



## GRNZ Import and Grading Policy Effective 1 January 2019

The following criteria are applicable to the grading of greyhounds imported into New Zealand for racing purposes and NZ domiciled greyhounds who have raced 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 trialing in accordance with Rule 38.
3. All imported greyhounds that have had a racing or drug related offence must perform a Qualifying or Satisfactory trial (*both consisting of no less than 4 dogs*) under rule 38, whichever is relevant before being eligible to nominate or race in NZ.
4. The onus will now be placed upon the Licensed Person (LP) 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.
5. 'Official' race form will only be accepted if it is provided via an official channel / website for example:
  - [www.grv.org.au](http://www.grv.org.au) (Victoria)
  - [www.fasttrack.com.au](http://www.fasttrack.com.au) (Aust)
  - [www.thedogs.com.au](http://www.thedogs.com.au) (NSW)
  - [www.graq.org.au](http://www.graq.org.au) (Queensland)
  - [www.greyhoundswa.com.au](http://www.greyhoundswa.com.au) (Western Australia)
  - [www.greyhoundracingsa.com.au](http://www.greyhoundracingsa.com.au) (South Australia)
  - [www.dier.tas.gov.au](http://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.
6. It is also a requirement that Licensed Persons provide 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).
7. It is also a requirement that Licensed Persons provide GRNZ with a copy of any current endorsements, race day or otherwise, that have resulted in any stand-down.
8. It is the responsibility of the Importer to ensure compliance with GRNZ Rule 35.1 which must include all stand downs and penalties. This must be submitted before the dog is registered in NZ.

*Amendments (to criteria 3, 5, 8) as of 11 December 2018 and effective 1 January 2019*