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## **Changes to GA Naming Policy**

At the most recent meeting of the Greyhounds Australasia (GA) Board, minor changes to the GA Greyhound Naming Policy were approved.

GA sought participant feedback on proposed changes with consideration given to each submission.

The orderly and responsible issuing of greyhound names is a feature of high quality greyhound racing administration. GA takes its role as the delegated service provider of this service to controlling bodies very seriously.

The revised policy acknowledges that our language evolves. Words change meaning and new words enter our vocabularies. GA now regularly rejects names that were approved in the past on grounds that the modern meaning is likely to offend.

The revised policy clarifies the role of GA and controlling bodies in the naming process, the approach taken by GA in approving or refusing naming applications, and the rights of GA and controlling bodies to refuse any name.

The revised policy clarifies the use of names which are difficult to pronounce, have more than four words, use initials, and are renowned in the industry.

In approving a greyhound name, GA takes in to consideration the unique nature of greyhound racing where there is limited opportunity to call all competitors in most races. Easily pronounced names benefit race callers, participants and wagerers.

GA has more than 700,000 approved greyhound names currently in its database.

GA plans to regularly review its naming policy in line with ongoing changes in our language.

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