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## MEDIA RELEASE

### MANDURAH 490 METRE EVENTS

Greyhounds WA has conducted a survey of the Mandurah track following the remedial work undertaken in April to various sections of the running rail. The survey confirmed the race distances of 302m, 405m and 647m as being correct; however the 492 metre distance was found to be exactly 490 metres.

Whilst the recent re-shaping of the rail may have influenced this discrepancy, it would appear that the original track survey conducted in 2006 following the completion of the new 599 metre circumference track may have been incorrect for this start point.

Changes required in the RWWA Greyhound Racing System and on-course signage have been completed to reflect the correct distance. The 490 metre distance is now being quoted for all events over that distance effective from Friday 1 October 2010.

It is important to note that the positioning of the 490 metre starting box has not been altered in any way as part of this process. Greyhounds competing from that start point are, in effect, racing over the same distance to what they have done since the new track first opened in November 2006.

RWWA and Greyhounds WA have agreed that the historical details for greyhounds previously competing in events quoted as 492 metres should not be altered as those events were advertised and conducted over a distance believed to be 492 metres at that time.

The result of the distance change is that statistical data provided in the Greyhounds WA racebook, TABform, *The West Australian* and other form publications for events conducted over 492 metres will not initially be shown for greyhounds now competing over 490 metres. These statistics will gradually build as greyhounds compete over the new distance. Where possible, Mandurah box statistics published in Greyhounds WA racebooks and TABform will include 492 metre statistics until such time as a reasonable number of 490 metre events have been conducted. In the meantime the 492 metre box statistics are a true reflection of events to be conducted over the new distance given there has been no physical change to that start point.

Track and race records over 490 metres will commence from the first running of events over that distance.

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