

COVID-19 RACETRACK PROCEDURES



Please note the following procedures are a requirement of GRNSW and GWIC so that the conduct of race meetings can continue during the COVID-19 pandemic.

1. On Arrival at Track

- 1.1. Security/attendant has a list of trainers at the gate.
- 1.2. Security/attendant record a ledger for each greyhound entering the track and who brings the greyhounds through the gate.
- 1.3. Temperature to be taken by EMS, or other approved personnel, before entry is permitted. If an elevated temperature is detected a further test will be taken after 10 minutes. If the further test reveals an elevated temperature entry will be refused.
- 1.4. Security/attendant once all greyhounds are through for kennelling to lock the gate and provide the list to stewards who will verify at race time.
- 1.5. Security/attendant to let trainers out on departure no one to enter the track until at least 10 minutes after the last race for trials.

2. Pre-kennel Sequence

- 2.1. All Stewards, kennel staff and vets to wash their hands and use hand sanitiser between each greyhound or wear gloves.
- 2.2. Avoid touching your face at all times.
- 2.3. Vet check (outside where practicable).
- 2.4. Trainer will lift or walk their greyhound onto the vet table and step back promptly at least 1.5 metres once the designated club official takes hold of the greyhound and whilst the vet examination is conducted. Alternatively, if trainer consents, Club official may take the lead at base of ramp and walk the greyhound onto table. The trainer will then be permitted to retrieve the greyhound from the vet table when requested by the club official, or from the ground level after it is walked down from the table.
- 2.5. ID (outside where practicable).
- 2.6. Weigh in (outside where practicable). Kennel is allocated at race bay – new computerised 'No Contact' system.
- 2.7. Greyhound placed in kennel.
- 2.8. Trainer exits through back door.

3. Pre-race Sequence

- 3.1. Greyhound trainers to wait 1.5 metres apart in kennelling walkway.
- 3.2. Attendant calls kennel numbers furthest away to closest (like new boxing system).
- 3.3. Trainer move directly to outdoor yard.
- 3.4. Trainer to place rug on greyhound. Gloves to be worn by person providing rugs.

- 3.5. ID takes place in yard, ID Stewards to approach greyhound from the front and maintain 1.5m distance, trainer to keep leash slack to allow distance.
- 3.6. Those who do not require a stir to move inside.
- 3.7. Trainers informed four (4) lines will be used to place greyhounds in the boxes.
- 3.8. Starter calls the greyhounds one by one to move to the track keeping each trainer 2 metres – 4 metres apart.
- 3.9. Starter moves all greyhounds to the back of the boxes one by one and in most cases to be moved through the exit gate to ensure space.
- 3.10. Starter calls the trainers two (2) at a time for greyhounds to be placed in boxes until all are boxed and the green light is on.

4. Boxing Greyhounds to Race

- 4.1. Greyhounds are boxed in the following order:
 - 4.1.1. Box 1 and 5 together
 - 4.1.2. Box 3 and 7 together
 - 4.1.3. Box 2 and 6 together
 - 4.1.4. Box 4 and 8 together
- 4.2. Trainers/handlers are to remain 1.5m from each other at all times.

5. Post-Race

- 5.1. Catching pen distance of 1.5m to be strictly maintained at all times, no ID in catching pen.
- 5.2. Trainers remove rug upon exit at the track where an attendant who has gloves takes the rugs to be immediately placed in washer / dryer.
- 5.3. Trainers wash greyhound keeping at least 1.5 metre distance from each other, club attendant to monitor.
- 5.4. If requested by a trainer, permission may be granted to leave the track after their greyhound has raced and their greyhound has recovered.
- 5.5. If going back into the kennel, trainers place greyhounds / remove greyhounds from kennel block with an attendant to monitor and ensuring a strict minimum 1.5m distance.
- 5.6. Designated club official to undertake decontamination of kennels and surrounding areas after each race.

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