

GREYHOUND RACING NEW ZEALAND POLICY



FALSE STARTS

In race situations where a false start has occurred, and as a result the greyhounds have to be removed from the starting boxes, the Stewards will, as standard procedure from this point on, ensure that all competing greyhounds are removed from the rear and not the front of the starting boxes. There are potentially very real occupational health & safety issues if this policy is not strictly adhered to.

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MOBILE PHONE REGULATION

The usage of mobile phones by handlers at race meetings is prohibited during the parading of dogs and anywhere on the racetrack pre or post race. This restriction applies to the making and receiving of calls and text messages. Phones must be switched off at all times in the aforementioned situations. Mobile phones can however be switched on again for usage after all relevant post race procedures (e.g. swabs, etc.) have taken place.

Failure to comply with this Regulation may result in charges being brought about under the auspices of Rule 88.1(q).

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NOMINATIONS – RULE 111.1

Licensed persons should note the need to comply with the conditions of Rule 111.1 when nominating after commencing the training of a greyhound.

The Rule requires that at least 48 hours prior to nomination of a greyhound for a race or qualifying trial every trainer who has taken over or commenced the training of such greyhound shall notify GRNZ accordingly.

GRNZ staff will be strictly enforcing a 'no nomination accepted unless Rule 111.1 has been complied with' policy, hence nominations received for any greyhound by a person other than the registered owner or trainer (or a person previously approved by GRNZ with the authority to do so on behalf of that owner or trainer) at the time of nomination will not be accepted – irrespective of whether the relevant paperwork is 'in transit' or not. Notification of a kennel change at time of nomination (via either phone or fax) also obviously does not comply with the requirements of Rule 111.1.

Given the intention of GRNZ staff to strictly follow the auspices of Rule 111.1 it would be greatly appreciated if licensed persons could be patient when phoning through with nominations as the checking process may take a little longer than it has done in the past.

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ABANDONED RACE COMPENSATION

Where individual races are abandoned due to equipment/gear failure the connections of the greyhounds presented to start in the race will receive compensation (evenly divided amongst all of the starters) equivalent to 50% of the total minimum stake for that race. In instances where a Group, Feature or Special race is abandoned compensation provided for that race will equate to the prescribed minimum stake payable for a race of that grade.

PARTIALLY ABANDONED RACE MEETING COMPENSATION

Where race meetings are abandoned part way through but as a result of a Club being negligent in the preparation of its racing surface in the period leading into or during the race meeting the connections of the greyhounds presented to race but which did not get the opportunity to compete will receive compensation (evenly divided amongst all of the starters) equivalent to 50% of the total minimum stakes for the races abandoned. In instances where a Group, Feature or Special race is included in the race meeting programme but is abandoned, compensation provided for that race will equate to the prescribed minimum stake payable for a race of that grade.

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Where entire race meetings are abandoned as a result of a Club being negligent in the preparation of its racing surface in the period leading into a race meeting the connections of the greyhounds presented to race will receive compensation (evenly divided amongst all of the starters on the race card) equivalent to 50% of the total minimum stakes for that race meeting. In instances where a Group, Feature or Special race is included in the race meeting programme but is abandoned, compensation provided for that race will equate to the prescribed minimum stake payable for a race of that grade.

Note

In the case where the club is found to be negligent in preparation of the racing surface or equipment failure causing race(s) abandonments the GRNZ Racing Committee may not reimburse the 50% stake money for the races in question that the club will pay as compensation.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE - CERTIFICATES OF INCAPACITATION

In circumstances where Certificates of Incapacitation are issued in conjunction with Rules 68.26 or 82.1 and where the stand down applicable results in a scratching from a subsequent race for which that greyhound holds a current nomination, the scratching will be effective from the date/time the certificate was issued and not the time the Club concerned is notified of the scratching.

It is recommended that licensed persons direct any initial queries in this regard to RIU Stipendiary Stewards.

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GRNZ DRESS POLICY

The following is the revised GRNZ 'universal' dress code policy for all clubs.

The minimum dress standard applicable is:

- Black trousers/slacks (no tracksuit pants) – in inclement weather, trousers/slacks must not be tucked into gumboots
- White shirt/blouse whether a club coat is being worn over top or not. Shirts and blouses must have collars and sleeves to at least the elbow (i.e. no singlets)
- Shirts are to be tucked in
- Black shoes and black socks
- Hats/caps including peaked caps – any headwear other than a hat/cap of a traditional kind must be approved by the Stewards; caps must not be worn backwards.
- Hooded sweatshirts must not be worn
- Wet weather gear must be of a dark colour and can include raincoats and waterproof leggings, gumboots and waterproof hats
- Ties optional – subject to club policy
- Special Club specific conditions are to be adhered to by handlers at race meetings where Group Races are being contested

The dress standard applies to handlers and catchers. Clubs, handlers or catchers may apply for an exemption for special events or for other genuine reasons on application to the Stewards.

Advertising and logos:

Advertising or logos will not be permitted in any race where the said advertising or logos are in conflict with the sponsor of the race or the sponsor of the meeting. Any owner/trainers unsure of the application of the dress standard at each track should contact the local GRNZ Stipendiary Steward or Club.

Note: Clubs may set additional rules at their discretion as long as the additional requirements are approved by GRNZ.

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GRNZ GRADING OF IMPORTS AND OVERSEAS FORM

The following criteria are applicable to the grading of greyhounds imported into New Zealand for racing purposes and NZ domiciled greyhounds racing outside of New Zealand.

1. A stakes-bearing race win at any greyhound racetrack, unless the race is officially deemed to be a non-penalty race irrespective of the status of the venue, or whether there is official TAB betting on the event or not, will be deemed to be a win for re-grading purposes and as such, the said greyhound will be subject to the same grading criteria as New Zealand raced greyhounds. Wins in 'maiden qualifier' events or events of a similar ilk for which the greyhound did not collect stake money will not be deemed to be a race victory & will therefore not be considered for grading purposes.

2. If the greyhound has not started in a race, as defined in (1) above, or raced in an official qualifying or performance trial with four or more starters, then the greyhound is not qualified to start in New Zealand without trialling in accordance with rule 62.

3. The onus will now be placed upon the licensed person importing the greyhound to provide the correct, official form in respect of that dog. **To this end LP's will now be required to sign a standard declaration endorsing the fact that they have provided the official form in respect of the greyhound being imported or returning back to New Zealand – the completion of this declaration is mandatory and the greyhound will not be able to race until this requirement is met.**

4. 'Official' race form will only be accepted if it is provided via an official channels/websites for example:

- www.grv.org.au (Victoria)
- www.thedogs.com.au (NSW)
- www.graq.org.au (Queensland)
- www.greyhoundswa.com.au (Western Australia)
- www.greyhoundracingsa.com.au (South Australia)
- www.dier.tas.gov.au (Tasmania)

Unless the approved official form is received, the imported greyhound will not be graded by GRNZ for racing purposes.

5. It is also a requirement that licensed persons furnish GRNZ with a copy of the steward's report pertaining to the greyhound's last race day start overseas, thus removing the possibility that there isn't any relevant racing endorsement (e.g.: stand down period).

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