

## Policy Background

The purpose of this policy is to detail the procedure for a greyhound undertaking a satisfactory trial.

## Application of the Policy

A “**satisfactory trial**” means a trial required to be performed by a greyhound to the satisfaction of Stewards pursuant to Rule 72.

The chart below lists the type of satisfactory trials, associated field types and numbers:

TRIAL TYPE	FIELD TYPE	FIELD NUMBERS
Blinkers	Field	3
Failing to pursue	Field	3
Failing to pursue by reason of injury	Field	3
Marring	Field	3
Unsatisfactory or aggressive behaviour	Field	3
Cramp	Solo	1
Injury	Solo	1
Returning from retirement	Solo	1
Re-weigh	Solo	1
Turned in boxes	Solo	1
Unraced for more than six (6) months	Solo	1
Unsatisfactory performance	Solo	1
Whelping	Solo	1

## Procedures:

- The trainer must contact GRSA Racing department to give details of the satisfactory trial required. In the instance the satisfactory trial is for Mount Gambier, a booking must be made directly with the club.
- GRSA will determine the time the greyhound is required to run. The Steward(s) on duty during the trial may adjust the time at their discretion i.e. dependent on track conditions, etc.
- Stewards will allot the box for the greyhound.
- In order to be cleared to race at any distance, greyhounds must trial over a similar distance to that at which it offended. Please refer to the chart below for applicable track, distances and times.

Penalty Distance – SA		Minimum Trial Distance	Applies to penalties at these tracks and distances	Minimum time required to be run (seconds)
Lower	Upper			
0	350	any	MBR 300m Straight Track MBR 350m Straight Track	18.00 20.30
351	454	388	APK 388m GAW 400m MTG 400m MBR 395m Circle	23.50 23.70 24.30 23.30
455	599	455	APK 515m GAW 531m, MTG 512m, MBR 455m, 530m	30.70 31.70 31.50 26.50 and TBA
600	-	512	APK 600m, 731m GAW 643m MTG 600m, 732m	36.00 and 45.00 38.70 TBA

Stewards will accede to a request from a trainer to trial a greyhound over a shorter distance than that at which the penalty was placed on them. The successful trial distance will be recorded for the greyhound's requalification and will only permit the greyhound to be nominated for races up to that distance. Greyhounds must trial and requalify over a longer distance to be permitted to race over further.

- e) A Veterinary Certificate of Fitness must be obtained and lodged prior to competing in an unraced for more than six (6) months trial, returning from retirement trial or when requested by Stewards.
- f) Greyhounds that re-offend may have their nomination refused for future trials at the discretion of the Stewards.
- g) The provisions of GAR 72 and GAR 77A apply.
- h) Satisfactory Trials ordered under GAR 69 (Marring), GAR 69A (Failing to pursue), GAR 69B (Failing to pursue by reason of injury) and GAR 71 (Unsatisfactory performance) must be performed at the track where the offence occurred to obtain clearance at all tracks. For clearance at all tracks except the track where the offence occurred the trial may be performed at any venue.
- i) If a greyhound is ordered to undergo a Satisfactory Trial on a circle track and successfully completes a Satisfactory Trial on a straight track, it will be cleared for straight track racing only.
- j) If a greyhound is ordered to undergo a Satisfactory Trial on a straight track and successfully completes a Satisfactory Trial on a circle track, it will be cleared for circle track racing only.

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

This policy is effective as at 1 March 2020