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RGRROP311 Perform duties of greyhound race starter

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Modification History

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Release 1	This version released with RGR Racing and Breeding Training Package Version 2.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to safely and efficiently prepare for race starts, working with other race meeting staff to start and close races and report to stewards and race club personnel.

The unit applies to individuals in the greyhound racing industry who may be required to act as starters for greyhound race meetings as part of their job function in work environments of racing kennels, racecourses and public areas.

Licensing, legislative, regulatory or certification requirements may apply to this unit. Users are advised to check with the relevant controlling body or Principal Racing Authority (PRA) for current requirements.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Racing performance (ROP)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Prepare for race starts	1.1 Confirm race fields and distances with race organisers 1.2 Consider possible problems with particular greyhounds during race starts 1.3 Confirm correct operation of start boxes and other equipment prior to commencement of race meeting with operational staff 1.4 Arrange contingency plans in case of malfunction of start

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	equipment 1.5 Review procedures to ensure they comply with the rules of racing and racing and regulatory safety protocols associated with the start of a race
2. Start greyhound race	2.1 Confirm race start time with stewards 2.2 Verify box positions and direct handlers to load greyhounds within time and safety constraints 2.3 Manage incidents to minimise risk of injury to staff and greyhounds, and report to stewards and/or veterinarian 2.4 Declare non-starters after conferring with stewards 2.5 Confirm permission to start race with stewards according to the rules of racing 2.6 Initiate race start once final greyhound is boxed
3. Complete post-race duties	3.1 Provide loading and start reports to stewards 3.2 Take notes and update personal records for problems with starters 3.3 Check boxes and other start equipment for damage and/or maintenance requirements prior to shutting down 3.4 Report repairs and maintenance requirements to race club according to workplace procedures

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.

Skill	Description
Reading	Read and interpret key information in workplace documentation, including rules of racing
Writing	Accurately record information using clear language and terminology when reporting incidents and problems with racing equipment, processes or infringements

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Numeracy	Perform basic calculations for measuring and checking track distances and field size
Oral communication	Provide instructions and reports to others using language, tone and pace appropriate to audience
Navigate the world of work	Take responsibility for following explicit and implicit policies and procedures, rules of racing and regulatory requirements relevant to starting races
Get the work done	- Make routine decisions and implement standard procedures for routine tasks, using formal decision-making processes - Respond promptly to emergencies or potential hazards

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
RGRROP311 Perform duties of greyhound race starter	RGRROP311A Perform duties of greyhound race starter	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages.	Equivalent unit

Links

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Assessment Requirements for RGRROP311 Perform duties of greyhound race starter

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Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency in this unit must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria of this unit. There must be evidence that the individual has performed duties of greyhound race starter at a minimum of three race meetings, including for each race start:

- prepared for race start by checking and confirming race parameters and the operations and function of start equipment
- verified and confirmed start permissions and started race
- completed post-race procedures and reporting processes
- complied with requirements, rules of racing, and instructions that apply to starting greyhound races
- implemented procedures and techniques for the safe, effective and efficient application of race starting operations.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- relevant aspects of rules of racing and protocols for starting races
- practices and procedures for starting races, including:
 - operation and maintenance of approved equipment and start boxes
 - contingency planning
- racing industry animal welfare requirements
- racing greyhounds, including:
 - handling and controlling techniques
 - common features of injury, illness and distress in greyhounds
 - identifying problems with particular greyhounds that may affect starts
- racing industry and regulatory safety requirements, including:
 - identification of hazards

- risk control and minimisation
- safe operating procedures
- communication protocols and procedures within greyhound racing related to starting races, including:
 - liaising with stewards and licensed personnel
 - working with colleagues.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - safe handling and approved race starting and associated facilities at a greyhound racetrack
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - a variety of greyhounds
 - materials and equipment relevant to assessing individual's ability to start greyhound races
- specifications:
 - work instructions and related documentation
- relationships:
 - access to stewards and race officials and other relevant people.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

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