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**IMPORTED GREYHOUND POLICY**

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**ISSUE**

To ensure consistency when greyhounds are imported into Australia, GA has documented current practises to allow formal adoption, which should assist jurisdictions and participants.

**BACKGROUND**

Greyhounds are imported into Australia at different points of their life cycle for many different reasons including –

- As a young / unraced pup
- As a racing greyhound with the intention to continue racing
- To stand as a sire
- To become a brood bitch

Consistency is required with application of rules and policies to enable participants to comply with any import obligations.

This matter was discussed at the 2011 Registrars and Chief Stewards Conference, where it was concluded that a formal written policy would be in the best interests of greyhound racing.

**PROCEDURES**

The following procedures have been documented which are to occur prior to an imported greyhound being registered in Australia –

- The greyhound must be named and recorded in the studbook of England, Ireland or USA (as per GAR115(3))
- GA must be provided with the original registration papers along with a certified pedigree from the country of origin.
- The greyhound must meet Australian vaccination standards.
- If the greyhound is to race, any previous race form and stewards reports must be provided.
- The name of the greyhound may be changed if it doesn't adhere to the GA naming policy.

Once the above criteria is met, GA and the jurisdiction where the greyhound is to be domiciled will complete the following –

- GA will confirm with the relevant overseas control body that the information provided is correct.
- GA will enter the greyhounds details into the computer system (to ensure accuracy GA will enter up to four generations of the greyhound's pedigree).
- All paperwork will then be forwarded to the appropriate jurisdiction for payment of the applicable naming fee and generation of Australian registration papers or a greyhound identification card.
- If the imported greyhound is to stand at stud, the standard stud sire registration process applies.
- If the imported greyhound is to become a brood bitch, the standard registration process applies.

Before importing a greyhound, participants should note:

- If a greyhound does not meet the above criteria, under no circumstances will it be registered.

### **POLICY POSITION**

Effective 1 January 2012, the GA Board resolved to adopt a National policy position with regard to imported greyhounds as per this document.