



# Website Policy

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## WEBSITE POLICY

# 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 industry. Section 81(g) of the Act requires GQL to make a policy on its web site and the information available through it.

The Act requires GQL to publish the following:

- the racing calendar
- GQL policies
- information on consultation on policy development
- GQL rules of greyhound racing
- notices about the declaration of a sporting contingency.

It is in the public interest and the interest of the greyhound racing industry participants that information about GQL and the Queensland greyhound racing industry is available and disseminated freely and cost-effectively. A web site is an ideal way to publish information freely and cheaply.

Balanced against this is the need to protect security and privacy by preventing hacking and restricting access to confidential or personal information.

The purpose of this policy is to help ensure GQL manages the greyhound racing industry soundly by providing industry participants and the general public with accurate and appropriate information about the greyhound racing industry in a cost-effective manner.

# POLICY STATEMENT

GQL will maintain a web site that provides important, interesting, accurate and current information about GQL and the Queensland greyhound racing industry.

In accordance with section 38(3) of the *Racing Act 2002*, GQL will publish the racing calendar on its web site. Publication will be at least seven days before the start of the calendar period and will continue for the period the calendar covers.

In accordance with sections 84(2) and 376(3) of the Act, GQL will publish its policies and information about consultation on these policies on its web site. Draft policies will be published for at least 28 days to allow interested parties to make submissions.

In accordance with section 94(2) of the Act, GQL will publish the GQL rules of greyhound racing on its web site.



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Notifications of changes to rules will be made as soon as possible after the rules have been changed and before the rule change comes into effect, whenever possible.

In accordance with section 255(3) of the Act, GQL will publish any notice about the declaration of a sporting contingency on its web site.

GQL will not publish confidential or personal information on its web site.

GQL will maintain the following additional information:

- Q Dogs
- a race result service
- stewards reports
- links to appropriate industry web sites

## APPLICATION

This policy applies to GQL.

## PROCEDURES

### **Roles and responsibilities**

GQL will ensure all information required to be published under the *Racing Act 2002* is published.

GQL officers will be responsible for posting information to the web site. The officers will ensure information on the web site is current by reviewing web site content every three months.

### **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 are not made to provide for the application of this policy.

### **Authority and other information**

This policy was issued by GQL on 24 November 2004 pursuant to the powers vested in GQL by the *Racing Act 2002*.