



# Allocation of Race Dates Policy

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# DATE OF COMMENCEMENT

This policy takes effect on 24 November 2004

## PURPOSE

The *Racing Act 2002* authorises Greyhounds Queensland Limited (GQL) to make policies for the sound management of the greyhound racing industry. Section 81 (j) of the Act requires GQL to make a policy for the allocation of race days, and the provision of funding, to licensed clubs.

### *Importance of allocation of race days*

The Queensland greyhound racing industry derives much of its income from distributions pursuant to the Product and Program agreement with UNiTAB Limited and the Inter-code Agreement. Race days must be allocated to greyhound racing clubs in such a way that maximises wagering turnover so that the industry receives the greatest possible return from the agreement.

GQL develops a draft calendar of race days for TAB greyhound racing clubs (those clubs on whose races the TAB offers or is likely to offer wagering services). After consultation with the greyhound racing clubs, other codes of racing in Queensland and UNiTAB Limited, the calendar of TAB greyhound racing club racing is set. GQL then develops the racing calendar for non-TAB greyhound racing clubs.

### *Importance of provision of funding*

Under section 34 of the *Racing Act 2002*, GQL may, in accordance with its policies, distribute funding to a licensed greyhound racing club for use:

- as prize money;
- for a purpose relating to a club's operations;
- to undertake research and analysis for greyhound racing;
- for venue development and other infrastructure relevant to greyhound racing.

GQL allocates funding to greyhound racing clubs for a range of purposes including:

- Prize money
- Promotion and staging of greyhound racing series and feature races
- Capital works.

The greyhound racing industry operates in a competitive market and must use its limited resources for the benefit of the industry. GQL must allocate industry funds fairly and transparently to ensure the industry receives the greatest possible return on this investment.



## ALLOCATION OF RACE DATES POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to ensure GQL makes sound decisions on the allocation of race day dates and provision of funding to greyhound racing clubs and that greyhound racing industry participants and other interested parties understand the reasons for GQL decisions on race day dates and funding.

## POLICY STATEMENT

### *Allocation of race days*

Each year GQL will review the racing calendar to ensure it delivers the greatest possible return to the greyhound racing industry.

In consultation with the greyhound racing clubs, thoroughbred and harness racing control bodies, and UNiTAB Limited, GQL will develop a program of greyhound racing that meets the requirements of the Product and Program Agreement and maximises the returns to the industry.

GQL will abide by the terms of the Product and Program Agreement and the Inter-code Agreement.

By 31st May each year, GQL will release the racing calendar for the next year to greyhound racing clubs, industry participants and other interested parties.

### *Provision of funding*

Each year, GQL will develop a schedule of funding to be provided to greyhound racing clubs. GQL will provide funding according to the schedule

A greyhound racing club receiving GQL funding, which is to be applied for a specific purpose, must use the funds for the purpose for which the funds are provided.

A greyhound racing club receiving GQL funding must use the funds for the purpose for which the funds were provided.

GQL may give a direction to a greyhound racing club in relation to how it uses any funding it receives from GQL.

GQL will take disciplinary action against any greyhound racing club that uses funding for purposes other than those for which it was provided.

## APPLICATION

GQL

All clubs.

## DEFINITIONS



## ALLOCATION OF RACE DATES POLICY

This policy adopts the terminology used in the *Racing Act 2002*. Schedule 3 of the Act contains a dictionary of words used in the *Racing Act 2002* and may be accessed via the internet at [www.legislation.qld.gov.au](http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au) under the tab “R”.

**Direction (from GQL)** – means a written direction given by GQL to a greyhound racing club relating to the club’s operations or racing venue. GQL may require a club to do something or refrain from doing something.

**Disciplinary action (by GQL against a club)** – may include cancelling, suspending or varying the licence of a greyhound racing club or imposing a monetary penalty.

**Non-TAB club** – means a greyhound racing club on whose races a wagering licence holder (*Wagering Act 1998*) does not or is not likely to offer wagering services.

**TAB club** – means a greyhound racing club on whose races a wagering licence holder (*Wagering Act 1998*) offers or is likely to offer wagering services.

## PROCEDURES

### *Roles and responsibilities*

#### ***GQL***

GQL must:

- consult with greyhound racing clubs, thoroughbred and harness racing control bodies, Queensland Race Product Company Ltd and UNiTAB to develop a racing calendar that maximises the return to the greyhound racing industry;
- adhere to the terms of the Product and Program Agreement and Inter-code Agreement;
- must prepare a schedule of funding for greyhound racing clubs and allocate funds in accordance with the schedule.

#### **Clubs**

A greyhound racing club must:

- only race on days allocated to it;
- use GQL funding, which is subject to specific purpose, for the purpose for which it was provided.

### ***Review***

This policy will be reviewed after two years of operation.

This policy was reviewed by GQL Board on 31 January 2007, with the policy to be reviewed within two years of this date or earlier as determined by GQL Board.

This policy was reviewed by GQL Board on 28 January 2009 with the policy to be reviewed within 2 years of this date or earlier as determined by GQL Board.

### ***GQL rules of greyhound racing***

GQL rules of greyhound racing provide for the application of this policy.