

RULE AND POLICY AMENDMENTS

GREYHOUNDS AUSTRALASIA (effective 1/1/2011)

1. ADD & AMEND GAR 1 [GA 1/1/2011]

R1 Definitions

“microchip” means an electronic identifier transponder encoded with a unique unalterable number approved by the Controlling Body.

“prohibited substance” means a substance defined by the following criteria or which falls within any of the groups of substances declared herein unless it is an exempted substance.

(c) a metabolite, isomer or artefact of any of the substance(s) referred to in paragraphs (a), (b) or (e) irrespective of whether or not such metabolite, isomer or artefact has any pharmacological effect;

“train” or **“training”** shall mean the preparation, education or exercise of a greyhound to race or trial.

2. AMEND GAR 18 [GA 1/1/2011]

R18 Power of entry, search, inspection and taking possession

- (1) For the purposes of this Rule ‘Premises’ includes land, buildings or any fixed or moveable structure, including any vehicle regardless the location of these objects if they are otherwise under the control of licensed person and used in any manner in relation to any license.
- (2) An officer of the Controlling Body so authorised may at any time enter upon land or premises owned, occupied or under the control of a licensed person and used in any manner in relation to any licence or club-
 - (a) to inspect and search the premises and any article or thing situated thereon and take possession of any article or thing found as the result of such search and remove from the premises any article or thing of which possession has been taken and retain the same for such period as Stewards consider necessary.
 - (b) to inspect, examine and test any greyhound which the officer believes is registered with a Controlling Body and which the officer believes is or may be on such land;
 - (c) to take a specimen of excreta, blood, saliva, urine and/or other substance from any greyhound registered with a Controlling Body;
 - (d) to inspect any track, racing equipment, kennelling or security arrangements;
 - (e) to inspect any stocks of medication, preparations, chemicals, instruments, applicators, syringes and any other item or substance which may be capable of use in the preparation, training or racing of greyhounds;
 - (f) to inspect any document and records relevant to greyhound racing of any greyhound; and take extracts from or make copies of, download or print out, any documents found in the course of the inspection; and
 - (g) for any purpose which may reasonably assist in determining whether an offence is being or has been committed or whether any condition of any licence or registration issued or permission granted by the Controlling Body has been or is being breached.

(3) A person who is found upon any land or premises referred to in sub-rule (2) shall-

- (a) permit an officer of the Controlling Body to remain upon the land for so long as such officer may reasonably require;
- (b) produce any greyhound which the officer of the Controlling Body may wish to examine or otherwise require;
- (c) permit a blood, excreta, saliva, urine and/or other body substance specimen or swab to be taken from any greyhound or any autopsy or test, veterinary or otherwise, to be conducted with respect to such greyhound;
- (d) produce the certificate of registration or other documents which are then in the possession of those persons with respect to any greyhound upon such land;
- (e) supply information and render such assistance as the officer of the Controlling Body may reasonably require;
- (f) permit the making of such photographic or other record as the officer of the Controlling Body may require; and
- (g) supply and render to any officer of the Controlling Body any, as reasonably identified by the participant, sample or swabs, medications, preparations, chemicals, instruments, applicators, syringes and any other item or substance which may be capable of use in the preparation, training or racing of greyhounds, or any records or documents relevant to the ownership, leasing, breeding, training or racing of any greyhounds.

(4) An officer of the Controlling Body may take possession of-

- (a) any greyhound found on any land referred to in sub-rule (2) and detain such greyhound for a period of seventy two (72) hours;
- (b) any item or substance found on such land and retain it for such period as the officer deems fit; and
- (c) any mobile phone, computer, electronic device, book, document and record including any telephone or financial record.

for the purposes of any examination or test to be carried out or proceedings to be undertaken where the officer of the Controlling Body believes that an offence has been, may have been or is being, committed.

3. AMEND GAR23 (1) [GA 1/1/2011]

R23 Withdrawal after box draw

- (1) The trainer, or in their absence the owner of a greyhound, or other authorised person, shall;
 - (a) on the day of an Event prior to the appointed scratching time, or where the appointed scratching time is other than the day of the Event then prior to that time, examine such greyhound to ensure that it is free of injury, illness or not in season; and
 - (b) make application to withdraw the greyhound pursuant to sub-rule (2) if any injury, illness or seasonal condition that will prevent the greyhound from competing is apparent before the appointed scratching time.

4. AMEND GAR34 (1) [GA 1/1/2011]

R34 Identity examination of greyhound

- (1) A greyhound shall not be examined for ear branding and/or a microchip until after the comparison has been made of the particulars contained in or endorsed on the certificate of registration at the time of presentation for kennelling. An ear brand or microchip shall not be acceptable as the only sufficient indication as to the identity of the greyhound.

5. AMEND GAR69 (1) [GA 1/1/2011]

R69 Mar and failing to pursue

- (1) Where a greyhound, in the opinion of the Stewards-
 - (a) is found to have marred another greyhound during an Event; or
 - (b) fails to pursue the lure with due commitment during an Event,the Stewards may, except in the case where the greyhound is found to have been injured pursuant to sub-rule (4) impose a period of suspension in respect of the greyhound pursuant to sub-rule (2) or sub-rule (4).

6. ADD GAR79A [GA 1/1/2011]

R79A Out of Competition Testing

- (1) In addition to the circumstances in Rules 79(1)(a) and (b) and pursuant to Rule 80, the Stewards may carry out, or cause to be carried out such tests as they shall deem necessary in relation to a greyhound at any time for the purposes of this rule.
- (2) The following substances are deemed to be Permanently Banned Prohibited Substances and shall include a metabolite, isomer or artefact of any of the substances specified within.
 - (i) Recombinant human erythropoietins, including epoetin alfa, epoetin beta, epoetin delta, epoetin omega, novel erythropoiesis stimulating protein (NESP; darbepoietin alfa) and continuous erythropoietin receptor activator (CERA).
 - (ii) Gonadotrophins, including luteinising hormone (LH), follicle stimulating hormone (FSH), human chorionic gonadotrophin (hCG) and equine chorionic gonadotrophin (eCG; pregnant mare serum gonadotrophin; PMSG).
 - (iii) Gonadotrophin releasing hormone (GnRH; gonadorelin).
 - (iv) Corticotrophins, including adrenocorticotrophic hormone (ACTH) and tetracosactrin (tetracosactide).
 - (v) diacetylmorphine (heroin), cocaine, cannabinoids and lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD), amphetamines including amphetamine, methylamphetamine, methylenedioxymphetamine and methylenedioxymethamphetamine.
 - (vi) gama-hydroxybutyric acid (GHB) and its salts.
 - (vii) Any substance capable of disguising or making undetectable the administration or presence of any Permanently Banned Prohibited Substance.
- (3) Where upon analysis a sample taken in accordance with this rule is found to contain a Permanently Banned Prohibited Substance or such sample is unable to be taken due to the actions or inactions of the person responsible for the greyhound, then;
 - (a) the greyhound shall be withdrawn from any Event in which it has been nominated to compete;

- (b) without limiting the application of Rule 92(5), the greyhound shall be ineligible to be nominated for any further Event until a specimen is taken that does not breach this rule.
- (4) When a sample taken from a greyhound being trained by a licensed trainer or in the care of a registered person has been found to contain a Permanently Banned Prohibited Substance specified in subrule (2),
 - i. the trainer and any other person who was in charge of such greyhound at the relevant time shall be guilty of an offence.
 - ii. the greyhound shall be disqualified from any Event or any benefit derived from a trial or test for which it was nominated at the time the sample was taken.

7. AMEND GAR80 [GA 1/1/2011]

R80 Testing/ swabbing procedure

- (1) Where the Stewards have requested or instructed a veterinary surgeon to take specimens for the purposes of testing a greyhound pursuant to Rule 78(1) or 79(1), the veterinary surgeon shall be entitled to take from the greyhound such specimens of its excreta, urine, blood, saliva or other body substance pursuant to any established procedures for the collection of specimens.
- (2) Where the Stewards require specimens of urine, excreta, saliva or other substance to be taken from a greyhound, a Steward or other authorised person is equally authorised to take such specimen from a greyhound pursuant to any established procedures for the collection of specimens.

A Steward, or veterinary surgeon or an authorised person taking a specimen pursuant to this Rule shall not be liable for any loss, damage or injury arising out of, or occurring during the taking of the specimen.

- (3) Where a specimen is taken from a greyhound for testing pursuant to this Rule, Rule 78(1) or 79A, pursuant to any established procedures, the specimen shall be placed in a sealed container having attached to it a number and such information as may be deemed necessary by the Stewards, and be delivered to an accredited laboratory. A report signed by a person who purports to have taken the specimen shall be, without proof of the signature thereon, prima facie evidence of the matters contained therein for the purpose of any proceedings pursuant to these Rules.
- (4) The Stewards may direct that samples taken from a greyhound pursuant to these rules may be stored, in whole or in part, and shall be disposed of only as they direct.
- (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of the rules, the Stewards may direct that a stored sample, in whole or in part, be submitted or resubmitted for any test to determine whether any prohibited substance or permanently banned prohibited substance was, at the relevant time, present in the system of the greyhound from which the sample was taken.
- (6) For the avoidance of doubt, when a prohibited substance or permanently banned prohibited substance is detected in a stored sample submitted or resubmitted for testing in accordance with sub-rule (5), the provisions of Rules 79A and 83 shall apply.

8. AMEND GAR81 [GA 1/1/2011]

R81 Certification of analysis

- (1) Where a specimen taken from a greyhound has been analysed by an accredited laboratory pursuant to Rule 80 (3), a certificate signed by an accredited laboratory officer shall be, without proof of the signature thereon, prima facie evidence of the matters contained therein for the purpose of any proceedings pursuant to these Rules.

- (2) Where in any proceedings pursuant to these Rules it is necessary to prove that a substance is a prohibited substance **or a permanently banned prohibited substance** as defined in these Rules, a certificate signed by a veterinary surgeon, chemist or laboratory officer approved by the Controlling Body, shall be, without the proof of signature, prima facie evidence of the matters contained therein for the purpose of any proceedings pursuant to these Rules.

9. AMEND GAR82 [GA 1/1/2011]

R82 Notification of positive analysis

When a prohibited substance **or a permanently banned prohibited substance** has been found upon analysis to be present in a sample taken from a greyhound which has been nominated or presented for an Event or other contingency provided for pursuant to these Rules, the Stewards shall, upon receipt of the accredited laboratory's certificate pursuant to Rule 81 (1) officially notify the owner and trainer of the greyhound of the finding and that any inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the presence of the prohibited substance **or permanently banned prohibited substance** is to be held as soon as possible.

10. AMEND GAR83 [GA 1/1/2011]

R83 Greyhound to be free of prohibited substances

- (4) A greyhound presented for an Event contrary to **sub-rules (1) or (2)** shall be disqualified from the Event or any benefit derived from a trial or test.

11. AMEND GAR86 [GA 1/1/2011]

R86 Offences

- (ai) **does or attempts to alter, tamper or otherwise interfere with any means of identification of a greyhound as provided for in these rules**

12. AMEND GAR106 [GA 1/1/2011]

R106 Proper care (welfare) of greyhounds

- (1) A registered person must ensure that greyhounds, which are in the person's care or custody, are provided at all times with-
- (a) proper and sufficient food, drink and protective apparel;
 - (b) proper exercise;
 - (c) kennels constructed and of a standard approved by the Controlling Body which are adequate in size and which are kept in a clean and sanitary condition; and
 - (d) veterinary attention when necessary.
- (2) A registered person must exercise such reasonable care and supervision as may be necessary to prevent greyhounds pursuant to the person's care or custody from being subjected to unnecessary pain or suffering.
- (3) **At any time after the registration of a litter, the last registered owner or person responsible for the greyhound at the relevant time, shall, within ten working days, notify the Controlling Body by lodging of the prescribed form, if that greyhound has transferred ownership, been retired as a pet or a breeding greyhound, been transferred to an adoption program, exported, surrendered to another agency, been humanely euthanased by a veterinary surgeon or deceased.**
- (4) **It shall be a requirement to include a veterinary certificate of euthanasia when lodging the appropriate form for any greyhound that has been euthanased by that veterinary surgeon.**

- (5) An owner or person responsible at the relevant time who fails to comply with any provision of this rule shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a penalty in accordance with Rule 95.

13. AMEND GAR111 [GA 1/1/2011]

R111 Appointment and duties of marking, **micro-chipping and ear branding officials**

A Controlling Body may appoint a person to be a marking official who may perform any of the following acts-

- (a) mark, **microchip** or ear brand greyhounds;

14. ADD GAR111 [GA 1/1/2011]

R111A Greyhound to be micro-chipped

- (1) A greyhound registered on or after 1 January 2011 shall be ear branded and micro-chipped in accordance with the requirement of the Controlling Body.
- (2) A microchip shall not be implanted in a greyhound unless the microchip has been approved by the Controlling Body.
- (3) A person shall not implant a microchip into a greyhound unless that person is approved to do so by the Controlling Body.
- (4) A person shall not remove, attempt to remove, alter or otherwise interfere with a microchip implanted in a greyhound.

15. AMEND GAR128 [GA 1/1/2011]

R128 Service – type, restrictions and quotas

- (1) A service by natural methods or by artificial insemination with fresh semen shall not be permitted other than in the jurisdiction of the Controlling Body by which the sire is registered.
- (2)
 - (a) Subject to sub-rule (3) the number of complete ejaculate produced by a sire, either by way of natural service, or collection for artificial insemination shall not exceed fourteen (14) in any one month, NOR shall the total number of services by natural or artificial insemination with fresh semen and registered breeding units of semen collected for use in Australia or New Zealand exceed fifty four (54) in any one quarter.
 - (b) An ejaculate collected for the purposes of artificial insemination must;
 - (i) at all times be conducted by an artificial insemination technician; and
 - (ii) unless registered as a breeding unit of semen in accordance with R132, the complete ejaculate shall be used in the service of the bitch.
 - (c) The total number of permitted services as set out in this rule shall include natural services, services by means of artificial insemination with fresh semen (where permitted) and each occasion when semen is collected from the greyhound for the purpose of freezing (where permitted).

16. ADD GAR128A [GA 1/1/2011]

R 128A Multiple sired litters

- (1) To use multiple sires to service a bitch, the owner of a bitch or a person authorised pursuant to these Rules, shall provide the following prior to the services being conducted –
 - (a) Written notification of intention to use multiple sires, containing details of the bitch and all sires to be used shall be lodged with the Controlling Body.

- (b) If not the owner of the bitch, a fully completed “Prescribed Form”, which provides the acknowledgement of the owner that multiple sires will be used for any service, shall be lodged with, processed and approved by the Controlling Body.
- (c) Confirm that a DNA fingerprint test certificate for the bitch exists.
- (d) Ensure each sire to be used has a DNA fingerprint test certificate and is registered by the Controlling Body.
- (e) Written advice provided to each Studmaster notifying the intention of the person to use multiple sires to service the bitch and clarify any commercial arrangements associated with the service.
- (2). A registration of service form must be lodged by the Studmaster or AI Technician with the Controlling Body in accordance with R127 in respect to each sire used.
- (3). A notification of result of service in respect to each mating must be submitted pursuant to R134.

17. AMEND GAR1328 [GA 1/1/2011]

R132 Breeding unit collection and registration

- (1) To be eligible to collect a breeding unit from a registered sire, the sire must be registered to do so by the Controlling Body in the jurisdiction in which the sire is domiciled and issued with an identification number.
- (2) A greyhound registered for artificial insemination purposes by a member country of the International Alliance of Greyhound Registries shall be deemed to be registered in Australia and New Zealand concerning any matter relating to insemination with imported semen.
- (3) Within 14 days of the collection of semen from a registered sire an artificial insemination technician shall lodge in the manner prescribed by the Controlling Body the prescribed form notifying the collection, including the assessment and allocation of breeding units of semen from that collection for use in Australia or New Zealand, for storage, or for export to another country.
- (4) Prior to the collection of semen from the registered sire the artificial insemination technician shall-
 - (a) obtain from the Controlling Body a relevant breeding unit identification number; and
 - (b) identify each breeding unit accordingly, including inscribing the name of the sire, on each breeding unit; and
 - (c) register with the Controlling Body the storage location of each breeding unit.
- (5) Within 14 days of the collection of semen a studmaster or a person approved by the Controlling Body shall lodge, in the manner prescribed by the Controlling Body, the prescribed form and fee notifying the owner of breeding units of semen pursuant to sub-rule (3).
- (6) Within 5 days a person who purchases or otherwise acquires the ownership of a registered breeding unit shall apply to the Controlling Body for the breeding unit to be transferred into their name in a manner prescribed by the Controlling Body.
- (7) The use of a breeding unit for any purpose pursuant to these Rules is prohibited unless-
 - (a) the artificial insemination technician is approved by the Controlling Body in the jurisdiction where the insemination takes place.
 - (b) the breeding unit was collected pursuant to the Rules of the Controlling Body in the jurisdiction where the sire is domiciled;
 - (c) the breeding unit of semen was stored at an approved facility pursuant to the Rules of the Controlling Body in the jurisdiction where stored; and identified prior to use.

- (d) prior to the use of a breeding unit the artificial insemination technician or a person approved by the Controlling Body has confirmed the ownership and/or transfer of the breeding unit, and the owner of the breeding has lodged, in the manner prescribed by the Controlling Body, the prescribed form and fee notifying the ownership of the breeding unit of semen pursuant to sub-rule (6).

17. AMEND GAR135 [GA 1/1/2011]

R135 Marking and registration of litter

- (1) Application for registration of a litter whelped in the jurisdiction of a Controlling Body shall be made by lodging with the Controlling Body, within the prescribed time,
 - (a) a completed prescribed application form together with the prescribed fee; and
 - (b) a certificate of vaccination against parvovirus, hepatitis and canine distemper issued by a veterinary surgeon identifying the greyhound by reference to its sex, ear branding **and/or microchip** identifications, that indicate that such vaccination was performed upon the greyhound at least between the age of twelve (12) and sixteen (16) weeks.
- (2) A litter, the subject of an application for registration, must be inspected, marked, ear branded and micro-chipped by a marking, micro-chipping and ear branding official before an application for registration of the litter can be made unless an exemption is granted by the Controlling Body.
- (3) Failure on the part of an applicant to ensure that premises where a pup is present are to the reasonable satisfaction of a marking official, or other authorised person, in a clean and hygienic condition, may result in refusal by the marking official, or that other authorised person, to mark, ear brand **and microchip** a pup.

18. ADD GAR135A [GA 1/1/2011]

R135A Multiple sired litter DNA Requirements;

Pursuant to the provisions of Rule 134 (1), prior to a whelping being registered:-

- (1) All pups must be tested at the same time, which can only occur at the time when the pups are officially identifiable (i.e. following ear branding and micro-chipping).
- (2) The DNA fingerprint analysis report of a pup must indicate its correct parentage prior to a Controlling Body registering the pup as a litter member.
- (3)
 - (a) A whelping comprising pups the progeny of varying sires shall be deemed to be as many litters as relevant sires.
 - (b) Application for registration of such separate litters shall be in accordance with Rule 135.

19. AMEND GAR137 [GA 1/1/2011]

R137 DNA fingerprint analysis

- (9) On the Controlling Body pursuant to Rule 137 (4) communicating to the owner, or by the owner lodging a DNA application form with the Controlling Body, the owner of the greyhound shall-
 - (a) arrange for the collection of samples from the greyhound by a veterinary surgeon approved by the Controlling Body for this purpose;

- (b) ensure that the samples are contained/packaged in the prescribed manner and clearly labelled to show-
 - (i) the breeding, ear brand, **microchip number**, colour and sex of the greyhound and name if applicable;

20. NATIONAL POLICIES

20.1 Retrospective splitting of frozen semen breeding units

Based on the literal interpretation and application of GAR2 (2), (i.e. the GAR's clearly state that retrospective application of the rules does not apply), a national policy position was agreed, "there is to be no retrospective splitting of frozen semen breeding units".

20.2 National Policy & Procedure to regulate frozen semen practices

A National Policy and Procedure for approving sires, facilities and technicians in respect of frozen semen has been agreed.

20.3 National Sire Registration

Jurisdictions have agreed on a national policy position with regard to Sire Registrations. Specifically, all Sire Registrations will be administered by GA on behalf of Controlling Bodies. The rationale behind the change was to address issues associated with the code's dual system, such as participant confusion with dual sire registration fees and forms, jurisdiction confusion regarding reciprocation status where sires move between borders, and elimination of the practice of owners moving sires interstate to try and avoid registration fees.

The National Sire Registration fee is to be a life time fee increased progressively over the next three years, namely:

- Effective 1 January 2011 = \$600
- Effective 1 January 2012 = \$800
- Effective 1 January 2013 = \$1,000

With regard to sires registered prior to 1 January 2011, any sire that is registered prior to this date will be grandfathered to life time registration.