

<p>1. Purpose and Scope:</p>	<p>The purpose of this policy is to ensure that greyhounds returning to race following a rest period due to injury, illness, or other reason are <i>fit</i> to do so, and that racing them does not pose an unnecessary risk of injury to themselves or others.</p> <p>The Policy applies to all Licensed Persons (LPs) who wish to nominate to race:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Greyhounds that have had a stand-down time applied in terms of Rule 41¹, for a serious injury of 42 days or more. 2. Greyhounds which require a break, or spell from racing due to an injury, or condition, of 60 days or more layoff from racing.
<p>2. Principles of injury prevention:</p>	<p>Preventing injury requires the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Fitness to race</i> has been established. • Work done in training has adequately prepared the greyhound for the physical demands of racing. • Exercise intensity does not exceed physical capacity. • Known risk factors for injury are sufficiently mitigated. • Performance measures during trialling and racing indicate no underlying injury or fitness concerns. <p>For further information on <i>Fitness to race</i> see the GRNZ Return to Racing Fitness Best-practice Guidelines.</p>
<p>3. Greyhounds with a Serious Injury stand-down period imposed under Rule 41, of 42-days or more:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The greyhound will need to undergo a satisfactory trial (ST) for the Stewards (LR132A)², prior to their nomination. 2. If the greyhound is returning to race following orthopaedic surgery, a report from the treating veterinarian, including follow up x-rays, confirming that the greyhound is fit to resume racing will be required prior to completing the 'Safe Return to Racing Application' and performing a trial.

¹ GRNZ Rule 41: **Greyhound suffering injury or from a condition or illness during an Event**

(1) If a greyhound is injured during an Event the officiating veterinarian or in their absence, a Steward or other authorised person may impose a stand-down period commencing on the day the greyhound is injured.

² **LR132A Satisfactory trials** (1) Where a greyhound fails to perform to the satisfaction of the Racing Integrity Board or an authorised person, the Racing Integrity Board or the authorised person may, after considering any submission made by the trainer or person in charge of the greyhound, order that the greyhound undergo one or more satisfactory trials and/or such action as they deem necessary before being eligible to compete in or be nominated for any race. No appeal shall lie in respect of an order made to undergo one or more satisfactory trials.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Greyhounds will undergo a standard pre-race veterinary inspection prior to their ST. 4. Following their ST, greyhounds must undergo a veterinary examination by the on-track veterinarian (OTV) and a an 'OTV Greyhound Examination form' submitted to the Stewards which clears the greyhound of any injury or alternatively, if an injury is detected, a stand-down time is applied. 5. The RIB can collect a sample for prohibited substance testing at any time, a swab sample may be collected following the ST (Rule 136(b)³, for analysis, to confirm that the greyhound has trialled free of prohibited substances. 6. Once a greyhound has passed its ST and OTV examination, it may be nominated, and must race within 21 days of the ST. 7. Greyhounds returning to race following a 42 day, or more, injury will be restricted to no more than 5 <i>Events</i> in twenty-eight (28) days.
<p>4. Greyhounds not raced for 60 days, or more:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GRNZ Must be notified of the reason any greyhound is expected to be off racing for 60 days or more, as soon as practicable following the LPs receiving veterinary advice or becoming aware that a greyhound is to be off racing for 60 days or more due to an injury, or condition. 2. The greyhound will need to undergo a satisfactory trial (ST) for the Stewards, prior to their nomination. 3. If the greyhound is returning to race following orthopaedic surgery, a report from the treating veterinarian, including follow up x-rays, confirming that the greyhound is fit to

³ **GRNZ Rule 136: Testing and collection of samples**

(1) GRNZ or the Racing Integrity Board may carry out or cause to be carried out any test, examination or inspection they think necessary in relation to a greyhound at any time, including:

- (a) a greyhound which has been nominated for or has competed in an Event;
- (b) a greyhound presented for a satisfactory trial or such other trial as provided for pursuant to the Rules;
- (c) a greyhound which has been presented for any test or examination for the purpose of ascertaining its fitness to take part in an Event and/or for the purpose of having removed or varied any stand-down period issued pursuant to the Rules.

	<p>resume racing will be required prior to completing a 'Safe Return to Racing Application' and performing a satisfactory trial.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. LPs are required to complete the 'Safe Return to Racing' application form providing the reason the greyhound did not race for 60 days or more and submit this to GRNZ prior to undertaking a trial. 5. Greyhounds will undergo a standard pre-race veterinary inspection prior to their ST. 6. Following their ST, greyhounds must undergo a veterinary examination by the on-track veterinarian (OTV) and a an 'OTV Greyhound Examination form' submitted to the Stewards which clears the greyhound of any injury or alternatively, if an injury is detected, a stand-down time is applied. 7. The RIB can collect a sample for prohibited substance testing at any time, a swab sample may be collected following the ST, for analysis, to confirm that the greyhound has trialed free of prohibited substances. 8. Once a greyhound has passed its ST, and OTV examination, it may be nominated, and must race within 21 days of the ST. 9. Greyhounds returning to race following a spell of 60 days or more will be restricted to no more than 5 <i>Events</i> in twenty-eight (28) days. The ST is counted as the 1st <i>Event</i>.
<p>5. Enforcement</p>	<p>Greyhounds falling into the categories above, who do not satisfy <i>fitness to race</i> requirements in terms of this Policy, will not be eligible to nominate.</p>