 (<i>calculation .0590</i>)
Flat	461m	27.42 (<i>calculation .0590</i>)
Flat	599m	<i>To be advised</i>

The acceptance of this proposal is subject to an on-going review.
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Policy amended 01/01/2007 – effective immediately

Policy amended 30/05/2007 – effective 01/07/2007

Policy amended 30/11/2007 – effective 01/12/2007

Policy Amended 28/03/2008 under GRRP Policy Manual – reference to hurdle times removed

REDRAWS

No redraw shall be granted by Racing Services Tasmania for any race after final information has been sent to the printer for publication of the Formguide unless a direction is given by the Director of Racing to conduct a redraw.

Policy effective as at 1/6/2004 under GRT policy manual

SERIES QUALIFICATION

The qualification of any greyhound to further contest or be named as a reserve for a series

- i.e. Semi final after heats
- Final after semi finals
- Final after heats

shall be determined by the placing of the greyhounds in each heat/semi final.

Should it be necessary to reduce the number of greyhounds to further contest a series or be named as a reserve for a series then the greyhounds with the lowest placing shall be first excluded.

Should it be necessary to exclude/include greyhounds with the same placing, then the greyhound with the slowest time for that placing shall be first excluded.

This shall be repeated until there remains the required number of greyhounds to further contest the series and/or named as reserves.

The time for each greyhound shall be calculated by the photo finish equipment, however in the case of a breakdown or failure the times shall be taken from any other means of electronic timing and if that is not available or fails, then the race shall be hand timed and the time for each greyhound manually calculated using the beaten margins of each placing declared by the judge utilising the Time Conversion adopted by the Greyhound Racing Regulatory Panel..

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STEWARDS TRIALS AND QUALIFYING TRIALS

Stewards Trials (Satisfactory Trials) can be completed at race meetings with the approval of the Stewards having been obtained prior to 10.00am on the day before the meeting.

Trainers wishing or requiring to conduct Trials at times other than on race night must firstly apply to the Chairman of Stewards who will arrange for a Steward to be in attendance and a fee payable as determined by Racing Services Tasmania.

Where necessary Trainers must, after having obtained Steward's approval, also book their trial with the Club.

In these circumstances a fee determined by Racing Services Tasmania shall be payable to Racing Services Tasmania towards the cost of having the Steward present.

This fee is payable over and above any trial fee payable to the Club for the trial.

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Policy Amended 19/7/2004 under GRT policy manual

Policy Amended 28/03/2008 under GRRP Policy Manual – reference to hurdles removed

TIME CONVERSION

MARGIN	TIME	MARGIN	TIME
Nose	.001	7.1/2 Lengths	.473
1/2 Head	.004	7.3/4 Lengths	.488
Head	.008	8 Lengths	.504
Neck (1/4 Length)	.016	8.1/4 Lengths	.520
1/2 Length	.032	8.1/2 Lengths	.536
3/4 Length	.047	8.3/4 Lengths	.551
1 Length	.063	9 Lengths	.567
1.1/4 Lengths	.079	9.1/4 Lengths	.583
1.1/2 Lengths	.095	9.1/2 Lengths	.599
1.3/4 Lengths	.110	9.3/4 Lengths	.614
2 Lengths	.126	10 Lengths	.630
2.1/4 Lengths	.142	10.1/4 Lengths	.646
2.1/2 Lengths	.158	10.1/2 Lengths	.662
2.3/4 Lengths	.173	10.3/4 Lengths	.677
3 Lengths	.189	11 Lengths	.693
3.1/4 Lengths	.205	11.1/4 Lengths	.709
3.1/2 Lengths	.221	11.1/2 Lengths	.725
3.3/4 Lengths	.236	11.3/4 Lengths	.740
4 Lengths	.252	12 Lengths	.756
4.1/4 Lengths	.268	12.1/4 Lengths	.772
4.1/2 Lengths	.284	12.1/2 Lengths	.788
4.3/4 Lengths	.299	12.3/4 Lengths	.803
5 Lengths	.315	13 Lengths	.819
5.1/4 Lengths	.331	13.1/4 Lengths	.835
5.1/2 Lengths	.347	13.1/2 Lengths	.851
5.3/4 Lengths	.362	13.3/4 Lengths	.866
6 Lengths	.378	14 Lengths	.882
6.1/4 Lengths	.394	14.1/4 Lengths	.898
6.1/2 Lengths	.410	14.1/2 Lengths	.914
6.3/4 Lengths	.425	14.3/4 Lengths	.929
7 Lengths	.441	15 Lengths	.945
7.1/4 Lengths	.457		

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VACCINATIONS AT A RACE MEETING

As from 1 August 2007, vaccinations carried out by the Official Track Veterinarian on a racetrack may only be undertaken at the following times;

Before the start of kennelling in the track car park with the track veterinarian ensuring that they are available for kennelling no later than one and a half hours before the official time for first race.

After the race meeting in the Veterinarians Room only after the Stewards have cleared them from their Official Race Track duties also allowing the required minimum time which is normally a half hour after the official race time of the last race, unless the Stewards advise otherwise.

No other private consultations or treatment shall be permitted on a racecourse including any type of prescribed drug administration unless the Stewards have given prior approval.

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