



# Venue Minimum Standards Greyhound Licensed Venues

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## 1. Objectives

The Venue Minimum Standards are the minimum standards required of a Licensed Venue to stage racing and training activities as contemplated by the Licence. The Venue Minimum Standards outline the standards required of assets used for activities at the Licensed Venue. These requirements apply to new and existing assets and must also be considered when constructing or acquiring new facilities and assets or refurbishing existing facilities and assets.

In accordance with the Racing Queensland (RQ) Club and Venue Licence General Conditions the club must:

- ensure that the Licensed Venue complies with the Governance Requirements and Venue Minimum Standards.
- adopt and implement any policies and procedures reasonably necessary to ensure that it complies with all Laws relating to health and safety and adopts all safety standards that a reasonably prudent person operating a club, a race meeting or a Licensed Venue would adopt.
- perform its obligations under the Licence in a manner that complies with all applicable laws.

## 2. Licensed Venue Inspection

RQ may conduct inspections of a Licensed Venue to assess compliance with the Venue Minimum Standards and asset condition. Inspection outcomes and asset information will be accessible to clubs via Race Cube. Key observations made during the inspection including noncompliance and recommendations to address any issues will be facilitated by cases assigned to the club.

In accordance with clause 5.4(e) of the RQ Club and Venue Licence General Conditions RQ may (acting reasonably) give the club a written direction to take specific actions or refrain from taking specific actions in relation to the operations of the Club or Licensed Venue; and the club must comply with any direction given by RQ under the clause.

## 3. General Requirements

The Venue Minimum Standard considers other regulatory and statutory requirements; however, it does not address these requirements in its entirety and Clubs must consider the relevant codes and associated regulatory and statutory requirements when acquiring or constructing new and existing facilities and assets. Below is a list of codes/legislation Clubs may need to consider. Please note this is not a comprehensive list and there may be other requirements Clubs need to consider.

Australian Building Standards

National Construction Code

Queensland Development code

Building fire safety regulation

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## 4. Definitions

Sound Condition	Able to support reasonable and anticipated loading or weather conditions, with no major defect, deteriorations, structural problems, asset failure or environmental and health and safety issues.
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## 5. Venue Minimum Standards

### 5.1 Sand Tracks

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Track Structure	<p><b>Base</b></p> <p>The base must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>formed and shaped using a suitable material; road-base or clay. There must be no soft spots.</li> <li>graded to the identical grades and cambers to reflect the track profile being 100mm (150mm for future tracks/major renovations).</li> <li>compacted to industry, RQ or AS 3798-2007 as a minimum standard.</li> <li>The base and the track sand must be separated by a geotextile membrane (bidum geo fabric).</li> </ul> <p><b>Track Profile</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The racing surface profile is to be a minimum of 100mm deep consistently across the track (150mm for future tracks/renovations).</li> <li>Track surface grades must be maintained within the specified tolerances at all times; (-10 mm/+20 mm).</li> <li>Drains must be constructed with sufficient capacity to promptly remove flows arising from typical rainfall events.</li> </ul>																					
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Track Sand that is selected for use on any track must be tested, analysed and approved by RQ before application; and All deliveries of Track Sand for use in renovations must be pre-tested and verified by RQ prior to application.</li> </ul>
<b>Presentation and Condition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tracks must be presented in a smooth, consistent and even condition free of any debris, stones or rocks.</li> <li>Under normal climatic conditions, the track must be safe and consistent for all dogs at all times, free of depressions or major undulations.</li> <li>Track Sand and profile must be consistent and maintained in a condition which allows water to infiltrate vertically at all times.</li> </ul>

## 5.2 Grass Tracks

Item	Minimum Standard
<b>Track Structure</b>	<p><b>Base</b></p> <p>The base must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Formed, shaped and consolidated using a suitable material; road-base or clay. There must be no soft spots.</li> <li>To be graded to match the finished level super elevations with a profile depth circa 200mm.</li> </ul> <p><b>Track Profile</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The turf is to be presented at a height of no longer than 65mm.</li> <li>Drains must be constructed with sufficient capacity to promptly remove flows arising from typical rainfall events.</li> </ul>
<b>Turf Surface</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All turf surfaces are of high density, smooth, free of scalping and weed free.</li> </ul>
<b>Presentation and Condition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tracks must present a uniform dense mat of turf capable of withstanding the rigors of greyhound trialing and racing schedule.</li> <li>Under normal climatic conditions, the track provides a safe and consistent surface for all users at all times.</li> <li>Turf is in optimum health with a strong root system and seasonal leaf growth.</li> </ul>

## 5.3 Irrigation Management

Item	Minimum Standard
<b>Fixed Irrigation System</b>	<p><b>Pipework</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All pipe work to be suitable for irrigation use; and</li> <li>For uniform spray, the club must have two (2) ring mains one on the inner side of the track and the other on the outer side of the track.</li> </ul> <p><b>Sprinklers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sprinklers are to be gear driven pop-ups, impact type or shrub head with MP rotors or equivalent.</li> <li>Installed on risers that enable general maintenance to be undertaken.</li> <li>Installed so as throw is not obstructed by fixed objects such as railings or fencing.</li> <li>Spacing of sprinkler heads to be uniform to ensure full coverage of the track. Sprinklers must irrigate 10% greater than the head spacing.</li> </ul> <p><b>Controller</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be hard wired with battery backup.</li> <li>To have the capacity for future extensions that may include an on-site weather station.</li> <li>To have the capacity for multiple programs with multiple start times per program.</li> </ul>

<b>Water Trucks / Carts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For sand tracks, a water truck or cart (preferred) must be mounted with a minimum 3000L molded plastic tank with external pump capable of delivering water through spray bar or dust suppression nozzle.</li> <li>Water Truck or Cart must have wide tread load dispersing or floatation type wheels.</li> <li>Water truck must be roadworthy.</li> </ul>
<b>Manual Watering</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Areas of the track not covered by fixed irrigation, Water Truck or Cart must have tap and hose fittings to allow manual watering, predominantly for areas such as starting boxes, synthetic grassed areas and smaller areas.</li> </ul>

## 5.4 Lure System – a) Cable

<b>Item</b>	<b>Minimum Standard</b>
<b>Type</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The lure system is to be a steel cable with a fibre core system with the cable installed above the running rail.</li> </ul>
<b>Motor</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Variable speed electric drive motor fitted with brake resistor or the new Safechase battery lure system designed by Steriline.</li> <li>All motors must be installed and operated within a cage or protective cover.</li> </ul>
<b>Rail and Posts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The rail and posts must be constructed from mild steel.</li> <li>The alignment of the rail must be free from any changes in height or alignment, gaps, rust, dents or damage.</li> <li>Rail and posts appear well maintained and painted condition.</li> <li>The rail height from the racing surface must meet the following specifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ allow sufficient room for the lure trolley to operate without interference.</li> <li>➤ top of rail to racing surface or concrete plinth 420mm to 450mm preferred.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Cable</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The cable must be a steel 6mm or 8mm diameter with a hemp fiber core.</li> <li>A spare cable must be onsite and maintained above ground and out of sand or dirt.</li> </ul>
<b>Rollers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rollers must consist of vertical and horizontal installation.</li> <li>Rollers must be sourced from an approved RQ supplier or manufacturer.</li> <li>All rollers must be manufactured as a single solid construction.</li> <li>All rollers must be in a free rotating condition indicating no bearing damage and no cable wear marks deeper than 6mm into the roller casing.</li> </ul>
<b>Lure Arm and Trolley</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The club must have two lure hoop arms (includes one spare) and two lure trolleys (includes one spare) as approved by RQ.</li> <li>Covers over the lure carriage to prevent injuries to greyhounds for finish on lure racing.</li> </ul>
<b>Safety Rail</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safety rails must be installed at all tracks.</li> <li>Safety rails should sit no more than 200mm above the lure rail and be continual (no gaps); where gaps are evident, a risk assessment must be completed and adequate control measures implemented as appropriate.</li> <li>The safety rail must be manufactured from a suitable rigid, yet flexible material in order to minimize injury from contact.</li> <li>Must be steel or plastic that is rectangular in shape or rolled.</li> </ul>

## 5.4 Lure System – b) Drag

Item	Minimum Standard
Lure Motor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electric drive motor with breaking for return arm.</li> <li>All motors must be installed and operated within a cage or protective cover.</li> </ul>
Return Arm Motor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electric drive motor.</li> <li>All motors must be installed and operated within a cage or protective cover.</li> </ul>
Return Arm Rail and Posts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The rail and posts must be constructed from mild steel.</li> <li>The alignment of the rail must be free from any changes in height or alignment, gaps, rust, dents or damage.</li> <li>Rail and posts appear well maintained and painted condition.</li> </ul>
Lure Rope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The lure rope must be 4mm eight plait polyester sailing rope.</li> <li>A spare rope must be present at all times.</li> </ul>
Return Arm Rollers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rollers must consist of vertical and horizontal installation.</li> <li>All rollers must be manufactured as a single solid construction.</li> <li>All rollers must be in a free rotating condition indicating no bearing damage and no cable wear marks deeper than 6mm into the roller casing.</li> </ul>
Lure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The club must have two lures (includes one spare).</li> </ul>
Safety Rail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safety rails must be installed at all tracks.</li> <li>Safety rails should sit no more than 200mm above the return lure rail.</li> <li>The safety rail must be manufactured from a suitable rigid, yet flexible material in order to minimize injury from contact.</li> <li>Must be steel or plastic that is rectangular in shape or rolled.</li> </ul>
Lure Guide Cable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The guide must be a steel cable.</li> <li>The cable must be &lt;5mm in diameter.</li> <li>The cable must be anchored into the ground and tightened sufficiently that it runs flat along the ground to prevent the potential of greyhound injuries.</li> </ul>

## 5.5 Starting Boxes

Item	Minimum Standard
Specification	<p>All starting boxes must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>sourced from an approved RQ supplier or manufacturer.</li> <li>structurally sound with sorry no obvious sharp edges or surfaces.</li> <li>internal rubber installed providing a consistent and safe surface.</li> <li>Installed on a concrete pad, 6m in length x 5m in width x 100mm in depth (note this includes measurements for grass matting).</li> </ul>
Function	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All rear doors, be it roller or latch type, are lubricated, fully functional and must not catch or stick.</li> <li>All boxes must operate (open and close) pneumatically.</li> <li>Front lid, rear door and starting mechanism are fully functional.</li> </ul>

<b>Trip Starts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trip starts must be fitted on the rail at each start to ensure the boxes are tripped at the appropriate time.</li> <li>• In the event a trip start becomes faulty during a meeting, all boxes must have the ability for manual operations.</li> </ul>
<b>External Presentation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All boxes must appear in a well maintained, painted condition with clear colours and numbers displayed.</li> </ul>
<b>Electrical and Lights</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All lights must be operational - flashing amber/red and green lights.</li> </ul>

## 5.6 Synthetic Grass Matting

<b>Item</b>	<b>Minimum Standard</b>
<b>Specification</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The synthetic grass installed in front of all starting boxes must meet the following specifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Pile height: 40mm +/- 5%;</li> <li>➤ Polypropylene woven UV stabilized backing; and</li> <li>➤ Green in colour.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Infill and Top-dress Material</b>	<p><b>Rubber Crumb &amp; Sand</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1-2mm recycled rubber crumb in black or green.</li> <li>• Infill sand must be fine or medium washed, kiln dried or graded silica sand.</li> <li>• Track sand must not to be used as infill on synthetic grass mats.</li> <li>• The above products used either separately or in combination are to be placed into the synthetic grass mats to a depth on no more than 30mm ensuring 10mm of grass pile is visible.</li> </ul>
<b>Installation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The synthetic grass mat is to be installed onto a concrete slab preferably 3m in length x 5m in width (at least the width of the boxes) x 100mm in depth.</li> <li>• Absorption rubber sheeting 24mm in thickness is to be placed on the concrete slab and directly beneath the synthetic grass.</li> </ul>

## 5.7 Catching Pen

<b>Item</b>	<b>Minimum Standard</b>
<b>Specification</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The catching pen must be a minimum of 9m in length and equal to or wider than the width of the track to allow all dogs to enter unobstructed.</li> <li>• There must be no exposed sharp, jagged or damaged corners or panels.</li> <li>• Grass shall not be used within catching pens.</li> </ul>
<b>Gate Design</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The gate must be a non-return gate, approximately 1.5m in height and constructed with material to restrict greyhound visibility of outside areas.</li> <li>• The gate shall be fitted with a flap mechanism which allows the lure arm to move past without interference.</li> <li>• The gate mechanism must be safe to operate and in sound condition.</li> </ul>
<b>Safety Padding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Padding must be fitted to the catching pen gate on the front facing side of the catching pen.</li> <li>• Padding must be a minimum of 50mm thick and covered with canvas, vinyl or a similar material.</li> <li>• Padding must be installed on all internal faces of fence within the catching pen</li> </ul>



<b>Catching Pen Sand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Catching Pen Sand must match the track sand profile and/or medium coarse sand approved by RQ for grass tracks.</li> <li>The Catching Pen Sand must be a minimum of 200mm deep.</li> <li>The Catching Pen Sand must be free of any debris or gravel particles larger than 3mm.</li> <li>The surface must be even and consistent, free of encroaching vegetation.</li> <li>The interface between the track surface and the catching pen sand must not present any tripping hazard such as changes in level.</li> </ul>
<b>Water Management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The catching pen sand profile must be presented with sufficient water content that assists greyhounds in pulling up, during all racing and trial usage.</li> <li>A fixed sprinkler system must be operational to maintain the sand in a moist and damp condition.</li> <li>A tap or similar hose fitting is required to manually water the catching pen if necessary.</li> </ul>

## 5.8 Track Fences and Gates

Item	Minimum Standard
<b>Specification</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fences are to be placed and installed in accordance with manufacturers and/or supplier's specifications.</li> <li>Round or flat top fencing only, no security type fencing (with spike or wire tops) permitted on the track or in the animal precincts.</li> <li>Padding must be installed on all bends and turns and/or as determined by RQ.</li> <li>Padding must be a minimum of 50mm thick foam, covered with vinyl.</li> <li>Fence padding must be equal to or higher than the height of the fence.</li> <li>Padding attached to the catching pen fencing must be no less than 0.9m in height.</li> <li>Outside fence must be constructed from colourbond, corrugated tin or similar. Chainwire fencing, timber and pipe rail are not suitable fencing material.</li> <li>Separation between the track and public/patron areas including the use of mesh fencing where required to further restrict access to the track.</li> </ul>
<b>Height</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fence and gate heights must be high enough to assist dogs sight line and retain dogs where possible inside the track confines, recommended heights are detailed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Outside fences in straight where no impact to broadcasting must be at least 0.4m high;</li> <li>➤ Outside fences in other sections must be at least 0.6m high; and</li> <li>➤ Fencing leading into or from the catching pen must be no higher than 1.8m.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Presentation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All components (posts, rail and fittings) must be kept in sound condition to ensure structural integrity.</li> <li>Fence posts must be upright and in sound condition to ensure the rail/top line of the fence/rail is level.</li> <li>Rails must be completely straight where appropriate with smooth sweeping radii on the bends with no exposed pins or joint protrusions.</li> </ul>

## 5.9 Perimeter/ Other Fencing

Item	Minimum Standard
<b>Specifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A perimeter fence of the complex/racecourse venue is required to contain a loose animal within the facility and/or to prevent entry of unwanted animals including wildlife. If exclusion fencing for feral animals is installed, the posts must be capped (any intermediate posts should be full height) and fixed into the ground, the fence must be constructed with mesh (not plain wire strands).</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Barbed wire is not permitted on the track or fencing in any horse precinct.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electric fencing is not permitted on race day.</li> <li>Fencing must be in place to provide separation from all restricted areas including track, officials and animal precincts.</li> </ul>

Item	Minimum Standard
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suitable fencing design such as crowd barrier fencing, diamond or chain wire mesh fencing is acceptable (ring lock; knotted apron hinge joint with large spacing) is not acceptable along the mounting yard).</li> <li>Minimum height of fencing is 1.2m above natural ground.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fences must be placed and installed in accordance with manufacturers and/ or suppliers' specifications.</li> </ul>

## 5.10 Lighting

Item	Minimum Standard
<b>Specification</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Track lighting specifications if applicable are subject to each clubs broadcasting agreement.</li> </ul>
<b>Back-up Power Supply</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Backup power supply (e.g. diesel generator) must be functional and be maintained on site for all twilight and night race meetings.</li> <li>The generator's kVA must be sufficient to operate at least 10% lighting capacity to allow safe navigation of the track and subsequent exit by greyhound and participants in the event of a power failure.</li> </ul>
<b>Emergency Lighting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emergency lighting must be installed in the buildings (i.e. stewards rooms), the kennel block and parking area to provide lights in the event of power disruption during a night race meeting, training and/or in the event of an emergency such as a fire.</li> </ul>

## 5.11 Kennel Area

Item	Minimum Standard
<b>Kennel Area</b>	<p>The kennel area must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be completely fenced and signed to restrict unauthorised access,</li> <li>Be well ventilated,</li> <li>Provide access to clean fresh/potable water,.</li> <li>Have flush mounted ceiling lights with covers or other fluorescent/ LED fitting.</li> <li>Have an early warning detection system installed – such as smoke and/or fire alarms,</li> <li>Be presented in a clean and tidy state for all race meetings</li> </ul>
<b>Kennel Bays</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kennel Bays must have at least ten bays.</li> <li>Swab bays to cater to maximum races to sample every winner.</li> <li>Each bay must be separated from another, lockable and viewable by licensees and authorities</li> <li>Each Kennel Bay must have at least eight kennels located on ground level.</li> <li>The minimum kennel dimensions are height 1m, width 0.8m and length 1m.</li> <li>Individual kennels must have solid sides, non-slip flooring and roofing.</li> </ul>
<b>Air-Conditioning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There must be an operational air conditioning system</li> <li>The air conditioning system must be able to achieve and maintain temperatures between 20-22 degrees Celsius</li> <li>Clubs must consider the size of the kenneling area, number of greyhounds kenneled and race day activity in determining a suitable air conditioning system to maintain the required temperatures throughout the Kennel Area.</li> </ul>

<b>Wash Bays</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A minimum of four wash bays (eight wash bays preferable) must be within the Kennel Area.</li> <li>• Provide good drainage to prevent pooling of water.</li> <li>• All wash bays must have a separate hose with clean and cool/potable water application.</li> <li>• Walls must be free from scum/slime/mold etc and in sound condition.</li> </ul>
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## 5.12 Swabbing & Veterinary Facilities

Item	Minimum Standard
<b>Swabbing Facility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swabbing facility must be separate to the veterinary and treatment facility and completely lockable.</li> <li>• The size of the room must accommodate one licensee, one swab attendant and one greyhound at any one time and allow adequate space for swab attendant to conduct the swab.</li> <li>• The air conditioning system must maintain room temperatures of 20-22 degrees Celsius</li> <li>• Must have a sink with running potable water, hand wash soap dispenser, paper towel, approved sharp's container and lined rubbish bins.</li> <li>• Must have a lockable refrigerator to store samples and an adequate workbench for swab attendant to carry out duties.</li> <li>• Lockable cupboards to store sampling equipment and veterinary items.</li> <li>• Flush mounted ceiling lights with covers or other fluorescent/ LED fitting.</li> </ul>
<b>Veterinary Facility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Veterinary facility must be separate to the swabbing facility.</li> <li>• The size of the room must accommodate one licensee, one vet and one greyhound at any one time and allow adequate space for Vet to conduct their duties.</li> <li>• The air conditioning system must maintain room temperatures of 20-22 degrees Celsius</li> <li>• Must have a sink with running potable water (hot and cold), hand wash soap dispenser, paper towel, approved sharp's container and lined rubbish bins.</li> <li>• Must have ample workbench and examination table for vet to carry out duties and refrigerated storage facilities.</li> <li>• Lockable box freezer.</li> <li>• Flush mounted ceiling lights with covers or other fluorescent/ LED fitting.</li> </ul>
<b>Animal Ambulance and Privacy Screen</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A roadworthy vehicle for the transportation of greyhounds containing a large stretcher.</li> <li>• Two privacy screens constructed of suitable opaque material (canvas, vinyl or similar), NB. Blue/grey, plastic type low gsm (polyethylene) tarpaulins are not suitable. The screens must be available on site and dimensions must be 6m(l) x 2.5m(h).</li> <li>• One screen to be kept at the winning post. The second screen is to be kept in the animal ambulance.</li> </ul>

## 5.13 Scales Area

Item	Minimum Standard
<b>Size and Composition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Room size must accommodate up to eight handlers, eight greyhounds, three Stewards, two club officials and one vet.</li> <li>• This area must contain one Greyhound Inspection Ramp, one set of Greyhound Scales, one Table and two Steward Chairs, one Table and two Club Official Chairs at any one time.</li> </ul>
<b>Scales</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A valid scales calibration certificate must be on display at all times illustrating calibration has been completed within a 6-month period.</li> </ul>
<b>Greyhound Inspection Ramp</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inspection Ramp must not be too steep and provide a suitable non-slip surface.</li> <li>• The length and width of the ramp must allow sufficient space for the vet to check the greyhound without creating a risk that the greyhound may fall.</li> </ul>

<b>Ventilation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Room must have adequate ventilation throughout race day events.</li> <li>• If air-conditioning system is installed, the system must maintain room temperatures of 20-22 degrees Celsius.</li> <li>• Flush mounted ceiling lights with covers or other fluorescent/ LED fitting.</li> </ul>
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## 5.14 Judges/Broadcast facilities and equipment

Item	Minimum Standard
<b>Size and Composition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The judges facility must meet Australian Building Standards and ensure safe access when carrying equipment or provide a winch where applicable (i.e. to lift equipment up to camera level).</li> <li>• Multi-level facility or multiple towers/facilities to accommodate all necessary raceday official roles – judging staff (including photo finish operator), broadcast/race caller, lateral camera operator and chief steward (Non TAB).</li> <li>• Room size must accommodate a minimum of two judging staff</li> <li>• Room must contain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Two chairs and two monitors.</li> <li>➢ Surveyed, unobstructed and secured ledge/camera mount for the photo finish camera.</li> <li>➢ An operating photo finish camera, installed to the suppliers/manufacturers specs.</li> <li>➢ An operating computer connected to the photo finish camera with the latest version of QRIC approved photo finish application operating.</li> <li>➢ Work bench/ table to accommodate photo finish computer.</li> <li>➢ Two double GPO (power outlets).</li> <li>➢ Operating air conditioning or adequate ventilation including cooling aids if required (e.g. pedestal fan).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The judges facility must be fitted with a Lightning Protection system that meets the requirements of AS/NZS 1768, which must be inspected and certified every 24 months.</li> <li>• The judges tower must be earthed.</li> <li>• The judges facility must provide clear/unobstructed viewing of the entire track.</li> <li>• The judges facilities must have sufficient protection from the elements (when windows are open for carrying out raceday/trial operations).</li> <li>• Sufficient elevation (at least 6 meters unless RQ approve otherwise).</li> <li>• In line or as close as possible with the finish post (surveyed line) and positioned/constructed to allow all officials to clearly view the race and the finish.</li> <li>• Suitable communication (via phone or two-way radio – both of which must be closed channel) with Chief Steward.</li> <li>• Separate room/booth for the broadcast/announcer – with PA system equipment to facilitate on-course calling of races.</li> <li>• Broadcast area/room must provide clear viewing of the entire track and sufficient space for at least one person – guideline of 2m2.</li> </ul>
<b>Photo Finish Mirror</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mirror installed in surveyed position.</li> <li>• Mirror to be clean and in sound condition with no fractures.</li> <li>• Minimum height to enable mirrored image to show the entire width of track (i.e. inside rail to outside fence / rail);</li> <li>• Survey marker on inside and outside of track to enable realignment.</li> </ul>
<b>Semaphore Board &amp; Sectional Timing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Functional and structurally sound, electronic semaphore board displaying 300mm characters, four place getters, time, margins and sectional times.</li> <li>• Must have functional sectional timing installed for all greyhound box starts and photo finish post.</li> </ul>

## 5.15 Preview Enclosure

Item	Minimum Standard
Specifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preview enclosure must be completely fenced, at least 1m in height and gated with signs to restrict unauthorised access.</li> <li>The area must present a level surface (grass, sand or dirt) with sufficient space to accommodate eight dogs and their handlers. i.e. 10m of walking track at least 1.5m wide.</li> </ul>

## 5.16 Stewards Room

Item	Minimum Standard
Size and Composition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appropriate table and seating to accommodate four persons.</li> <li>Operating communication system between Stewards and Judges.</li> <li>Lockable cabinet.</li> <li>Minimum of two televisions and multi-angle digital replay system.</li> <li>Minimum of one monitor to display TAB fluctuations.</li> <li>Minimum of two double power outlets.</li> <li>Operating air-conditioning system.</li> </ul>

## 5.17 Stewards/ Lure Driver Viewing Areas and Fixed Cameras

Item	Minimum Standard
Specifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stewards/lure driver tower/s must meet Australian Building Standards and ensure safe access when carrying equipment or provide a winch where applicable (i.e. to lift equipment up to camera level).</li> <li>Provide viewing above track level.</li> <li>Stewards/camera- provide a head on view to the home straight, back straight and lateral viewing.</li> <li>Roofing to provide protection from the elements.</li> <li>Fitted with a Lightning protection system that meets the requirements of AS/NZS 1768 - must be inspected and certified every 24 months.</li> <li>If power is installed, the tower must be earthed.</li> <li>Towers/viewing areas located at venues that conduct night racing must have lighting that provides clear viewing of the access pathway/s and the access stairs/steps (e.g.garden path lights).</li> <li>Fixed cameras (for Stewards' footage) must be positioned to provide necessary lateral viewing.</li> </ul>

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