

Trial Track Policy

Purpose	<p>The purpose of this policy is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) protect the health, welfare, comfort and safety of greyhounds at trial tracks; b) ensure the integrity of greyhound racing and trialling; and, c) ensure that greyhound trial tracks are regulated in accordance with the <i>Greyhound Racing Act 2017</i> (“the Act”) and the <i>Greyhound Racing Regulation 2019</i> (“the Regulation”).
Scope	<p>This policy applies to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • trial track proprietors who are registered or required to register under the <i>Greyhound Racing Act 2017</i>; and, • participants who use trial tracks in NSW.
Related Instruments	<p>NSW Greyhound Welfare Code of Practice</p>
Rules of Racing	<p>Trial track proprietors and participants using trial tracks are required to comply with the Greyhound Racing Rules. The following Rules are particularly relevant to participants using trial tracks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L29 – Greyhound not allowed on unregistered trial track.
Breach	<p>Failure to comply with this Policy as it relates to registration of trial tracks may result in disciplinary action under the <i>Greyhound Racing Act 2017</i> being taken against the trial track proprietor or another participant or participants.</p>

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1. Definitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to section 3 (1) of the Act, a greyhound trial track means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any premises (other than a licensed racecourse) held out by the proprietor as being available for the purpose of enabling greyhounds (other than those owned by or leased to the proprietor) to compete in trials or be trained in racing, and includes other such premises as are prescribed by the regulations for the purposes of this definition. • A trial track proprietor owns, leases, occupies and/or manages a

	<p>greyhound trial track used by greyhounds which are not solely owned or leased by the proprietor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A registered trial track proprietor does not necessarily own the track of which they are the registered proprietor. For example, a person who manages a trial track owned by a greyhound racing club or another organisation is defined as a trial track proprietor.
<p>2. Registration requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 46 (1) of the Act requires that a greyhound trial track must be registered. • Section 50 (2) provides that the Commission may refuse to register a trial track if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the Commission is of the opinion that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. the trial track is not or will not be financially viable, or ii. it would be in the best interests of the greyhound racing industry to refuse registration, or (b) the registration of the track has previously been cancelled. • Section 50 (3) provides that the Commission may impose conditions on the registration of a trial track. • Section 44 (1) of the Act requires that greyhound racing industry participants must be registered. Clause 11 of the Regulation defines a trial track proprietor as a greyhound racing industry participant. Therefore, trial track proprietors are required to register. • Section 44 (2) of the Act requires that a greyhound racing industry participant must comply with any conditions that are imposed on their registration.
<p>3. Preconditions for registration</p>	<p>In order to register a trial track:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a Trial Track Registration Application form must be completed and submitted to the Commission 2. a trial track proprietor must be associated with the track 3. the trial track must hold adequate, current public liability insurance for the premises 4. the trial track proprietor must have an agreement with a veterinarian who is available to treat any greyhounds that are injured at the track (a pro forma agreement is available on the Commission’s website) 5. a satisfactory inspection of the premises must be completed by the Commission. <p>In order to register as a trial track proprietor, an applicant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be aged 18 or over • complete a Trial Track Proprietor Registration Application Form and submit it to the Commission

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be, in the opinion of the Commission, a fit and proper person • consent to a National Police Check • complete the required competency test.
<p>4. Operating conditions</p>	<p>Section 50 (3) of the Act provides that the Commission may impose conditions on the registration of a trial track.</p> <p>All registered trial tracks must comply with the following conditions of operation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • trial tracks may only operate when a registered trial track proprietor is present • trial tracks may only be used by registered participants trialling registered greyhounds • the number of greyhounds participating in any given trial must be limited to a number which does not create an unacceptable risk of injury • details of veterinarian who is available to treat any greyhounds that may be injured to be displayed at the track • trial tracks must only operate between sunrise and sunset, unless appropriate lighting is installed, and approval granted by the Commission • betting or wagering on the outcome of trials is prohibited • award of prize money or other prizes to the owner or trainer of any greyhound participating in a trial at the track is prohibited • admission fees must not be charged to anyone who is not in charge of a greyhound • provide the Commission with a insurance certificate of currency on an annual basis <p>The Commission may impose additional conditions on the registration of a trial track. Where the Commission imposes, varies, or revokes conditions on the registration of a trial track, the trial track proprietor will be advised in writing.</p>
<p>5. Record-keeping requirements</p>	<p>A trial track proprietor must keep records of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • every participant who uses the track, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the participant's name, ○ the participant's registration number ○ the date on which the participant attended the trial track, and ○ the number of greyhounds that the participant trialled at the track.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any injury sustained by a greyhound at the track, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the name of the greyhound (if named) ○ the greyhound's ear brand ○ the name and registration number of the greyhound's owner and/or trainer ○ the nature of the injury. <p>These records must be made available to the Commission on request.</p>
Term of registration	Unless otherwise specified by the Commission, a trial track will be registered for three years.
Effective Date	1 July 2020
Last amended:	1 June 2022
Related forms	Trial Track Registration Application Form
	Trial Track Proprietor Registration Application Form