Trial Track Registration Policy

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Objectives

Greyhound trial tracks in NSW must be registered with Greyhound Racing NSW (GRNSW) pursuant to Section 17 of the Greyhound Racing Act 2009 (the Act). In determining trial track registrations, GRNSW has the following objectives:

- To protect the financial viability and reputation of the greyhound industry; and
- To protect and develop the interests of the industry and it's stakeholders generally.

Application

Greyhound trial tracks are defined by the Act as being:

'Land (not being a racecourse licenced under the Racing Administration Act 1998 for greyhound racing meetings) that is held out by any person having the management or control of the land, whether as owner, lessee, occupier or otherwise, as being available for the purpose of enabling greyhounds, other than those owned by, or leased to, that person, to compete in trials or be trained in racing.'

It is an offence to operate a trial track without it being registered, and it is a breach of the Rules of Greyhound Racing for a person registered with GRNSW to permit a greyhound under that person's care, custody and training to be on an unregistered trial track.

Where land falls within the definition in the Act, it shall be deemed to be a trial track even if it is generally known by another name.

Procedure

A person carrying on the business of a trial track may apply to GRNSW for that trial track to be registered by submitting an Application for Registration of a Greyhound Trial Track.

The application for registration should detail the individual or corporation in whose name the application is made and be supported by a summary of the details of the trial track and copies of required policies, incuding certificates of currency for public liability insurance, workers' compensation insurance and volunteer workers' insurance. The application should also be accompanied by the appropriate fee, as specified from time to time by GRNSW, which is currently $50.

Any person who is to be a manager or assistant manager of the trial track, in accordance with the Rules of Greyhound Racing, must be registered with GRNSW.

The GRNSW Board will consider the application and, if it sees fit, approve it. Such approval may be in full or in part and subject to such conditions as GRNSW considers appropriate.

If approved, GRNSW will send a Certificate of Registration to the applicant, detailing the registration and naming the applicant as the trial track's registered holder. The registration is not effective until the certificate is received.

The registered holder of the trial track must inform GRNSW within seven days of any changes to the information supplied in, or alongside the application for registration.

Term of Registration and Renewals

Registrations shall expire on 31 December in each year.

Applications for renewal of a registration should be made by the registered holder of a trial track in the same way as an initial application and must be made before 1 December in each year to ensure that the new registration will be in force by 1 January in the following year.

Registration Requirements

The trial track, it's registered holder and it's manager and assistant managers (if any) must comply with:

- All applicable Federal and State legislation including, in particular, Acts relating to racing administration and operations;
- Local government regulations;
- Rules of Greyhound Racing; and
- Regulations made under the Greyhound Racing Act 2009.

Suspension and Cancellation

GRNSW may suspend or cancel a trial track's registration if it is of the opinion that:

- The trial track is in breach of the requirements of this policy;
- The trial track is – or is likely to become – financially unviable; or
- It is in the best interests of greyhound racing in NSW to do so.