

## 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 132.

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.
- 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 (seconds)                                                                            |
|-----------------------|-------|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Lower                 | Upper |                        |                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                            |
| 0                     | 454   | 300                    | <b>MBR 300m Straight Track</b><br><b>MBR 350m Straight Track</b><br><b>MTG 305m</b><br><b>APK 342m</b><br><b>GAW 400m</b><br><b>MTG 400m</b><br><b>MBR 395m Circle Track</b> | <b>18.00</b><br><b>20.30</b><br><b>TBA</b><br><b>20.50</b><br><b>23.70</b><br><b>24.00</b><br><b>23.30</b> |
| 455                   | 594   | 455                    | <b>APK 530m</b><br><b>GAW 531m,</b><br><b>MTG 512m,</b><br><b>MBR 455m, 530m</b>                                                                                             | <b>31.70</b><br><b>31.70</b><br><b>31.00</b><br><b>26.50 / 31.20</b>                                       |
| 595                   | -     | 512                    | <b>APK 595m, 730m</b><br><b>GAW 643m</b><br><b>MTG 600m, 732m</b>                                                                                                            | <b>35.70 / 45.00</b><br><b>38.70</b><br><b>TBA</b>                                                         |

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 Rule 132 and Rule 135 apply.
- h) Satisfactory Trials ordered under Rule 123 (Marring), Rule 124 (Failing to pursue), Rule 125 (Failing to pursue by reason of injury) and Rule 129 (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 from 1 May 2022.