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## Stewards' Notice

### Application of R129 Greyhounds Australasia Rules (GAR)

#### Unsatisfactory performance

**Greyhounds that pull up after the finish line and do not run past the return gate or otherwise escape from or jump over the catching pen infrastructure.**

To perform to the satisfaction of Stewards in an Event, for safety and welfare reasons, greyhounds must continue to run or move past the return gate and be captured in the catching pen area. Greyhounds that pull up sharply after the finishing line and prior to the return gate, or that may escape from the catching pen by whatever means (i.e., jumping over fences or escaping through the catching pen flap), pose a risk to their own safety, to the safety of other greyhounds and potentially any people involved in these matters.

As such, the Stewards will take appropriate and reasonable measures to mitigate the safety risk.

In the first instance, the trainer will be issued a warning and spoken to about the greyhound's behaviour and asked to correct this behaviour in the greyhound.

In a repeat instance, where there is no reason for the greyhound not to have run past the return gate, the Stewards may deem that performance unsatisfactory, and under R129 GAR, place the greyhound on a satisfactory trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards.

For the purpose of R129 GAR, the term "during an Event" includes past the finishing line and any area in the proximity to the return gate and catching pen.

#### **R129 – Unsatisfactory performance**

**In a greyhound fails to perform to the satisfaction of the Stewards during the running of an Event, the Stewards may:**

- (a) order that the greyhound complete a *satisfactory trial* before being eligible to be *nominated for or compete in any Event*; and/or**
- (b) order that before the greyhound is eligible to be *nominated for or compete in any Event* its *trainer or connections* must produce a *veterinary certificate* certifying that it is not suffering from an injury or condition to the satisfaction of the Stewards.**

For further advice, contact the Chief Steward via 08 8243 7100 or [admin@grsa.com.au](mailto:admin@grsa.com.au).

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