



On 1 November 2024, Greyhounds Australasia will introduce a number of new rules in addition to those relating to the removal ear tattoo requirements. These new rules relate to breeding, prohibited and exempted substances, welfare and racing operations.

NEW BREEDING RULES

	Rule	Reason for Rule
GAR45	Other rules in relation to export.	The purpose of this rule change is to protect the welfare of greyhounds. It will allow the Controlling Body to cancel or suspend the registration of a greyhound or breeding unit that is exported without GA authorisation.
GAR56 (4)	Registration of sires and breeding females.	The purpose of this rule change is to protect the welfare of sires by requiring annual veterinary certification and fertility testing of registered sires.
GAR57 (2)	Limit on the age at which a breeding female can be serviced.	The purpose of this rule change is to protect the welfare of dams by limiting the age at which a dam can whelp to 10 years. This is already a local rule in NSW.
GAR58 (2)	Limit on the number of litters that can be whelped by a breeding female.	The purpose of this rule change is to protect the welfare of dams by limiting the number of litters a dam can whelp to 5. This is already a local rule in NSW.
GAR59A	Limit on the number of litters that can be whelped by a breeding female by caesarean section.	The purpose of this rule change is to protect the welfare of breeding female greyhounds. It will limit the number of litters that can be delivered by caesarean section to 2, with a provision for a third on application to the Controlling Body.



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GAR67 (4)	Breeding unit of semen collection and registration.	This rule change relates to registration of greyhound semen straws and will require registration of a breeding unit if it is to be exported to the UK, US or Ireland.
GAR70	Import and export regulation to breeding units of semen.	The purpose of this rule change is to protect the reputation of greyhound racing by restricting export of greyhound semen straws to the UK, US and Ireland (NZ is exempt).

NEW PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES RULES

GAR139 (1)(y)	Permanently banned prohibited substances and certain offences in relation to them. Bisphosphonates.	This rule change is designed to protect racing integrity by adding bisphosphonates to the list of permanently banned prohibited substances. Bisphosphonates are a class of drugs that are typically used to strengthen bone density in humans, but can be harmful to greyhound health.
GAR138 (a)	Meaning of an exempted substance. Ethinylestradiol and/or levonorgestrel.	This rule change will add ethinylestradiol and levonorgestrel (both substances used to prevent oestrus in female greyhounds) to the list of substances exempt when used for the purpose of preventing oestrus.

NEW WELFARE RULES

GAR9 definition	Definition - presentation or presented.	This change to the definition of 'presentation' prevents a greyhound that is subject to sampling from being scratched before a sample is taken. This change has already been made in NSW and is intended to protect racing integrity by preventing scratching of greyhounds to avoid testing.
GAR42 (1)(d)	Restrictions on greyhounds competing due to central or peripheral nervous system or vision condition.	This rule change will expand the circumstances in which a greyhound suffering from an illness or condition that affects its vision or nervous system is to be prevented from racing. The change will allow vets to place a restriction on a greyhound affected by such a condition after an event; it is a welfare measure.
GAR76 (4)	Scratching after box draw.	This rule change will apply the 10-day stand-down applied to greyhounds that are scratched by reason of injury from the date of the scratching, rather than the date of the event that the greyhound was scratched from.