



Trials

(Public / Reserve / Stewards / Special)

Policies Manual

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1.0 Trials Policy

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to define rules and expectations on the booking and conduct of trial sessions held by the Queensland Greyhound Racing Club (QGRC) to ensure clarity and fairness for staff and participants.

1.2 Scope

The QGRC provides participants the opportunity to trial their greyhound/s in advertised public trial sessions on a weekly basis. The purpose of public trial sessions is to give participants the opportunity to:

- Educate greyhounds.
- Familiarise their greyhounds with the track before nominating for a race.
- Assist participants with greyhounds returning from injury.
- General fitness training for greyhounds
- Be cleared to race on a specific track, as per ***Racing Queensland conditions of nomination:***
 - Prior to a greyhound nominating for an event at The Q, the greyhound must have successfully trialled out of the starting boxes to the satisfaction of QRIC stewards and/or QGRC officials, at the specific track it is to be nominated for (Q1, Q2 and/or Q Straight).
 - **A satisfactory pre-nomination trial at The Q requires that a greyhound completes the following:**
 - Jumps from a starting box approved by Stewards/QGRC official;
 - Runs past the finishing post; and
 - Enters the catching pen.

2.0 Conditions of All Trials

The following conditions apply to all trials conducted by the QGRC.

2.1 Trial Distances

The following distances are available for trials:

- Q1 Lakeside: 352 metres, 390 metres, 457 metres, 550 metres, 642 metres
- Q2 Parklands: 305 metres, 520 metres, 600 metres, 710 metres.
- QS Straight: 300 metres, 350 metres

During trials trainers also have access to the following types of trials:

- Slips
- Box to box
- Post to post
- Finish on Lures (if a catcher is present)

Finish on the lure trials are only available to those who have a catcher available. Staff will not catch a greyhound finishing on the lure.

2.2 Kennels

Kennels are available upon request.

The order of priority is as follows:

1. Stewards Trials
2. Special Trials
3. Reserve Trials
4. Public Trials – see [3.4 Trial Kennels](#)

2.3 Catchers

- Staff members are permitted to catch greyhounds on behalf of participants.
- **Staff members are not permitted to catch a greyhound without a muzzle.**
- If participants require a staff member to catch, the collar must remain on the greyhound.
- Staff are not permitted to catch a dog finishing on the lure. **No catcher, no finish on the lure.**

2.4 Muzzle off Trials

Muzzle off trials are approved under the following conditions:

- All participants must provide a catcher for all muzzle off trials.
- Participants may not attach any other item to the lure for any trials, including muzzle off trials.

2.5 Incidents

QGRC are obligated to provide a safe working environment for its staff.

Therefore, the following behaviours will not be tolerated:

- Verbal abuse
- Physical abuse

Any inappropriate conduct entered into by a participant during the course of a QGRC public trial session will be recorded in an incident report and filed with QGRC Management for appropriate action.

2.6 Vet/RMIS

Trials are conducted at the trainer's own risk. Unless otherwise indicated, **there are no vets in attendance for trials**, and therefore RMIS is not available.

2.7 Special Requests

Where possible, we want to be accommodating to our members and licensed participants. However, to ensure our trial sessions operate fairly and efficiently there are some special requests that are at the Trials Supervisor's discretion.

They include:

- When the tractor goes around
- The order of trials booked

Staff will not catch a dog on the lure or without a muzzle.

3.0 Public Trials

3.1 Trial Bookings

All trials are booked and paid for online using onthelock.com.au

- Trials open at 9am the working day prior to the advertised trial session, unless otherwise advertised.
- Participant bookings are restricted to six (6) trials per session, unless otherwise advertised.
- Staff are unable to book trials on behalf of participants

3.2 Session Parameters

- Trial blocks will be thirty (30) minutes in length.
- Blocks are system restricted between eight (8) to ten (10) trials per block, as per the [Racing Queensland Greyhound Licensed Venue Standards](#), and depending on which track is being trialled. Management reserve the right to extend the number of trials in the block at their discretion.
- Maximum four (4) dogs per trial, unless prior approved by club.
- Under the Racing Queensland minimum standards guidelines, a tractor will be deployed after a minimum of eight (8) and to a maximum of twelve (12) trials have been conducted (depending on which track is being trialled), at the discretion of the Trials Supervisor and track staff.

3.2.1 Order of trials

Trials are run as per the booking order; however, this is at the Trial Supervisor's discretion and may be adjusted as operationally required.

Arriving early to a trial does not mean participants will be able to trial before their allotted time slot.

For Public Trials, trainers are to arrive at the Trainers Car Park and report to the QGRC staff member, known as the car park attendant. Please await further advice from them before moving to the starting boxes.

3.2.2 Late Arrivals

Participants should contact the clubs trial number **0417 605 208** if they are running late to their allotted trial time slot.

If participants arrive late, effort will be made to place them in as soon as possible however this will be in keeping with the current trial running order and at the Trial Supervisors' discretion. Note that those who arrive late may not be able to trial until the end of the trial block.

3.3 Trial Payments

All trial payments are made online via the booking site: ontheclock.com.au

Staff cannot take payments on the day or over the phone.

3.3.1 Fees

Solo trials: \$20

Each additional dog: \$5

Half-field trials: \$10 per dog

Eligible Club members receive half price trials.

3.3.2 Refunds

Refunds will only be granted if you contact the club directly by phone. Funds can only be refunded back into your On The Clock wallet.

3.4 Trial Kennels

Kennel bays and scales are available to be used during trial sessions, upon request.

Please inform the QGRC Car Park Attendant upon arrival if you wish to use a kennel or the scales.

Please note that the kennels available are at the discretion of QGRC staff and take into account the racing activities of the day.

3.5 Trainers Block Trials (Wednesday after races only)

Trainers block trials are trials reserved for trainers who have runners engaged in the race meeting preceding the trial session. The first block of the trial session will be exclusively for these trainers. Limit of two trials per trainer, max 12 trials in total.

Participants must contact the club on **(07) 3862 1744** to book for this block (limited spots available and will run on a first in first served basis). Fees will be charged at the current trial rates and processed through *On The Clock* following the completion of the session.

The Club reserves the right to cancel this session or conduct additional sessions after race meetings as required.

The first block of trials after the Q1 race meeting on a Wednesday will be reserved for trainers that have runners engaged in that meeting. Refer to section [4.0 Reserve Trials](#).

4.0 Reserve Trials

Reserve trials are available after Q1 races on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

These are only available to greyhounds who were reserves in that day's race meet.

Bookings can be made via phone before that day's kennelling ends or by notifying the Kennels Supervisor during the kennelling process.

These trials are conducted free of charge.

5.0 Special Trials

This policy relates to the scheduling of special trials for greyhounds preparing for entry into Group or Listed Race events.

Priority will be given for greyhounds/trainers who are not located in South-East Queensland Region. These bookings must be made 48 hours prior to the race meeting the trainer intends to trial at.

Greyhounds must meet the eligibility criteria for a group or listed feature event.

A maximum of three (3) special trials will be made available per race meeting leading up to the group or listed feature event.

For all Special Trials please contact the club on **(07) 3862 1744**.

6.0 Stewards Trials

This policy relates to the scheduling of Stewards Trials as requested by QRIC.

- Stewards Trials will take precedence over all other trials.
- Kennels will be provided as requested by QRIC and take precedence over reserve trial and special trial kennel requests.