

Policy Background

Greyhound Racing SA (GRSA) is committed to ensuring the best animal welfare outcomes at all stages of every greyhound's lifecycle. As such, this policy outlines the minimum requirements which must be satisfied in the event that an owner of a retired greyhound intends to return the animal to racing

Application of the Policy

A "retired greyhound" refers to a greyhound which has had its registration to race relinquished. The description incorporates both unraced and raced dogs and applies to locally bred and imported greyhounds. A greyhound is deemed 'retired' if the below Rule has been satisfied:

R22 Notification of retirement, euthanasia, or other death of a *greyhound*

- (1) At any time after the result of service pursuant to rule 71, the *owner* or *person* responsible for the *greyhound* at the relevant time must notify the *Controlling Body* where the *greyhound* is domiciled in writing:
 - (a) within 10 *days*, if that *greyhound* has been retired as a pet, been transferred to an adoption program, or been exported or surrendered to another agency;

To return a greyhound to racing, the following rule applies:

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- (5) A *greyhound* may be allowed to return to *greyhound racing* after it has been retired in accordance with *these Rules*, if it has met the following conditions:
 - (a) it has not competed in an *Event* or trial within 28 days of being retired;
 - (b) a certificate from a *veterinarian* is produced to the satisfaction of the *Stewards*, stating at the time of the examination, the *greyhound* is fit to start;
 - (c) written reasons as to why the *greyhound* is coming out of retirement, have been provided to the satisfaction of the *Stewards* or an *officer of a Controlling Body*; and
 - (d) it has completed a *satisfactory trial*.

Where an owner intends to return a retired greyhound to racing, an application must be made to GRSA Stewards consisting of the following:

1. A letter from the last registered owner of the greyhound outlining the reasons why the greyhound should be returned to racing to the satisfaction of Stewards;
2. A Veterinary Certificate of Fitness for the greyhound signed by a registered Veterinarian.

Factors considered by Stewards in relation unretiring a greyhound include (by are not limited to):

- Whether the greyhound has been in the care of a third party or unregistered person since retirement;
- The veterinary history for the greyhound;
- Previous performance history;
- The previous reasons declared for retirement

Stewards will then consider suitability to continue the application. If approved to continue:

3. The greyhound must complete a Satisfactory Trial in accordance with the GRSA Satisfactory Trial policy (if the greyhound is unraced for more than six (6) months it must comply with the provisions of R135 regardless).

At this point, Stewards will approve or deny the application. If approved, the greyhound's status will be returned to 'named' allowing the trainer to nominate the greyhound. There is only one opportunity to have a greyhound approved.

Note: There shall be no application considered for a greyhound to be returned to race from retirement if that greyhound has previously been retired and returned to racing i.e. this is the second time the greyhound is being 'unretired'.

GRSA reserves the right to request further information if required.

GRSA reserves the right to alter or amend this policy at any time.