

CONSULTATION NOTICE

Code of Racing	Greyhound
Rule	N/a
Description	Procedure - Abandoned Race Meeting Compensation (Greyhound)
Authorised for Consultation	July 2, 2024
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Racing Queensland (**RQ**) has recently reviewed the *'Abandoned race meeting policy - Greyhound Racing'*, including the principles/methodologies used to determine the compensation payable to the connections of greyhounds impacted by an abandoned race meeting. As a result of this review, the policy is proposed to be replaced by a new *'Procedure - Abandoned Race Meeting Compensation (Greyhound)'* (the **Procedure**), a draft of which is provided in the following pages.

Under the current policy, if a race meeting is abandoned after a specified time on the day of the meeting, the trainer of an affected greyhound is entitled to compensation of \$80. However, if the race meeting was abandoned due to 'racing infrastructure issues', the unpaid prize money for an abandoned race is distributed evenly among the connections.

Key points to note under the newly proposed Procedure are:

- the amount payable to the trainers of greyhounds in an abandoned race is set to increase to \$100, and will be paid regardless of the time of abandonment on the day of the race meeting;
- where the abandonment occurs from two hours before the first race of the meeting onwards, owners will also be entitled to receive this payment (subject to prize money split percentages), and in these circumstances appearance fees will also be paid;
- the unpaid prize money for an abandoned race will no longer be distributed among the connections where the abandonment was caused by 'racing infrastructure issues';
- RQ and the Club will endeavour to reschedule an abandoned Feature Event Final, however, if unable to do so, will consider distributing the unpaid prize money among the connections of the greyhounds engaged at the time of the race's abandonment; and
- other conditions regarding Feature Events and Reserve Rights are outlined in the Procedure.

It should be noted that nothing in this Procedure affects the operation of the GAR Rules, including the allocation of prize money to connections in the event of a race declared a 'False Start' or a 'No Race' under GAR 111(1) and (3).

Stakeholders wishing to provide any feedback on the proposed new Procedure are requested to do so as outlined at the top of this document.

PROCEDURE - ABANDONED RACE MEETING COMPENSATION (GREYHOUND)



1. Purpose

The purpose of this Procedure is to outline the compensation payments to be made by Racing Queensland (**RQ**) to connections in the event a Greyhound race meeting is abandoned, either in whole or in part.

RQ is committed to providing the racing industry with a clear and transparent understanding of entitlements pertaining to abandoned race meetings. References in this Procedure to an abandoned race meeting include individual races being abandoned after a race meeting has commenced.

2. Scope

The Procedure applies to all Greyhound race meetings and all licensed Greyhound Trainers and Owners.

3. Guidelines

3.1 Objective

RQ aims to run all scheduled races. On occasions, circumstances including, but not limited to, inclement weather, racing incidents, safety hazards and track conditions, will require the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (**QRIC**) Stewards to abandon either entire race meetings prior to commencement, or individual races after a race meeting has commenced.

In recognition of the impact of abandoned race meetings on participants, RQ will provide a level of compensation to participants to offset these impacts.

Additionally, where possible, RQ may consider alternative racing opportunities for those greyhounds and connections impacted by abandoned race meetings.

3.2 Application

The following sets out applicable benefits to participants where a race meeting is abandoned:

Category	Abandoned time	Compensation	Appearance Fees	Unpaid Prize Money	Reserve Rights
A	Before day of race meeting	No	No	No	Awarded from previous week's meeting
B	Day of race meeting until 2 hours before first race	Trainer: \$100	No	No	Awarded to unrequired reserves
C	From 2 hours prior to the first race onwards	Trainer: \$100 Owner: \$100*	Yes	No	Awarded to unrequired reserves



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3.3 Definitions

Category A means where a race meeting is abandoned before the day of the race meeting. No compensation, appearance fee or unpaid prize money payments will be made by RQ.

Category B means and includes where a race meeting is abandoned on the day of the race meeting up until two hours before the scheduled time of the first race. RQ will pay compensation of \$100 per starter to the trainer.

Category C means and includes where a race meeting is abandoned from two hours prior to the scheduled time of the first race onwards for races that do not proceed on the day. RQ will pay the appearance fees and compensation of \$100 per starter to the trainer, and \$100 per starter to the owner. *Note the owner compensation payment is subject to prize money split percentages.

3.4 Feature Events

RQ may prescribe a Feature Events List, comprising Feature Series, Feature Event Heats and Finals.

If an abandoned race meeting includes a Feature Event Final on the Feature Events List, RQ and the Club will endeavour to reschedule the Final to an alternate race meeting.

If the Final cannot be rescheduled, RQ may consider distributing the unpaid prize money evenly between the connections of greyhounds engaged to compete in the Final at the time of the abandonment.

If an abandoned race meeting includes Feature Event Heats as part of a Feature Series, RQ and the Club will endeavour to reschedule the Heats with the same box draw and run the Final on the same date as originally scheduled. Where this is not possible, RQ will advise new dates for the Heats and Final and call for fresh nominations with a new box draw to be conducted. Greyhounds that were included in the original draw will have first preference ahead of any greyhounds that are late nominations for the postponed events.

As per GAR 111(2), if part of a Feature Series has been completed and RQ is unable to reschedule remaining Heats, the QRIC Stewards will conduct a ballot to determine the greyhounds which will be eligible to compete in the remainder of the Series.

Trainers inconvenienced by a postponed race or race meeting may scratch their greyhound from the postponed event without penalty.

3.5 Other Specific Provisions

False Start or No Race: In accordance with the provisions of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 111(1) and (3), if a race is abandoned due to a declaration of a False Start or a No Race, the prize money allocated to the race shall be distributed evenly among the connections of greyhounds engaged to compete at the time of the abandonment. In addition, RQ will pay appearance fees in the event of a False Start or No Race.

Reserve Rights will be awarded for False Start or No Race.



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3.6 Communication

Where a race meeting is abandoned, RQ will endeavour to notify participants (i.e., trainers) with greyhounds engaged to compete at the race meeting via direct text message and/or the RQ social and digital media channels.

4. Roles & Responsibilities

Trainers and Owners should familiarise themselves with this Guideline and note the circumstances when compensation will be paid.

RQ will act on the official information provided by the QRIC Stewards in terms of the time for the abandonment of a race meeting. RQ will provide notification of race meeting abandonments to participants and will make the applicable compensation payments in line with this Guideline.

QRIC will liaise with RQ and advise/confirm the official time of the abandonment of a race meeting.

5. References & Related Documents

Document	Document
N/a	N/a

6. Version History

Current Version:	1	Date Made:	DD/MM/YY	Effective Date:	DD/MM/YY
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1	DD/MM/YY	EGM Operations	New Procedure: Previous outdated Policy (01/07/2018) disestablished, replaced by reviewed and updated Procedure.

