

# **Proposed New Rule 11A of the Constitution of the New Zealand Greyhound Racing Association**

## **Purpose of proposed new Rule 11A**

The purpose of proposed new Rule 11A is to allow the Board of Greyhound Racing New Zealand to make emergency rules amending the Rules of Racing. The Board may only make such emergency rules when there is an epidemic or civil defence emergency. The power will allow the Board to amend the Rules of Racing on a temporary basis to ensure the Rules of Racing are consistent with any government rules or requirements relating to an epidemic or civil defence emergency. The existing Rule 11 of the Constitution contains a number of requirements relating to the process for amending the Rules of Racing and the persons who must be notified and these process and notification requirements will not apply to emergency Rules of Racing.

## **11A. Emergency amendments to the Rules of Racing**

11.1 This Rule applies if:

- a. an epidemic notice has been issued under section 5 of the Epidemic Preparedness Act 2006; or
- b. a declaration of a state of national or local emergency has been made under the Civil Defence Emergency Act 2002.

11.2 The Board may by unanimous resolution make emergency Rules of Racing that amend the Rules of Racing provided that the emergency Rules of Racing:

- a. may not be in force for more than 3 months, after which the emergency Rules of Racing are deemed to have expired; and
- b. are accompanied by an explanatory note that describes the extraordinary circumstances that require the Board to make the emergency Rules of Racing; and
- c. are made publicly available on the Association's website; and
- d. are notified to:
  - i. all categories of Membership;
  - ii. the Judicial Control Authority;
  - iii. the Integrity Service Provider; and
  - iv. the Racing Industry Transition Agency and its Successors

11.3 Emergency Rules of Racing may amend, suspend or revoke existing Rules of Racing or make new Rules of Racing.

11.4 Where Rule 11.1b applies and emergency Rules of Racing are made because of a declaration of a state of local emergency, those emergency Rules of Racing may only apply in relation to the area

affected by the national or local emergency.

- 11.5 Where Rule 11.2a applies and emergency Rules of Racing are deemed to have expired, any Rules of Racing that were amended, suspended or revoked by those emergency Rules of Racing are revived and the Rules of Racing will continue in force as though the emergency Rules of Racing had not been made.