

Additional Draconian Rules implemented by GWIC

All of the new rules below serve to eliminate any accountability to GWIC and further deprive registered persons of their human rights and procedural fairness.

LR1A Prohibited substances

(1) When a sample taken at any time from a greyhound being trained by a licenced trainer has detected in it any prohibited substance as specified in part (b) of this rule, the owner, trainer or person in charge of such greyhound at the relevant times shall be guilty of an offence.

Irrespective of external or environmental circumstances the trainer or person in charge of the greyhound is guilty?

Numerous instances of contamination and inadvertent minimal samples which have led to severe penalties irrespective of any mitigating factors put forward.

This new rule implemented by GWIC negates any procedural fairness afforded to registered persons in their defence of such matters. It provides GWIC with a simplified "Guilty" or "Not Guilty" black or white scenario in such cases when the circumstances of the detection of prohibited substances within greyhounds particularly miniscule amounts are much more complex than that.

LR18 Powers to Enter Premises and Inspection of Premises

(1) In addition to any powers afforded the Stewards or Officers of the Controlling Body in these Rules, they shall have the power at any time to enter upon the premises occupied by or under the control of a registered person and used in any manner in relation to any license (here in after referred to as the premises) or any registered trial track to:

(a) Secure against interference anything that cannot be conveniently removed from the premises.

(2) A Steward or Officer of the Controlling Body who enters and remains upon land or premises under this rule, shall not thereby commit a trespass thereon and no action shall be brought or maintained against the Stewards, Officer of the Board or Controlling Body for any damages or relief in respect of such entry or remainder.

(3) For the purposes of this Rule, premises includes land, buildings or any fixed or movable structure, including any vehicle.

See existing rule regarding entry to premises (attached).

The unnecessary extension and overzealous application is typical of GWIC's overall attitude and approach to policing welfare and integrity within the industry.

Effectively, GWIC have more powers than police would have in a serious criminal case.

Registered persons are required to waive their basic human and procedural rights to partake in the greyhound industry.

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R92 Conduct of inquiry

(1) The Controlling Body or Stewards may regulate their own procedure and are not bound by formal Rules and practices as to evidence, but may inform themselves as to any matter in such manner as they think fit.

Although not a new rule, GWIC can establish their own inquiry procedure and not be bound by formal rules or practices as to evidence?

Effectively a "law unto themselves". Not sure if that would give the public confidence in GWIC exercising that right.

They also get to choose which matter gets dealt with and they can deal with it how they see fit.

Accountability of GWIC and procedural fairness for registered persons is non-existent in any inquiry.

Charges can only be challenged via an internal review via GWIC or the Racing Appeals Tribunal which apply the same set of rules as GWIC.

The only other possible avenue to dispute any resulting charges is via external court jurisdictions which is financially prohibitive for 99% of registered person.

LR99B Restrictions on defaulters and persons disqualified, suspended or warned off.

(3) A person whose registration has been suspended:

(a) is not permitted to conduct any business affecting the registration of greyhounds or participants with the Controlling Body;

(b) is not entitled to recognition by the Controlling Body as an owner, trainer or breeder of any greyhound or for any purpose affecting the breeding, training or racing of greyhounds;

(c) is not permitted to transfer any training responsibilities for any greyhound they train; and

(d) must continue to comply with these Rules or any policies of the Controlling Body as though the person's registration had not been suspended to the extent they are not inconsistent with paragraph (a), (b) or (c).

(4) Despite subrule (3), if the Controlling Body is satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances, the Controlling Body may, subject to any conditions imposed by the Controlling Body, authorise the person to do any one or more of the things specified in subrule (3).

This rule compromises the welfare of greyhounds as referred in email.

Suspensions may have been of a result of a relatively minor indiscretion, there have been many cases whereby suspended registered persons have had to transfer large numbers of greyhounds.

This has led to greyhounds being transferred to reluctant foster homes for reasonably short periods of time.

GWIC have also not supported suspended persons in the rehoming of greyhounds, however are quick to attend registered persons properties to further castigate and lay further charges.

LR101A Disqualified person residing on premises where greyhounds are trained

A person shall not, without prior written approval of the Controlling Body, train or keep a greyhound on premises which are:

- (a) Occupied by a disqualified person or defaulter or warned off person.
- (b) Used by a disqualified person or defaulter or warned off person for any business or other purpose.

Again, this rule usurps fundamental human rights laws, in some cases leaving persons homeless, not really in the public interests which is a core GWIC objective.

In cases it has been detrimental to non-registered persons whom have been in relationships with registered persons.