



RACING AND WAGERING WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS TO RWWA RULES OF GREYHOUND RACING

In accordance with Section 45 (1) (c) of the *Racing and Wagering Western Australia Act 2003*, notice is hereby given that the Board of Racing and Wagering WA has resolved that the RWWA Rules of Greyhound Racing be amended as detailed below.

### ADD NEW LOCAL RULE 39 FREQUENT STARTS

It is a priority of the Western Australian racing industry to maintain very high standards in matters of both integrity and animal welfare. As such local rules will be drafted from time to time that serve to enhance these already high standards and continue to protect the best interests of the welfare of racing animals. Whilst the current national rules of greyhound racing prevent a greyhound from starting on consecutive days (*R39 Consecutive days' racing or trialling prohibited*) – they are otherwise silent on how frequently a greyhound can start over a more extended period.

A review of racing related data identified that traditionally and historically most greyhounds raced once, and very occasionally twice in a seven-day period.

Following consultation with industry via the Greyhound Racing Consultative Group (GRCG), review by the RWWA Animal Welfare Committee, and final approval by the RWWA Integrity Assurance Committee, RWWA has approved and introduced a new local rule of racing detailed below, as a control measure to limit the number of race, qualifying trial or satisfactory trials starts for any individual greyhound within defined periods.

#### ***L39 Frequent Starts***

*A greyhound will only be permitted to start in*

- a. *no more than a combined total of 2 race, qualifying trial or satisfactory trial starts in any 7-day period and*
- b. *no more than a combined total of 7 race, qualifying trial or satisfactory trial starts in any 28-day period.*

The purpose of this new local rule is to ensure that a greyhound in Western Australia is not permitted an unrestricted number of starts, in the best interests of the welfare of the animal. Similar local rules exist and are enforced in both the Harness and Thoroughbred code within Western Australia.

This rule will be activated as from the Mandurah race meeting to be conducted on Tuesday 6 September 2022.