



Policy For The Way Races Are To Be Held

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DATE OF COMMENCEMENT

This policy takes 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 (m) of the Act requires GQL to make a policy for the way greyhound races are to be held, including, for example, grades of races, nominations, prize money, dead heats, gear and equipment and the colour of rugs to be worn by a starter.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that a greyhound racing club conducts its races in accordance with GQL rules of greyhound racing, the approval of, and any direction given by GQL. This will ensure that:

- Greyhound racing is properly regulated
- All participants know, understand and accept the rules and conditions under which greyhound races are held
- The potential of disputes is minimised.

POLICY STATEMENT

A greyhound racing club must only conduct a race meeting on a day allotted to it by GQL.

A greyhound racing club must obtain GQL written approval for its program and the conditions of each race.

A greyhound racing club must advertise the race conditions of its race meeting in the racing calendar (Journal).

A greyhound racing club must conduct races in accordance with:

- the advertised conditions;
- any GQL approved amendment;
- GQL rules of greyhound racing; and
- any GQL direction.



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The grades of races conducted will be in accordance with GQL rules of greyhound racing and any conditions advised by GQL.

A nomination must be in accordance with the advertised conditions of the race.

In accordance with GQL rules of greyhound racing, when greyhounds run a dead heat for first or any other place, the prize money awarded to each of the greyhounds will be an equal share of the total prize money that would have been awarded had the greyhounds finished in successive places.

If the owners or trainers of greyhounds which run a dead heat cannot agree on which one of them is to receive a prize that cannot be divided, the stewards shall determine the question by lot and, if necessary, shall determine what sum of money, if any, is to be paid by the owner who takes the indivisible prize to the owner who does not take that prize.

Any gear and equipment used on a greyhound must be approved by the stewards.

The colour of race rugs worn by greyhounds shall be in accordance with GQL rules of greyhound racing.

GQL will take disciplinary action against a greyhound racing club that does not conduct its races in accordance with the approved conditions and GQL Rules.

APPLICATION

This policy applies to:

- Greyhound racing clubs
- GQL
- Licence holders

Definitions

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 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.

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



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“**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

GQL will allocate race day dates to a greyhound racing club, approve conditions for races. GQL may give a direction to a club regarding the way races are held.

Greyhound racing clubs

A greyhound racing club must conduct races in accordance with the allocation of race day dates, the advertised race conditions, GQL rules of greyhound racing, the approval and any direction given by GQL.

Licence holders

A licence holder must comply with GQL rules of greyhound racing.

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 provide for the application of this policy.

This policy was issued by GQL on 29 November 2006 pursuant to powers vested in the GQL by the *Racing Act 2002*.