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Greyhounds Australasia (GA) Rules Rework Project

Public Consultation Draft [Monday 24 May – Monday 07 June]

GA commenced stakeholder consultation in February 2021. This included the participant representative bodies in each jurisdiction, ministerial offices, and government departments, integrity bodies, clubs or club peak bodies, and animal welfare groups.

GA has considered the feedback from the initial consultation and made amendments to the draft national rules where appropriate.

The main objectives in updating the National Rules are to:

- promote, enhance, and maintain the welfare of greyhounds.
- regulate greyhound racing so that public confidence in its integrity is upheld.
- provide for a level playing field in greyhound racing.
- record the rules which, together with the Local Rules of Controlling Bodies, regulate greyhound racing in Australia and New Zealand; and
- promote the long-term viability of greyhound racing and the conduct of it in a socially responsible manner in Australia and New Zealand.

These draft rules, as adopted by each jurisdiction, form an integral part of the conduct of the sport and achieving consistency in greyhound racing across the Australian States, Territories, and New Zealand.

The draft national rules (May 2021) are now available for public consultation and submission to GA on any of the proposed changes. It is important to note that all feedback is considered equally and reviewed on its own merits. Multiple submissions on a single rule will not have a greater weighting on a rule outcome.

For your convenience, please find attached the following documents prepared by GA for your consideration:

- **Attachment 1** Draft National Rules - *A working draft of the proposed national rules.*
- **Attachment 2** Summary table of key changes - *A summary table describing the key changes and aimed at assisting you to reference between obligations in the current and proposed national rules.*



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- **Attachment 3** – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) - *These provide some additional information about some key changes.*
- **Attachment 4** – Feedback Form - *A template form to provide your feedback to GA.*

The current GA National Rules can be found at: <https://galtd.org.au/industry/rules>.

If you wish to make a submission or have any questions on any of the proposed changes or the process, please send these direct to rulesrework@galtd.org.au.

Please note that the revised national rules are still in draft. Any changes, including those as a result of the initial consultation, will be presented to the GA Board in late June 2021 for final approval. An updated version of the national rules will be communicated broadly along with a clear date for commencement. Any changes to the national rules will need to be adopted by each local Controlling Body and Jurisdictions will be in communication with their participants in due course about the adoption and commencement of new national rules.

Key Project Dates

Phase:	Key Dates:	Activity:
Second round of public consultation. Updated Rules and FAQs are reviewed by the Public and Participants.	Monday 24 th May 2021 – Monday 07 th June 2021	Participants will have ten business days to submit feedback directly to rulesrework@galtd.org.au Submissions will not be accepted after 5:00 pm Monday 07 June 2021.
Endorsement of National Rules	Wednesday 30 th June 2021	Greyhounds Australasia Board of Directors will endorse the National Rules.
Rule Familiarisation	Thursday 01 st July 2021 – Thursday 30 th September 2021	A three-month period to allow Participants to become familiar with the updated Rules.
Release of National Rules	Friday 01 st October 2021	Updated rules become live.