Local Rule Definitions:
"Integrity Hearing Panel (IHP)" means the sub-committee appointed by the Board to hear Serious Offences.

“Serious Offence” means a breach of these Rules which is deemed to be a serious offence for the purposes of these Rules, as specified in LR 116(3).

Greyhound Racing SA Integrity Hearings Panel

LR 115 Appointments and Functions

(1) The GRSA Board may:
   (a) appoint not less than three persons to constitute the Integrity Hearings Panel (the “IHP”);
   (b) appoint from amongst the persons appointed under LR 115(1)(a):
      (i) a Chair of the IHP; and
   (c) define the office and remuneration of persons appointed to constitute the IHP.

(2) The function of the IHP is to hear and determine:
   (a) appeals from the decisions of GRSA Directors in exercising any power conferred on Stewards by the Rules;
   (b) charges laid by the Stewards pursuant to LR 116(3) and other charges in accordance with Serious Offences; and
   (c) notwithstanding LR 116(1) or any other rule, any matter referred to it by the GRSA Directors, either of the Directors’ own motion or upon a recommendation from the Stewards.

(3) To hear and determine any of the matters referred to in LR 115(2), the IHP must be constituted as follows:
   (a) for any proceeding in respect of a charge for a Serious Offence where a charged person has not indicated prior to the hearing that he or she will plead guilty to the charge (or charges if there is more than one charge): by a panel of three members of the IHP selected by the Chair, and which must include the Chair;
   (b) for any proceeding:
      (i) in respect of a charge for a Serious Offence where the charged person(s) has (or have) indicated prior to the hearing that he or she (or they) will plead guilty to the charge (or all charges if there is more than one charge); or
      (ii) pursuant to any matter referred in accordance with LR 115(2)(c):

LR 116 Charges for hearing and determination under LR 115(2)(c)

(1) Notwithstanding anything else to the contrary in the Rules, the Committee of any Racing Club or the Stewards or the Directors in exercising any power conferred on the Stewards must not hear or determine any matter or penalise any person relating to a Serious Offence, unless having been delegated that responsibility as expressly directed by the IHP Chair.
(2) The Stewards or the Board may charge a person or Club with a Serious Offence.

(3) The following Rules and GAR’s, if breached are deemed to be Serious Offences under these Rules:

(a) GAR 83;

(b) GAR 86(c) to GAR86(l) (inclusive);

(c) GAR 86(m) & (n), where such conduct is in respect of a GAR or Rule that is a Serious Offence;

(d) GAR 86(o), except where such conduct was negligent only;

(e) GAR 86(p), (q), (r), (s), (x), (v), (aa), (ad), (ae), (af), (ag) (ah) & (ai)

(f) GAR 87;

(g) GAR 88;

(h) GAR 91;

(i) GAR 94;

(j) GAR 104(7);

(k) GAR 106(1) & (2);

(l) such other Rules and GAR’s expressly stated as being Serious Offences;

(m) such other Rules and GAR’s deemed by the Board to be a Serious Offence (as the Board may declare in writing from time to time)

(4) Any conduct of a greyhound which gives rise of an Offence under these Rules is deemed to be an Offence applicable to the Owner and/or Trainer of that greyhound.

(5) In any case where the Stewards have decided to lay a charge pursuant to LR 116(3), the Stewards must provide to the person a notice of charge specifying:

(i) the offence; and

(ii) the particulars of the facts and circumstances relating to the alleged commission of the offence.

(a) In conjunction with the notice of charge referred to in LR 116(5)(i), the Stewards must provide to the person charged by the Stewards copies of any complaint, report, videotape evidence, witness statements and other evidence which will be relied upon to support the charge.

(b) The Stewards must provide the Chair of the IHP a copy of the notice of the charge and any material that accompanied the notice referred to in LR 116(5)(ii) as soon as reasonability practicable after the notice of charge has been provided to the person charged by the Stewards.

(6) Upon receipt of the materials referred to in LR 116(5)(b), the Stewards must as soon as reasonably practicably notify both the person charged and the IHP of the date of the hearing.

(7) If in relation to a charge pursuant of LR 116(3), the Stewards are of the opinion that there is no reasonable prospect of a conviction being secured, then the Stewards must:
(a) provide a notice of withdrawal of the charge to the Chair of the IHP accompanied with the reasons supporting the withdrawal; and

(b) provide a copy of those reasons to the person charged by the Stewards,

(8) If more than one charge has been laid against a person arising out of the same set of circumstances and any of those charges have been laid pursuant to LR 116(3), all of the matters the subject of the charges must be heard and determined by the IHP.

(9) If a charge has been laid against more than one person arising out of the same set of circumstances and any of those persons has been charged pursuant to LR 116(3), all of the matters the subject of the charges must be heard and determined by the IHP.

(10) Where LR 116(6) or (7) applies, the requirements of LR 116(5), (6) and (7) will apply with respect to all charges to be heard and determined by the IHP.

LR 117 Conduct of proceedings

(1) The IHP is bound by the rules of natural justice.

(2) Hearings by the IHP in the first instance will be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Racing and in accordance with any other procedures as specified by the IHP.

(3) Subject to the requirements of procedural fairness, the IHP may:

(a) if the parties to a proceeding have been advised of the date, time and venue of a hearing, conduct the hearing in the presence of the parties, or with only some of the parties or without any of the parties.

(b) hear evidence by telephone, closed circuit television or video links;

(c) allow the evidence of a Steward or GRSA Official to be given on the notes of evidence taken by the Steward or GRSA Official;

(d) conduct a proceeding on the case stated by the parties to the proceeding;

(e) conduct the re-hearing of a matter by affidavit, statutory declaration or oral evidence.

(4) The IHP is not required to conduct a hearing as a de novo hearing.

(5) A party to a proceeding before the IHP who seeks legal representation must comply with the provisions of LR 81.

(6) The IHP may dismiss a proceeding without a hearing if it is satisfied that the proceeding is frivolous, vexatious, misconceived or lacking substance.

(7) The IHP must give reasons for any decision made in relation to a matter before it, and whether oral or written, such reasons form part of the record of the proceedings in which the decision is made.

(8) If the IHP gives oral reasons, a party may, within 7 days of the decision, request the IHP to give written reasons in which case, the IHP must comply with the request within 7 days after the request was made.

(9) Except as otherwise required by these Rules, the IHP may regulate its own procedure in respect of any proceedings before it.

LR 118 Powers of the IHP

(1) The IHP may in the hearing of determination of any matter:

(a) draw inferences of fact;
(b) penalise any person, and for that purpose a reference in the Rules to any penalty by the Directors, the Stewards or Committee of a Racing Club which includes a penalty by the IHP; and

(c) order the refund of any Prize Money paid;

(d) make any order as to the registration, breeding or kennelling of any greyhound; and

(e) give any judgement or decision or make such order as in the IHP’s opinion the justice of the case requires.

(2) The powers of the IHP may be exercised against all or any other person or persons considered by the IHP to be in breach of the Rules notwithstanding that he or she or they may not be party to any proceedings or may not have been dealt with by such Stewards, Committee of a Racing Club or GRSA Directors provided that due notice is given to him or her by the IHP of its intention to investigate and deal with the matter in relation to him or her.

(3) The IHP may make any interim orders it thinks fit in any proceedings before the IHP.

(4) The Chair of the IHP may give directions in relation to the operation or procedure of the IHP.

(a) Any direction made by the Chair of the IHP must not be inconsistent with the Rules.

(6) Any person guilty of improper or insulting behaviour at any time towards the IHP or any member thereof or person in attendance at a hearing of the IHP may be penalised by the IHP as it thinks fit.

(7) Any person who fails to abide by any decision of the IHP, including any order imposing a Penalty or requiring a refund of any Prize Money paid, shall be guilty of a Serious Offence.

(7) All decisions of the IHP are final subject only to any further rights of appeal provided for by the Racing Appeals Tribunal.