

Greyhound Racing Act 2017

Minimum standards for conduct of races and greyhound race meetings

29 June 2020

Instrument of Approval

Section 26(6) of the *Greyhound Racing Act 2017*

WE, the members of the Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission, approve under section 26(6) of the *Greyhound Racing Act 2017* ('Act') the minimum standards set by Greyhound Racing NSW ('GRNSW') under section 26(1) with respect to the following, being the minimum standards at Annexures A, B and C of this Instrument:

- (a) Racecourse design and construction (Annexure A)
- (b) Racecourse facilities and amenities (including facilities and amenities to be provided for patrons, such as grandstands and other patron amenities) (Annexure B)
- (c) Greyhound training facilities (Annexure C).

This approval of minimum standards applies generally to greyhound racing clubs registered by GRNSW in accordance with section 53 of the Act.

This approval is effective immediately.

Dated this 29th day of June 2020



ALAN BROWN AM
Chief Commissioner

Endorsed by Commissioner Wheeler via email

CHRIS WHEELER PSM
Commissioner

Endorsed by Commissioner Collins via email

PETER COLLINS
Commissioner

Extract from Greyhound Racing Act 2017 – section 26**26 Minimum standards for conduct of races and greyhound race meetings**

- (1) GRNSW must, as soon as practicable after the commencement of this section, set minimum standards with respect to the following—
 - (a) racecourse design and construction,
 - (b) racecourse facilities and amenities (including facilities and amenities to be provided for patrons, such as grandstands and other patron amenities),
 - (c) greyhound training facilities.
- (2) GRNSW may, without limiting the operation of subsection (1), also set minimum standards in connection with the conduct by greyhound racing clubs of greyhound race meetings, including minimum standards with respect to the following—
 - (a) the financial management of greyhound race meetings, including the management of the costs of conducting greyhound race meetings,
 - (b) the fees and charges imposed by a greyhound racing club in connection with races conducted by the club,
 - (c) prize money paid on races conducted by a greyhound racing club,
 - (d) starters, appearance and other fees paid by a greyhound racing club,
 - (e) such other matters relating to the conduct of greyhound races and greyhound race meetings as may be prescribed by the regulations.
- (3) The minimum standards set by GRNSW under this section are to be given effect to in any one or more (or any combination) of the following ways—
 - (a) by a direction in writing to greyhound racing clubs,
 - (b) as a condition of the registration of greyhound racing clubs,
 - (c) as a condition of the allocation of the dates on which greyhound racing clubs may conduct greyhound race meetings.
- (4) The minimum standards may apply generally to greyhound racing clubs or to any particular club.
- (5) GRNSW is to consult with greyhound racing clubs in relation to any proposal to set minimum standards under this section and in the course of that consultation must give a greyhound racing club a reasonable opportunity to be heard and to make submissions on the proposal.
- (6) Any standards set by GRNSW under this section have no effect unless approved by the Commission.



Annexure A to instrument of approval under section 26(6) of the Greyhound Racing Act 2017 dated 29 June 2020

MINIMUM STANDARDS

Racecourse Design & Construction

In accordance with the Greyhound Racing Act 2017 No 13, section 26 (1) (a)

Minimum Standards Racecourse Design and Construction

Introduction

The basis for the standards for Racecourse Design and Construction have been provided in a report by The University of Technology Sydney (UTS) to Greyhound Racing NSW (GRNSW) to meet the requirements of the Racing Act 2017 No 13, Section 26(1). UTS provided a report on racecourse design and construction with a view that some or all of the contents of this report may be used by GRNSW to meet the requirements of the Racing Act.

The content of the Racecourse Design and Construction Standards is based on evidence that was available to UTS and GRNSW at the time of writing.

As more evidence becomes available the design requirements contained herein will be refined and detailed.

Reference Documents

Reference documents included the GRNSW Track Safety Standards document containing design specifications.

Document precedence

Where there is a conflict the technical information between 'existing', 'major rebuild' and 'green field' tracks and GRNSW Track Safety Standards documents, the Racecourse Design and Construction Minimum Standards shall take precedence.

Objectives

The minimum standards are designed to ensure the provision of a safe working environment for licensees and officials and safe and comfortable amenities for patrons, whilst also delivering quality facilities that provide adequate conditions for racing and adhere to animal welfare requirements.

GRNSW Assessments

A racecourse and construction audit may be conducted at any venue by GRNSW with or without prior notice to the relevant race club.

Other Statutory Requirements

It is important to note that these minimum standards do not address compliance with other additional statutory requirements regarding the facilities at each racecourse, and that it is a requirement of each registered Race Club to ensure that all safety measures are in place and operating as intended in accordance with the relevant statutory requirements. Due to the complexity of these areas of compliance each racecourse operator should take independent advice in this regard.

Minimum Standards – Racecourse Design and Construction

Existing Racecourses

For existing tracks the following design constraints are required. Existing tracks are to meet these standards within a timeframe to be specified by GRNSW.

Specifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The cross-fall grade for all tracks with semi-circular bends shall be constant;• The cross-fall grade for existing tracks on all bends shall be no less than six percent (6%) taking into consideration the shape and design of the bend;• The surface grade transition into and out of the bends shall be made within the straight sections of the track;
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- The surface grade transition into the bend shall be approximately 20 m in length;
- The surface grade transition out of the bend shall be approximately 10 m in length;
- A continuous impact attenuating barrier shall be installed that is equal to or greater than 1.2 m in height and commence a minimum of 20 m before the bend and extend a minimum of 10 m beyond the bend;
- All surfaces within the catching pen shall be lined with an impact attenuating barrier;
- Starts will be either from boxes erected on straight sections; chutes, 'drop-on', or 'roll-on' configuration; if there are bend starts or starts within 40m of the commencement of a semi-circular bend, the distance from the start position to the turn is crucial to safety and the positioning of the start is to be supported by scientific evidence.
- The minimum width of the track shall be 5.0 m;
- There shall be no obstacles, such as starting boxes, that protrude within the 5.0 m minimum track width easement;
- An outside rail/ barrier surrounding the whole circumference of the track shall be in place;
- A safety rail shall be installed on the inside rail;
- The lure shall extend a minimum of 1.2 m when measured from the guide rail;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lure-to-track clearance shall be less than or equal to 100 mm when measured from the highest point on the track surface; and • The lure system shall have the capability of reaching a maximum velocity of 30 m/s. • Where a cable lure is installed the lure control are to have a 'dead man '– cut out switch to shut off power, ideally in two x separate locations to allow for emergency shutoff
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Bend Starts: A risk assessment be undertaken by UTS using the GFTMEA Assessment to rank the starts at tracks from high, medium to low.

Racecourse Major Rebuilds

For tracks subjected to a major rebuilds the following design constraints are required:

Specifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All transitions from straights to semi-circular bends shall be clothoidal and the lateral jerk limited to 4.0 m/s^3 when measured horizontally 1.0 m from the lure rail; • The cross-fall grade for any semi-circular section within of the track shall be constant from where the semi-circle commences to where it ends;
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The cross-fall grade of semi-circular sections within the track shall be equal to or no more than 10% unless the bend radius is greater than or equal to 60 m whereupon the cross-fall may be eight percent (8%);• For clothoidal sections of the track the cross-fall grade shall transition linearly from where the clothoid commences to where it ends;• A concrete edging strip shall be installed on the inside and outside track circumferences;• All cross-falls shall be linear between the inside to outside concrete edging strips and vary by less than +/-10 mm across the width of the track;• The installed reduced level (RL) of the concrete edging strips shall be per the engineering design;• The shape of the inner concrete edging strip shall follow the lure rail;• The lure rail shall overhang inner concrete edging strip by at least 200 mm and this overhanging off-set distance constant;• The lower concrete edging strip shall have a drainage system installed at its foot that allows the controlled retention and discharge of water;• The track running surface shall be a minimum of 150 mm in depth; |
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- A layer of geotextile fabric shall be installed between the bottom of the track running surface and the top of the sub-base;
- The sub-base surface height shall mirror the RL of the track running surface;
- The sub-base surface shall have no areas where ponding of water can occur and be capable of fully draining via the drainage system installed beneath the lower concrete edging strip;
- The minimum track radius on bends shall be equal to or greater than 50 m;
- All starts should be on the straight section of the track and will be either of a chute start, 'drop-on', or 'roll-on' configuration; if there are bend starts or starts within 40m of the commencement of a semi-circular bend, the distance from the start position to the turn is crucial to safety and the positioning of the start is to be supported by scientific evidence.
- The width of the track shall be at least 6.0 m;
- There shall be no obstacles, such as starting boxes, that protrude within the 6.0 m minimum track width easement;
- An outside rail/ barrier surrounding the whole circumference of the track shall be in place;
- A safety rail shall be installed on the inside rail; the safety rail should be clear plastic where required to not obscure race vision

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The recommended minimum height of the uppermost edge of the safety rail should be 625 mm when measured from the track surface 1.0 m from the rail¹;• The safety rail shall not obscure video coverage of the race²;• A continuous impact attenuating barrier shall be installed that is equal to or greater than 1.2 m in height and commence a minimum of 20 m before the bend and extend a minimum of 10 m beyond the bend that records a performance³ less than $200g_{max}$ at a 3.0 m free height of fall⁴;• All surfaces within the catching pen (if provided) shall be lined with an impact attenuating surface that records a performance less than $200g_{max}$ at a 3.0 m free height of fall;• The lure system shall have the capability of reaching a maximum velocity of 30 m/s;• The lure system shall reach a velocity of 18 m/s in 40 m in all reasonable climatic conditions including torrential rain and a relative humidity range from 5% to 100%; |
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⁴ **Safety rail height investigation** (for Greyhound Racing Victoria), 10 January 2019.

⁴ Technical solutions such as additional cameras may be required to meet this technical requirement.

⁴ A suitable testing procedure can be found in Australian Standard AS 4422:2016 Playground surfacing – Specifications, requirements and test method.

⁴ A 3.0 m free height of fall is equivalent to an impact at a velocity of 7.7 m/s (27.6 km/hr).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lure shall be fitted with a braking and reversing system that is fit for purpose; • The lure braking and reversing system shall be capable of varying the lure velocity (braking) from 18 m/s to 0 m/s within 15 m; • Where a cable lure is installed the lure control are to have a 'dead man '– cut out switch to shut off power, ideally in two x separate locations to allow for emergency shutoff; and • The lure system performance criteria shall be achieved within an operating thermal environment range from -5 °C to 40 °C.
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Green Field (New) Tracks

For green field tracks the following design constraints are required:

Specifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All transitions from straights to semi-circular bends shall be clothoidal and the lateral jerk limited to 2.0 m/s³ when measured horizontally 1.0 m from the lure rail; • The cross-fall grade for any semi-circular sections within the track shall be constant from where the semi-circle commences to where it ends; • The cross-fall grade of semi-circular sections within the track shall be equal to or greater than eight percent (8%);
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- For clothoidal sections of the track the cross-fall grade shall transition linearly from where the clothoid commences to where it ends;
- A concrete edging strip shall be installed on the inside and outside track circumferences;
- All cross-falls shall be linear between the inside to outside concrete edging strips and vary by less than +/-10 mm across the width of the track;
- The installed RL of the concrete edging strips shall be per the engineering design;
- The shape of the inner concrete edging strip shall follow the lure rail;
- The lure rail shall overhang the inner concrete edging strip by at least 200 mm and this overhanging off-set distance constant;
- The lower concrete edging strip shall have a drainage system installed at its foot that allows the controlled retention and discharge of water;
- The track running surface shall be a minimum of 150 mm in depth;
- A layer of geotextile fabric shall be installed between the bottom of the track running surface and the top of the sub-base;
- The sub-base surface height shall mirror the RL of the track running surface height;

- The sub-base surface shall have no areas where ponding of water can occur and be capable of fully draining via the drainage system installed beneath the lower concrete edging strip;
- The minimum track radius shall be equal to or greater than 65 m;
- All horizontal transitions shall be clothoidal and the installed rail tolerance vary less than +/-2 mm from the engineering design as determined by a laser theodolite;
- All starts should be on the straight section of the track and will be either of a chute start, 'drop-on', or 'roll-on' configuration.
- The width of the track shall be at least 6.5 m;
- There shall be no obstacles such as starting boxes that protrude within the 6.5 m minimum track width easement;
- An outside rail/ barrier surrounding the whole circumference of the track shall be in place;
- A safety rail shall be installed on the inside rail; the safety rail should be clear plastic where required to not obscure race vision
- The recommended minimum height of the uppermost edge of the safety rail should be 625 mm when measured from the track surface 1.0 m from the rail;
- The safety rail shall be clear as not to obscure vision of the race;

- A continuous impact attenuating barrier shall be installed that is equal to or greater than 1.2 m in height and commence a minimum of 20 m before the bend and extend a minimum of 10 m beyond the bend that records a performance less than $200g_{max}$ at a 3.0 m free height of fall;
- All surfaces within the catching pen (if provided) shall be lined with an impact attenuating surface that records a performance less than $200g_{max}$ at a 3.0 m free height of fall;
- The lure shall extend a minimum of 1.6 m onto the track when measured from the lure rail;
- The lure to track clearance height shall be less than or equal to 100 mm when measured at the highest point on the track surface;
- The lure system shall be the best and safest technology available.
- The lure system shall have the capability of reaching a maximum velocity of 30 m/s;
- The lure system shall reach a velocity of 18 m/s in 40 m in all reasonable climatic conditions including torrential rain and a relative humidity range from 5% to 100%;
- The lure shall be fitted with a braking and reversing system that is fit for purpose;
- The lure braking and reversing system shall be capable of varying the lure velocity (braking) from 18 m/s to 0 m/s within 15 m;

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Where a cable lure is installed the lure control are to have a 'dead man' – cut out switch to shut off power, ideally in two x separate locations to allow for emergency shutoff; and• The lure system performance criteria shall be achieved within an operating thermal environment range from -5 °C to 40 °C. |
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¹ The logistics of transitioning all GRNSW tracks to the green field design and construction may require that in some instances there be an intermediate category of track that is neither an existing nor a green field design. The intermediate design is required for tracks where the block of land on which the track is situated does not allow a full green field development. It is envisioned that within a decade all GRNSW tracks will comply with 'green field' design constraints.



Annexure B to instrument of approval under section 26(6) of the Greyhound Racing Act 2017 dated 29 June 2020

MINIMUM STANDARDS

Racecourse Facilities and Amenities– NSW Greyhound Clubs

In accordance with the Greyhound Racing Act 2017 No 13, section 26 (1) (b)

Minimum Standards - Racecourse Facilities and Amenities – NSW Greyhound Clubs & Tracks

Introduction

In accordance with the Greyhound Racing Act 2017 No 13, section 26 (1) Greyhound Racing New South Wales (GRNSW) has developed minimum standards for the conduct of races and greyhound race meetings which will be required to be adhered to by all registered New South Wales (NSW) Greyhound Race Clubs.

In developing the minimum standards for Racecourse Facilities and Amenities at NSW Greyhound venues the following categories have been assessed.

- Photo Finish
- Judges Room and Broadcaster Facilities
- Photo Finish and Race Results Board
- Track Lighting
- Lure Driver Facility
- Stewards Room
- Stewards Viewing Areas & Camera Positions
- Kennels and Scales Area
- Wash Bays
- Vet Room Facility
- Swab Room
- Injured Greyhound Welfare
- Machinery and Equipment Storage
- Maintenance and Equipment

- Staff Facilities
- Public Viewing / Club Room / Dining and Seating Areas
- Safety Standards for Buildings including Public Facilities and Food Premises
- WHS and Environmental Management
- Vehicle and Trailer Parking

Compliance with other additional statutory requirements, remain the responsibility of each Greyhound Race Club.

Objectives

These minimum standards are designed to ensure the provision of a safe working environment for licensees and officials and safe and comfortable amenities for patrons, whilst also delivering quality facilities that provide adequate conditions for racing and adhere to animal welfare requirements.

GRNSW Audits

Each club will be required to complete a venue assessment of their venue and forward to GRNSW by the end of January each year. In addition to self-regulation by Clubs, GRNSW will conduct at a minimum, a yearly audit of each venue registered to conduct race meetings to assess compliance with these standards.

An audit may be conducted at any venue by GRNSW with or without prior notice to the relevant race club.

Non-Compliance with Minimum Standards

If a Race Club fails to, or cannot meet a minimum standard it must immediately notify GRNSW.

Within this notification it should provide full details of the area of non-compliance and what, if any, steps have been taken to remedy this issue.

Upon notification to GRNSW of non-compliance with the minimum standards, a review of the area of non-compliance will be undertaken and a report developed for consideration by GRNSW.

There will invariably be differing degrees on non-compliance and GRNSW will be required to undertake a risk assessment of each specific instance and determine the appropriate action. Once the risk assessment is finalised, the deficiencies in the minimum standards at a venue may be advised to the Club by way of a formal notice of a Breach issued by GRNSW. GRNSW will categorise each breach, and in the formal notice will advise which of the following outcomes will apply.

- Remedial actions and timelines set by GRNSW
- Suspension of affected services at the venue
- Transfer of race meetings to another Club or venue
- Cancellation or suspension of Club/venue license

Other Statutory Requirements

It is important to note that these minimum standards do not address compliance with other additional statutory requirements regarding the facilities at each venue, and that it is a requirement of each registered Race Club to ensure that all safety measures are in place and operating as intended in accordance with the relevant statutory requirements. Due to the complexity of these areas of compliance each Greyhound Race Club should take independent advice in this regard.

Areas of compliance will include, but are not limited to the following:

- Building Code of Australia, relevant State and Local Building requirements (e.g. Environmental Planning & Assessment Act)
- Occupational Health & Safety
- Liquor Licensing
- Food Safety
- Event management

Summary

GRNSW has taken a considerable period to develop minimum standards for Greyhound Race Clubs.

These minimum standards will ensure the effective management and sustainability of WH&S protocols for Greyhound Racing Clubs.

GRNSW is of the view that these standards deliver a realistic approach to WH&S throughout New South Wales and that those Race Clubs with a proactive approach to WH&S will have no problems achieving these standards.

Photo Finish, Judging Room and Broadcaster Facilities

Specifications	<p>The Photo Finish, Judges and Broadcaster Facilities are to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Room to accommodate a minimum of one (1) judging staff which aligns with the surveyed finishing line.• Allocated area/room for the race broadcaster with the area/room to have full vision of the racetrack and semaphore board. Broadcast access to SKY Racing.• Allocated area/room for Camera operator, filming race with full vision of the racetrack and semaphore board• Judges Box bench is to have sufficient space to accommodate approved judging systems and support equipment in a manner which meets Work Health & Safety requirements• Power outlets, access points for IT equipment with surge protection and isolation on electrical switchboard to these outlets• Digital Video or later technology equipment operational for vision transmission• Ventilated• Fully enclosed covered facility with glass windows to provide clear vision of all start areas, racetrack and finish post (Ability to view entire circumference of the track)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo Finish Equipment and Timing Equipment housed securely and in place for race meeting judges/officials • Table and Seating for judges and officials including race caller • Judges Monitors to include internal race replay monitor to ensure marks in running are captured and betting odds display • Broadcaster monitors to display NOP fluctuations, three TV's, Sky 1, Sky 2 • Communication Equipment/ 2 way radios or similar, for contact with stewards, lure driver, judges, broadcaster, lure driver and other officials • Photo Finish is to be a GRNSW approved and supplied digital system with colour digital line camera. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bench for system with necessary IT and power outlets – minimum 15 degree angle to mirror box to allow for position of Finish lynx camera • Photo Finish equipment is to be tested by official (judge) prior to the first race at each race meeting • Safe access to photo finish area is to be provided to enable transportation of heavy equipment to broadcast tower. (I.e. a pulley system to lift heavy equipment – equipment not to be carried on vertical ladders) • Broadcast Equipment including TV's Sky 1, Sky 2 for Race Caller <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ventilated with appropriate climate comfort (i.e. cooling/heating) • Fully enclosed covered facility with glass windows to provide clear vision of all start areas, racetrack and finish post (Ability to view entire circumference of the track) • Broadcaster work bench 1200mm (l) x 600mm (w) • Power outlets, access points for IT equipment • Communication Equipment for contact with stewards, lure driver, judges, broadcaster, lure driver and other officials
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone or radio communication equipment for contact with stewards, lure driver, judges, broadcaster, lure driver and other officials • Appropriate climate comfort – I.e. air-conditioning

Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mirror Box clean, undamaged and correctly aligned • Areas is to be presented clean and tidy for all race meetings • All areas to have annual pest management undertaken • All electrical equipment to be tested and tagged
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Photo Finish Mirror and Race Results Board

Specifications	<p>Photo Finish mirror is to provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mirror position to be surveyed (at least annually) to ascertain correct position for reflective image • Enough height to enable mirrored image of entire track, this height may vary depending on width of the track • The photo finish mirror must be inspected prior to race day to ensure that it is clean and has satisfactory operation and alignment • Sectional timing (operational, infrared beam OK, correctly calibrated). • Survey marks on inside and outside of track to enable realignment <p>Tracks conducting TAB race meetings must have electronic semaphore board displaying minimum 4 x placegetters, race time, margins and sectional times</p>
Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Club must review the alignment of the mirror prior to race day and advise the steward in charge of the meeting if the alignment is not correct and how the non-alignment has been rectified before the race meeting commences

Track Lighting

Specifications	<p>Track lighting illumination levels/ intensity and uniformity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vertical 500 lux (minimum)• Horizontal 500 lux (minimum)• Uniformity 0.8 (minimum) <p>Photo Finish back lighting and front lighting required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vertical 500 lux (minimum)• Horizontal 800 lux (minimum)
Presentation	All track lights to be maintained and operational. Serviced, cleaned and replaced as required

Lure Driver Facility

Specifications	<p>The Lure Drivers Facility is to provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Where a cable lure is installed the lure control are to have a 'dead man '– cut out switch to shut off power, ideally in two x separate locations to allow for emergency shutoff• Phone/Radio Communication (for contact with judges, broadcaster, track staff, Stewards, officials etc.)• Access points to IT if applicable• Well ventilated
Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This area is to be presented clean and tidy for all race meetings.

Stewards Room

Specifications	<p>Steward rooms are to provide for the following specifications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Table and seating to comfortably facilitate a minimum of 4 people• Communication to judge• Lockable cabinet to suit steward requirements• Refrigerator to store swab samples (only). Note: no other items are to be store to avoid risk of contamination• Minimum of two televisions and DVD player• Multiple power outlets, Access points for IT• Appropriate climate comfort - I.e. Air-conditioned
Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This area is to be presented safe, clean and tidy for all race meetings

Stewards Viewing & Camera positions

Specifications	<p>Towers for Stewards and Cameras to meet the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Australian standard 1657 – 1992• Provide viewing above track level• Provide a head-on view to the home straight, back straight and lateral viewing of track• Access points for IT
Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This area is to be presented clean and tidy for all race meetings

Kennel & Scales Area

Specifications	<p>Kennels Building is to provide the following:</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restricted secure access with appropriate signage in place • Non Slip concrete flooring • Access to clean fresh water • Air-Conditioned • Appropriate illumination to allow easy viewing inside individual kennels <p>Greyhound Kennels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single kennels 1050 mm to 1200 mm (l) x 900mm – 1200mm (h) x 800mm – 900mm (w). (no stacking) • Kennel bays preferably to be sound proofed. • Refrigerated air-conditioning installed, operational and capable of maintaining temperatures in line with the hot weather policy. • Floors to have drainage for cleaning and drainage of effluent. • Kennel bays and flooring to be non-slip and impervious. • Thermometer to be present, accurately measuring and clearly displaying temperature in the kennel bays • The vet ramp should be made of non-slip material • CCTV to be present in each kennel bay • 11 Kennels bays to be provided
Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All kennel areas to be kept clean and tidy and disinfected for all race meetings • Emptying area to be kept hygienically clean at all times • Scales are to be checked prior to each race meeting and calibration certificate on display.

Wash Bays

Specifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 individual wash bays • Cool potable running water • Non- Slip floor
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Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bays to be kept clean and tidy for all race meetings. Regular cleaning of drains to prevent blockage due to sand; hair etc.
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Vet Room

Specifications	<p>The Vets Room is to provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separate clean and well-lit room exclusively for veterinary treatment • Examination table to have non-slip matting (rubber or other suitable material that is impervious) • Hot/cold running water • Sound proof (preferred) • Lockable bar fridge for storage of medications with an appropriate key register • Freezer storage • Minimum of one (1) suitable holding cage for a greyhound • Safe for medications as well as lockable cupboards for storage with an appropriate key register • Sturdy examination light with movable flexible head • IT connection (s) and internal telephone link to stewards/officials. • TAB tracks - Sky TV monitor(s) • CCTV for monitoring of all kennel bays and swabbing area
Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The vet room is to be kept clean and tidy with all tables and surfaces disinfected/ sanitised and checked for cleanliness prior to each race meeting.

Swab Room

Specifications	A swabbing room is to be provided, the room must be:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Separate clean, well lit room• CCTV• Running water• Bench space for samples• Hand Basin• Appropriate signage in place (i.e. Wash Hands; No Smoking/eating/drinking)
Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Swab room is to be kept clean and disinfected at all times and checked for cleanliness prior to each race meeting. Refer to policy procedure guide for more information.

Injured Greyhound Welfare

Specifications	TAB Club to have a fully serviced emergency injury response buggy and nominated driver, strategically placed for immediate action when required. In the event that the cart/buggy is inoperable or at a Non TAB track a stretcher must be provided to accommodate injured greyhounds. Quick access to first aid materials (i.e. bandages) must also be provided
Presentation	The emergency response buggy must be kept, serviced fully charged and cleaned and be available for all race meetings and trials. The emergency stretcher must also be kept clean and be in place for all race meetings and trials. First aid kit to be kept stocked.

Machinery and Equipment Storage

Specifications	The Machinery and equipment shed will provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Covered lockable enclosed storage shed to safely store all track machinery and equipment, protecting it from the elements
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lockable cabinets and storage compartments for chemical and other dangerous goods (i.e. fertiliser/ fuels, gas containers etc.) • Power outlets
Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The shed and all storage areas are to be kept clean at all times, free of dust and clutter and must not contain any non-racing related equipment, machinery or infrastructure

Maintenance & Equipment

Specifications	<p>Equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All equipment is kept in full working order at all times and complies with all safety requirements <p>WH&S</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All operators are trained to operate all equipment in accordance with standard procedures and WH&S requirements. • Operators protect themselves and others in the operating area by applying safe work practices and designated personal protective equipment (PPE). • All electrical equipment is tested and tagged as per WorkCover NSW requirements <p>Risk Assessments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk Assessments and Safe Work Method Statements (SWMS) are maintained and used in the operation of all equipment
Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All equipment is serviced in accordance with the Club's programmed maintenance schedule

Staff Facilities

Specifications	<p>WH&S</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All equipment is stored in a safe, orderly manner that satisfies WH&S requirements. • Access to workshop, tools and equipment is restricted to employees authorised by the Club's WH&S policy.
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Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All areas are kept secure, clean and tidy at all times • The maintenance compound is swept and kept clean of debris regularly
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Public Viewing Areas and Main Club Room including Dining and Seating Areas

Specifications	<p>The public viewing club room areas are to provide the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facility that is fully compliant with safety measures in place and operating as intended in accordance with the relevant statutory requirements • Appropriate signage – I.e. emergency exits, lights etc. • An area which allows stakeholders to get out of elements (sun/rain/wind etc.) • Clubhouse style facility, preferably air-conditioned • All room Décor presented clean and safe • Clubhouse to be illuminated • Indoor and outdoor sound system for public announcements and race broadcast • Television monitors to cater for local, Sky 1, Sky 2 race viewing and all TAB betting displays • Power outlets to cater for room requirements • Access points for IT in betting and any internal office areas • Provision of catering in line with appropriate regulation, licensing and health and safety requirements • Safe, clean seating and dining areas • TAB tracks - Secure room (s) for Betting terminals and TAB operators • Toilets, the number/ type in accordance with relevant Local Government/ State Health regulations
Presentation	<p>All public facility areas to be kept clean and tidy for all race meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kitchens, dining & servery areas and toilet facilities to be kept hygienically clean at all times
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All electrical appliances and equipment to be annually tested and tagged • All outside areas are to be regularly maintained to a good, aesthetically pleasing standard at all times

Safety Standards for Buildings including Public Facilities & Food Premises

Specifications	<p>Race Clubs (as owner/occupier/controller) are responsible for maintaining their premises as a safe environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubs are required to ensure that all safety measures are in place and operating as intended in accordance with statutory mandate • Clubs are required to conduct a Building Services Compliance & Audit every three (3) years with annual compliance and audit checks undertaken where and area is identified for key works. GRNSW to provide Clubs with Compliance and Audit templates. • A systems and facilities audit report is prepared annually by a suitably qualified person verifying that the inspection records of the Club for the period comply with the standards • The annual systems & facilities audit report contains a current dilapidation report and verifies that all buildings & services comply with BCA requirements • A current Verification Certificate is in place confirming that all essential safety measures have been maintained to the relevant standard and are operating to the required level of performance.
Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain premises as a safe environment

WH&S and Environmental

Specifications	Work Health and Safety
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Club retains staff with current industry certification to train colleagues in WH&S or engages local WorkCover NSW-accredited training resources for the purpose. <p>Environmental</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Club has in place an Environmental Management System (EMS) satisfying relevant statutory legislation

Vehicle/trailer Parking Areas

Specifications	Clubs must provide parking areas for the general public and participants to include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Parking area clearly marked and signed and well-lit for safe access and egress• TAB race tracks conducting night racing to ensure parking areas are illuminated• Participant Parking for vehicles and trailers – area must be clearly marked and signed and well lit for safe access and egress• Areas for greyhound to disembark trailers is to be grassed
Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Areas to be kept clean and tidy free of rubbish and weeds



Annexure C to instrument of approval under section 26(6) of the Greyhound Racing Act 2017 dated 29 June 2020

MINIMUM STANDARDS

Training Facilities

In accordance with the Greyhound Racing Act 2017 No 13, section 26 (1) (c)

Greyhound Racing NSW

Minimum Standards Training Facilities

Introduction

The Minimum Standards for Training Facilities are provided by Greyhound Racing NSW (GRNSW) to meet the requirements of the Racing Act 2017 No 13, Section 26(1) (c).

Reference Documents

Reference documents included the GRNSW Track Safety Standards document containing design specifications.

Objectives

The minimum standards for training tracks are designed to ensure the provision of a safe track for training, educating and trialling racing greyhounds and a safe working environment for licensees, volunteers and officials delivering that provide adequate conditions for training and adhere to animal welfare requirements.

GRNSW Assessments

A training track audit may be conducted at any training/trialling venue by GRNSW with or without prior notice to the relevant track management group.

Other Statutory Requirements

It is important to note that these minimum standards do not address compliance with other additional statutory requirements regarding the facilities at each racecourse, and that it is a requirement of each registered training track management group to ensure that all safety measures are in place and operating as intended in accordance with the relevant statutory requirements. Due to the complexity of these areas of compliance each racecourse operator should take independent advice in this regard.

Training Facilities

A training facility is a track that has the specific purpose of conducting public trials for greyhound training.

Track

<p>Track Sand</p>	<p>Track sand must meet GRNSW specification when assessing particle size, bulk density, total porosity and infiltration rates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sand must be submitted to GRNSW for analysis • Sand depth is to be a minimum of 100mm and a maximum depth of 150mm
<p>Track Grass</p>	<p>The grass surface must meet GRNSW specification when assessing the root-zone profile</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The track is to be grassed with either Kikuyu, Couch, Rye or Tall Fescue – Buffalo Grass is acceptable
<p>Track Surface</p>	<p>Track surface is to presented in a consistent and safe condition, free of any holes or major undulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sand is to be harrowed, dragged, brushed and watered prior to each trial session • Grass is to be kept free of weeds, aerated, fertilized, mowed and watered prior to each trial session • Track surfaces are to free of any debris, stones or rocks • There should be no build-up of sand against the lure rail • There should be no grass growing under the lure rail • Track surface should be 420mm - 450mm below the top of the lure rail and the lure carriage should never come into contact with the track sand or grass track

<p>Track Preparation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Track is to be harrowed, dragged, brushed and watered prior to each trial session <p>Track is not to be rolled at anytime</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequate water is to be applied consistently to the track prior to and during trial sessions, if required • The track surface is to be dragged or brushed every eight (8) trials irrespective of number of dogs trialled • The depth of track sand is to be monitored weekly to ensure consistency and maximize safety. A sample of the track profile is to be taken to the maximum depth of the sand. Any visible layers or fractures shall require immediate deeper harrowing
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Irrigation System

<p>System Operation</p>	<p>Whilst having a fixed irrigation system is not mandatory, the ability to apply adequate volumes of water directly onto the track leading into trial sessions and possibly during, is vital</p> <p>If no fixed irrigation system is installed, a satisfactory watercart (minimum 2500 litres) can be used but must be configured to be capable to apply water in a diffused spray as opposed to a gravity feed application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All water application must be even and consistent and must ensure the track surface and profile contains satisfactory water content • The ability to connect and utilize a hand held hose close to the starting boxes is required
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Lure System

Lure Type	The lure type is to be either: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cable• Bramich• Drag• Remote (Battery Type)
Lure Rail	For Cable, Bramich and Battery Remote Lures, the lure rail is to be constructed from steel and be supported by steel posts no further than 3 metres apart. As a minimum an industry approved safety rail must be installed 180mm above the top of the lure rail. This rail may double as the irrigation pipe or can be a purpose installed rail. The rail can be either tubular or rectangular and must be constructed from material approved by GRNSW. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All rail posts must be constructed from steel and must be free of any rust or corrosion which may impact on the integrity of the rail structure• All mounting plates and other fittings between posts and lure rail must be free of any rust, corrosion or damage caused by the cable or carriage - the integrity of this structure must not be compromised• The height of the top of the lure rail relative to the track surface should be between 420mm and 450mm to meet industry specification• The rail is to be free of gaps and damage which impacts on the smoothness and continuity of the movement of the carriage particularly relative to turns
Cable & Rollers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All rollers for cable lures are to be lubricated and operational at all times• Any damaged cable rollers are to be replaced immediately - bearings must be regularly checked• All Lure cables must be lubricated weekly -• The cable must be maintained in a safe condition with no obvious fraying or damage which may cause a malfunction during use Immediately fraying or wear is visible on the cable, it must be replaced as a priority prior to further usage

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A spare lure cable should be kept ready for installation at all times
Maintenance	<p>Spare rollers and cable for cable lures s are to be kept onsite at all times Lubrication of the cable to be completed weekly.</p>

Outside Fence

Structure	<p>The outside fence must be constructed from colorbond, corrugated tin or similar. Cyclone wire or timber is not an acceptable or deemed to be safe in the event a dog comes into contact with it The fence must be consistent in its integrity with no obvious or visible damage such as gaps, breaks or missing panels. All panels must be securely attached to the posts and framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All posts and framework must be in good condition, free of rust, corrosion or rot in the vent timber posts are used • No nails, fasteners, bolts or similar hardware is to protrude from the fence, in towards the racing surface • The bottom of the fence must be no more than 200mm above ground level • Whilst there is no maximum specified height of this fence, the minimum height is 800mm
Padding	<p>Fence safety padding is mandatory in the catching pen and catching pen gate as a minimum. Whilst not mandatory, padding installed on turns, bends and other gates may be deemed necessary, upon inspection from GRNSW or GWIC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fence padding must be a minimum of 50mm thick and 1200mm high

Machinery & Equipment

Specifications	Tracks to have the following machinery and equipment as a minimum; <ul data-bbox="448 111 1232 319" style="list-style-type: none">• Tyre roller with harrows and brushes• Appropriate tractor (minimum 35 horsepower)• Watercart (2500 litres or larger)• 3PL Grader Blade or similar
Presentation	Machinery and equipment to be maintained and log books kept up to date.