

## Naming Policy

# GREYHOUNDS AUSTRALASIA NAMING POLICY

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*The orderly and responsible issuing of a greyhound name is a feature of high quality greyhound racing administration. The process has been delegated by controlling bodies to Greyhounds Australasia as a vital national service.*

*The Greyhounds Australasia naming Registrar operates under a policy approved by member controlling bodies and operates in the best interest of the greyhound racing industry.*

*A key feature of the policy is that Greyhounds Australasia and the Controlling Bodies reserve the right to refuse any name.*

*The Naming Registrar will apply common sense and knowledge from significant experience and will use readily available search tools as the foundation approach to the assessment of all naming applications.*

*To support official naming of greyhounds, the policies detailed below are applied at the time of the naming application being processed.*

*In addition, the naming Registrar will apply the following criteria to refuse an application.*

### **Naming Criteria**

1. The name has been granted to a greyhound during the 15 years prior to the receipt of the application.
2. The name has previously been granted to a greyhound recorded as a sire or dam in the *Greyhounds Australasia database*.
3. The name has previously been granted to a greyhound recorded as a *group* winner in the *Greyhounds Australasia* database.
4. Close similarity in the pronunciation of names, eg. Mr. Yew, Mister You.
5. Names *that we consider to have* a political or religious connotation.
6. Names *what we consider are* difficult to pronounce.
7. Names *what we consider are* derogatory or down-grading or offensive.

8. Names *what we consider are* obscene or vulgar.
9. *Non-English, or unknown words* the meaning of which are not readily available.
10. Names with more than sixteen characters inclusive of spaces, apostrophes, etc.
11. Names with more than three words, *including single words made up of three or more words with limited spacing between words.*
12. Names which imitate race track phrases or terms eg. "Vacant Box", "Late Scratching", "Number Four", "Red Rug", "Blue Box", etc.
13. *The use of names of Wagering or Broadcasting entities.*
14. Names which indicate opposite to the actual sex of the subject greyhound.
15. The use of pronouns, prefixes and affixes, e.g. "The" Architect.
16. Trade names unless the *Naming Registrar receives* written approval *from the owner of the trade name.*
17. Names of prominent racing events without the permission of the appropriate authority.
18. Full names *or their 'pseudonym' name* of prominent persons *eg. Marilyn Monroe (being her stage name) or Norma Jean Baker (being her real name).*
19. The use of initials *and/or single letters, or the use of words to reflect initials eg. I E C or EYE EE CEE.*
20. The excessive use of apostrophe.
21. The use of numerals.
22. A name already registered as a Prefix/Suffix to some other applicant.
23. Names of prominent *or renowned* greyhounds.
24. *Certain words that may be used generally but are 'owner' words eg. ANZAC.*
25. *As the indexations of the Stud Book demands correct English, names such as "Stop 'N' Think" would be granted as "Stop And Think".*

*Naming applications received that are deemed vulgar or offensive shall be referred to the jurisdiction that the participant is registered with.*

It should be noted that the Greyhounds Australasia office receives approximately 2,500 names *per week* in the preferential listings submitted. Where all names on an application are exhausted, the Greyhounds Australasia policy is that the Naming Registrar shall choose a name from elsewhere.