

## Overview

The Greyhound Education Circuit (GEC) is a specialised greyhound training facility used for the safe and controlled training of greyhounds. This policy sets out the procedures for using the GEC, to ensure that all users operate the equipment safely and responsibly. *Only authorised and trained and registered persons are permitted to use the GEC. No children are permitted inside the GEC at any time.*

By following these guidelines, respecting the rules around the GEC, and being mindful of your surroundings, we can maintain a safe and efficient environment. Your safety is our priority, so please take these guidelines seriously.

## GEC

The GEC is a mechanical device where a manual swing arm travels in a circle from a central pivot point, pushed by a person. Always remain aware of its movement. No unauthorised persons are to enter the GEC.

## Before use

- Only persons registered to train or handle greyhounds are permitted to train greyhounds at the GEC.
- You must complete the required instruction for using the GEC before use.
- Do not use the GEC unless you have received the necessary instructions, training, and permission from Greyhound Racing SA (GRSA).
- Adherence to all safety procedures is mandatory to ensure the safety of both people and greyhounds.
- You are required to book in advance to use the GEC and only remain for the booked time.
- For safety, access the GEC from the kennel end car park near the trainers' car park. Do not enter from the slipping track entrance to avoid interruption of the slipping track.
- Trainers/handlers must bring and use their own GRSA-approved lure and remove after use.
- Read and observe the information and warning signs posted around the GEC.
- Do not interfere or modify any parts of the GEC unless directed by an official.
- Only use designated gates or entry/exit points to move between areas.
- Note and be aware of footpaths and drainage curb and channel.

## Safety

### *For your safety:*

- Wear bright or vibrant clothing/vests when near the GEC.
- Only wear closed footwear to protect your feet from hazards.
- The area is under constant video camera surveillance, so please follow all protocols for your safety and to ensure compliance.

### *First aid:*

- Please attend the clubhouse or kennel house for first aid.
- In emergencies, call 000 and ask for Ambulance. Your address is the Murray Bridge Greyhound Racing Club, Kennet Road, Murray Bridge (go past the clubhouse and see the circuit on the right). Stay on the line and follow operator instructions.

## Stay Clear of Moving Parts

- A minimum of two (2) people are required to operate the GEC: one for controlling the swing arm and the other for starting or releasing the greyhound.
- Never sit or stand in the path of the swing arm.
- Never stand in front of the starting box (if in use) at any time, as this poses a serious risk of injury. Do not use the starting box unless you have been instructed in its use.
- Only one person is allowed within the path of travel of the swing arm.
- Always maintain direct and effective control of the swing arm. Never lift the arm and let it drop with force (as this is a hazard and may also damage the swing arm).
- Do not over-swing the arm, as it can cause damage or injury.
- Do not sit on the swing arm under any circumstances.
- Work closely with your partner to coordinate the release of the greyhound in sync with the movement of the lure fluff.
- Use the GEC with care. Do not abuse the equipment.
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## Communication is Key

If you see any potential hazard while the swing arm is in motion, immediately shout:

- **STOP LURE!**

This will alert the swing arm operator to stop the lure to prevent any incidents.

## Be Aware of Your Surroundings

Stay vigilant and avoid distractions like mobile phones or unnecessary conversations that may divert your attention from the swing arm or the starting box. Keeping alert helps ensure both your safety and the safety of those around you.

## Operational Safety Checks

Before using the GEC, conduct the following checks:

- Inspect the GEC for any signs of damage. If any issues are found, report them immediately to GRSA and do not use the equipment until it has been inspected and repaired.
- Check the swing arm to ensure it moves freely without obstruction.
- If using the starting box, verify that it is functioning correctly. Do not use the starting box if you are not trained in its operation.
- Clear the equipment of any sand, excess moisture, or other debris that could cause malfunction or safety hazards.
- Ensure the lure fluff is securely fitted and intact.
- Communicate with all parties involved in the training to establish a clear plan on how the session will proceed.
- Always maintain direct and effective control of the swing arm. Never lift the and let it drop with force (this is a hazard and may also damage the swing arm).

## Maintenance Safety

- At the end of each session, ensure the equipment and surrounding area are cleaned of any debris or hazards.
- Do not leave your lure or any personal equipment at the GEC after your session.
- Report any faults or malfunctions to GRSA immediately.

## **Potential Hazards**

Be aware of the following potential hazards while using the GEC:

- **Personal Injury:** Be cautious of moving equipment and ensure all personnel are trained and aware of safety protocols.
- **Slips, Trips, and Falls:** The surface around the GEC may become uneven or slippery, particularly when wet or covered in sand. Exercise caution and wear appropriate footwear.
- **Outdoor Environment:** The GEC operates outdoors, and users must be aware of changing weather conditions and other environmental factors.
- **Interaction with Greyhounds:** Ensure greyhounds are handled properly and under control at all times to avoid accidents.

## **Compliance and Enforcement**

All users of the Greyhound Education Circuit must adhere to this policy and SoP. Non-compliance may result in the suspension of privileges to use the GEC or other disciplinary actions as deemed appropriate by GRSA.

This policy is in place to promote a safe and effective environment for greyhound training at the Murray Bridge Greyhound Racing Club. For any questions or further clarification, please contact Greyhound Racing SA Limited.