



# Mandatory and permitted gear for greyhounds racing in NSW



Gear, as defined by the Greyhound Racing Rules, means any strapping or equipment (including a muzzle) permitted to be applied to a greyhound in connection with the kennelling, presentation for or competing in an Event.

As a controlling body, the Commission has compiled a list of items considered mandatory or permitted gear to be applied to a greyhound in connection with kennelling, presentation for racing or trialling.

**!** MANDATORY gear must be applied to the relevant greyhound when on a racecourse.

**✓** PERMITTED gear may be applied to greyhound on a racecourse, following application of the trainer and approval by GWIC.

**?** QUESTIONS should be directed to the GWIC Steward.



## Mandatory

Item	Note
Lead (pre and post-race only)	Or rope which provides effective control of the greyhound in a public place or licensed racecourse.
Muzzle (non-barking muzzle)	Racing muzzle must be properly fitting, and made from wire.
Water bowl	With clip for attachment to the kennel, unless the greyhound has an official exemption, then the water bowl must be removed. The water bowl must be applied to a greyhound i.e. a trainer must give a greyhound access to it during kennelling.

## Permitted

Function	Item	Note
Greyhound coverings	Bandages/Vet wrap. During a race if approved.	If approved by a steward, that greyhound must race in the designated bandages. These are not permitted in kennel bays.



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Greyhound coverings	Blinkers. Single or double if approved.	If recorded as 'approved' by steward on greyhound's weight card, that greyhound must race in the designated blinkers.
Greyhound coverings	Compression suits.	Pre and post-race only.
Greyhound coverings	Cold weather jackets/rugs.	Before, during and after kennelling and parading to boxes, but to be removed for racing.
Greyhound coverings	Cooling vests.	Pre-race and/or post-race only for a maximum of 60 minutes each period. Cooling vests must not be used in place of actively cooling the greyhound.
Greyhound coverings	Harness.	Clip-off models only.
Greyhound coverings	Head halter/nose-strap.	These must not restrict the greyhound from fully opening its mouth to allow the dog to pant and remain cool.
Greyhound coverings	Rain coats.	For parade to boxes but to be removed before race.
Greyhound coverings	Toe bands. If approved.	If approved by a steward, that greyhound must race in the designated toe bands.
Kennel provisions	Mattress.	For the greyhound's comfort.
Other	Bandages. Other than during a race.	Not to be worn during the veterinary examination prior to kennelling, and not permitted in kennel bays.
Other	Collar.	Pre and post-race only.
Other	Grease, petroleum jelly or talcum powder.	Only those provided.