



## **Local Rule to prevent Greyhounds competing on consecutive days to be extended into Greyhounds Australasia Rules**

Notice to trainers – National ban on consecutive days racing

On 1 March 2018, Greyhounds Australasia will introduce GAR 21A, prohibiting a greyhound from competing in an Event on two consecutive days as follows:

*“A greyhound shall not be eligible to compete in more than one (1) Event over any consecutive two (2) day period, except that a greyhound may be permitted to compete in more than one (1) Event at a coursing meeting.”*

Similar existing Local Rules have already been introduced and enforced by controlling bodies including Western Australia, Tasmania, South Australia and Victoria. This rule addition further harmonises the national rules and gives clarity by establishing a national standard.

While unlikely to effect the vast majority of trainers and their nominations, this new rule aims to safeguard the health and welfare of racing greyhounds by ensuring increased rest and recovery time between competition allowing them a better chance at performing at their best and remaining in good health. Greyhounds that are not allowed adequate rest periods between races are generally at increased risk of metabolic conditions and musculoskeletal injuries.

For further information please contact your state controlling body.