



# Decisions made by Stewards in the Way in Which Races are Held Policy

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### DATE OF COMMENCEMENT

This policy comes into effect on 29 November 2006

### PURPOSE

The *Racing Act 2002* authorises Greyhounds Queensland Limited (GQL) to make policies for the sound management of the greyhound racing industry. Section 81 (n) of to Act requires GQL to make a policy on decisions that may be made by stewards, for GQL, in relation to the way in which races may be held and, generally, decision making by GQL.

The purpose of the policy is to ensure that of the innumerable matters relating to greyhound racing over which GQL, its stewards and officers, have a power under GQL rules of greyhound racing or policies to:

- investigate;
- conduct inquiries;
- adjudicate; and
- when warranted impose a penalty

are approached in a manner that reflects the outcomes are in the interest of the public, greyhound racing industry, its participants, supporters and service providers.

### POLICY STATEMENT

GQL, its stewards and officers, will ensure that its dealings with all persons will be:

- lawful;
- in accordance with GQL policies and GQL rules of greyhound racing;
- in accordance with GQL Code of Conduct (Ethical Decision Making);
- applied in a, fair, consistent open-minded manner;
- in so far as varying circumstances may dictate, applied expeditiously;
- applied in an environment that ensures natural justice is applied to all persons involved in the matter under review



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# APPLICATION

This policy applies to:

GQL  
GQL Stewards  
GQL Officers  
Clubs

# DEFINITIONS

This policy adopts the terminology used in the *Racing Act 2002*. Schedule 3 of the *Racing Act 2002* 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”.

“**Registration**” wherever appearing in a policy or GQL rules of greyhound racing “registration” and its derivatives shall, with any necessary amendments, have the same meaning as “licence” and its derivatives in accordance with the *Racing Act 2002*.

# PROCEDURES

GQL will ensure that its decision making process is carried out in accordance with any relevant legislation i.e., the *Racing Act 2002*

GQL will ensure that when making its rules, or adopting national rules, the rules have sufficient regard to the rights and liberties of individuals as mentioned in the *Legislative Standards Act 1992*, section 4 (3).

GQL will ensure that its members and senior stewards and officers, have appropriate knowledge of, and the application of, the principles of natural justice, and that its junior stewards and officers are afforded the opportunity to develop those skills.

Information to be recorded may be written, electronic entry, facsimile, email, photographic, audio recording, video etc.



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### *Review*

This policy will be reviewed after two years' operation.

This policy was reviewed by GQL Board on 26 November 2008, with the policy to be further reviewed within two (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.