

# **INFORMATION FOR SUSPENDED PARTICIPANTS**

The Greyhound Racing Rules place restrictions on persons who are suspended. These restrictions mean that you cannot participate in greyhound racing at all while you are suspended:

- You cannot nominate a greyhound for a race or trial. Any greyhound that you nominate or which is nominated in your name will be prohibited from competing in a race.
- Any greyhounds that you own (or which are owned by a syndicate or partnership that you are a member of) or train are not permitted to compete in any race;
- You must not be involved in breeding greyhounds;
- You cannot be involved in officiating at greyhound races i.e. you cannot work (even voluntarily) as a starter, judge, lure driver or kennel or track attendant. You must not work for a greyhound trainer, whether for pay or voluntarily;
- You cannot be a member of the committee of a registered greyhound racing club.

If you do not comply with these restrictions, you may be subject to further disciplinary action.

These restrictions are detailed in R99 and LR99 of the Greyhound Racing Rules.

## So what happens to my greyhounds?

While you are suspended you can keep your greyhounds but you cannot conduct any business that affects their registration. This means that you cannot buy, sell, or breed a greyhound, or transfer a greyhound to or from a different trainer.

## Applying for an exemption

You can apply to GWIC for an exemption from the restrictions on suspended persons. If you wish to apply for an exemption, you must do so in writing and explain the basis for your application (that is, why you think an exemption is necessary).

If you wish to apply for an exemption that allows you to transfer greyhounds, be aware that there are also restrictions on who you can transfer greyhounds to – see GWIC's Greyhound Transfer Policy for details of these restrictions.

Please submit your application for exemption via email to: <u>registration@gwic.nsw.gov.au</u>. GWIC will consider whether there are exceptional circumstances to allow an exemption.

## When your suspension ends

When your period of suspension ends you can resume your regular greyhound racing activities. GWIC will not advise you when your suspension ends, so it is important to keep track of the dates detailed in your Notice of Disciplinary Action.

## Renewing your registration

If your registration is due to expire during the period you are suspended, you will need to renew it if you want to continue in the industry after your suspension ends.

If you do not renew, your registration will lapse and you will have to re-apply as a new participant. This means that you will need to provide all the information as if you were registering for the first time, and complete an online test if this is required for the role you are applying for.