



MINIMUM STANDARDS

Training Facilities

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

Greyhound Racing NSW

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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. Track may only be wheel (tyre) rolled when necessary, no heavy rolling of surface to take place • 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. Where a cable lure is installed, an industry approved safety rail is to be installed on bends, 180mm above the top of the lure rail. This rail may double as the irrigation system 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	Where a cable lure is installed: <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 -

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

Outside Fence

Structure	<p>The outside fence must be constructed from colorbond, corrugated iron 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 event 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 on 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 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.