



## **NEW RULES OF GREYHOUND RACING 2008**

### **Notice of new RWWA Rules of Greyhound Racing as of 1 January 2008**

At the commencement of this year, the Directors of Greyhounds Australasia (GA) resolved to undertake a re-write of the National Rules of Greyhound Racing. John Cockburn, solicitor for GA, was engaged to assist in this project to ensure that all rules were legally sound in structure and application.

Western Australia has had considerable input into this process through its representatives at the national level, through the various drafts of the rules and has been successful in having many of our local rules absorbed into national rules or the structure of national rules altered to more closely match our practices. This process was completed in November with Directors resolving to adopt new Greyhound Australasia Rules with effect from 1 January 2008.

The RWWA Rules of Greyhound Racing that apply in Western Australia, which include both National and Local Rules, have been in effect since 1 July 2005 and have operated successfully during this time. Due to the level of change in the National Rules, RWWA, which adopts the national rules, has had to review and replace its rulebook. In that respect, WA is fortunate that many of its existing local rules and practices have now been adopted as National Rules which means no significant changes for the industry. This is a positive endorsement of the approach to integrity that exists in WA Greyhound Racing and the enviable record WA Greyhound Racing has for being a well controlled and clean sport. As a result the new Rules do not alter existing intents or what has already applied in WA for at least the last 2-years.

For Registered persons the new rules will mean business as usual as really little has changed except the rule numbers. The Local Rules that are being retained to ensure continuity of our existing practices and procedures have not been altered but rather transferred and reviewed to ensure they continue to represent best practice in the matters they address.

The RWWA Integrity Assurance Committee has resolved to adopt the new RWWA Rules of Greyhound Racing 2008 with effect from 1 January 2008 to replace the current rules. These Rules are an amalgamation of the new National Rules and our remaining Local Rules. Copies of the new rules will be distributed to currently registered rulebook holders in due course. Copies are also available for purchase at a cost of \$20 (+GST) from the officers of RWWA or are freely available for downloading from the RWWA website. ([www.rwwa.com.au/integrity\\_rwwarules.html](http://www.rwwa.com.au/integrity_rwwarules.html)).

Although there are no significant changes for WA participants, all registered persons are reminded of their responsibility to familiarise themselves with the new rules. For the most part, trainer's will not notice any change which may not be the same in other States that will now be following our example in many areas.

Should any person have any queries they are encouraged to contact the Stewards for more information (08 9458 4600)

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