

Greyhound Racing Regulation 2019



The NSW Government has introduced new regulations for the greyhound racing industry, effective 1 September 2019. The new regulations are another step in delivering the Government's commitment to ensuring a sustainable greyhound racing industry based on high standards of animal welfare and integrity, as recommended in the Greyhound Industry Reform Panel report.

What is the new registration scheme?

The changes in the new regulation enable the Commission to implement the enhanced registration framework.

The new registration scheme will commence on 1 September 2019 which is part of the enhanced registration framework. This scheme will see five new registration types introduced including Greyhound Health Assistant, Trial Track Proprietor, Race Official, Promoter and Artificial Insemination Technician.

Any participants currently performing these roles will be automatically registered on 1 September 2019, although will be required to apply for the relevant registration type(s) by 31 December 2019 in order to continue performing these roles in 2020.

The Commission will advise persons currently performing these roles what they need to do to apply for registration.

Public Consultation

The Office of Racing was responsible for the development of the Greyhound Racing Regulation 2019 and managed a formal public consultation process from 26 June - 19 July 2019.

Submissions from industry stakeholders and the public were considered when preparing the new Regulation.

Key changes as a result of the new regulation

- Introduction of five new registration types
- Participants required to notify the Commission if they are charged with an animal cruelty offence
- An adjustment to the amount of some fines that can be issued for offences under the legislation, and the introduction of new fines for other offences
- The regulation lists the organisations the Commission can share information from its registers of greyhounds, racing industry participants and trial tracks with. This does not include the sharing of any personal financial information the Commission may hold.

More information

The Commission will continue to share information regarding changes with participants and industry stakeholders over the coming months.

For more information, visit www.gwic.nsw.gov.au/regulation or call the Customer Service Hotline on 1800 951 755.

The majority of changes do not directly impact industry participants. For a full list of changes, including how they may impact industry participants, visit www.gwic.nsw.gov.au/regulation.