

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.

AMENDMENTS TO NATIONAL RULES (effective 1 August 2023)

Add Sub-Rule 138 (e)

138 Meaning of *exempted substance*

An *exempted substance* includes the following substances:

(e) cyclosporin, tacrolimus, oclacitinib or lokivetmab when *administered* to a *greyhound* as an immunomodifier and where it has been prescribed by a *veterinarian* for the sole purpose of treating or preventing a chronic condition in a *greyhound* including superficial chronic keratitis (pannus) or allergic/atopic dermatitis.

Summary

Following a review by GA Veterinary & Analyst Committee and consultation with the Australian Greyhound Working & Sporting Dogs Veterinarians group within the AVA, the following four immuno-modifying substances are added as exempted substances as they may be required to treat conditions such as pannus or allergic/atopic dermatitis.

Amend Sub-Rule 139 (1) (n)

139 *Permanently banned prohibited substances, and certain offences in relation to them*

1. The following *prohibited substances*, or any metabolite, isomer or artefact of any of them are deemed to be *permanently banned prohibited substances*:

n. *hypoxia inducible factor (HIF)-1 stabilisers, including but not limited to cobalt and FG-4592, and hypoxia inducible factor (HIF) activators including but not limited to argon and xenon.*

Summary

Amended to correct the wording from GF-4592 to FG-4592

Add Sub-Rule 140 (h)

140 *Prohibited Substances subject to a threshold*

In addition to the *exempted substances*, a substance is not a *prohibited substance* for certain offences identified in *these Rules* if detected at or below the following thresholds in a *sample* of the specified *sample type*:

(h) prednisolone at or below a mass concentration of 50 nanograms per millilitre in a *sample* of urine taken from a *greyhound*.

Summary

Following an administration study by Greyhound Racing Victoria (GRV) (oral), an historical administration study by Greyhound Racing NSW (topical - eye), a population study by Racing Analytical Services Limited (RASL) and GRV, a population study by LGC Sports Drug Laboratory in the United Kingdom and Great Britain (GB) Greyhound Board, and a subsequent risk analysis with Greyhounds Australasia (GA) Veterinary & Analyst Committee and GB Greyhound Board, the following internationally harmonised threshold has been agreed to for prednisolone.

Thoroughbreds and Harness racing in Australia have a urinary threshold for prednisolone (free prednisolone) of 10 ng/mL (ug/L).

The GA Veterinary & Analyst Committee has agreed to the limit of 50 ng/mL in urine and has confirmed that this should be prescribed as a threshold, to align with other codes, and be technically consistent.

Add Sub-Rule 146 (6) (g)

146 Therapeutic substances and screening limits

(6) The following screening limits apply:

(g) ketoprofen at a mass concentration of 5 nanograms per millilitre in a sample of plasma or 10 nanograms per millilitre in a sample of urine.

Summary

Following an administration study by the GB Greyhound Board, and subsequent risk analysis performed by GA Veterinary and Analysis Committee (VAC), the above internationally harmonized screening limits have been agreed to for ketoprofen.

Add Sub-Rule 147 (6) (d)

147 Residue substances and residue limits

(6) The following residue limits apply:

(d) procaine at a mass concentration of 5 nanograms per millilitre in a sample of plasma or 200 nanograms per millilitre in a sample of urine.

Summary

Following an administration study by Greyhound Racing Victoria, and subsequent risk analysis with GA Veterinary & Analysts Committee and GB Greyhound Board, the above internationally harmonized residue limits have been agreed to for procaine.

Amend Sub-Rule 25 (6)

25 Minimum Vaccination Requirements

(6) Unless a Controlling Body determines otherwise, a greyhound must not compete in any Event within five days of the date it was administered a vaccine.

Summary

This National Rule has been introduced in line with the current Local Rule 25 which altered the seven days that a greyhound must not compete, to five days.

AMENDMENTS TO LOCAL RULES (Effective 1 August 2023)

Delete Local Rule 25 Vaccination ineligibility

L25 Vaccination ineligibility

Pursuant to Rule 25 (6) the period of time that a greyhound must not compete in any Event shall be within five days of the date it was administered a vaccine.

Summary

This rule is to be deleted as it is now superseded by National Sub-Rule 25 (6)

Delete Local Rule 158 Approved types of Lure

L158 Approved types of Lure

Notwithstanding any other provisions of Rules 157, 158, 159 and 162 it shall be permissible until 31 July 2022 to use or possess a tanned and professionally processed dry skin for purposes of trialling or educating greyhounds.

Summary

This rule is to be deleted as the date referred within it has now expired and National Rules are applicable.

Add Local Rule definition of "Possession"

possession for the purposes of these rules the Greyhounds Australasia (National) Rules definition of possession does not apply and instead if any article, substance or thing is found at any premises (including any vehicle, trailer or other means to transport greyhounds) used in relation to the training or racing of greyhounds, then any person who owns, trains, races or is in charge of greyhounds at these premises is deemed to have such article, substance or thing in their possession. Possess shall have a similar meaning.

Summary

Clearly outlines what "possession" means within the rules.

Delete Local Rule 148

L148 Possession of Substances

For the purposes of Rule 148, if any substance is found at any premises used in relation to the training or racing of greyhounds, then any person who owns, trains, races or is in charge of greyhounds at these premises is deemed to have the substance in their possession.

Summary

This rule is deleted as "possession" is now clearly defined within the new Local definition.