



RACING AND WAGERING WESTERN AUSTRALIA

# **RWWA RACING AIMS AND GRADING POLICY**

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## **1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Racing Aims and Grading Policy, first introduced in 1995, was originally developed by the Western Australian Greyhound Racing Association (WAGRA) to provide the industry with a clear set of racing aims, policies and grading rules.

These policies and rules were reviewed, refined and added to by WAGRA management in consultation with the industry via the Greyhound Racing Grading Review Panel (GRGRP). Following the formation of Racing and Wagering Western Australia (RWVA) on 1 August 2003, this role was assumed by RWVA as the new controlling authority and the review process continues.

This re-issue of the RWVA Racing Aims and Grading Policy has been updated, in the main, to reflect the changes required as part of the OzChase Greyhound Racing System development.

Whilst every attempt has been made to cover as many racing and grading situations as possible, there is the possibility that some situations may not be documented.

Any future amendments to the RWVA Racing Aims and Grading Policy will be advertised in Racing Calendars, other industry publications and in any other manner deemed appropriate by RWVA. Update documentation and the latest version of this policy are always available on the RWVA website – [www.rwva.com.au](http://www.rwva.com.au).

This RWVA Racing Aims and Grading Policy, in conjunction with the RWVA Rules of Greyhound Racing, provides all interested industry participants with a comprehensive set of policies and rules to govern most racing related situations in the greyhound racing industry in WA. It will be in the best interest of all associated with the industry if participants attempt to gain even a basic understanding of these policies and rules.



## **2.0 RACING**

### **2.1. RACING AIMS**

To establish and maintain the highest degree of integrity and public confidence in greyhound racing in Western Australia.

To achieve this, our AIMS are to:

- Ensure the financial viability of the industry
- Encourage increased participation in terms of ownership, training, breeding, sponsorship, betting turnover and on-course attendance
- Promote the highest standard of racing possible and encourage excellence.

### **2.2. RACING POLICY**

To demonstrate fairness to all greyhounds and participants by adherence to documented procedures.

To encourage the best greyhounds to be drawn to compete in the best races for the highest stake money.

To heighten the profile of greyhound racing.

To ensure the programming of races is designed to satisfy the requirements of the Racing Aims.

## **3.0 GRADING**

### **3.1. GRADING AIMS**

To provide a clear and demonstrable Order of Choice to be used in the grading of race fields.

To simplify and expedite the grading process for the Grader.

To provide an initial grading for greyhounds which have competed elsewhere in Australia.

### **3.2. GRADING POLICY AND RULES**

#### **3.2.1. RACE PROGRAMMING**

##### **3.2.1.1. GENERAL**

The programming of races will be flexible to allow the best greyhounds to compete against each other.

Races will be programmed taking into consideration the following:

- RWWA policy to encourage the best greyhounds to race at the prime wagering meetings
- The fluctuating numbers of greyhounds in certain grades at various times
- The total number and the grades of surplus greyhounds.

Race meeting programmes will be advertised in advance in Racing Calendars, other industry publications and in any other manner deemed appropriate by RWWA.

##### **3.2.1.2. FEATURE EVENTS**

Feature events will be programmed and advertised in advance to enable forward planning by industry participants. Feature event dates and conditions will also be included in Racing Calendars and other industry publications.

##### **3.2.1.3. DISTANCE CHASING**

To foster distance racing in WA, a Middle Distance and a Distance Grade event will be programmed weekly with a Free For All alternating between those distance ranges, wherever possible.

### 3.2.2. GUIDELINES FOR RACE SELECTION

The number of nominations received for programmed races will determine whether these races proceed and where insufficient nominations are received for the races programmed at any race meeting the following guidelines will apply.

The Grader will, in consultation with the Manager Greyhound Racing or his representative, determine which replacement race(s) will be conducted taking into consideration the following:

- Mixed Grade Races incorporating grades already programmed at that meeting may provide the race(s) required
- Racing opportunities that may or may not be available for greyhounds of any grade at meetings yet to be graded that week
- The Order of Choice ranking for greyhounds of any grade initially not gaining a start or a reserve position in programmed races at the meeting.

### 3.2.3. RACE DISTANCES

Single grade types will apply to events over the following distances in WA:

<b>DISTANCE RANGE</b>	<b>DISTANCES</b>
Sprint ( <i>distances up to and including 560m</i> )	275, 297, 302, 405, 490, 509 & 520m
Middle Distance ( <i>from 561m - 650m inclusive</i> )	588, 600 & 647m
Distance ( <i>from 651m and beyond</i> )	715 & 721m

### 3.2.4. MULTIPLE OWNERSHIP AND TRAINING / GUARDING

All race fields will be determined firstly by the Order of Choice detailed in Section 3.2.8. Guarding of greyhounds owned and/or trained in similar interests will be applied in multiple divisions of any event and in heats and semi-finals of a feature event or non-feature series.

Guarding implies that greyhounds owned and/or trained in similar interests will be separated into different divisions of any event and in heats and semi-finals of a feature event or non-feature series, whenever and wherever possible. The guarding process is completed to a person level, including those within an ownership group, syndicate or racing lease.

The Redraw Policy (see Section 6.0) covers the situation when greyhounds have been incorrectly guarded.

### 3.2.5. GRADING INTERSTATE GREYHOUNDS

The grading system for interstate greyhounds is designed to provide fairness to greyhounds being imported into this State when compared to those presently racing in WA.

The following procedure applies, based upon the career performances of the greyhound:

1. Commencing with its first official start, the greyhound is penalised and awarded in the same manner as if the events were conducted in WA within the Prizemoney Class categories current at the time (to the winner):
  - City Class \$5,501 +
  - Provincial Class \$3,001 - \$5,500
  - Country Class up to \$3,000

No interstate meeting will be classified as non-penalty in WA.

Exceptions will be made when a greyhound contests an interstate Age Classic or such other event which may, or may not, be non-penalty in that State. Those winners will be penalised in the same manner as the equivalent event in WA. Should an event not be considered to have an equivalent in WA, it will be treated as penalty/award.

All Group 1 Races will be treated as City Class events, irrespective of the prizemoney class category.

2. The distances applicable to each grade are as follows:

Sprint Grade	Distances up to and including 560m
Middle Distance Grade	Distances from 561m - 650m inclusive
Distance Grade	Distances from 651m and beyond

3. A greyhound's first win will be penalised as a Maiden win only, irrespective of the distance or type of event contested. Greyhounds winning multiple legs of a Maiden series will be penalised a Maiden win only.
4. The **first two (2)** interstate wins outside of a Maiden will be graded as **Novice** wins in WA. Subsequent wins will be treated as a graded race victory and affect the corresponding class and grade type.
5. Greyhounds will be allocated a City, Provincial and Country Class Grade in each grade type (i.e. Sprint, Middle Distance and Distance Grades) with a determination of whether they are still entitled to win one (1) or two (2) events in those grades.
6. A greyhound cannot be allocated a Provincial Class Grade lower than its City Class Grade, nor can it be allocated a Country Class Grade lower than its Provincial Class Grade in any grade type (except where a Country Grade 6 has been established).
7. A greyhound penalised for any interstate City Class win during its career which has not established a Country Class Grade in the same distance range cannot be graded lower than a Country Grade 4.
8. A greyhound can be graded all the way back to a Country Grade 6 if the drop back conditions have been met.

9. Greyhounds will be allocated grades with any applicable outs (unplaced runs) in each class and grade type.
10. Greyhounds will also be allocated a Wins as a Novice statistic to reflect the number of Novice wins they have been penalised.
11. Greyhounds that have grades allocated after racing in WA and subsequently compete interstate will be re-graded using this policy upon their return to WA.
12. RWWA is empowered to make operational interpretations and implementations of this policy from time to time as interstate grading policies are amended.

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### 3.2.6. GRADING RULES

The Grading Rules contained in this section are written to cover almost all situations. There will be circumstances where a greyhound may be able to win more than the allowable number of races, or may have to run more than the required number of unplaced runs in a “Beat the Grader” situation. These scenarios are explained in more detail in Section 3.2.7.9.

#### 3.2.6.1. QUALIFYING CONDITIONS - MAIDENS

The following qualifying conditions will apply to greyhounds that have not won or been awarded first place in any flat race, heat or final of any official race behind an artificial lure.

##### (a) City (Cannington)

###### City Class Maiden Sprint Grade

- (i) To be eligible to be nominated for a Maiden event, a greyhound must run the time specified in Section (d) or better in a Qualifying Trial.
- (ii) Greyhounds qualified to run at Cannington are allocated a City Sprint Maiden Grade and are also qualified to compete in all Maidens at all tracks.

##### (b) Provincial (Mandurah)

###### Provincial Class Maiden Sprint Grade

- (i) To be eligible to be nominated for a Maiden event, a greyhound must run the time specified in Section (d) or better in a Qualifying Trial.

Greyhounds qualified in City Class are also qualified to compete in Provincial Class.

A greyhound qualifying over 405m or 490m will be allocated a Provincial Sprint Maiden Grade enabling it to compete over all distances in Provincial Sprint Maiden events.

- (ii) Greyhounds qualified to run in a Provincial Sprint Maiden Grade and are also qualified to compete in Country Class Maidens at all tracks over all distances.

**(c) Country**

Country Class Maiden Sprint Grade

- (i) To be eligible to be nominated for a Maiden event, a greyhound must run in a Qualifying Trial and as long as they have not been convicted of marring, failing to pursue or failing to pursue by reason of injury will be allocated a Country Class Maiden Sprint Grade.

Greyhounds qualified in City Class, or Provincial Class are also qualified to compete in Country Class.

**(d) Qualifying Times**

To Qualify for	Cannington		Mandurah	
	520m	380m	405m	490m
City Class	32.00			
Provincial Class		23.00	24.00	29.00

**(e) Requalification**

Maiden greyhounds can requalify at any time and this is recommended for those with no recent placings in their form to elevate them in the Order of Choice.



### 3.2.6.2. CITY CLASS RACING

#### (a) Sprint Grade

##### Maiden Events

For qualified greyhounds as described in Section 3.2.6.1.

##### Juvenile Events

- (i) All greyhounds must be **27 months of age or younger** on the actual date of the event in order to be eligible to compete in any Juvenile event. Qualified Maidens are also eligible for Juvenile events and will gain a start behind all Juvenile Grade greyhounds (i.e. Maiden winners) without unfulfilled commitments. Maiden greyhounds will be graded into a Juvenile event using the City Class Maiden Order of Choice.
- (ii) Greyhounds that have won their Maiden will be eligible to win a maximum of two (2) Juvenile events.
- (iii) Greyhounds may win any number of City, Provincial and Country Class Graded Races and still be eligible to compete in Juvenile events.
- (iv) Unplaced runs in Juvenile events will not count towards dropping a grade.

##### Novice

For winners of a Maiden, or equivalent event.

Greyhounds will be eligible to win a maximum of two (2) Novice events, irrespective of the Class and distance of those wins.

For greyhounds to be eligible for a Novice event they must not have been penalised for a Graded race win. Therefore, to be eligible a greyhound must have all of its Grades at 5 (2 to win) and have not won a Country Grade 6 race.

There is no beating the grader in Novice events, therefore as per Maiden races the Unfulfilled Commitments Policy 3.2.10.1 will not apply.

##### Grade 5

For winners of a Maiden, or equivalent event, or greyhounds returning from Grade 4.

Greyhounds will be eligible to win two (2) of these events before advancing to Grade 4 (subject to 3.2.7.1 (c)).

##### Grade 4, 3, 2 & 1

Greyhounds are allowed one (1) win in each of these grades, except Grade 1, before advancing to the next highest grade.

##### Free For All

Open to Grade 1, 2, 3 or 4 greyhounds (may be a combination of any two (2) or more of these grades).

**(b) Middle Distance Grade & Distance Grade**

**Note:** Middle Distance & Distance Grade are separate grades.

Novice

For winners of a Maiden, or equivalent event.

Greyhounds will be eligible to win a maximum of two (2) Novice events, irrespective of the Class and distance of those wins.

For greyhounds to be eligible for a Novice event they must not have been penalised for a Graded race win. Therefore, to be eligible a greyhound must have all of its Grades at 5 (2 to win) and have not won a Country Grade 6 race.

There is no beating the grader in Novice events, therefore as per Maiden races the Unfulfilled Commitments Policy 3.2.10.1 will not apply.

Grade 5

- i. For winners of a Maiden, or equivalent event, or greyhounds returning from Grade 4.
- ii. Maiden greyhounds are also eligible for these events provided they have a City Maiden Sprint Grade. This eligibility also extends to Mixed 4/5 events. **(Distance Races Only)**
- iii. Maiden greyhounds will gain a start behind all City Grade 5 greyhounds (i.e. Maiden winners) and will be graded using the City Class Maiden Order of Choice.
- iv. Maiden last start placegetters in these events, will be selected behind all City Grade 5 Last start placegetters.
- v. Maiden last start reserves in one of these events will be selected behind Placegetter 2 of last 3 (City)-ranked greyhounds.
- vi. Maiden greyhounds winning one of these events will have that win counted as a Maiden win and will be eligible to win two (2) more Grade 5 events.
- vii. Greyhounds will be eligible to win two (2) of these events before advancing to Grade 4 (subject to 3.2.7.2 (c)).

Grade 4, 3, 2 & 1

Greyhounds are allowed one (1) win in each of these grades, except Grade 1, before advancing to the next highest grade.

Free For All

Open to Grade 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 greyhounds (may be a combination of any two (2) or more of these grades).

### 3.2.6.3. PROVINCIAL CLASS RACING

#### (a) Sprint Grade

##### Maiden Events

For qualified greyhounds as described in Section 3.2.6.1.

##### Juvenile Events

- (i) All greyhounds must be **27 months of age or younger** on the actual date of the event in order to be eligible to compete in any Juvenile event. Qualified Maidens are also eligible for Juvenile events and will gain a start behind all Juvenile Grade greyhounds (i.e. Maiden winners) without unfulfilled commitments. Maiden greyhounds will be graded into a Juvenile event using the Provincial Class Maiden Order of Choice.
- (ii) Greyhounds that have won their Maiden will be eligible to win a maximum of two (2) Juvenile events.
- (iii) Greyhounds may win any number of City, Provincial and Country Class Graded Races and still be eligible to compete in Juvenile events.
- (iv) Unplaced runs in Juvenile events will not count towards dropping a grade.

##### Novice

For winners of a Maiden, or equivalent event.

Greyhounds will be eligible to win a maximum of two (2) Novice events, irrespective of the Class and distance of those wins.

For greyhounds to be eligible for a Novice event they must not have been penalised for a Graded race win. Therefore, to be eligible a greyhound must have all of its Grades at 5 (2 to win) and have not won a Country Grade 6 race.

There is no beating the grader in Novice events, therefore as per Maiden races the Unfulfilled Commitments Policy 3.2.10.1 will not apply.

##### Grade 5

For winners of a Maiden, or equivalent event, or greyhounds returning from Grade 4.

Greyhounds will be eligible to win two (2) of these events before advancing to Grade 4 (subject to 3.2.7.3 (d)).

##### Grades 4, 3, 2 & 1

Greyhounds are allowed one (1) win in each of these grades, except Grade 1, before advancing to the next highest grade.

##### Free For All

Open to Grade 1, 2, 3 or 4 greyhounds (may be a combination of any two (2) or more of these grades).

**(b) Middle Distance Grade**

Novice

For winners of a Maiden, or equivalent event.

Greyhounds will be eligible to win a maximum of two (2) Novice events, irrespective of the Class and distance of those wins.

For greyhounds to be eligible for a Novice event they must not have been penalised for a Graded race win. Therefore, to be eligible a greyhound must have all of its Grades at 5 (2 to win) and have not won a Country Grade 6 race.

There is no beating the grader in Novice events, therefore as per Maiden races the Unfulfilled Commitments Policy 3.2.10.1 will not apply.

Grade 5

- (i) For winners of a Maiden, or equivalent event, or greyhounds returning from Grade 4.
- (ii) Maiden greyhounds are also eligible for these events provided they have a City, Provincial or Country Maiden Sprint Grade. This eligibility also extends to Mixed 4/5 events.

Maiden greyhounds will gain a start behind all Provincial Grade 5 greyhounds (i.e. Maiden winners) and will be graded using the Provincial Class Maiden Order of Choice.

Maiden last start placegetters in these events, or in a Country Grade 5, will be selected behind all Provincial Grade 5 Last start placegetters (Provincial or Country respectively).

Maiden last start reserves in one of these events will be selected behind Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Provincial)-ranked greyhounds.

- (iii) Maiden greyhounds winning one of these events will have that win counted as a Maiden win and will be eligible to win two (2) more Grade 5 events.
- (iv) Greyhounds will be eligible to win two (2) of these events before advancing to Grade 4 (subject to 3.2.7.4 (e)).
- (v) Greyhounds with a City Class Sprint Grade higher than Grade 5 are not eligible to contest Provincial Grade 5 events in the Middle Distance Grade and are graded as City Grade 5 / Provincial Grade 4.

Grades 4, 3, 2 & 1

Greyhounds are allowed one (1) win in each of these grades, except Grade 1, before advancing to the next highest grade.

Free For All

Open to Grade 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 greyhounds (may be a combination of any two (2) or more of these grades).

**(c) Distance Grade**

Novice

For winners of a Maiden, or equivalent event.

Greyhounds will be eligible to win a maximum of two (2) Novice events, irrespective of the Class and distance of those wins.

For greyhounds to be eligible for a Novice event they must not have been penalised for a Graded race win. Therefore, to be eligible a greyhound must have all of its Grades at 5 (2 to win) and have not won a Country Grade 6 race.

There is no beating the grader in Novice events, therefore as per Maiden races the Unfulfilled Commitments Policy 3.2.10.1 will not apply.

Grade 5

For winners of a Maiden, or equivalent event, or greyhounds returning from Grade 4.

Maiden greyhounds can compete under the same conditions of Middle Distance.

Greyhounds will be eligible to win two (2) of these events before advancing to Grade 4 (subject to 3.2.7.5 (d)).

Grades 4, 3, 2 & 1

Greyhounds are allowed one (1) win in each of these grades, except Grade 1, before advancing to the next highest grade.

Free For All

Open to Grade 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 greyhounds (may be a combination of any two (2) or more of these grades).

**3.2.6.4. COUNTRY CLASS RACING**

**(a) Sprint Grade**

Maiden Events

For qualified greyhounds as described in Section 3.2.6.1.

Juvenile Events

- (i) All greyhounds must be **27 months of age or younger** on the actual date of the event in order to be eligible to compete in any Juvenile event. Qualified Maidens are also eligible for Juvenile events and will gain a start behind all Juvenile Grade greyhounds (i.e. Maiden winners) without unfulfilled commitments. Maiden greyhounds will be graded into a Juvenile event using the Country Class Maiden Order of Choice.

- (ii) Greyhounds that have won their Maiden will be eligible to win a maximum of two (2) Juvenile events.
- (iii) Greyhounds may win any number of City, Provincial and Country Class Graded Races and still be eligible to compete in Juvenile events.
- (iv) Unplaced runs in Juveniles will not count towards dropping a grade.

#### Novice

For winners of a Maiden, or equivalent event.

Greyhounds will be eligible to win a maximum of two (2) Novice events, irrespective of the Class and distance of those wins.

For greyhounds to be eligible for a Novice event they must not have been penalised for a Graded race win. Therefore, to be eligible a greyhound must have all of its Grades at 5 (2 to win) and have not won a Country Grade 6 race.

There is no beating the grader in Novice events, therefore as per Maiden races the Unfulfilled Commitments Policy 3.2.10.1 will not apply.

#### Grade 6

For greyhounds that have run three (3) unplaced runs in Country Class Grade 5 events in the same grade and distance category.

Greyhounds will be eligible to win one (1) of these events before advancing back to the Grade 5 status they were at before they dropped to Grade 6.

#### Grade 5

For winners of a Maiden, or equivalent event, or greyhounds returning from Grade 4 or advancing from Grade 6.

Greyhounds will be eligible to win any two (2) of these events before advancing to Grade 4 (subject to 3.2.7.6 (c)).

#### Grades 4, 3, 2 & 1

Greyhounds are allowed one (1) win in each of these grades, except Grade 1, before advancing to the next highest grade.

#### Free For All

Open to Grade 1, 2, 3 or 4 greyhounds (may be a combination of any two (2) or more of these grades).

### **(b) Middle Distance Grade**

#### Novice

For winners of a Maiden, or equivalent event.

Greyhounds will be eligible to win a maximum of two (2) Novice events, irrespective of the Class and distance of those wins.

For greyhounds to be eligible for a Novice event they must not have been penalised for a Graded race win. Therefore, to be eligible a greyhound must have all of its Grades at 5 (2 to win) and have not won a Country Grade 6 race.

There is no beating the grader in Novice events, therefore as per Maiden races the Unfulfilled Commitments Policy 3.2.10.1 will not apply.

#### Grade 6

For greyhounds that have run three (3) unplaced runs in Country Class Grade 5 events in the same grade and distance category.

Greyhounds will be eligible to win one (1) of these events before advancing back to the Grade 5 status they were at before they dropped to Grade 6.

#### Grade 5

- (i) For winners of a Maiden, or equivalent event, or greyhounds returning from Grade 4.
- (ii) Maiden greyhounds are also eligible for these events provided they have a City, Provincial or Country Maiden Sprint Grade. This eligibility also extends to Mixed 4/5 & 5/6 events.

Maiden greyhounds will gain a start behind all Country Grade 5 greyhounds (i.e. Maiden winners) and will be graded using the Country Class Maiden Order of Choice.

Maiden last start placegetters in these events, or in a Provincial Grade 5, will be selected behind all Country Grade 5 Last start placegetters (Country or Provincial respectively).

Maiden last start reserves in these events will be selected behind Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Country)-ranked greyhounds. Maiden greyhounds will be graded using the Country Class Maiden Order of Choice.

- (iii) A Maiden greyhound winning one of these events will have that win counted as its Maiden win only and will be eligible to win two (2) more Grade 5 events.
- (iv) Greyhounds will be eligible to win any two (2) of these events before advancing to Grade 4 (subject to 3.2.7.7 (c)).

#### Grades 4, 3, 2 & 1

Greyhounds are allowed one (1) win in each of these grades, except Grade 1, before advancing to the next highest grade.

#### Free For All

Open to Grade 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 greyhounds (may be a combination of any two (2) or more of these grades).

**(c) Distance Grade**

Novice

For winners of a Maiden, or equivalent event.

Greyhounds will be eligible to win a maximum of two (2) Novice events, irrespective of the Class and distance of those wins.

For greyhounds to be eligible for a Novice event they must not have been penalised for a Graded race win. Therefore, to be eligible a greyhound must have all of its Grades at 5 (2 to win) and have not won a Country Grade 6 race.

There is no beating the grader in Novice events, therefore as per Maiden races the Unfulfilled Commitments Policy 3.2.10.1 will not apply.

Grade 6

For greyhounds that have run three (3) unplaced runs in Country Class Grade 5 events in the same grade and distance category.

Greyhounds will be eligible to win one (1) of these events before advancing back to the Grade 5 status they were at before they dropped to Grade 6.

Grade 5

For winners of a Maiden, or equivalent event, or greyhounds returning from Grade 4.

Maiden greyhounds can compete under the same conditions of Middle Distance.

Greyhounds will be eligible to win any two (2) of these events before advancing to Grade 4 (subject to 3.2.7.8 (c)).

Grade 4, 3, 2 or 1

Greyhounds are allowed one (1) win in each of these grades, except Grade 1, before advancing to the next highest grade.

Free For All

Open to Grade 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 greyhounds (may be a combination of any two (2) or more of these grades).

**3.2.6.5. MASTERS RACING**

Masters Races are conducted for greyhounds 4 years and over at the time of the meeting date.

They are non-penalty but fully award for unplaced runs.

No greyhounds with 2 wins in their last 3 starts can compete.



Masters races are treated as Graded races, therefore the ability to beat the grader is valid. This applies to both grade and the win eligibility criteria. If at the time of grading a Masters race the greyhound is eligible to compete in it and subsequently has a win after the field is produced it will be considered beating the grader.

### **3.2.6.6. LOSING SEQUENCE RACING**

Greyhounds in these races will be selected based on the length of their losing sequence, with the longest losing sequence selected first. The Order of Choice will only be used to separate greyhounds with the same losing sequence.

They will be graded as one division races and standard grading penalties and awards will apply.

Reserves will be graded the same way as standard graded races and will be unseeded.

Nominators should provide second preferences back to the regular graded races on the program as the Losing Sequence races will only be graded as one division.

With the length of the losing sequence being used to establish the composition of the field, grading concessions such as "Last Start Reserve", "Drop A Grade" & "35 Days" will not apply. These may be used in the case when the Order of Choice has to be called upon to separate greyhounds with the same losing sequence. Similarly unfulfilled commitment restrictions will not apply for field selection but may be used to separate the same losing sequence.

A minimum Losing Sequence of 6 races at the time of nomination is required to be eligible to compete in these races.

If a greyhound with an unfulfilled commitment wins a race prior to competing in the Losing Sequence race it was drawn into, then it will remain eligible and will be considered as beating the grader.



### 3.2.7. PENALTIES AND AWARDS

The Grading Rules contained in this Penalties and Awards section are written to cover almost all situations. There will be circumstances where a greyhound may be able to win more than the allowable number of races, or may have to run more than the required number of unplaced runs in a "Beat the Grader" situation. These scenarios are explained in more detail in Section 3.2.7.9.

#### 3.2.7.1. CITY CLASS SPRINT GRADE

- (a) Greyhounds are eligible to win two (2) Grade 5 events over Sprint Grade distances (see Section 3.2.3) before advancing to Grade 4.
- (b) Provincial Grade 5 (P5 eligible) greyhounds winning a City Grade 5 will no longer be eligible for Provincial Grade 5 events and will become a Provincial Grade 4 in their Sprint Grade.
- (c) After two (2) unplaced runs in City Class Grade 1, 2 & 3 events or three (3) unplaced runs in City Class Grade 4 events in the same grade (other than City Grade 5) greyhounds shall be eligible to drop a City Grade. These greyhounds can only win one (1) event in the lower grade before advancing one (1) grade.
- (d) Free For Alls

For Grade 1, 2, 3 or 4 greyhounds.

Preference will be given to greyhounds based on their grade with the highest grade taking preference. Winners are penalised one (1) grade and unplaced greyhounds receive one (1) unplaced award towards dropping a grade.

- (e) Heats and Finals of Feature Events or Non-Feature Series

- (i) Open Grade

For Grade 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 greyhounds.

Selection of the required number of greyhounds will be made based on their grade with the highest grade taking preference.

An Order of Choice will then be applied to select the greyhounds from the lowest grade. Last start reserve status and the 35 day rule will not be applicable. The Order of Choice ranking for greyhounds from the lowest grade(s) will be considered when determining the number of heats to be conducted (feature events only).

A (maximum) one (1) grade penalty will be imposed for one (1) or more wins in a series. Unplaced greyhounds will receive a (maximum) one (1) unplaced award for one (1) or more unplaced runs in a series, unless penalised for a win during the series (other than City Grade 5).

***Greyhounds contesting a series may only be penalised or awarded once.*** Note that this clause ***may not apply*** to series run over varying distances.

The following table shows all possible combinations of penalties and awards in a penalty/award series:

Heat Placing	Final Placing	Result
Win	Win	1 penalty
Win	Placed	1 penalty
Win	Unplaced	1 penalty
Placed	Win	1 penalty
Placed	Placed	No change
Placed	Unplaced	1 award
Unplaced	Win	1 penalty
Unplaced	Placed	1 award
Unplaced	Unplaced	1 award

(ii) Restricted Grade

The Order of Choice for graded events will be applied to select these fields. Last start reserve status and the 35 day rule will not be applicable.

A (maximum) one (1) grade penalty will be imposed for one (1) or more wins in a series. Unplaced greyhounds will receive a (maximum) one (1) unplaced award for one (1) or more unplaced runs in a series, unless penalised for a win during the series (other than City Grade 5).

***Greyhounds contesting a series may only be penalised or awarded once.*** Note that this clause ***may not apply*** to series run over varying distances.

(iii) Age Restricted Classics & Events Restricted to Dogs or Bitches Only.

Strictly non penalty/non award conditions apply. A greyhound's grade will **NOT** alter, regardless of any wins and/or unplaced runs during any of these series, **EXCEPT** where the greyhound is a Maiden and wins its initial race during the series, whereby it will no longer be considered a Maiden.

For the City Class Age Restricted Classics, greyhounds may be required to qualify through Qualifying Trials to gain a start in the heats; and if not, the heats will be selected by Grade and Order of Choice (last start reserve status and the 35 day rule will not be applicable).

(f) Mixed Grade Races

In the event of there being insufficient nominations received for a graded event, the Racing Grader may combine the nominations received for that event with nominations received for another grade (either one grade higher or lower), and such event shall be known as a "Mixed Grade Race".

Greyhounds will be penalised or awarded based on their grade at the time of nomination for the event (i.e. greyhounds from the lower grade will only be penalised a win in that grade).

The stakemoney corresponding to the higher grade will apply.

### 3.2.7.2. CITY CLASS MIDDLE DISTANCE & DISTANCE GRADE

**Note:** Middle Distance & Distance Grade are separate grades.

- (a) Greyhounds are eligible to win two (2) Grade 5 events over Middle Distance & Distance Grade distances (see Section 3.2.3) before advancing to Grade 4.

Maiden greyhounds winning a Distance event will be penalised a Maiden win only and will be eligible to win two (2) more Grade 5 events.

- (b) Provincial Grade 5 greyhounds winning a City Grade 5 event in one of these grade types will no longer be eligible for Provincial Grade 5 events and will become a Provincial Grade 4 in that grade type.
- (c) After two (2) unplaced runs in City Class Grade 1, 2 & 3 events or three (3) unplaced runs in City Class Grade 4 events in the same grade (other than City Grade 5) greyhounds shall be eligible to drop a City Grade. These greyhounds can only win one (1) event in the lower grade before advancing one (1) grade.

- (d) Free For Alls

For Grade 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 greyhounds.

Preference will be given to greyhounds based on their grade with the highest grade taking preference. Winners are penalised one (1) grade. Unplaced greyhounds receive one (1) unplaced award towards dropping a grade (other than City Grade 5).

- (e) Heats and Finals

The same conditions apply as those detailed for Sprint Grade.

- (f) Mixed Grade Races

The same conditions apply as those detailed for Sprint Grade.

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### 3.2.7.3. PROVINCIAL CLASS SPRINT GRADE

- (a) Greyhounds are eligible to win two (2) Grade 5 events over Sprint Grade distances (see Section 3.2.3) before advancing to Grade 4.
- (b) Provincial Grade 5 (P5 eligible) greyhounds winning a City Grade 5 will no longer be eligible for Provincial Grade 5 events and will become a Provincial Grade 4 in their Sprint Grade.
- (c) Provincial Grade 4 greyhounds winning a City Grade 5 will revert to Provincial Grade 4 with no outs.
- (d) After two (2) unplaced runs in Provincial Class Grade 1, 2 & 3 events or three (3) unplaced runs in Provincial Class Grade 4 events in the same grade (other than Provincial Grade 5) greyhounds shall be eligible to drop a Provincial Grade, provided however that the greyhound's Provincial Grade cannot be lower than its City Grade.

For example, a greyhound with a City Grade of 4 and three unplaced runs in Provincial Grade 4 cannot drop to Provincial Grade 5 until it runs its third unplaced run in City Grade 4 - then becoming City Grade 5 and Provincial Grade 5. The greyhound can only win one (1) event in the lower grade before advancing one (1) grade.

- (e) Free For Alls

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class Sprint Grade.

- (f) Heats and Finals

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class Sprint Grade.

- (g) Mixed Grade Races

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class Sprint Grade.

#### 3.2.7.4. PROVINCIAL CLASS MIDDLE DISTANCE GRADE

- (a) Greyhounds are eligible to win two (2) Grade 5 events over Middle Distance Grade distances (see Section 3.2.3) before advancing to Grade 4.

Maiden greyhounds winning one of these events will be penalised a Maiden win only and will be eligible to win two (2) more Grade 5 events.

- (b) Greyhounds with a City Class Sprint Grade higher than Grade 5 are not eligible to contest Provincial Grade 5 events in the Middle Distance Grade and are graded as City Grade 5 / Provincial Grade 4.
- (c) Provincial Grade 5 greyhounds winning a City Grade 5 will no longer be eligible for Provincial Grade 5 events and will become a Provincial Grade 4 in their Middle Distance Grade.
- (d) Provincial Grade 4 greyhounds winning a City Grade 5 will revert to Provincial Grade 4 with no outs.
- (e) After two (2) unplaced runs in Provincial Class Grade 1, 2 & 3 events or three (3) unplaced runs in Provincial Class Grade 4 events in the same grade (other than Provincial Grade 5) greyhounds shall be eligible to drop a Provincial Grade, provided however that the greyhound's Provincial Grade cannot be lower than its City Grade.

For example, a greyhound with a City Grade of 4 and three unplaced runs in Provincial Grade 4 cannot drop to Provincial Grade 5 until it runs its third unplaced run in City Grade 4 - then becoming City Grade 5 and Provincial Grade 5. The greyhound can only win one (1) event in the lower grade before advancing one (1) grade.

- (f) Free For Alls

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class Middle Distance Grade.

- (g) Heats and Finals

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class Sprint Grade.

- (h) Mixed Grade Races

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class Sprint Grade.



### 3.2.7.5. PROVINCIAL CLASS DISTANCE GRADE

- (a) Greyhounds are eligible to win two (2) Grade 5 events over Distance Grade distances (see Section 3.2.3) before advancing to Grade 4.

Maiden greyhounds winning one of these events will be penalised a Maiden win only and will be eligible to win two (2) more Grade 5 events.

- (b) Provincial Grade 5 greyhounds winning a City Grade 5 will no longer be eligible for Provincial Grade 5 events and will become a Provincial Grade 4 in their Distance Grade.
- (c) Provincial Grade 4 greyhounds winning a City Grade 5 will revert to Provincial Grade 4 with no outs.
- (d) After two (2) unplaced runs in Provincial Class Grade 1, 2 & 3 events or three (3) unplaced runs in Provincial Class Grade 4 events in the same grade (other than Provincial Grade 5) greyhounds shall be eligible to drop a Provincial Grade, provided however that the greyhound's Provincial Grade cannot be lower than its City Grade.

For example, a greyhound with a City Grade of 4 and three unplaced runs in Provincial Grade 4 cannot drop to Provincial Grade 5 until it runs its third unplaced run in City Grade 4 - then becoming City Grade 5 and Provincial Grade 5. The greyhound can only win one (1) event in the lower grade before advancing one (1) grade.

- (e) Free For Alls

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class Distance Grade.

- (f) Heats and Finals

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class Sprint Grade.

- (g) Mixed Grade Races

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class Sprint Grade.

### 3.2.7.6. COUNTRY CLASS SPRINT GRADE

- (a) Greyhounds are eligible to win two (2) Grade 5 events over Sprint Grade distances (see Section 3.2.3) before advancing to Grade 4.
- (b) Country Grade 4 greyhounds winning a City Grade 5 or Provincial Grade 5 will revert to Country Grade 4 with no outs. The same applies to a Country Grade 5 greyhound winning a Provincial Grade 5 race, any outs established will reset back to 3 to drop.
- (c) After two (2) unplaced runs in Country Class Grade 1, 2 & 3 events and three (3) unplaced runs in Country Class Grade 4 events in the same grade (other than Country Grade 6) a greyhound shall be eligible to drop a Country Grade, provided however that the greyhound's Country Grade cannot be lower than its Provincial Grade (this does not apply to Country Grade 6 greyhounds as their Provincial Grade cannot be lower than Grade 5, however a greyhound winning a Provincial or City class race whilst a Grade 6 will be promoted to the relevant Country Grade with its outs reset to 3).

For example, a greyhound with a Provincial Grade of 4 and three unplaced runs in Country Grade 4 cannot drop to Country Grade 5 until it runs its third unplaced run in Provincial Grade 4 - then becoming Provincial Grade 5 and Country Grade 5. The greyhound can only win one (1) event in the lower grade before advancing one (1) grade.

(d) Free For Alls

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class Sprint Grade.

(e) Heats and Finals

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class Sprint Grade.

(f) Mixed Grade Races

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class Sprint Grade.

### 3.2.7.7. COUNTRY CLASS MIDDLE DISTANCE GRADE

- (a) Greyhounds are eligible to win two (2) Grade 5 events over Middle Distance Grade distances (see Section 3.2.3) before advancing to Grade 4.

Maiden greyhounds winning one of these events will be penalised a Maiden win only and will be eligible to win two (2) more Grade 5 events.

- (b) Country Grade 4 greyhounds winning a City Grade 5 or Provincial Grade 5 will revert to Country Grade 4 with no outs. The same applies to a Country Grade 5 greyhound winning a Provincial Grade 5 race, any outs established will reset back to 3 to drop.

- (c) After two (2) unplaced runs in Country Class Grade 1, 2 & 3 events and three (3) unplaced runs in Country Class Grade 4 events in the same grade (other than Country Grade 6) a greyhound shall be eligible to drop a Country Grade, provided however that the greyhound's Country Grade cannot be lower than its Provincial Grade (this does not apply to Country Grade 6 greyhounds as their Provincial Grade cannot be lower than Grade 5, however a greyhound winning a Provincial or City class race whilst a Grade 6 will be promoted to the relevant Country Grade with its outs reset to 3).

For example, a greyhound with a Provincial Grade of 3 and three unplaced runs in Country Grade 3 cannot drop to Country Grade 4 until it runs its third unplaced run in Provincial Grade 3 - then becoming Provincial Grade 4 and Country Grade 4. The greyhound can only win one (1) event in the lower grade before advancing one (1) grade.

- (d) Free For Alls

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class Middle Distance Grade.

- (e) Heats and Finals

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class Sprint Grade.

- (f) Mixed Grade Races

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class Sprint Grade.

### 3.2.7.8. COUNTRY CLASS DISTANCE GRADE

- (a) Greyhounds are eligible to win two (2) Grade 5 events over Distance Grade distances (see Section 3.2.3) before advancing to a Grade 4.

Maiden greyhounds winning one of these events will be penalised a Maiden win only and will be eligible to win two (2) more Grade 5 events.

- (b) Country Grade 4 greyhounds winning a City Grade 5 or Provincial Grade 5 will revert to Country Grade 4 with no outs. The same applies to a Country Grade 5 greyhound winning a Provincial Grade 5 race, any outs established will reset back to 3 to drop.
- (c) After two (2) unplaced runs in Country Class Grade 1, 2 & 3 events and three (3) unplaced runs in Country Class Grade 4 events in the same grade (other than Country Grade 6) a greyhound shall be eligible to drop a Country Grade, provided however that the greyhound's Country Grade cannot be lower than its Provincial Grade (this does not apply to Country Grade 6 greyhounds as their Provincial Grade cannot be lower than Grade 5, however a greyhound winning a Provincial or City class race whilst a Grade 6 will be promoted to the relevant Country Grade with its outs reset to 3).

For example, a greyhound with a Provincial Grade of 3 and three unplaced runs in Country Grade 3 cannot drop to Country Grade 4 until it runs its third unplaced run in Provincial Grade 3 - then becoming Provincial Grade 4 and Country Grade 4. The greyhound can only win one (1) event in the lower grade before advancing one (1) grade.

- (d) Free For Alls

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class Distance Grade.

- (e) Heats and Finals

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class Sprint Grade.

- (f) Mixed Grade Races

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class Sprint Grade.

### 3.2.7.9. “BEAT THE GRADER”

When a greyhound wins its last allowable race in any class and grade type, and rises in grade, but has already been drawn into another event (at the lower grade) it will remain eligible to compete in that event.

If the greyhound wins again it will only be penalised from the grade it was at the time of nomination (i.e. penalised for the first win only) and will be considered to have “Beaten the Grader”. If the greyhound runs unplaced it will not be awarded one (1) unplaced run or ‘out’ at that higher grade.

The only exceptions to “Beat the Grader” will be when a greyhound wins its Maiden and has been drawn into another Maiden event (providing the first win was not in a heat of a Maiden Series). In this case the greyhound is no longer eligible and must be withdrawn.

And when a greyhound wins its second Novice event and has been drawn into another Novice event. In this case the greyhound is no longer eligible and must be withdrawn.

The following example shows the grade changes that may occur in “Beat the Grader” situations (i.e. the greyhound has been drawn in the second event before competing in the first event):

<b>Initial Grade</b>	<b>First Start Placing</b>	<b>New Grade</b>	<b>Second Start Placing</b>	<b>Final Grade</b>
C3 / 2 outs	Win	C2 / 0 outs	Win	C2 / 0 outs
			Place	C2 / 0 outs
			Unplaced	C2 / 0 outs

### 3.2.7.10. ESTABLISHING A GRADE

Provincial and Country Grades in any grade type are affected by the City Grade of a greyhound on the basis that a greyhound cannot have a Provincial Grade lower than its City Grade, nor can it have a Country Grade lower than its Provincial Grade (except for greyhounds that have dropped back to Country Grade 6). Wins in City Class events will affect both the Provincial and Country Grade of a greyhound whilst wins in Provincial Class events will also affect the Country Grade.

When a greyhound runs in any Provincial or Country Class event in any grade type it has then “established a Grade” and must then the appropriate unplaced runs in that class and grade type before being eligible to drop a grade.

Consider the two examples below:

#### Greyhound X

- Greyhound X’s last Provincial Class Sprint Grade win was as a Provincial Grade 5 and the greyhound won City Class Sprint Grade events, rising through the grades to City Grade 2
- When nominated for a Provincial Class Sprint Grade event greyhound X, now being a Provincial Grade 2 (the Provincial Grade cannot be lower than the City Grade), establishes its Provincial Class Sprint Grade as Grade 2
- Greyhound X cannot drop to Provincial Grade 3 until after two (2) unplaced runs in Provincial Class Sprint Grade events, provided its City Class Sprint Grade has dropped to at least Grade 3 also.

#### Greyhound Y

- Greyhound Y’s last Provincial Class Sprint Grade win was also as a Provincial Grade 5 and the greyhound also won City Class Sprint Grade events, rising through the grades to City Grade 2
- Greyhound Y’s Provincial Class Sprint Grade had also risen to Grade 2 but the greyhound never ran in Provincial Class Sprint Grade events at all and ended up losing form, dropping back through the grades to City Grade 5
- Greyhound Y was then nominated for a Provincial Class Sprint Grade event and was graded into a Grade 4 event because its Provincial Class Sprint Grade had returned to Grade 4, one higher than the grade of its last Provincial Class win.

Similarly greyhounds running in Country Class events will establish their grades in the same way.

### 3.2.8. ORDER OF CHOICE

The Order of Choice ranking is determined on race form over the last three (3) starts only, irrespective of the distance over which a greyhound has been racing, or for which the greyhound is nominated.

For Order of Choice purposes only, a greyhound that fails to finish in a race in its last 3 starts will have a placing interpreted as the next sequential placing after the last actual placing filled by a greyhound in that race.

Race meeting fields are graded taking into account all policies included in this document. Sections 3.2.8.3 to 4.1 inclusive, in particular, contain policies relating to the method in which fields are graded and should be read in conjunction with the Order of Choice.

#### 3.2.8.1. MAIDEN EVENTS

Greyhounds are selected for Maiden events using the Order of Choice for the appropriate class.

In Maiden events, Qualifying Trial form will only be used to provide the opportunity for a greyhound to gain an initial start at the track for which it has qualified (or requalified). ***Qualifying Trial form is not regarded as race form under the Order of Choice.***

##### (i) City Class

- (a) Last start placegetter (City Class Race)
- (b) Reserve greyhounds (City) - (same track and distance in previous 14 days)
- (c) Last start placegetter (Provincial)
- (d) Last start placegetter (Country)
- (e) Greyhounds having their first start after ***qualifying*** through a Qualifying Trial are selected in the following order:
  - (i) Date on which they qualified
  - (ii) Time in which they qualified
  - (iii) In the event of greyhounds running equal qualifying times, the trial placing will be considered with first place taking preference over second, then third etc.
- (f) Placegetter at 2 of last 3 starts (City/Provincial/Country)
- (g) Placegetter at 2 of last 3 starts (Mixed City/Provincial/Country)
- (h) Placegetter at 1 of only 2 starts (City/Provincial/Country)
- (i) Greyhounds having their first start after ***requalifying*** through Qualifying Trials, selected as in (e) (i) to (iii)
- (j) Greyhounds with only 1 start
- (k) Placegetter at 1 of last 3 starts (City/Provincial/Country)
- (l) Greyhounds with only 2 starts
- (m) Greyhounds not started for 35 days
- (n) Unplaced runners by last start date

**(ii) Provincial Class**

- (a) Last start placegetter (City Class Race)
- (b) Last start placegetter (Provincial)
- (c) Reserve greyhounds (Provincial) - (same track and distance in previous 14 days)
- (d) Last start placegetter (Country)
- (e) Greyhounds having their first start after **qualifying** through a Qualifying Trial are selected in the following order:
  - (i) Date on which they qualified
  - (ii) Time in which they qualified. For greyhounds qualifying over different distances the difference between the time run and the qualifying time for that distance will be used.
  - (iii) In the event of greyhounds running equal qualifying times, the trial placing will be considered with first place taking preference over second, then third etc.
- (f) Placegetter at 2 of last 3 starts (City/Provincial/Country)
- (g) Placegetter at 2 of last 3 starts (Mixed City/Provincial/Country)
- (h) Placegetter at 1 of only 2 starts (City/Provincial/Country)
- (i) Greyhounds having their first start after **requalifying** through Qualifying Trials, selected as in (e) (i) to (iii)
- (j) Greyhounds with only 1 start
- (k) Placegetter at 1 of last 3 starts (City/Provincial/Country)
- (l) Greyhounds with only 2 starts
- (m) Greyhounds not started for 35 days
- (n) Unplaced runners by last start date



### **(iii) Country Class**

- (a) Last start placegetter (City/Provincial/Country Class Races)
- (b) Reserve greyhounds (Country) - (same track and distance in previous 14 days)
- (c) Greyhounds having their first start after **qualifying** through a Qualifying Trial are selected in the following order:
  - (i) Date on which they qualified
  - (ii) Time in which they qualified. For greyhounds qualifying over different distances the difference between the time run and the qualifying time for that distance will be used.
  - (iii) In the event of greyhounds running equal qualifying times, the trial placing will be considered with first place taking preference over second, then third etc.
- (d) Placegetter at 2 of last 3 starts (City/Provincial/Country)
- (e) Placegetter at 2 of last 3 starts (Mixed City/Provincial/Country)
- (f) Placegetter at 1 of only 2 starts (City/Provincial/Country)
- (g) Greyhounds having their first start after **requalifying** through Qualifying Trials, selected as in (c) (i) to (iii)
- (h) Greyhounds with only 1 start
- (i) Placegetter at 1 of last 3 starts (City/Provincial/Country)
- (j) Greyhounds with only 2 starts
- (k) Greyhounds not started for 35 days
- (l) Unplaced runners by last start date

### 3.2.8.2. GRADED EVENTS

Greyhounds for all single grade events and heats will be selected using the Order of Choice for the appropriate class. **The (unless P5 eligible) restriction applies in the Sprint Graded races only. It does not apply to Novice races.**

#### (i) City Class

- (a) Last start winners (City Class Race)
- (b) Last start placegetters (City)
- (c) Last start winner (Provincial) (unless P5 eligible)
- (d) Reserve greyhounds (City) - (same track and distance in previous 14 days)
- (e) Greyhounds dropping a City Grade
- (f) Other winners/placegetters last 3 starts in the following order:
  - (i) Winner of 2 of last 3 (City)
  - (ii) Winner of 2 of last 3 (Provincial) (unless P5 eligible)
  - (iii) Winner of 1 of last 3 (City)
  - (iv) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (City)
  - (v) Last start placegetter (Provincial) (unless P5 eligible)
  - (vi) Last start winner (Country) (unless P5 eligible)
  - (vii) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (City)
  - (viii) Winner 1 of last 3 (Provincial) (unless P5 eligible)
  - (ix) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Provincial) (unless P5 eligible)
  - (x) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Mixed Provincial/Country) (unless P5 eligible)
  - (xi) Greyhounds not started for 35 days (unless P5 eligible)
  - (xii) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Provincial) (unless P5 eligible)
  - (xiii) Last start placegetter (Country) (unless P5 eligible)
  - (xiv) Winner 2 of last 3 (Country) (unless P5 eligible)
  - (xv) Winner 1 of last 3 (Country) (unless P5 eligible)
  - (xvi) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Country) (unless P5 eligible)
  - (xvii) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Country) (unless P5 eligible)
- (g) Unplaced runners by last start date (those greyhounds above Provincial Grade 5)
- (h) Provincial Grade 5 eligible greyhounds in the following order:
  - (i) Last start winner (Provincial)
  - (ii) Last start placegetter (Provincial)
  - (iii) Last start winner (Country)
  - (iv) Winner 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
  - (v) Winner 2 of last 3 (Country)
  - (vi) Winner 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
  - (vii) Last start placegetter (Country)
  - (viii) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
  - (ix) Winner 1 of last 3 (Country)
  - (x) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Mixed Provincial/Country)
  - (xi) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Country)
  - (xii) Greyhounds not started for 35 days
  - (xiii) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
  - (xiv) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Country)
  - (xv) Unplaced runners by last start date

(ii) **Provincial Class**

- (a) Last start winner (City Class Race)
- (b) Last start winner (Provincial)
- (c) Last start placegetter (City)
- (d) Last start placegetter (Provincial)
- (e) \* Last start placegetter (Provincial)
- (f) Last start winner (Country)
- (g) \* Last start placegetter (Country)
- (h) Reserve greyhounds (Provincial) - (same track and distance in previous 14 days)
- (i) Greyhounds dropping a Provincial Grade
- (j) Winner 2 of last 3 (City)
- (k) Winner 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (l) Winner 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (m) Winner 1 of last 3 (City)
- (n) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (City)
- (o) Winner 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (p) Last start placegetter (Country)
- (q) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Mixed City & Provincial/Country)
- (r) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (s) Winner 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (t) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Mixed Provincial/Country)
- (u) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (v) \* Reserve greyhounds (Provincial) - (same track and distance in previous 14 days)
- (w) Greyhounds not started for 35 days
- (x) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (City)
- (y) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (z) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (aa) Unplaced runners by last start date

\* *Applies to Maiden greyhounds in Provincial Class Middle Distance Grade 5 events only*

**(iii) Country Class**

- (a) Last start winner (City Class Races)
- (b) Last start winner (Provincial)
- (c) Last start winner (Country)
- (d) Last start placegetter (City)
- (e) Last start placegetter (Provincial)
- (f) \* Last start placegetter (Provincial)
- (g) Last start placegetter (Country)
- (h) \* Last start placegetter (Country)
- (i) Reserve greyhounds (Country) - (same track and distance in previous 14 days)
- (j) Greyhounds dropping a Country Grade
- (k) Other winners/placegetters last 3 starts in the following order:
  - (i) Winner 2 of last 3 (City)
  - (ii) Winner 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
  - (iii) Winner 2 of last 3 (Country)
  - (iv) Winner 1 of last 3 (City)
  - (v) Winner 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
  - (vi) Winner 1 of last 3 (Country)
  - (vii) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (City)
  - (viii) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Mixed City & Provincial/Country)
  - (ix) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
  - (x) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Mixed Provincial/Country)
  - (xi) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Country)
  - (xii) \* Reserve greyhounds (Country) - (same track and distance in previous 14 days)
  - (xiii) Greyhounds not started for 35 days
  - (xiv) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (City)
  - (xv) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
  - (xvi) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (l) Unplaced runners by last start date

\* *Applies to Maiden greyhounds in Country Class Middle Distance Grade 5 events only*

### **3.2.8.3. UNPLACED RUNNERS AND LAST START DATE GRADING**

Unplaced runners will be selected based on their last start date with greyhounds waiting the longest for a start taking preference. The Unplaced Runners Table (shown overleaf) will be used for greyhounds with the same last start date. Greyhounds with the same ranking on the Unplaced Runners Table will be balloted.

Unplaced runners, with unfulfilled commitments, being graded into a field or reserve position will be selected using the Unplaced Runners Table.

When unfulfilled commitments are waived for the grading of a race meeting, unplaced runners will be selected in the following manner:

- Unplaced runners without commitments will be selected first, based on their last start date
- Unplaced runners having a commitment waived will then be selected using the Unplaced Runners Table.

Last start date grading will not be used to select runners into a Mixed Grade Race or into heats of any feature event or non-feature series. The Unplaced Runners Table will be used in those circumstances ensuring that the best greyhounds on form are selected.

## UNPLACED RUNNERS TABLE

ORDER	Last Start	2nd Last Start	3rd Last Start	TOTAL	ORDER	Last Start	2nd Last Start	3rd Last Start	TOTAL
1	4th	4th	4th	12	64	6	7	5	18
2	4	4	5	13	65	6	8	4	18
3	4	5	4	13	66	7	4	7	18
4	5	4	4	13	67	7	5	6	18
5	4	4	6	14	68	7	6	5	18
6	4	5	5	14	69	7	7	4	18
7	4	6	4	14	70	8	4	6	18
8	5	4	5	14	71	8	5	5	18
9	5	5	4	14	72	8	6	4	18
10	6	4	4	14	73	4	7	8	19
11	4	4	7	15	74	4	8	7	19
12	4	5	6	15	75	5	6	8	19
13	4	6	5	15	76	5	7	7	19
14	4	7	4	15	77	5	8	6	19
15	5	4	6	15	78	6	5	8	19
16	5	5	5	15	79	6	6	7	19
17	5	6	4	15	80	6	7	6	19
18	6	4	5	15	81	6	8	5	19
19	6	5	4	15	82	7	4	8	19
20	7	4	4	15	83	7	5	7	19
21	4	4	8	16	84	7	6	6	19
22	4	5	7	16	85	7	7	5	19
23	4	6	6	16	86	7	8	4	19
24	4	7	5	16	87	8	4	7	19
25	4	8	4	16	88	8	5	6	19
26	5	4	7	16	89	8	6	5	19
27	5	5	6	16	90	8	7	4	19
28	5	6	5	16	91	4	8	8	20
29	5	7	4	16	92	5	7	8	20
30	6	4	6	16	93	5	8	7	20
31	6	5	5	16	94	6	6	8	20
32	6	6	4	16	95	6	7	7	20
33	7	4	5	16	96	6	8	6	20
34	7	5	4	16	97	7	5	8	20
35	8	4	4	16	98	7	6	7	20
36	4	5	8	17	99	7	7	6	20
37	4	6	7	17	100	7	8	5	20
38	4	7	6	17	101	8	4	8	20
39	4	8	5	17	102	8	5	7	20
40	5	4	8	17	103	8	6	6	20
41	5	5	7	17	104	8	7	5	20
42	5	6	6	17	105	8	8	4	20
43	5	7	5	17	106	5	8	8	21
44	5	8	4	17	107	6	7	8	21
45	6	4	7	17	108	6	8	7	21
46	6	5	6	17	109	7	6	8	21
47	6	6	5	17	110	7	7	7	21
48	6	7	4	17	111	7	8	6	21
49	7	4	6	17	112	8	5	8	21
50	7	5	5	17	113	8	6	7	21
51	7	6	4	17	114	8	7	6	21
52	8	4	5	17	115	8	8	5	21
53	8	5	4	17	116	6	8	8	22
54	4	6	8	18	117	7	7	8	22
55	4	7	7	18	118	7	8	7	22
56	4	8	6	18	119	8	6	8	22
57	5	5	8	18	120	8	7	7	22
58	5	6	7	18	121	8	8	6	22
59	5	7	6	18	122	7	8	8	23
60	5	8	5	18	123	8	7	8	23
61	6	4	8	18	124	8	8	7	23
62	6	5	7	18	125	8	8	8	24
63	6	6	6	18					

#### 3.2.8.4. MIXED GRADE RACES

Although the Grader will endeavour to run race meetings as programmed, in the event that Mixed Grade Races or Free For Alls are required for full fields, the greyhounds will be selected from the lower grade using the Order of Choice for the appropriate class.

##### (i) City Class

Mixed 4/5 Events (All Distance Ranges) & Free For Alls (Middle Distance and Distance Grade only) – where Grade 5 is the lowest eligible grade

- (a) Last start winner (City Class Race)
- (b) Last start placegetter (City)
- (c) Winner 2 of last 3 (City)
- (d) Greyhounds dropping a City Grade
- (e) Winner 1 of last 3 (City)
- (f) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (City)
- (g) Last Start Winner or Placegetter (Provincial) by grade of placing
- (h) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (City)
- (i) Winner 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (j) Winner 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (k) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (l) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Mixed Provincial/Country)
- (m) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (n) Last Start Winner or Placegetter (Country) by grade of placing
- (o) Winner 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (p) Winner 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (q) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (r) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (s) Apply Unplaced Runners Table

##### All Other Mixed Grade Races

- (a) Last start placegetter (City)
- (b) Last start winner (City)
- (c) Winner 2 of last 3 (City)
- (d) Greyhounds dropping a City Grade
- (e) Winner 1 of last 3 (City)
- (f) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (City)
- (g) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (City)
- (h) Last Start Winner or Placegetter (Provincial) by grade of placing
- (i) Winner 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (j) Winner 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (k) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (l) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Mixed Provincial/Country)
- (m) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (n) Last Start Winner or Placegetter (Country) by grade of placing
- (o) Winner 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (p) Winner 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (q) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (r) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (s) Apply Unplaced Runners Table

## **(ii) Provincial Class**

### Mixed 4/5 Events (All Distance Ranges) & Free For Alls (Middle Distance and Distance Grade only) – where Grade 5 is the lowest eligible grade

- (a) Last start winner (City Class Race)
- (b) Last start placegetter (City)
- (c) Last start winner (Provincial)
- (d) Last start placegetter (Provincial)
- (e) \* Last start placegetter (Provincial)
- (f) Winner 2 of last 3 (City)
- (g) Winner 1 of last 3 (City)
- (h) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (City)
- (i) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (City)
- (j) Winner 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (k) Greyhounds dropping a Provincial Grade
- (l) Winner 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (m) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (n) Last Start Winner or Placegetter (Country) by grade of placing
- (o) \* Last start placegetter (Country)
- (p) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Mixed Provincial/Country)
- (q) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (r) Winner 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (s) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (t) Winner 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (u) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (v) Apply Unplaced Runners Table

\* *Applies to Maiden greyhounds in Provincial Class Middle Distance Mixed 4/5 events only*

### All Other Mixed Grade Races

- (a) Last start winner or placegetter (City) by grade of placing
- (b) Last start placegetter (Provincial)
- (c) Last start winner (Provincial)
- (d) Winner 2 of last 3 (City)
- (e) Greyhounds dropping a Provincial Grade
- (f) Winner 1 of last 3 (City)
- (g) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (City)
- (h) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (City)
- (i) Winner 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (j) Winner 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (k) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (l) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Mixed Provincial/Country)
- (m) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (n) Last Start Winner or Placegetter (Country) by grade of placing
- (o) Winner 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (p) Winner 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (q) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (r) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (s) Apply Unplaced Runners Table



### **(iii) Country Class**

#### Mixed 4/5 Events (All Distance Ranges) & Free For Alls (Middle Distance and Distance Grade only) – where Grade 5 is the lowest eligible grade

- (a) Last start winner or placegetter (City Class) by grade of placing
- (b) Last start winner or placegetter (Provincial) by grade of placing
- (c) \* Last start placegetter (Provincial)
- (d) Winner 2 of last 3 (City)
- (e) Winner 1 of last 3 (City)
- (f) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (City)
- (g) Last start winner (Country)
- (h) Last start placegetter (Country)
- (i) \* Last start placegetter (Country)
- (j) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (City)
- (k) Winner 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (l) Greyhounds dropping a Country Grade
- (m) Winner 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (n) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (o) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Mixed Provincial/Country)
- (p) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (q) Winner 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (r) Winner 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (s) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (t) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (u) Apply Unplaced Runners Table

\* *Applies to Maiden greyhounds in Country Class Middle Distance Mixed 4/5 events only*

#### All Other Mixed Grade Races

- (a) Last start winner or placegetter (City Class) by grade of placing
- (b) Last start winner or placegetter (Provincial) by grade of placing
- (c) Winner 2 of last 3 (City)
- (d) Winner 1 of last 3 (City)
- (e) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (City)
- (f) Greyhounds dropping a Country Grade
- (g) Last start placegetter (Country)
- (h) Last start winner (Country)
- (i) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (City)
- (j) Winner 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (k) Winner 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (l) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (m) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Mixed Provincial/Country)
- (n) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (o) Winner 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (p) Winner 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (q) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (r) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (s) Apply Unplaced Runners Table

#### **(iv) Last Start Reserve & 35 Day Rule**

When a single grade event and a Mixed Grade Race of the same grade combined with a lower grade are being graded, the greyhounds considered for the single grade event will be selected on form only (last start reserve status and the 35 day rule will not apply). Unplaced runners will be selected using the Unplaced Runners Table rather than last start date.

This will ensure that greyhounds with an Order of Choice ranking of “last start reserve” and “not started for 35 days” will not be disadvantaged by their Order of Choice ranking.

It will also ensure that the greyhounds with the best form compete in the higher grade of event, leaving the others to compete in the Mixed Grade Race against greyhounds from the lower grade.

#### **(v) Last Start Reserve Status**

Greyhounds selected for Mixed Grade Races are considered on form only and last start reserve status normally will not apply.

In circumstances where Free For Alls or Mixed Grade Races are frequently graded over a particular distance, greyhounds with a last start reserve status may not be able to use that status to gain a start. In these circumstances greyhounds with a last start reserve status may be graded into those events using that status.

Where a greyhound with a last start reserve status from a Free For All or Mixed Grade Race expiring at that meeting is once again being considered for a Free For All or Mixed Grade Race it will be selected in the following manner:

- The greyhound will be considered as a last start reserve for the Free For All or Mixed Grade Race if no other event of the appropriate grade is available
- The greyhound will be selected for the Free For All or Mixed Grade Race behind last start winners and placegetters.

## **(vi) Nomination Preferences**

### Sprint Grade

Greyhounds due to be graded into **Free For Alls** or **Mixed Grade Races** (as greyhounds from the lowest grade), will be considered for their first preference even if their other preference(s) is in a single grade event.

### Middle Distance & Distance Grade

Greyhounds due to be graded into **Free For Alls** (as greyhounds from the lowest grade) will be considered for their first preference even if their other preference(s) is in a single grade event.

## **(vii) Selection Criteria for Grade 5 Greyhounds in Mixed 4/5 Events**

### Sprint Grade

Grade 5 Greyhounds will be selected for a **Mixed 4/5** event in the following order:

- Grade 5 (1 to win)
- Grade 5 (2 to win)  
however any **2 to win** greyhounds with a Maiden win in their last three starts will only be selected if they cannot obtain a start in any other event for which they have been nominated.

### Middle Distance & Distance Grade

Grade 5 greyhounds selected for a **Free For All** or **Mixed 4/5** event in the following order:

- Grade 5 (1 to win)
- Grade 5 (2 to win)

The above selection criteria will not apply in any grade type, and the normal Order of Choice will be used, should there be no Grade 5 event available over the same distance for those Grade 5 greyhounds protected from the higher grade event.

### **(viii) Guarding in Mixed 4/5 Events**

The following policy applies in relation to the guarding of Grade 5 greyhounds being drawn into Mixed 4/5 Events under the same trainer.

- This policy only applies when both a Mixed 4/5 and one, or more Grade 5 events are being drawn over the same Class and Distance
- A trainer may have any number of greyhounds drawn as Grade 4 greyhounds in the Mixed 4/5
- Only the highest-ranked Grade 5 greyhound under the Mixed 4/5 Order of Choice, trained in similar interests, will be selected for the Mixed 4/5, unless the number of their greyhounds guarded from the Mixed 4/5 under this clause exceeds the number of division(s) of the Grade 5. In that case the additional greyhound(s) will be selected in the Mixed 4/5.

The following example for greyhounds being selected for a Mixed 4/5 event shows the order in which greyhounds are selected.

1. Trainer A has three (3) Grade 5 greyhounds due to be included in the Mixed 4/5 based upon Order of Choice
2. Greyhound 1 will be selected into the Mixed 4/5 only
3. Greyhounds 2 & 3 will be left for separate divisions of a Grade 5, provided there are 2 or more divisions of the Grade 5 to be drawn
4. Greyhound 2 will be selected in the Mixed 4/5 if there is only 1 division of the Grade 5
5. This policy does not apply if there is no Grade 5
6. Rule 3 does not take into account if Trainer A has other Greyhounds 4, 5, 6 etc also being drawn in the Grade 5's
7. In the Rule 3 situation, the physical guarding process will not ensure Greyhounds 2 & 3 get guarded into different divisions, as form is not utilised in the guarding process. This policy only relates to guarding the better-form greyhounds from a Mixed 4/5 if there are sufficient divisions of a Grade 5 available to them
8. The same rules will apply for owners.

### **(viii) Guarding in Country Mixed 5/6 Events**

The above policy will also apply to Grade 6 greyhounds being drawn into Mixed 5/6 events

### 3.2.8.5. ORDER OF CHOICE PREFERENCE DETERMINATION

#### (a) Winners & Placegetters – Last three (3) starts

Where greyhounds have a similar ranking in the Order of Choice and are winners or placegetters in their last three (3) starts the greyhounds will be selected in the following manner:

- (i) The class of the win or placing will be considered first with City ahead of Provincial and Provincial ahead of Country
- (ii) The grade of the win or placing will be considered next with the highest grade taking preference
- (iii) In the case of placegetters a second will take preference over a third
- (iv) If equal, the unplaced runs will be added together with the lowest total taking preference
- (v) If equal, the better last unplaced run will take preference
- (vi) If equal, the last start date will be considered with the greyhound waiting the longest for a start taking preference
- (vii) If equal, a ballot will be performed between the greyhounds concerned.

The following example for greyhounds being selected for a Provincial Grade 4 event shows the order in which greyhounds are selected. The class of the placing is shown in brackets with the form printed showing the last start to the right.

3(C)	8	5	City Class placing before Provincial Class
7	3(P)	7	Mixed 3/4 placing before Grade 4
7	2(P)	7	(Grade 4 placing), second before third
4	3(P)	4	Third with $(4 + 4) = 8$
6	3(P)	4	Third with $(6 + 4) = 10$ , last start 4th before 5th
3(P)	5	5	Third with $(5 + 5) = 10$ , last start 5th after 4th
8	3(P)	8	Third with $(8 + 8) = 16$ , last start date 1 June
8	3(P)	8	Third with $(8 + 8) = 16$ , last start date 8 June
4	2(Y)	5	Country Class placing after Provincial Class

#### (b) 35 Day Rule

Where greyhounds have not started for 35 days they will be selected in the following manner:

- (i) Any greyhounds that are winners or placegetters in their last three (3) starts will be considered on that form first
- (ii) Unplaced greyhounds that have not started for 35 days will then be selected on last start date with the greyhound waiting the longest for a start taking preference
- (iii) The Unplaced Runners Table will be used to select between greyhounds with the same last start date
- (iv) If equal a ballot will be performed between the greyhounds concerned.

### **(c) Maiden Events**

Greyhounds with only one (1) start will be selected in the following manner:

- (i) The best unplaced run will take preference (i.e. 4th before 5th etc)
- (ii) If the unplaced run is the same, the greyhounds will be selected on last start date
- (iii) If the last start dates are equal, the time run will be considered
- (iv) If still equal, a ballot will be performed between the greyhounds concerned.

Greyhounds with only two (2) starts will be selected in the following manner:

- (i) The unplaced runs will be added together with the lowest total taking preference
- (ii) If equal, the better last unplaced run will take preference
- (iii) If the unplaced runs are exactly the same, the greyhounds will be selected on last start date
- (iv) If still equal, a ballot will be performed between the greyhounds concerned.

### **(d) Greyhounds with Unfulfilled Commitments**

Greyhounds with unfulfilled commitments being graded into a field or a reserve position will be placed into a Free For All or Mixed Grade Race (as greyhounds from the lowest grade) before those greyhounds from the same grade without a commitment, provided:

- The greyhounds concerned have won or been placed in their last three (3) starts
- If the greyhounds have unplaced form they will only be used in front of unplaced runners without commitments.

### **(e) Last Start Reserves**

Greyhounds with last start reserve status will be selected in the following manner:

- (i) Any greyhounds that are winners or placegetters in their last three (3) starts will be considered on that form first
- (ii) Unplaced greyhounds will be selected on reserve status date with the oldest date taking preference
- (iii) The Unplaced Runners Table will be used to select between greyhounds with the same reserve status date
- (iv) If equal a ballot will be performed between the greyhounds concerned.

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### 3.2.9. RESERVES AND LAST START RESERVE STATUS

#### 3.2.9.1. RESERVES

The following rules apply to greyhounds drawn as reserves in any race meeting:

- (a) Where greyhounds are engaged as reserves for a feature event heat, semi-final or final the greyhounds may be drawn in another event at that meeting or a subsequent meeting. In the event of a scratching in the feature event the greyhound's commitment will be to that event.
- (b) Greyhounds drawn as a reserve for a feature event heat will only be drawn into another event (graded the same day) if insufficient nominations warrant such consideration. The greyhounds concerned will take their rightful position in the other event based upon their Order of Choice ranking. Should scratchings occur in the feature event heat, clause (a) shall apply.

This policy will ensure that feature event heats have reserves available and that as many greyhounds as possible gain a race start, or a reserve position, at the meeting.

- (c) Where greyhounds have qualified as reserves for a feature event or non-feature series heat, semi-final or final based on times or placings run, they will be seeded accordingly.

In the case of heats or semi-finals the fastest or higher placed greyhounds will be the first reserves (No. 9) and the slowest or lower placed greyhounds will be the second reserves (No. 10).

In the case of a final the fastest or higher placed greyhound will be first reserve (No. 9) and the slowest or lower placed greyhound will be the second reserve (No. 10).

Dead-headers or greyhounds equal on times will be selected according to the policy for Field Selection for Finals (see Section 7.9).

- (d) Reserves for Graded and Mixed Grade Races (including Free For Alls) will be entitled to an Order of Choice ranking as a Reserve greyhound provided the Last Start Reserve conditions are met (see Section 3.2.9.2). Greyhounds drawn as a reserve for a Mixed Grade Race, if not required for that particular event or meeting and renominated later, will be initially considered for an event in its own grade.
- (e) Where reserves are available for both a Mixed Grade Race and another event of the lower grade, the greyhounds with the best form will be placed as reserves in the Mixed Grade Race.



- (f) Greyhounds drawn as a reserve at a race meeting are not considered to have a racing commitment. These greyhounds may be nominated for another race meeting and be considered based on their Order of Choice ranking on the day the nominations close (i.e. last start reserve status will not yet be applicable).

***Unless nominated for a feature event heat***, the greyhounds concerned will not be drawn as reserves again however, if other greyhounds, without a racing commitment, would miss out on a reserve position altogether. They will be drawn as reserves again however, before greyhounds with a commitment. This policy ensures that as many greyhounds as possible are drawn as reserves and if not required at the close of scratchings for that race meeting, can use their last start reserve status to obtain a start at their next nomination.

- (g) Occasionally a greyhound drawn as a reserve at a race meeting may also be nominated for, and be drawn into, a race at a later race meeting. If that greyhound is required to start at the first meeting (in the event of a scratching), the trainer may seek Stewards permission to withdraw from the second engagement.

### 3.2.9.2. LAST START RESERVE STATUS

A greyhound obtains last start reserve status, from a reserve position, when it was not required (i.e. was not withdrawn for any reason and did not obtain a start) at a race meeting that has been conducted.

Likewise a greyhound earns this status at the close of scratchings for a race meeting. Should grading occur on the day of a race meeting, a greyhound may use its last start reserve status from the meeting that day (once scratchings have been completed) to obtain a start at the meeting being graded, provided all the last start reserve conditions are met.

A greyhound withdrawn from a reserve position for any reason will not obtain last start reserve status.

***Last start reserve status can be used to obtain a start in the same class of event, at the same track, over the same distance, for the next 14 days only, providing the greyhound is not engaged to race or has not raced in the meantime at any track.***

### 3.2.10. UNFULFILLED COMMITMENTS (ENGAGEMENTS)

#### 3.2.10.1. CURRENT POLICY

Any greyhound with a commitment to compete at a race meeting yet to be conducted (i.e. drawn in a field, not just as a reserve) may be graded into one (1) additional race meeting without having completed its first commitment (engagement).

**The above policy does not apply to greyhounds competing in distances 380m and below. For these distances, greyhounds with an unfulfilled commitment to race at a meeting yet to be conducted will only be drawn behind greyhounds without any commitments to race.**

**Exceptions to this policy will apply to greyhounds with unfulfilled commitments when they are nominated for a heat of a feature event.**

Exceptions to this policy will apply to greyhounds with unfulfilled commitments when insufficient nominations for any programmed event provide the Grader with the opportunity to again draw these greyhounds in a field or as a reserve.

#### 3.2.10.2. FEATURE EVENT FINALISTS

A greyhound, upon qualifying for a final of any series (in the field or as a reserve), may be graded into another event, however must start in that event.

A greyhound, drawn in another event prior to qualifying for a series final (in the field or as a reserve), may be withdrawn Steward's permission from that first event, without penalty, if the trainer seeks such permission.

In a situation where a greyhound is required for a series final (in the field or as a reserve), because withdrawals have occurred prior to the grading of that meeting, clause 2 above shall apply.

#### 3.2.10.3. GRADING ISSUES

In cases where a greyhound with a commitment to compete at a race meeting yet to be conducted is to be graded into a race meeting the Last start reserve status and the 35 day rule will not be applicable to these greyhounds and they will be considered based on their form or if unplaced on date behind other greyhounds not engaged, nor would dropping a grade should the greyhound have an unfulfilled commitment and has already used the drop a grade to gain a start in that commitment.

#### **3.2.10.4. FREE FOR ALLS AND MIXED GRADE RACES**

The Grader may consider running a Mixed Grade Race when greyhounds with unfulfilled commitments are nominated for a programmed event in order to ensure that the maximum number of greyhounds nominated for the meeting can gain a start or a reserve position.

Greyhounds with unfulfilled commitments, or where an exception to their commitment applies under clause 3.2.10.1, being graded into a field or a reserve position will be placed into a Free For All or Mixed Grade Race (as a greyhound from the lowest grade) before those greyhounds from the same grade without a commitment provided:

- The greyhounds concerned have any form ranking above 'unplaced in their last three (3) starts'
- If the greyhounds have unplaced form they will only be used in front of unplaced runners without commitments.

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## 4.0 THE GRADING PROCESS

### 4.1. RACE MEETINGS

Race meeting fields will be graded as follows:

All nominations received for race meetings that satisfy the Nomination Policy (Section 5.0) will be considered for the preferences provided.

Feature events at any race meeting will be graded first and the number of heats finalised (up to a maximum of eight (8) including sixty four (64) greyhounds plus any reserves) based on the Order of Choice ranking of the greyhounds in the lowest grade(s). In Open Grade or Mixed Grade events the selection of the required number of greyhounds will be made based on grade with the highest grade taking preference. Group Race winners in the three (3) month period prior to the date of any feature event heats for which they are eligible will be automatic inclusions, irrespective of their grade. Should a feature event be selected by a Grading Panel rather than by Order of Choice, this will be specified in the conditions of entry.

The balance of the programmed races, including Mixed Grade Races if required, will be graded based on the applicable Order of Choice. Where extra heats of a feature event are graded and sufficient nominations for all other advertised races are received, RWWA will consider which race(s) will be cancelled in lieu of the extra heat(s). Consideration will take into account future racing opportunities and the Order of Choice ranking for the greyhounds nominated for those races.

Where sufficient nominations are received for all the races programmed at any meeting (with the exception of meetings where feature event heats are programmed) the Grader will grade the meeting as programmed.

In exceptional circumstances, RWWA may amend the race programme during the grading process should there be:

- Significant changes to anticipated nomination numbers; and/or
- Significant numbers of greyhounds with high Order of Choice rankings unable to gain a start in the number of divisions programmed.

Prior to amending any race programme the future racing opportunities for nominated greyhounds will be considered. The amended race programme will only include additional divisions of races already programmed. It is anticipated that these amendments will normally only affect lower grade or Maiden races.

Where insufficient nominations are received for the races programmed at any race meeting, replacement races will be graded taking into consideration the Guidelines for Race Selection (see Section 3.2.2).

All races will be divided automatically by the racing system. In the case of multiple divisions of any event, the system itself will place greyhounds into separate divisions, not the Grader (i.e. WA events are not seeded). The guarding of greyhounds will be confirmed in all multiple divisions of any event and in heats and semi-finals of a feature event or non-feature series.

The automatic box draw incorporated in the racing system will be activated for all events except those where a manual box draw has been conducted under the supervision of the Stewards.

Manual box draws will be replicated in the system under the supervision of the Manager Greyhound Racing (or his representative) and confirmed against the record of the manual box draw prior to the release of the Field Sheet.

## 4.2. QUALIFYING TRIALS

### 4.2.1. CANNINGTON

Qualifying Trials will be conducted on the days advertised in the Racing Calendar.

Qualifying Trial fields will be drawn as follows:

All nominations received for Qualifying Trials that satisfy the Nomination Policy (Section 5.0) will be considered.

Greyhounds will be selected for a start in a Qualifying Trial based on their career performance using the following Qualifying Trial Order of Choice:

1. Greyhounds nominated for their first ever trial in WA
2. Last start reserve
3. Greyhounds only qualified to compete at other WA venues, nominating for their first trial at Cannington
4. Greyhounds nominated for their second ever trial in WA
5. Greyhounds renominated for a trial after a race start at any WA venue. These greyhounds will be selected on that last start date followed by time run
6. Greyhounds having failed at other WA venues, nominated for their first trial at Cannington
7. Greyhounds nominated for their third ever trial in WA
8. Greyhounds that have competed in three or more trials. Greyhounds with the same last start date will be selected using the time run in that trial
9. Cannington qualified greyhounds nominated for another trial without having used their qualification to gain a race start
10. Reserve greyhounds from Maiden events at the race meeting being run in conjunction with the Qualifying Trials, or at race meetings yet to be conducted
11. Greyhounds with unfulfilled commitments at race meetings or other Qualifying Trials.

Greyhounds with the same Order of Choice ranking that cannot be split on last start date or race or trial times will be balloted.

The trials will then be divided automatically by the racing system and guarded, if necessary. Fields of six (6) runners will be used where possible with smaller fields used in the case where an uneven number of nominations are received. The minimum field size will be one (1) runners.

The automatic box draw incorporated in the system will be activated for all trials and the Trial Sheet released to participants in the same manner as a Field Sheet for a race meeting.

#### 4.2.2. MANDURAH

Qualifying Trials will be conducted on the days advertised in the Racing Calendar.

Mandurah Qualifying Trial fields will be drawn in a similar manner to those at Cannington, however using the following Order of Choice:

1. Greyhounds nominated for their first ever trial in WA
2. Last start reserve
3. Greyhounds only qualified to compete in Country class, nominating for their first trial at Mandurah
4. Greyhounds nominated for their second ever trial in WA
5. Greyhounds having failed at Cannington, nominated for their first trial at Mandurah
6. Greyhounds renominated for a trial after a race start at any WA venue.  
These greyhounds will be selected on that last start date followed by time run
7. Greyhounds having failed at Northam, nominated for their first trial at Mandurah
8. Greyhounds nominated for their third ever trial in WA
9. Greyhounds that have competed in three or more trials. Greyhounds with the same last start date will be selected using the time run in that trial
10. Mandurah qualified greyhounds nominated for another trial without having used their qualification to gain a race start
11. Reserve greyhounds from Maiden events at the race meeting being run in conjunction with the Qualifying Trials, or at race meetings yet to be conducted
12. Greyhounds with unfulfilled commitments at race meetings or other Qualifying Trials.



#### **4.2.3. NORTHAM**

Qualifying Trials will be conducted at Northam race meetings.

Northam Qualifying Trial fields will be drawn in a similar manner to those at Cannington and Mandurah, however using the following Order of Choice:

1. Greyhounds nominated for their first ever trial in WA
2. Last start reserve
3. Greyhounds nominated for their second ever trial in WA
4. Greyhounds having failed to qualify at other WA venues, nominated for their first trial at Northam
5. Greyhounds renominated for a trial after a race start at any WA venue.  
These greyhounds will be selected on that last start date followed by time run
6. Greyhounds nominated for their third ever trial in WA
7. Greyhounds that have competed in three or more trials. Greyhounds with the same last start date will be selected using the time run in that trial
8. Northam qualified greyhounds nominated for another trial without having used their qualification to gain a race start
9. Reserve greyhounds from Maiden events at the race meeting being run in conjunction with the Qualifying Trials, or at race meetings yet to be conducted
10. Greyhounds with unfulfilled commitments at race meetings or other Qualifying Trials.

#### **4.2.4. STAND-ALONE QUALIFYING TRIAL SESSIONS**

Stand-alone Qualifying Trial sessions may be scheduled if and when required.

An Order of Choice will generally not be used to draw the trial fields at these sessions as all greyhounds nominated will gain a start, depending upon the number of nominations received.

## **5.0 NOMINATION POLICY**

### **5.1 NOMINATION METHODS**

Nominations may be lodged in the following manner:

- Via facsimile, on the appropriate forms, to the Nomination Fax telephone number listed on those forms
- Via telephone to the 24-hour Telephone Nomination Service
- Online via the Online Nominations website
- Via any other method as approved by RWWA.

All nominations must be lodged by 8.30am unless otherwise specified.

### **5.2 NOMINATION CONFIRMATION**

Nominations lodged via facsimile should be confirmed via the nomination confirmations telephone number listed on nomination forms.

Nominations lodged via facsimile that are not confirmed are not considered a valid nomination under the Redraw Policy.

### **5.3 NOMINATIONS NOT CONSIDERED**

Nominations will not be accepted in the case where a trainer has not lodged a Notice of Training by the close of nominations.

### **5.4 FEATURE EVENT NOMINATIONS**

Feature Event Nomination Forms are produced for all feature events on the Racing Calendar. Trainers nominating for any feature event must ensure that they are familiar with the conditions of entry that apply to the feature event for which they are nominating.

### **5.5 NOMINATIONS FOR NON-FEATURE RACE SERIES**

Nominators who intend to nominate a greyhound for a non-feature series (one where no Feature Event Nomination Form has been produced) should state the series type and distance on a regular nomination form or during a telephone nomination.

This will indicate to the Grader that you are aware that the series is being conducted and that you are prepared to have the greyhound contest the heats and the final, should the greyhound qualify. A greyhound qualifying for a non-feature series final will be automatically drawn into the final by the Grader (no additional nomination is required) and the greyhound has a commitment to start in that event.

### **5.6 GREYHOUND ID NUMBERS**

The Greyhound ID Number is a unique number allocated to a greyhound when it is first registered in the racing system. The ID Number should be used on all nomination forms.

Greyhound ID Numbers for any greyhound trained or owned by a participant can be obtained from the RWWA Licensing and Registrations Department or the Greyhound Trainers' Service Centre or viewed via Online Nominations.

## **5.7 NOMINATION PREFERENCES**

The preference section has been placed on nomination forms so that nominators may place other class or distance preferences for the same meeting or other meetings graded on the same day on the one nomination form.

The Grader will consider a nomination for second and subsequent preferences only if the greyhound cannot obtain a start in the fields using the first preference.

The preference section is not designed to inform the Grader that the races listed are the only ones that the nominator wishes the greyhound to contest. Greyhounds are eligible to contest Free For Alls and Mixed Grade Races according to the Grading Rules applicable and will be graded into these events if required.

## **5.8 NOMINATIONS FROM REGISTERED PERSONS ONLY**

No person shall nominate, or permit to be nominated, a greyhound in any event unless the person is:

- Registered as the owner or trainer of that greyhound by RWWA or an approved registration authority; or
- Any other person authorised for the purpose by the Stewards.

## **5.9 NOMINATION WITHDRAWALS**

Nominations may be withdrawn via the Greyhound Trainers' Service Centre before 9.30am on grading days. Withdrawal requests received after that time may be considered at the discretion of the Grader.

## **5.10 DOUBLE NOMINATIONS**

Under no circumstances should two separate nomination forms be lodged for meetings graded on the same day unless the nominator is prepared to race the greyhound concerned on both days. In that case the nominator should state on both nomination forms that the greyhound is "able to run both days". This will indicate to the Grader that the two nominations are valid and you fully intend to start the greyhound at both meetings.

Greyhounds will not be drawn into both meetings unless they do not occupy a place in the fields at either meeting to the detriment of any other greyhound.

Note this only applies to meetings that are not back to back as greyhounds cannot run on consecutive days.

## **5.11 NOTES ON NOMINATION FORMS**

Notes on nomination forms indicating which type of event a greyhound may be drawn (such as No Free For All, Grade 3 only etc.) will not be considered by the Grader. The Grader will grade fields according to the current Grading Rules at that time.

Other notes (such as don't draw with greyhound X, only draw if 2 divisions, no reserves please etc.) may be considered at the discretion of the Grader.

## 5.12 NOMINATION DEADLINES

Nomination deadlines for race meetings and Qualifying Trials have not been included in this document as they are subject to change and may also vary around Public Holidays. Nomination deadlines for all race meetings will be advertised via Racing Calendars, other industry publications and in any other manner considered appropriate by RWWA.

Additional race meetings or Qualifying Trials sessions may also be scheduled from time to time and nomination deadlines for these meetings will be advertised in a similar manner.

## 5.13 INCORRECT, INCOMPLETE, INAUDIBLE OR ILLEGIBLE NOMINATIONS

Where the information contained on a nomination form, or nomination received by any other approved method is incorrect, incomplete, inaudible or illegible the grading of the greyhound concerned into any fields will be entirely at the discretion of the Grader.

When a greyhound has been nominated for any event (including feature events or non-feature series) with the incorrect grade, that greyhound will be considered for an event on the programme over the same distance in its appropriate grade.

## 5.14 NOMINATION EXTENSIONS

When required, the Manager Greyhound Racing (or his representative) may extend nominations for a race meeting, either in full, or for particular programmed or non-programmed events at that meeting.

In the situation where nominations are extended for particular events only, those events will be graded based on the Order of Choice applicable at the time for the close of extended nominations. No preference will be given to those greyhounds first nominated. Other events, for which nominations had not been extended, must be graded based on the Order of Choice applicable at the time for the close of extended nominations; however no new nominations will be included in those fields.

## 5.15 NOMINATION FORMS TO BE RETAINED

Nomination forms lodged by facsimile and those transcribed from telephone nominations in respect of a meeting shall be retained by RWWA for a period of not less than 3 months.

Nominations received via any other method will be retained for a similar period if practicable.

## 5.16 CONTACT BY THE GRADER

The Grader will attempt to contact the nominator of a greyhound on **one occasion initially**, should a programmed event, or events, not be drawn due to insufficient nominations and the nominator has failed to provide additional nomination preferences for that greyhound. Any subsequent phone calls will be at the discretion of the grader prior to the fields being finalised.

The onus will be on the nominator to be available at the time of the phone call. Should contact be made later with the nominator, it will be entirely at the discretion of the Grader as to whether the greyhound will be considered for an additional nomination preference.

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## 6.0 REDRAW POLICY

### 6.1 REDRAW

RWWA will conduct a redraw, following a request to do so from the nominator of a greyhound, provided it is considered in the best interests of greyhound racing and in fairness to its participants.

A redraw **may be permitted** under the following circumstances:

- The Grader **has not considered** a valid nomination for a greyhound and the greyhound concerned would have obtained a start in the fields for the meeting for which it was nominated.

A valid nomination is one that has been received by RWWA:

- Via the recorded 24-hour telephone nomination service and such nomination can be confirmed from the audio recordings of the service.
  - Via the online nominations website and such nomination can be confirmed as being received.
  - Via facsimile and the nominator confirmed that RWWA had received such nomination.
- A greyhound (with a valid nomination under bullet point 1) **has not been drawn** into a heat of any feature event due to a confirmed error of the Grader or the racing system. Any event listed in the Feature Events section of the Racing Calendar is considered a feature event for the purposes of this policy.
  - A greyhound **has not been drawn** (for any reason) into a semi-final or final of any feature event for which it qualified through heats.

Redraws in the above situations will only be conducted whenever and wherever practicable. Due to deadlines in the publishing of racing information related to the meeting (i.e. Racebooks, TAB information, race fields, acceptances in newspapers and interstate greyhound publications etc.) a redraw will only be considered if the RWWA Greyhound Trainers' Service Centre is notified of the error by 9.30am on the next working day following the completion of the relevant box draw. Saturday is considered a working day under this policy for fields drawn on a Friday. The Greyhound Trainers' Service Centre can be contacted on the telephone number published on nomination forms after 7.30am each working day.

A redraw **will not be conducted** in the following circumstances:

- If, should a redraw be granted (under all three (3) bullet points above) and performed, the greyhound concerned would only obtain a reserve position, it will not be performed and that greyhound will be considered to have gained last start reserve status from the meeting.

- When a greyhound has been drawn into a field and is subsequently found to be ineligible due to an error made by the Grader or the racing system, irrespective of the time when the Greyhound Trainers' Service Centre is notified. As this situation would provide grounds for objection under the RWWA Rules of Greyhound Racing, the greyhound concerned will be withdrawn 'Incorrectly Drawn' without penalty.
- When a greyhound has been drawn incorrectly into a field as per the RWWA Racing Aims and Grading Policy, but is still eligible to compete. As this situation does not provide grounds for objection under the RWWA Rules of Greyhound Racing, the nominator will have the right to withdraw the greyhound concerned with 'Stewards Permission', without penalty.
- When owners or trainers in multiple divisions of any event (including heats or semi-finals of a feature event or non-feature series) have been incorrectly guarded. These greyhounds are still eligible to compete, however the nominator will have the right to withdraw the greyhound concerned with 'Stewards Permission', without penalty.
- When a nomination was lodged via facsimile to the nomination facsimile machine or on the 24-hour telephone nomination service after the advertised closing time for nominations for any meeting or event.
- When a nomination is allegedly lodged in any other approved manner other than those described above but the receipt of which cannot be confirmed.
- For any other reason not detailed in this policy.

The decision to conduct a redraw is the sole responsibility of the Manager Greyhound Racing, or his representative.

Information pertaining to a redraw will be relayed to the industry via industry publications as soon as possible after the redraw has been conducted.

## **6.2 FIRST DRAWN STATUS**

Greyhounds will be first chosen under the Order of Choice into an event (with the exception of a feature event or non-feature series), of their applicable grade, at their next nomination if:

- They had not been drawn into a field due to a confirmed error by the Grader or the racing system and either did not qualify for a redraw, or a redraw could not be conducted under this policy.
- The nominator elected not to request a redraw but did satisfy all the conditions for the granting of same.

## 7.0 RWWA RACING POLICIES

### 7.1 INTERSTATE GREYHOUNDS – ONUS TO PROVIDE CAREER DETAILS

Nominators of interstate greyhounds now owned and/or trained in WA must contact the RWWA Greyhound Trainers' Service Centre prior to nominating the greyhound for the first time to:

- Obtain the Greyhound ID Number
- Obtain the grades of the greyhound, should it have won a Maiden event
- Confirm last start details of any interstate form

### 7.2 WA GREYHOUNDS RACING INTERSTATE

Nominators of Western Australian greyhounds that compete on interstate tracks **must** supply details of the last interstate race start when it is first nominated upon its return.

Failure to do so may warrant further action by the Stewards.

Furthermore, it is recommended that nominators contact the RWWA Greyhound Trainers' Service Centre prior to the actual grading day of that meeting so that the greyhound can be re-graded. The greyhound will be re-graded according to the policy for Grading Interstate Greyhounds (see Section 3.2.5).

### 7.3 FIELD SIZES

The Grader will endeavour to grade full fields, with reserves, whenever and wherever possible. In the event that nominations are not available for full fields the following field size restrictions apply:

- a minimum of 5 greyhounds in Distance Grade events
- a minimum of 5 greyhounds in Middle Distance Grade events
- a minimum of 5 greyhounds in Sprint Distance FFA Grade events
- a minimum of 6 greyhounds in all other Sprint Grade events

The above field sizes are recommended minimums only and there is no onus upon RWWA to draw fields with the minimum numbers specified, especially should a field include greyhounds already drawn elsewhere, or where greyhounds from lower grades are available to draw more than the minimum number specified.

In all cases the Grader will consult with the Manager Greyhound Racing (or equivalent) prior to drawing any field with less than 8 runners.



#### **7.4 BOX DRAW AND RACE MEETING INFORMATION**

The Grader will endeavour wherever possible to have the draw for race meetings completed on the day when nominations close.

Box draw and other race or Qualifying Trial meeting information can be obtained:

- From Field Sheets available in the offices of RWWA or at WAGRA venues
- Via the RWWA website – [www.rwwa.com.au](http://www.rwwa.com.au)
- Via The Dogs website – [www.thedogs.com.au](http://www.thedogs.com.au)

#### **7.5 PERMISSION TO WITHDRAW**

An owner will not be compelled to race his greyhound in an event for which the greyhound was not nominated (subject to Section 5.13). Greyhounds eligible for, and drawn into, a Free For All or Mixed Grade Race may not be withdrawn on the pretext that they have been graded into such an event.

#### **7.6 SCRATCHING TIMES**

Scratchings for all race meetings will close at 9.00am unless otherwise advertised.

The scratching time for all race meetings will be advertised on Field Sheets, in Racing Calendars and in any other manner considered appropriate by RWWA.

#### **7.7 SCRATCHING INFORMATION**

The following are official sources to obtain scratching information:

##### **Internet**

The scratchings pages on the following websites

- [www.tabtouch.com.au](http://www.tabtouch.com.au)
- [www.rwwa.com.au](http://www.rwwa.com.au)
- [www.thedogs.com.au](http://www.thedogs.com.au) (Fields page)

##### **TAB Agencies**

- Official Wallcards (not Pre-Sell versions), screens and CIT's

#### **7.8 DEAD HEATS FOR FIRST PLACE**

Irrespective of the type of event conducted, all greyhounds dead-heating for first place will be classified as winners in accordance with the RWWA Rules of Greyhound Racing and penalised according to the conditions of the event.

## 7.9 FIELD SELECTION FOR FINALS

The field for a feature event or non-feature series final will be selected based initially on finishing position from the heats.

Heat winners followed by second and third placegetters then unplaced runners, if required, will be selected until a field of eight (8) runners, plus two (2) reserves has been established.

When the number of equally (*like*) placed greyhounds exceeds the number of remaining runners required for the field (or reserve positions) then these greyhounds will be selected based on their time run.

Greyhounds equal on times will be balloted, if necessary, with the loser of the ballot becoming the next qualifier. Should they be available, times to 0.001 of a second will be utilized to separate greyhounds rather than ballot them.

In the event of a dead-heat for any finishing position, where such dead-heat relates to a finishing position from which the number of equally (*like*) placed greyhounds exceeds the number of remaining runners required for the field (or reserve positions), the RWWA Rules of Greyhound Racing shall apply.

In accordance with the rules, a ballot shall be conducted between those dead-heaters to determine the right of the greyhound to further participate in the event. The loser of the ballot will become the last qualifier after all other equally (*like*) placed greyhounds.

Should the number of equally (*like*) placed greyhounds (excluding the loser of the ballot) still exceed the number of remaining runners required for the field (or reserve positions) those greyhounds will then be selected based on their time run. Greyhounds equal on times will be balloted, if necessary, with the loser of the ballot becoming the next qualifier. Should they be available, times to 0.001 of a second will be utilized to separate greyhounds rather than ballot them.

Similar principles to those above apply in the selection of fields for semi-finals or consolations.

Should a greyhound be prohibited from taking its place in the final for whatever reason, RWWA may substitute in its place the next qualifier.

## 7.10 MAIDEN SERIES FINALS

Where a series of races for Maiden greyhounds are held consisting of heats and a final, a greyhound which has qualified for the final and wins any other race before the final is held, is not eligible to compete in that final.

## 7.11 FEATURE EVENT BOX DRAWS

It is RWWA's preference that a manual box draw is completed for all feature events on the Racing Calendar conducted at Friday or Saturday night race meetings only, unless circumstances prevent the draw from being completed. Such box draw will be conducted under the supervision of the Stewards.

## 7.12 DISQUALIFICATION OF GREYHOUNDS

A greyhound awarded first place in a penalty/award event following the disqualification of the original winner will be penalised one full grade and retain any outs from the lower grade.

Greyhounds **will not** be penalised a grade in the following circumstances:

- When the win was in a Maiden event and the greyhound has broken its Maiden status in the meantime.
- When the greyhound's current grade is higher than it was in the race it is now being awarded (number of races to win, or outs not considered).

If the greyhound has any unfulfilled commitments at the time when official notification of the disqualification is received from the Stewards it will not be processed until after those commitments have been completed.

## 7.13 GREYHOUND RACING GRADING REVIEW PANEL

A Greyhound Racing Grading Review Panel provides a review and amendment process for any grading issue including guidelines, policies and rules contained in the RWWA Racing Aims and Grading Policy.

Industry participants can approach any member of the Panel on grading matters. The Panel will meet, if and when required, to discuss grading issues and will vote to amend the Grading Rules if a change is warranted. All amendments to the RWWA Racing Aims and Grading Policy will be submitted to the RWWA Integrity Assurance Committee for approval.

Membership of the Greyhound Racing Grading Review Panel shall be:

Three (3) from RWWA including;

- The Manager Greyhound Racing (or equivalent)
- The Grader
- The Assistant Grader

Three (3) industry representatives, independent of RWWA and/or WAGRA, appointed by RWWA for a two-year term.

The panel will be chaired by the Executive General Manager Racing (or equivalent).

## 7.14 SEEDING IN GROUP RACE HEATS

The top 25% of Group Race Heats will be seeded. The OOC rankings will be used to determine the top 25%.

Guarding within the top 25% will still apply, in the instance of trainer or owner duplication in a heat, the runner in question would be switched with the next (lower) ranked runner unless it is the last ranked runner in the top 25%, in this case the switch would occur with the runner ranked immediately above.

## 7.15 DISCRETIONARY DROP A GRADE POLICY

When a greyhound has not competed in a specific class for 4 months or more, connections can apply to the Grading Department for a special discretionary grade drop.

When a greyhound turns 42 months old (3.5 years), connections can apply to the Grading Department for a special discretionary grade drop.

Any application must be completed in writing via email to: [rwvaracinggreyhounds@rwwa.com.au](mailto:rwvaracinggreyhounds@rwwa.com.au) detailing the reasons for the request.

The decision to drop a grade will be decided by the Grading Department with the Manager of Greyhound Racing having the ultimate decision.

Grade drops will not be limited to one grade step, form in the last 4 months, distances run & time off will all form part of the decision process.

Any discretionary grade drops granted, will be published in industry notices, with a brief description outlining the decision.

## 7.16 PREFERENTIAL BOX DRAW RACES

In 2023 Preferential Box Draw races were introduced on a trial basis. Greyhounds are initially declared as either Railers, Straight or Wide runners. A manual box draw is then conducted ensuring that early running traits are grouped together.

Early running traits will be:

- Railer (R) – dogs that angle left after box rise
- Straight (S) – dogs that run straight after box rise
- Wide (W) – dogs that angle right after box rise

Greyhound fields will be determined based on the current Grading policy rules.

Once a field has been created the early running traits of each greyhound in the field will be grouped and a manual box draw will be conducted. For example, in an 8-dog field, if 5 greyhounds are designated as Railers, 1 greyhound as Straight and 2 as Wide, then Boxes 1-5 will be drawn for the Railers, Box 6 will be allocated for the Straight and boxes 7-8 will be drawn for the Wides.

The Manual box draw process will be conducted by the Grading office with an independent person acting as an observer.

No reserves will be graded into PBD races.

A redraw will not be conducted with respect to the PBD for reasons of incorrect box allocation unless a wide runner is incorrectly drawn from the railer's position or vice/versa.

After the first nomination and subsequent race start, the early running trait of a greyhound will be reviewed by the Grading office and with the approval of the Stewards may be amended with the trainer advised accordingly.

Unless amended following review by the Grading office and Stewards, an application for an amended running trait from the trainer will not be considered for a period of at least three starts.

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## 8.0 WESTCHASE INCENTIVE SCHEME



### 8.1 INTRODUCTION

The WESTCHASE Incentive Scheme is the breeding incentive scheme for greyhound racing in Western Australia. The aims of the scheme are to provide:

- An on-going incentive for the breeding and purchase of City Class greyhounds with a view to ensuring the on-going strength and competitiveness of city racing in Western Australia.
- An incentive to local breeders and thereby foster the development of a significant, sustainable and responsible Western Australian greyhound breeding industry.

All WA bred greyhounds are eligible for the WESTCHASE Incentive Scheme. Greyhounds are classified as WA bred as long as they were whelped in Western Australia, irrespective of the location of the sire and dam or where the actual service took place.

### 8.2 HOW DOES WESTCHASE WORK?

WESTCHASE bonuses are paid to the owners and breeders of all WA bred greyhounds winning any City Class event for the full duration of their racing career.

WA bred Non-feature Series Final winners are eligible for a Non-Feature Series Final WESTCHASE bonus. The value of the bonus is based upon the Class of the event.

WA bred Feature Event Final winners are eligible for a Feature Final WESTCHASE bonus. The value of the bonus is based upon the Class of the event. This bonus is applicable to all Feature Finals that are not Group Races or WA Bred Only Feature Events, which both have a specific bonus.

WA bred Group Race Heat and Final winners are eligible for a Group Race Heat or Final WESTCHASE bonus respectively. The value of the bonus is based upon the Group status of the event.

All WA bred greyhounds winning City Class Maiden events are eligible for a significant initial reward for winning their first ever race. All WA bred greyhounds winning Provincial or Country Class Maiden, Juvenile and Novice events are also eligible for a smaller WESTCHASE bonus.

Finally, the breeders of greyhounds winning select WA Bred Feature Events qualify for a substantial WESTCHAS\$E bonus. The value of the bonus is based upon the Class of the event. These features are specifically open to WA bred greyhounds only, with events scheduled across all three race classes and a variety of distances throughout the year.

The scheme's signature event – "The WESTCHAS\$E" is the premier WA Bred Only Feature Event in bonus terms, with connections of all runners competing in the final receiving bonuses. This is the only event conducted in WA where WESTCHAS\$E bonuses are payable to non-winners.

There is no registration process whatsoever for the scheme and bonuses are managed by the racing system and paid to the registered owners and breeders in the same manner as stakes. Whilst WESTCHAS\$E bonuses are registered against individual greyhounds they are not combined with a greyhound's career earnings.

### **8.3 WHAT ARE THE RETURNS FROM WESTCHAS\$E?**

The WESTCHAS\$E Incentive Scheme itself, and the bonuses paid from the Scheme are monitored and amended as part of the development of the RWWA Distribution Model each racing year.

The current WESTCHAS\$E Bonus table is included as Appendix 1.

### **8.4 HOW IS WESTCHAS\$E FUNDED?**

WESTCHAS\$E is fully funded by an industry contribution from RWWA. It is currently entirely non-contributory for industry participants, one of very few such schemes in Australia.

### **8.5 STARTER BONUS**

In 2019 a new start based bonus was established for WA Bred Greyhounds.

WA Bred greyhounds receive a bonus when they have their first ever career start and that start is in WA. Those that received the first start bonus will then be eligible for another bonus if their 10<sup>th</sup> career start is also in WA.

The current start based bonus table is included in Appendix 1.



## 9.0 STAKEMONEY AND INDUSTRY PAYMENTS

### 9.1 STAKEMONEY POLICY

Stakemoney is paid to the first four (4) placegetters, based on the percentages detailed below. Feature Finals include a 1% payment to any runners finishing unplaced in those events. In 2023 the 1% Animal Welfare payment was incorporated into the Stakemoney tables.

Placing \ Event	All	Feature Events
1st	65.5%	65.5%
2nd	20%	19%
3rd	10%	9.5%
4th	3.5%	1.0%
5th	-	1.0%
6th	-	1.0%
7th	-	1.0%
8th	-	1.0%
AW	1.0%	1.0%

Stakemoney levels are monitored and amended as part of the development of the RWWA Distribution Model each racing year.

Rounding may see slight variances to the above percentages.

The current stakemoney tables are included as Appendix 2.

### 9.2 STAYERS INCENTIVE / SPRINT TIERING

A Stayers Incentive was first introduced on 1 February, 2001 whereby new higher levels of stakemoney were set for Distance Grade events.

The Stayers Incentive was extended in 2013 to also include all Middle Distance Grade events.

Tiering within the Sprint distance was introduced in August 2018.

The current stakemoney table for these events is also included as part of Appendix 2.

### 9.3 RELEASE OF STAKES & WESTCHAS\$E BONUSES FOLLOWING SWABS

Stakes payments will be withheld pending the result of a swab where the payment to the connections of any greyhound equals, or exceeds \$25,000. This withholding also applies to any WESTCHAS\$E bonuses due for the same greyhound and starters fees.

The above limits apply irrespective of the actual placing involved – stakes for placegetters may be withheld, should they also equal or exceed the levels specified.

## 9.4 ABANDONED MEETING AND/OR RACES

### PLEASE NOTE:

The industry participant payments detailed in Sections 9.4.1 and 9.4.2 shall be made to the trainers. These payments are compensation payments only and are not considered as stakemoney. They will not appear as career earnings for participants or greyhounds.

#### 9.4.1. ABANDONED MEETING

Where a meeting is abandoned after 8am on the day it is scheduled to be held, the following industry participant payments will apply:

- \$165 per runner discretionary payment eligible to compete at the time of the abandonment, should the meeting be abandoned after the advertised time for the commencement of kennelling, due to a non-natural event such as a mechanical failure to the lure or starting boxes.
- \$88 per runner eligible to compete at the time of the abandonment, should the meeting be abandoned on or after 2 hours before the advertised time for the commencement of kennelling, due to a natural event such as inclement or dangerous weather.
- \$55 per runner eligible to compete at the time of abandonment, should the meeting be abandoned prior to 2 hours before the advertised time for the commencement of kennelling.

#### 9.4.2. ABANDONED RACES (PART MEETING)

Where a race, or races, at a meeting are abandoned the following industry participant payments will apply:

- \$165 per runner discretionary payment eligible to compete at the time of abandonment, due to a non-natural event such as a mechanical failure to the lure or starting boxes.
- \$88 per runner eligible to compete at the time of the abandonment, due to a natural event such as inclement or dangerous weather.

Official Qualifying trials abandoned under 9.4.1. & 9.4.2. will also qualify for the same compensation payments

## 9.5 NO RACES

The Abandoned Meeting and/or Races policy detailed in Section 9.4 does not apply to 'no races'. In the case where Stewards declare a 'no race', the RWWA Rules of Greyhound Racing shall apply.

## 9.6 TRAINERS STARTERS FEE

Trainers will receive a \$65 payment paid directly to them for every eligible runner that competes at a meeting in distances between 275m - 302m.

Trainers will receive a \$75 payment paid directly to them for every eligible runner that competes at a meeting in distances between 380m – 405m.

Trainers will receive a \$125 payment paid directly to them for every eligible runner that competes at a meeting in distances between 490m – 520m.

Trainers will receive a \$150 payment paid directly to them for every eligible runner that competes at a meeting in distances over 600m and above.

## 10.0 GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Authority	Racing and Wagering Western Australia (RWWA).
C	City Class or Grade.
Distance Grade	WA events over longer distances affect a greyhound's Distance Grade.
Divide	Process whereby the racing system separates greyhounds into different divisions in multiple divisions of any event and in heats and semi-finals of a feature event or non-feature series.
Feature Event	Any event specifically listed on the Racing Calendar or event that requires entry via a specific Feature Event Nomination Form.
Free For All	An event graded to include greyhounds from different grades.
Graded Race	An event that, when conducted, affects the grade of greyhounds that competed in the event. Maidens, Juveniles and non-penalty events such as Age Classics are not considered graded races.
GRGRP	Greyhound Racing Grading Review Panel responsible for the ongoing review and amendment of the RWWA Racing Aims and Grading Policy.
Guarding	Method whereby greyhounds owned and/or trained in similar interests are separated as far as possible in multiple divisions of any event and in heats and semi-finals of a feature event or non-feature series. Guarding forms part of the divide process.
Masters	For greyhounds 4 years and over.
Middle Distance Grade	WA events over middle distances affect a greyhound's Middle Distance Grade.
Mixed Grade Race	An event graded to include greyhounds from two (2) different grades.
Order of Choice	The order in which greyhounds are selected for any event.
Out	An unplaced run in a grade where unplaced runs count towards dropping a grade.
P	Provincial Class or Grade.
P5	Provincial Sprint Grade 5.
P5 eligible	Greyhound eligible to win a Provincial Sprint Grade 5 event.
Qualify(ied)	When a greyhound earns the right to compete in a Maiden event by running under a time standard it is said to have qualified.
RWVA	Racing and Wagering Western Australia (sometimes used to signify the Greyhound Racing Department within RWVA).
Racing Calendar	A calendar that includes race dates. Also may refer to a magazine or other publication that includes race dates, race programmes and other racing-related information.
Requalifying	When a Maiden greyhound, already qualified over a distance, again runs under the time standard required to qualify.
Series	An event contested via heats and finals or heats, semi-finals and final.
Sprint Grade	WA events over shorter (sprint) distances affect a greyhound's Sprint Grade.
Y	Country Class or Grade.

## APPENDIX 1

### WESTCHA\$E BONUSES (Effective 29 July, 2022)

WESTCHA\$E Race Class / Type	Bonus	
	Owner(s)	Breeder(s)
<b>Group Race Finals</b>		
Group 1	\$12,500	\$12,500
Group 2	\$5,000	\$5,000
Group 3	\$3,000	\$3,000
<b>Group Race Heats</b>		
Group 1	\$3,000	\$3,000
Group 2	\$1,500	\$1,500
Group 3	\$1,000	\$1,000
<b>Feature Finals</b>		
All non-Group Race, non-WA Bred City Class Finals	\$2,400	\$2,400
All non-Group Race, non-WA Bred Provincial Class Finals	\$1,200	\$1,200
All non-WA Bred Country Class Finals	\$600	\$600
<b>Non Feature Finals</b>		
City Class	\$900	\$900
Provincial Class	\$600	\$600
Country Class	\$300	\$300
<b>City Class Events</b>		
All City Class winners	\$750	\$750
<b>Maiden Events &amp; Maiden Finals</b>		
City Class	\$750	\$750
Provincial & Country Class	\$500	\$500
Shortcourse (275m, 297m & 302m)	\$250	\$250
<b>Novice Events</b>		
City Class	\$500	\$500
Provincial & Country Class	\$250	\$250
<b>WA Bred Only Feature Events</b>		
City Class -WA Bred Championship, "The Peter Thomas", "The Sandi's Me Mum" (520m)	\$900	\$3,750
Provincial Class -"The Shorts" & "The Great Western" (405m);"The Sandgroper" (490m); "The Claude Powell" (Cannington - 520m)	\$600	\$2,000
Country Class -WA Bred Country Cup (509m)	\$300	\$1,000
<b>The Scheme's Signature Event -"The WESTCHA\$E"</b>		
Winner	\$900	\$7,500
Second		\$5,000
Third		\$2,500
Fourth		\$1,000
Other Unplaced Runners		\$500
<b>Starter Bonus</b>		
First Start	\$250	\$250
10th Start	\$250	\$250

**APPENDIX 2**

# GREYHOUND STAKEMONEY LEVELS

**EFFECTIVE 29 July 2022**

**SPRINT GRADE**

**CITY CLASS (Sprint)**

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>THIRD</b>	<b>FOURTH</b>	<b>1% AW</b>
<b>Maiden</b>	\$7,705	\$5,047	\$1,541	\$770	\$270	\$77
<b>C5/Novice</b>	\$10,005	\$6,553	\$2,001	\$1,001	\$350	\$100
<b>C4</b>	\$10,510	\$6,884	\$2,102	\$1,051	\$368	\$105
<b>C3</b>	\$11,011	\$7,212	\$2,202	\$1,102	\$385	\$110
<b>C2</b>	\$11,506	\$7,536	\$2,301	\$1,151	\$403	\$115
<b>Heat/FFA/C1</b>	\$12,017	\$7,871	\$2,403	\$1,202	\$421	\$120
<b>Heat (Group 3)</b>	\$12,017	\$7,871	\$2,403	\$1,202	\$421	\$120
<b>Heat (Group 2)</b>	\$13,007	\$8,520	\$2,601	\$1,301	\$455	\$130
<b>Heat (Group 1)</b>	\$20,020	\$13,113	\$4,004	\$2,002	\$701	\$200

**PROVINCIAL CLASS**

**490m, 509m & 520m**

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>THIRD</b>	<b>FOURTH</b>	<b>1% AW</b>
<b>P5 Masters</b>	\$3,877	\$2,539	\$775	\$388	\$136	\$39
<b>P4/5 Masters</b>	\$4,290	\$2,810	\$858	\$429	\$150	\$43
<b>Maiden &amp; Open Masters</b>	\$5,076	\$3,325	\$1,015	\$507	\$178	\$51
<b>P5/Novice/LS</b>	\$5,302	\$3,473	\$1,060	\$530	\$186	\$53
<b>P4</b>	\$5,522	\$3,617	\$1,105	\$552	\$193	\$55
<b>P3</b>	\$5,736	\$3,757	\$1,147	\$574	\$201	\$57
<b>P2</b>	\$5,951	\$3,898	\$1,190	\$595	\$208	\$60
<b>Heat/FFA/P1</b>	\$6,176	\$4,045	\$1,235	\$618	\$216	\$62
<b>Heat (Derby &amp; Oaks)</b>	\$7,001	\$4,586	\$1,400	\$700	\$245	\$70
<b>Heat (Mandurah Cup)</b>	\$11,011	\$7,212	\$2,202	\$1,102	\$385	\$110

**PROVINCIAL CLASS**

**380m & 405m**

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>THIRD</b>	<b>FOURTH</b>	<b>1% AW</b>
<b>P5 Masters</b>	\$3,080	\$2,017	\$616	\$308	\$108	\$31
<b>P4/5 Masters</b>	\$3,877	\$2,539	\$775	\$388	\$136	\$39
<b>Maiden &amp; Open Masters</b>	\$4,290	\$2,810	\$858	\$429	\$150	\$43
<b>P5/Novice/LS</b>	\$4,515	\$2,957	\$903	\$452	\$158	\$45
<b>P4</b>	\$4,730	\$3,098	\$946	\$473	\$166	\$47
<b>P3</b>	\$4,950	\$3,242	\$990	\$495	\$173	\$50
<b>P2</b>	\$5,175	\$3,390	\$1,035	\$517	\$181	\$52
<b>Heat/FFA/P1</b>	\$5,390	\$3,530	\$1,078	\$539	\$189	\$54
<b>Heat (Group &amp; Listed)</b>	\$7,001	\$4,586	\$1,400	\$700	\$245	\$70

## APPENDIX 2

### COUNTRY CLASS

#### 490m, 509m & 520m

GRADE	TOTAL	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	1% AW
Maiden	\$2,541	\$1,664	\$508	\$255	\$89	\$25
Y6/LS	\$2,541	\$1,664	\$508	\$255	\$89	\$25
Y5/Novice/LS	\$2,656	\$1,740	\$531	\$265	\$93	\$27
Y4	\$2,766	\$1,812	\$553	\$277	\$96	\$28
Y3	\$2,865	\$1,877	\$573	\$286	\$100	\$29
Y2	\$2,975	\$1,949	\$595	\$297	\$104	\$30
Heat/FFA/Y1	\$3,091	\$2,025	\$618	\$309	\$108	\$31
Heat (Anniversary Cup)	\$3,311	\$2,169	\$662	\$331	\$116	\$33

### COUNTRY CLASS

#### 380m & 405m

GRADE	TOTAL	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	1% AW
Maiden	\$2,194	\$1,437	\$439	\$219	\$77	\$22
Y6/LS	\$2,194	\$1,437	\$439	\$219	\$77	\$22
Y5/Novice/LS	\$2,310	\$1,513	\$462	\$231	\$81	\$23
Y4	\$2,414	\$1,581	\$483	\$242	\$84	\$24
Y3	\$2,530	\$1,657	\$506	\$253	\$89	\$25
Y2	\$2,640	\$1,729	\$529	\$264	\$92	\$26
Heat/FFA/Y1	\$2,750	\$1,801	\$550	\$275	\$96	\$28

### COUNTRY CLASS

#### 275m, 297m & 302m

GRADE	TOTAL	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	1% AW
Maiden	\$1,996	\$1,307	\$399	\$200	\$70	\$20
Y6/LS	\$1,996	\$1,307	\$399	\$200	\$70	\$20
Y5/Novice/LS	\$2,095	\$1,372	\$419	\$210	\$73	\$21
Y4	\$2,194	\$1,437	\$439	\$219	\$77	\$22
Y3	\$2,304	\$1,509	\$461	\$230	\$81	\$23
Y2	\$2,414	\$1,581	\$483	\$242	\$84	\$24
Heat/FFA/Y1	\$2,530	\$1,657	\$506	\$253	\$89	\$25

## APPENDIX 2

### MIDDLE DISTANCE & DISTANCE GRADES

#### CITY CLASS (Middle Distance & Distance)

GRADE	TOTAL	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	1% AW
C5/Novice	\$10,758	\$7,046	\$2,151	\$1,076	\$377	\$108
C4	\$11,247	\$7,367	\$2,249	\$1,125	\$394	\$112
C3	\$11,742	\$7,691	\$2,348	\$1,175	\$411	\$117
C2	\$12,248	\$8,022	\$2,450	\$1,225	\$429	\$122
Heat/FFA/C1	\$12,760	\$8,358	\$2,552	\$1,276	\$446	\$128
Heat (Group 1)	\$20,020	\$13,113	\$4,004	\$2,002	\$701	\$200

#### PROVINCIAL CLASS

##### 588m, 600m, 647m & 715m

GRADE	TOTAL	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	1% AW
Maiden	\$6,000	\$3,930	\$1,200	\$600	\$210	\$60
P5/Novice	\$6,226	\$4,078	\$1,245	\$623	\$218	\$62
P4	\$6,369	\$4,172	\$1,274	\$637	\$222	\$64
P3	\$6,660	\$4,362	\$1,332	\$666	\$233	\$67
P2	\$6,880	\$4,506	\$1,376	\$688	\$241	\$69
Heat/FFA/P1	\$7,100	\$4,650	\$1,420	\$710	\$249	\$71
Heat (Mid Dist Chall)	\$7,100	\$4,650	\$1,420	\$710	\$249	\$71

#### COUNTRY CLASS

##### 588m, 600m, 647m & 715m

GRADE	TOTAL	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	1% AW
Maiden	\$3,003	\$1,967	\$601	\$300	\$105	\$30
Y6	\$3,003	\$1,967	\$601	\$300	\$105	\$30
Y5/Novice	\$3,118	\$2,042	\$624	\$312	\$109	\$31
Y4	\$3,190	\$2,089	\$638	\$319	\$112	\$32
Y3	\$3,327	\$2,179	\$665	\$333	\$117	\$33
Y2	\$3,443	\$2,255	\$689	\$344	\$121	\$34
Heat/FFA/Y1	\$3,558	\$2,330	\$712	\$356	\$124	\$36



RACING AND WAGERING WESTERN AUSTRALIA

# **RWWA RACING AIMS AND GRADING POLICY**

**Effective 4 August 2023**



**This edition of the RWWA Racing Aims and Grading Policy replaces the Edition, effective 11 August 2022.**

**This policy document should be read in conjunction with the RWWA Rules of Greyhound Racing.**

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**APPENDIX 1 WESTCHASE BONUS TABLE**

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## **1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Racing Aims and Grading Policy, first introduced in 1995, was originally developed by the Western Australian Greyhound Racing Association (WAGRA) to provide the industry with a clear set of racing aims, policies and grading rules.

These policies and rules were reviewed, refined and added to by WAGRA management in consultation with the industry via the Greyhound Racing Grading Review Panel (GRGRP). Following the formation of Racing and Wagering Western Australia (RWVA) on 1 August 2003, this role was assumed by RWVA as the new controlling authority and the review process continues.

This re-issue of the RWVA Racing Aims and Grading Policy has been updated, in the main, to reflect the changes required as part of the OzChase Greyhound Racing System development.

Whilst every attempt has been made to cover as many racing and grading situations as possible, there is the possibility that some situations may not be documented.

Any future amendments to the RWVA Racing Aims and Grading Policy will be advertised in Racing Calendars, other industry publications and in any other manner deemed appropriate by RWVA. Update documentation and the latest version of this policy are always available on the RWVA website – [www.rwva.com.au](http://www.rwva.com.au).

This RWVA Racing Aims and Grading Policy, in conjunction with the RWVA Rules of Greyhound Racing, provides all interested industry participants with a comprehensive set of policies and rules to govern most racing related situations in the greyhound racing industry in WA. It will be in the best interest of all associated with the industry if participants attempt to gain even a basic understanding of these policies and rules.

## **2.0 RACING**

### **2.1. RACING AIMS**

To establish and maintain the highest degree of integrity and public confidence in greyhound racing in Western Australia.

To achieve this, our AIMS are to:

- Ensure the financial viability of the industry
- Encourage increased participation in terms of ownership, training, breeding, sponsorship, betting turnover and on-course attendance
- Promote the highest standard of racing possible and encourage excellence.

### **2.2. RACING POLICY**

To demonstrate fairness to all greyhounds and participants by adherence to documented procedures.

To encourage the best greyhounds to be drawn to compete in the best races for the highest stakemoney.

To heighten the profile of greyhound racing.

To ensure the programming of races is designed to satisfy the requirements of the Racing Aims.



## **3.0 GRADING**

### **3.1. GRADING AIMS**

To provide a clear and demonstrable Order of Choice to be used in the grading of race fields.

To simplify and expedite the grading process for the Grader.

To provide an initial grading for greyhounds which have competed elsewhere in Australia.

### **3.2. GRADING POLICY AND RULES**

#### **3.2.1. RACE PROGRAMMING**

##### **3.2.1.1. GENERAL**

The programming of races will be flexible to allow the best greyhounds to compete against each other.

Races will be programmed taking into consideration the following:

- RWWA policy to encourage the best greyhounds to race at the prime wagering meetings
- The fluctuating numbers of greyhounds in certain grades at various times
- The total number and the grades of surplus greyhounds.

Race meeting programmes will be advertised in advance in Racing Calendars, other industry publications and in any other manner deemed appropriate by RWWA.

##### **3.2.1.2. FEATURE EVENTS**

Feature events will be programmed and advertised in advance to enable forward planning by industry participants. Feature event dates and conditions will also be included in Racing Calendars and other industry publications.

##### **3.2.1.3. DISTANCE CHASING**

To foster distance racing in WA, a Middle Distance and a Distance Grade event will be programmed weekly with a Free For All alternating between those distance ranges, wherever possible.

### 3.2.2. GUIDELINES FOR RACE SELECTION

The number of nominations received for programmed races will determine whether these races proceed and where insufficient nominations are received for the races programmed at any race meeting the following guidelines will apply.

The Grader will, in consultation with the Manager Greyhound Racing or his representative, determine which replacement race(s) will be conducted taking into consideration the following:

- Mixed Grade Races incorporating grades already programmed at that meeting may provide the race(s) required
- Racing opportunities that may or may not be available for greyhounds of any grade at meetings yet to be graded that week
- The Order of Choice ranking for greyhounds of any grade initially not gaining a start or a reserve position in programmed races at the meeting.

### 3.2.3. RACE DISTANCES

Single grade types will apply to events over the following distances in WA:

<b>DISTANCE RANGE</b>	<b>DISTANCES</b>
Sprint ( <i>distances up to and including 560m</i> )	275, 297, 302, 405, 490, 509 & 520m
Middle Distance ( <i>from 561m - 650m inclusive</i> )	588, 600 & 647m
Distance ( <i>from 651m and beyond</i> )	715 & 721m

### 3.2.4. MULTIPLE OWNERSHIP AND TRAINING / GUARDING

All race fields will be determined firstly by the Order of Choice detailed in Section 3.2.8. Guarding of greyhounds owned and/or trained in similar interests will be applied in multiple divisions of any event and in heats and semi-finals of a feature event or non-feature series.

Guarding implies that greyhounds owned and/or trained in similar interests will be separated into different divisions of any event and in heats and semi-finals of a feature event or non-feature series, whenever and wherever possible. The guarding process is completed to a person level, including those within an ownership group, syndicate or racing lease.

The Redraw Policy (see Section 6.0) covers the situation when greyhounds have been incorrectly guarded.

### 3.2.5. GRADING INTERSTATE GREYHOUNDS

The grading system for interstate greyhounds is designed to provide fairness to greyhounds being imported into this State when compared to those presently racing in WA.

The following procedure applies, based upon the career performances of the greyhound:

1. Commencing with its first official start, the greyhound is penalised and awarded in the same manner as if the events were conducted in WA within the Prizemoney Class categories current at the time (to the winner):
  - City Class \$5,501 +
  - Provincial Class \$3,001 - \$5,500
  - Country Class up to \$3,000

No interstate meeting will be classified as non-penalty in WA.

Exceptions will be made when a greyhound contests an interstate Age Classic or such other event which may, or may not, be non-penalty in that State. Those winners will be penalised in the same manner as the equivalent event in WA. Should an event not be considered to have an equivalent in WA, it will be treated as penalty/award.

All Group 1 Races will be treated as City Class events, irrespective of the prizemoney class category.

2. The distances applicable to each grade are as follows:

Sprint Grade	Distances up to and including 560m
Middle Distance Grade	Distances from 561m - 650m inclusive
Distance Grade	Distances from 651m and beyond

3. A greyhound's first win will be penalised as a Maiden win only, irrespective of the distance or type of event contested. Greyhounds winning multiple legs of a Maiden series will be penalised a Maiden win only.
4. The **first two (2)** interstate wins outside of a Maiden will be graded as **Novice** wins in WA. Subsequent wins will be treated as a graded race victory and affect the corresponding class and grade type.
5. Greyhounds will be allocated a City, Provincial and Country Class Grade in each grade type (i.e. Sprint, Middle Distance and Distance Grades) with a determination of whether they are still entitled to win one (1) or two (2) events in those grades.
6. A greyhound cannot be allocated a Provincial Class Grade lower than its City Class Grade, nor can it be allocated a Country Class Grade lower than its Provincial Class Grade in any grade type (except where a Country Grade 6 has been established).
7. A greyhound penalised for any interstate City Class win during its career which has not established a Country Class Grade in the same distance range cannot be graded lower than a Country Grade 4.
8. A greyhound can be graded all the way back to a Country Grade 6 if the drop back conditions have been met.

9. Greyhounds will be allocated grades with any applicable outs (unplaced runs) in each class and grade type.
10. Greyhounds will also be allocated a Wins as a Novice statistic to reflect the number of Novice wins they have been penalised.
11. Greyhounds that have grades allocated after racing in WA and subsequently compete interstate will be re-graded using this policy upon their return to WA.
12. RWWA is empowered to make operational interpretations and implementations of this policy from time to time as interstate grading policies are amended.

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### 3.2.6. GRADING RULES

The Grading Rules contained in this section are written to cover almost all situations. There will be circumstances where a greyhound may be able to win more than the allowable number of races, or may have to run more than the required number of unplaced runs in a “Beat the Grader” situation. These scenarios are explained in more detail in Section 3.2.7.9.

#### 3.2.6.1. QUALIFYING CONDITIONS - MAIDENS

The following qualifying conditions will apply to greyhounds that have not won or been awarded first place in any flat race, heat or final of any official race behind an artificial lure.

##### (a) City (Cannington)

###### City Class Maiden Sprint Grade

- (i) To be eligible to be nominated for a Maiden event, a greyhound must run the time specified in Section (d) or better in a Qualifying Trial.
- (ii) Greyhounds qualified to run at Cannington are allocated a City Sprint Maiden Grade and are also qualified to compete in all Maidens at all tracks.

##### (b) Provincial (Mandurah)

###### Provincial Class Maiden Sprint Grade

- (i) To be eligible to be nominated for a Maiden event, a greyhound must run the time specified in Section (d) or better in a Qualifying Trial.

Greyhounds qualified in City Class are also qualified to compete in Provincial Class.

A greyhound qualifying over 405m or 490m will be allocated a Provincial Sprint Maiden Grade enabling it to compete over all distances in Provincial Sprint Maiden events.

- (ii) Greyhounds qualified to run in a Provincial Sprint Maiden Grade and are also qualified to compete in Country Class Maidens at all tracks over all distances.

**(c) Country**

Country Class Maiden Sprint Grade

- (i) To be eligible to be nominated for a Maiden event, a greyhound must run in a Qualifying Trial and as long as they have not been convicted of marring, failing to pursue or failing to pursue by reason of injury will be allocated a Country Class Maiden Sprint Grade.

Greyhounds qualified in City Class, or Provincial Class are also qualified to compete in Country Class.

**(d) Qualifying Times**

To Qualify for	Cannington		Mandurah	
	520m	380m	405m	490m
City Class	32.00			
Provincial Class		23.00	24.00	29.00

**(e) Requalification**

Maiden greyhounds can requalify at any time and this is recommended for those with no recent placings in their form to elevate them in the Order of Choice.

### 3.2.6.2. CITY CLASS RACING

#### (a) Sprint Grade

##### Maiden Events

For qualified greyhounds as described in Section 3.2.6.1.

##### Juvenile Events

- (i) All greyhounds must be **27 months of age or younger** on the actual date of the event in order to be eligible to compete in any Juvenile event. Qualified Maidens are also eligible for Juvenile events and will gain a start behind all Juvenile Grade greyhounds (i.e. Maiden winners) without unfulfilled commitments. Maiden greyhounds will be graded into a Juvenile event using the City Class Maiden Order of Choice.
- (ii) Greyhounds that have won their Maiden will be eligible to win a maximum of two (2) Juvenile events.
- (iii) Greyhounds may win any number of City, Provincial and Country Class Graded Races and still be eligible to compete in Juvenile events.
- (iv) Unplaced runs in Juvenile events will not count towards dropping a grade.

##### Novice

For winners of a Maiden, or equivalent event.

Greyhounds will be eligible to win a maximum of two (2) Novice events, irrespective of the Class and distance of those wins.

For greyhounds to be eligible for a Novice event they must not have been penalised for a Graded race win. Therefore, to be eligible a greyhound must have all of its Grades at 5 (2 to win) and have not won a Country Grade 6 race.

There is no beating the grader in Novice events, therefore as per Maiden races the Unfulfilled Commitments Policy 3.2.10.1 will not apply.

##### Grade 5

For winners of a Maiden, or equivalent event, or greyhounds returning from Grade 4.

Greyhounds will be eligible to win two (2) of these events before advancing to Grade 4 (subject to 3.2.7.1 (c)).

##### Grade 4, 3, 2 & 1

Greyhounds are allowed one (1) win in each of these grades, except Grade 1, before advancing to the next highest grade.

##### Free For All

Open to Grade 1, 2, 3 or 4 greyhounds (may be a combination of any two (2) or more of these grades).



**(b) Middle Distance Grade & Distance Grade**

**Note:** Middle Distance & Distance Grade are separate grades.

Novice

For winners of a Maiden, or equivalent event.

Greyhounds will be eligible to win a maximum of two (2) Novice events, irrespective of the Class and distance of those wins.

For greyhounds to be eligible for a Novice event they must not have been penalised for a Graded race win. Therefore, to be eligible a greyhound must have all of its Grades at 5 (2 to win) and have not won a Country Grade 6 race.

There is no beating the grader in Novice events, therefore as per Maiden races the Unfulfilled Commitments Policy 3.2.10.1 will not apply.

Grade 5

- i. For winners of a Maiden, or equivalent event, or greyhounds returning from Grade 4.
- ii. Maiden greyhounds are also eligible for these events provided they have a City Maiden Sprint Grade. This eligibility also extends to Mixed 4/5 events. **(Distance Races Only)**
- iii. Maiden greyhounds will gain a start behind all City Grade 5 greyhounds (i.e. Maiden winners) and will be graded using the City Class Maiden Order of Choice.
- iv. Maiden last start placegetters in these events, will be selected behind all City Grade 5 Last start placegetters.
- v. Maiden last start reserves in one of these events will be selected behind Placegetter 2 of last 3 (City)-ranked greyhounds.
- vi. Maiden greyhounds winning one of these events will have that win counted as a Maiden win and will be eligible to win two (2) more Grade 5 events.
- vii. Greyhounds will be eligible to win two (2) of these events before advancing to Grade 4 (subject to 3.2.7.2 (c)).

Grade 4, 3, 2 & 1

Greyhounds are allowed one (1) win in each of these grades, except Grade 1, before advancing to the next highest grade.

Free For All

Open to Grade 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 greyhounds (may be a combination of any two (2) or more of these grades).

### 3.2.6.3. PROVINCIAL CLASS RACING

#### (a) Sprint Grade

##### Maiden Events

For qualified greyhounds as described in Section 3.2.6.1.

##### Juvenile Events

- (i) All greyhounds must be **27 months of age or younger** on the actual date of the event in order to be eligible to compete in any Juvenile event. Qualified Maidens are also eligible for Juvenile events and will gain a start behind all Juvenile Grade greyhounds (i.e. Maiden winners) without unfulfilled commitments. Maiden greyhounds will be graded into a Juvenile event using the Provincial Class Maiden Order of Choice.
- (ii) Greyhounds that have won their Maiden will be eligible to win a maximum of two (2) Juvenile events.
- (iii) Greyhounds may win any number of City, Provincial and Country Class Graded Races and still be eligible to compete in Juvenile events.
- (iv) Unplaced runs in Juvenile events will not count towards dropping a grade.

##### Novice

For winners of a Maiden, or equivalent event.

Greyhounds will be eligible to win a maximum of two (2) Novice events, irrespective of the Class and distance of those wins.

For greyhounds to be eligible for a Novice event they must not have been penalised for a Graded race win. Therefore, to be eligible a greyhound must have all of its Grades at 5 (2 to win) and have not won a Country Grade 6 race.

There is no beating the grader in Novice events, therefore as per Maiden races the Unfulfilled Commitments Policy 3.2.10.1 will not apply.

##### Grade 5

For winners of a Maiden, or equivalent event, or greyhounds returning from Grade 4.

Greyhounds will be eligible to win two (2) of these events before advancing to Grade 4 (subject to 3.2.7.3 (d)).

##### Grades 4, 3, 2 & 1

Greyhounds are allowed one (1) win in each of these grades, except Grade 1, before advancing to the next highest grade.

##### Free For All

Open to Grade 1, 2, 3 or 4 greyhounds (may be a combination of any two (2) or more of these grades).

**(b) Middle Distance Grade**

Novice

For winners of a Maiden, or equivalent event.

Greyhounds will be eligible to win a maximum of two (2) Novice events, irrespective of the Class and distance of those wins.

For greyhounds to be eligible for a Novice event they must not have been penalised for a Graded race win. Therefore, to be eligible a greyhound must have all of its Grades at 5 (2 to win) and have not won a Country Grade 6 race.

There is no beating the grader in Novice events, therefore as per Maiden races the Unfulfilled Commitments Policy 3.2.10.1 will not apply.

Grade 5

- (i) For winners of a Maiden, or equivalent event, or greyhounds returning from Grade 4.
- (ii) Maiden greyhounds are also eligible for these events provided they have a City, Provincial or Country Maiden Sprint Grade. This eligibility also extends to Mixed 4/5 events.

Maiden greyhounds will gain a start behind all Provincial Grade 5 greyhounds (i.e. Maiden winners) and will be graded using the Provincial Class Maiden Order of Choice.

Maiden last start placegetters in these events, or in a Country Grade 5, will be selected behind all Provincial Grade 5 Last start placegetters (Provincial or Country respectively).

Maiden last start reserves in one of these events will be selected behind Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Provincial)-ranked greyhounds.

- (iii) Maiden greyhounds winning one of these events will have that win counted as a Maiden win and will be eligible to win two (2) more Grade 5 events.
- (iv) Greyhounds will be eligible to win two (2) of these events before advancing to Grade 4 (subject to 3.2.7.4 (e)).
- (v) Greyhounds with a City Class Sprint Grade higher than Grade 5 are not eligible to contest Provincial Grade 5 events in the Middle Distance Grade and are graded as City Grade 5 / Provincial Grade 4.

Grades 4, 3, 2 & 1

Greyhounds are allowed one (1) win in each of these grades, except Grade 1, before advancing to the next highest grade.

Free For All

Open to Grade 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 greyhounds (may be a combination of any two (2) or more of these grades).

**(c) Distance Grade**

Novice

For winners of a Maiden, or equivalent event.

Greyhounds will be eligible to win a maximum of two (2) Novice events, irrespective of the Class and distance of those wins.

For greyhounds to be eligible for a Novice event they must not have been penalised for a Graded race win. Therefore, to be eligible a greyhound must have all of its Grades at 5 (2 to win) and have not won a Country Grade 6 race.

There is no beating the grader in Novice events, therefore as per Maiden races the Unfulfilled Commitments Policy 3.2.10.1 will not apply.

Grade 5

For winners of a Maiden, or equivalent event, or greyhounds returning from Grade 4.

Maiden greyhounds can compete under the same conditions of Middle Distance.

Greyhounds will be eligible to win two (2) of these events before advancing to Grade 4 (subject to 3.2.7.5 (d)).

Grades 4, 3, 2 & 1

Greyhounds are allowed one (1) win in each of these grades, except Grade 1, before advancing to the next highest grade.

Free For All

Open to Grade 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 greyhounds (may be a combination of any two (2) or more of these grades).

**3.2.6.4. COUNTRY CLASS RACING**

**(a) Sprint Grade**

Maiden Events

For qualified greyhounds as described in Section 3.2.6.1.

Juvenile Events

- (i) All greyhounds must be **27 months of age or younger** on the actual date of the event in order to be eligible to compete in any Juvenile event. Qualified Maidens are also eligible for Juvenile events and will gain a start behind all Juvenile Grade greyhounds (i.e. Maiden winners) without unfulfilled commitments. Maiden greyhounds will be graded into a Juvenile event using the Country Class Maiden Order of Choice.

- (ii) Greyhounds that have won their Maiden will be eligible to win a maximum of two (2) Juvenile events.
- (iii) Greyhounds may win any number of City, Provincial and Country Class Graded Races and still be eligible to compete in Juvenile events.
- (iv) Unplaced runs in Juveniles will not count towards dropping a grade.

#### Novice

For winners of a Maiden, or equivalent event.

Greyhounds will be eligible to win a maximum of two (2) Novice events, irrespective of the Class and distance of those wins.

For greyhounds to be eligible for a Novice event they must not have been penalised for a Graded race win. Therefore, to be eligible a greyhound must have all of its Grades at 5 (2 to win) and have not won a Country Grade 6 race.

There is no beating the grader in Novice events, therefore as per Maiden races the Unfulfilled Commitments Policy 3.2.10.1 will not apply.

#### Grade 6

For greyhounds that have run three (3) unplaced runs in Country Class Grade 5 events in the same grade and distance category.

Greyhounds will be eligible to win one (1) of these events before advancing back to the Grade 5 status they were at before they dropped to Grade 6.

#### Grade 5

For winners of a Maiden, or equivalent event, or greyhounds returning from Grade 4 or advancing from Grade 6.

Greyhounds will be eligible to win any two (2) of these events before advancing to Grade 4 (subject to 3.2.7.6 (c)).

#### Grades 4, 3, 2 & 1

Greyhounds are allowed one (1) win in each of these grades, except Grade 1, before advancing to the next highest grade.

#### Free For All

Open to Grade 1, 2, 3 or 4 greyhounds (may be a combination of any two (2) or more of these grades).

### **(b) Middle Distance Grade**

#### Novice

For winners of a Maiden, or equivalent event.

Greyhounds will be eligible to win a maximum of two (2) Novice events, irrespective of the Class and distance of those wins.

For greyhounds to be eligible for a Novice event they must not have been penalised for a Graded race win. Therefore, to be eligible a greyhound must have all of its Grades at 5 (2 to win) and have not won a Country Grade 6 race.

There is no beating the grader in Novice events, therefore as per Maiden races the Unfulfilled Commitments Policy 3.2.10.1 will not apply.

#### Grade 6

For greyhounds that have run three (3) unplaced runs in Country Class Grade 5 events in the same grade and distance category.

Greyhounds will be eligible to win one (1) of these events before advancing back to the Grade 5 status they were at before they dropped to Grade 6.

#### Grade 5

- (i) For winners of a Maiden, or equivalent event, or greyhounds returning from Grade 4.
- (ii) Maiden greyhounds are also eligible for these events provided they have a City, Provincial or Country Maiden Sprint Grade. This eligibility also extends to Mixed 4/5 & 5/6 events.

Maiden greyhounds will gain a start behind all Country Grade 5 greyhounds (i.e. Maiden winners) and will be graded using the Country Class Maiden Order of Choice.

Maiden last start placegetters in these events, or in a Provincial Grade 5, will be selected behind all Country Grade 5 Last start placegetters (Country or Provincial respectively).

Maiden last start reserves in these events will be selected behind Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Country)-ranked greyhounds. Maiden greyhounds will be graded using the Country Class Maiden Order of Choice.

- (iii) A Maiden greyhound winning one of these events will have that win counted as its Maiden win only and will be eligible to win two (2) more Grade 5 events.
- (iv) Greyhounds will be eligible to win any two (2) of these events before advancing to Grade 4 (subject to 3.2.7.7 (c)).

#### Grades 4, 3, 2 & 1

Greyhounds are allowed one (1) win in each of these grades, except Grade 1, before advancing to the next highest grade.

#### Free For All

Open to Grade 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 greyhounds (may be a combination of any two (2) or more of these grades).

**(c) Distance Grade**

Novice

For winners of a Maiden, or equivalent event.

Greyhounds will be eligible to win a maximum of two (2) Novice events, irrespective of the Class and distance of those wins.

For greyhounds to be eligible for a Novice event they must not have been penalised for a Graded race win. Therefore, to be eligible a greyhound must have all of its Grades at 5 (2 to win) and have not won a Country Grade 6 race.

There is no beating the grader in Novice events, therefore as per Maiden races the Unfulfilled Commitments Policy 3.2.10.1 will not apply.

Grade 6

For greyhounds that have run three (3) unplaced runs in Country Class Grade 5 events in the same grade and distance category.

Greyhounds will be eligible to win one (1) of these events before advancing back to the Grade 5 status they were at before they dropped to Grade 6.

Grade 5

For winners of a Maiden, or equivalent event, or greyhounds returning from Grade 4.

Maiden greyhounds can compete under the same conditions of Middle Distance.

Greyhounds will be eligible to win any two (2) of these events before advancing to Grade 4 (subject to 3.2.7.8 (c)).

Grade 4, 3, 2 or 1

Greyhounds are allowed one (1) win in each of these grades, except Grade 1, before advancing to the next highest grade.

Free For All

Open to Grade 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 greyhounds (may be a combination of any two (2) or more of these grades).

**3.2.6.5. MASTERS RACING**

Masters Races are conducted for greyhounds 4 years and over at the time of the meeting date.

They are non-penalty but fully award for unplaced runs.

No greyhounds with 2 wins in their last 3 starts can compete.

Masters races are treated as Graded races, therefore the ability to beat the grader is valid. This applies to both grade and the win eligibility criteria. If at the time of grading a Masters race the greyhound is eligible to compete in it and subsequently has a win after the field is produced it will be considered beating the grader.

### **3.2.6.6. LOSING SEQUENCE RACING**

Greyhounds in these races will be selected based on the length of their losing sequence, with the longest losing sequence selected first. The Order of Choice will only be used to separate greyhounds with the same losing sequence.

They will be graded as one division races and standard grading penalties and awards will apply.

Reserves will be graded the same way as standard graded races and will be unseeded.

Nominators should provide second preferences back to the regular graded races on the program as the Losing Sequence races will only be graded as one division.

With the length of the losing sequence being used to establish the composition of the field, grading concessions such as "Last Start Reserve", "Drop A Grade" & "35 Days" will not apply. These may be used in the case when the Order of Choice has to be called upon to separate greyhounds with the same losing sequence. Similarly unfulfilled commitment restrictions will not apply for field selection but may be used to separate the same losing sequence.

A minimum Losing Sequence of 6 races at the time of nomination is required to be eligible to compete in these races.

If a greyhound with an unfulfilled commitment wins a race prior to competing in the Losing Sequence race it was drawn into, then it will remain eligible and will be considered as beating the grader.





### 3.2.7. PENALTIES AND AWARDS

The Grading Rules contained in this Penalties and Awards section are written to cover almost all situations. There will be circumstances where a greyhound may be able to win more than the allowable number of races, or may have to run more than the required number of unplaced runs in a "Beat the Grader" situation. These scenarios are explained in more detail in Section 3.2.7.9.

#### 3.2.7.1. CITY CLASS SPRINT GRADE

- (a) Greyhounds are eligible to win two (2) Grade 5 events over Sprint Grade distances (see Section 3.2.3) before advancing to Grade 4.
- (b) Provincial Grade 5 (P5 eligible) greyhounds winning a City Grade 5 will no longer be eligible for Provincial Grade 5 events and will become a Provincial Grade 4 in their Sprint Grade.
- (c) After two (2) unplaced runs in City Class Grade 1, 2 & 3 events or three (3) unplaced runs in City Class Grade 4 events in the same grade (other than City Grade 5) greyhounds shall be eligible to drop a City Grade. These greyhounds can only win one (1) event in the lower grade before advancing one (1) grade.
- (d) Free For Alls

For Grade 1, 2, 3 or 4 greyhounds.

Preference will be given to greyhounds based on their grade with the highest grade taking preference. Winners are penalised one (1) grade and unplaced greyhounds receive one (1) unplaced award towards dropping a grade.

- (e) Heats and Finals of Feature Events or Non-Feature Series

- (i) Open Grade

For Grade 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 greyhounds.

Selection of the required number of greyhounds will be made based on their grade with the highest grade taking preference.

An Order of Choice will then be applied to select the greyhounds from the lowest grade. Last start reserve status and the 35 day rule will not be applicable. The Order of Choice ranking for greyhounds from the lowest grade(s) will be considered when determining the number of heats to be conducted (feature events only).

A (maximum) one (1) grade penalty will be imposed for one (1) or more wins in a series. Unplaced greyhounds will receive a (maximum) one (1) unplaced award for one (1) or more unplaced runs in a series, unless penalised for a win during the series (other than City Grade 5).

***Greyhounds contesting a series may only be penalised or awarded once.*** Note that this clause ***may not apply*** to series run over varying distances.

The following table shows all possible combinations of penalties and awards in a penalty/award series:

Heat Placing	Final Placing	Result
Win	Win	1 penalty
Win	Placed	1 penalty
Win	Unplaced	1 penalty
Placed	Win	1 penalty
Placed	Placed	No change
Placed	Unplaced	1 award
Unplaced	Win	1 penalty
Unplaced	Placed	1 award
Unplaced	Unplaced	1 award

(ii) Restricted Grade

The Order of Choice for graded events will be applied to select these fields. Last start reserve status and the 35 day rule will not be applicable.

A (maximum) one (1) grade penalty will be imposed for one (1) or more wins in a series. Unplaced greyhounds will receive a (maximum) one (1) unplaced award for one (1) or more unplaced runs in a series, unless penalised for a win during the series (other than City Grade 5).

***Greyhounds contesting a series may only be penalised or awarded once.*** Note that this clause ***may not apply*** to series run over varying distances.

(iii) Age Restricted Classics & Events Restricted to Dogs or Bitches Only.

Strictly non penalty/non award conditions apply. A greyhound's grade will **NOT** alter, regardless of any wins and/or unplaced runs during any of these series, **EXCEPT** where the greyhound is a Maiden and wins its initial race during the series, whereby it will no longer be considered a Maiden.

For the City Class Age Restricted Classics, greyhounds may be required to qualify through Qualifying Trials to gain a start in the heats; and if not, the heats will be selected by Grade and Order of Choice (last start reserve status and the 35 day rule will not be applicable).

(f) Mixed Grade Races

In the event of there being insufficient nominations received for a graded event, the Racing Grader may combine the nominations received for that event with nominations received for another grade (either one grade higher or lower), and such event shall be known as a "Mixed Grade Race".

Greyhounds will be penalised or awarded based on their grade at the time of nomination for the event (i.e. greyhounds from the lower grade will only be penalised a win in that grade).

The stakemoney corresponding to the higher grade will apply.

### 3.2.7.2. CITY CLASS MIDDLE DISTANCE & DISTANCE GRADE

**Note:** Middle Distance & Distance Grade are separate grades.

- (a) Greyhounds are eligible to win two (2) Grade 5 events over Middle Distance & Distance Grade distances (see Section 3.2.3) before advancing to Grade 4.

Maiden greyhounds winning a Distance event will be penalised a Maiden win only and will be eligible to win two (2) more Grade 5 events.

- (b) Provincial Grade 5 greyhounds winning a City Grade 5 event in one of these grade types will no longer be eligible for Provincial Grade 5 events and will become a Provincial Grade 4 in that grade type.
- (c) After two (2) unplaced runs in City Class Grade 1, 2 & 3 events or three (3) unplaced runs in City Class Grade 4 events in the same grade (other than City Grade 5) greyhounds shall be eligible to drop a City Grade. These greyhounds can only win one (1) event in the lower grade before advancing one (1) grade.

- (d) Free For Alls

For Grade 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 greyhounds.

Preference will be given to greyhounds based on their grade with the highest grade taking preference. Winners are penalised one (1) grade. Unplaced greyhounds receive one (1) unplaced award towards dropping a grade (other than City Grade 5).

- (e) Heats and Finals

The same conditions apply as those detailed for Sprint Grade.

- (f) Mixed Grade Races

The same conditions apply as those detailed for Sprint Grade.

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### 3.2.7.3. PROVINCIAL CLASS SPRINT GRADE

- (a) Greyhounds are eligible to win two (2) Grade 5 events over Sprint Grade distances (see Section 3.2.3) before advancing to Grade 4.
- (b) Provincial Grade 5 (P5 eligible) greyhounds winning a City Grade 5 will no longer be eligible for Provincial Grade 5 events and will become a Provincial Grade 4 in their Sprint Grade.
- (c) Provincial Grade 4 greyhounds winning a City Grade 5 will revert to Provincial Grade 4 with no outs.
- (d) After two (2) unplaced runs in Provincial Class Grade 1, 2 & 3 events or three (3) unplaced runs in Provincial Class Grade 4 events in the same grade (other than Provincial Grade 5) greyhounds shall be eligible to drop a Provincial Grade, provided however that the greyhound's Provincial Grade cannot be lower than its City Grade.

For example, a greyhound with a City Grade of 4 and three unplaced runs in Provincial Grade 4 cannot drop to Provincial Grade 5 until it runs its third unplaced run in City Grade 4 - then becoming City Grade 5 and Provincial Grade 5. The greyhound can only win one (1) event in the lower grade before advancing one (1) grade.

- (e) Free For Alls

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class Sprint Grade.

- (f) Heats and Finals

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class Sprint Grade.

- (g) Mixed Grade Races

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class Sprint Grade.

#### 3.2.7.4. PROVINCIAL CLASS MIDDLE DISTANCE GRADE

- (a) Greyhounds are eligible to win two (2) Grade 5 events over Middle Distance Grade distances (see Section 3.2.3) before advancing to Grade 4.

Maiden greyhounds winning one of these events will be penalised a Maiden win only and will be eligible to win two (2) more Grade 5 events.

- (b) Greyhounds with a City Class Sprint Grade higher than Grade 5 are not eligible to contest Provincial Grade 5 events in the Middle Distance Grade and are graded as City Grade 5 / Provincial Grade 4.
- (c) Provincial Grade 5 greyhounds winning a City Grade 5 will no longer be eligible for Provincial Grade 5 events and will become a Provincial Grade 4 in their Middle Distance Grade.
- (d) Provincial Grade 4 greyhounds winning a City Grade 5 will revert to Provincial Grade 4 with no outs.
- (e) After two (2) unplaced runs in Provincial Class Grade 1, 2 & 3 events or three (3) unplaced runs in Provincial Class Grade 4 events in the same grade (other than Provincial Grade 5) greyhounds shall be eligible to drop a Provincial Grade, provided however that the greyhound's Provincial Grade cannot be lower than its City Grade.

For example, a greyhound with a City Grade of 4 and three unplaced runs in Provincial Grade 4 cannot drop to Provincial Grade 5 until it runs its third unplaced run in City Grade 4 - then becoming City Grade 5 and Provincial Grade 5. The greyhound can only win one (1) event in the lower grade before advancing one (1) grade.

- (f) Free For Alls

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class Middle Distance Grade.

- (g) Heats and Finals

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class Sprint Grade.

- (h) Mixed Grade Races

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class Sprint Grade.

### 3.2.7.5. PROVINCIAL CLASS DISTANCE GRADE

- (a) Greyhounds are eligible to win two (2) Grade 5 events over Distance Grade distances (see Section 3.2.3) before advancing to Grade 4.

Maiden greyhounds winning one of these events will be penalised a Maiden win only and will be eligible to win two (2) more Grade 5 events.

- (b) Provincial Grade 5 greyhounds winning a City Grade 5 will no longer be eligible for Provincial Grade 5 events and will become a Provincial Grade 4 in their Distance Grade.
- (c) Provincial Grade 4 greyhounds winning a City Grade 5 will revert to Provincial Grade 4 with no outs.
- (d) After two (2) unplaced runs in Provincial Class Grade 1, 2 & 3 events or three (3) unplaced runs in Provincial Class Grade 4 events in the same grade (other than Provincial Grade 5) greyhounds shall be eligible to drop a Provincial Grade, provided however that the greyhound's Provincial Grade cannot be lower than its City Grade.

For example, a greyhound with a City Grade of 4 and three unplaced runs in Provincial Grade 4 cannot drop to Provincial Grade 5 until it runs its third unplaced run in City Grade 4 - then becoming City Grade 5 and Provincial Grade 5. The greyhound can only win one (1) event in the lower grade before advancing one (1) grade.

- (e) Free For Alls

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class Distance Grade.

- (f) Heats and Finals

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class Sprint Grade.

- (g) Mixed Grade Races

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class Sprint Grade.



### 3.2.7.6. COUNTRY CLASS SPRINT GRADE

- (a) Greyhounds are eligible to win two (2) Grade 5 events over Sprint Grade distances (see Section 3.2.3) before advancing to Grade 4.
- (b) Country Grade 4 greyhounds winning a City Grade 5 or Provincial Grade 5 will revert to Country Grade 4 with no outs. The same applies to a Country Grade 5 greyhound winning a Provincial Grade 5 race, any outs established will reset back to 3 to drop.
- (c) After two (2) unplaced runs in Country Class Grade 1, 2 & 3 events and three (3) unplaced runs in Country Class Grade 4 events in the same grade (other than Country Grade 6) a greyhound shall be eligible to drop a Country Grade, provided however that the greyhound's Country Grade cannot be lower than its Provincial Grade (this does not apply to Country Grade 6 greyhounds as their Provincial Grade cannot be lower than Grade 5, however a greyhound winning a Provincial or City class race whilst a Grade 6 will be promoted to the relevant Country Grade with its outs reset to 3).

For example, a greyhound with a Provincial Grade of 4 and three unplaced runs in Country Grade 4 cannot drop to Country Grade 5 until it runs its third unplaced run in Provincial Grade 4 - then becoming Provincial Grade 5 and Country Grade 5. The greyhound can only win one (1) event in the lower grade before advancing one (1) grade.

(d) Free For Alls

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class Sprint Grade.

(e) Heats and Finals

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class Sprint Grade.

(f) Mixed Grade Races

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class Sprint Grade.

### 3.2.7.7. COUNTRY CLASS MIDDLE DISTANCE GRADE

- (a) Greyhounds are eligible to win two (2) Grade 5 events over Middle Distance Grade distances (see Section 3.2.3) before advancing to Grade 4.

Maiden greyhounds winning one of these events will be penalised a Maiden win only and will be eligible to win two (2) more Grade 5 events.

- (b) Country Grade 4 greyhounds winning a City Grade 5 or Provincial Grade 5 will revert to Country Grade 4 with no outs. The same applies to a Country Grade 5 greyhound winning a Provincial Grade 5 race, any outs established will reset back to 3 to drop.

- (c) After two (2) unplaced runs in Country Class Grade 1, 2 & 3 events and three (3) unplaced runs in Country Class Grade 4 events in the same grade (other than Country Grade 6) a greyhound shall be eligible to drop a Country Grade, provided however that the greyhound's Country Grade cannot be lower than its Provincial Grade (this does not apply to Country Grade 6 greyhounds as their Provincial Grade cannot be lower than Grade 5, however a greyhound winning a Provincial or City class race whilst a Grade 6 will be promoted to the relevant Country Grade with its outs reset to 3).

For example, a greyhound with a Provincial Grade of 3 and three unplaced runs in Country Grade 3 cannot drop to Country Grade 4 until it runs its third unplaced run in Provincial Grade 3 - then becoming Provincial Grade 4 and Country Grade 4. The greyhound can only win one (1) event in the lower grade before advancing one (1) grade.

- (d) Free For Alls

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class Middle Distance Grade.

- (e) Heats and Finals

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class Sprint Grade.

- (f) Mixed Grade Races

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class Sprint Grade.

### 3.2.7.8. COUNTRY CLASS DISTANCE GRADE

- (a) Greyhounds are eligible to win two (2) Grade 5 events over Distance Grade distances (see Section 3.2.3) before advancing to a Grade 4.

Maiden greyhounds winning one of these events will be penalised a Maiden win only and will be eligible to win two (2) more Grade 5 events.

- (b) Country Grade 4 greyhounds winning a City Grade 5 or Provincial Grade 5 will revert to Country Grade 4 with no outs. The same applies to a Country Grade 5 greyhound winning a Provincial Grade 5 race, any outs established will reset back to 3 to drop.
- (c) After two (2) unplaced runs in Country Class Grade 1, 2 & 3 events and three (3) unplaced runs in Country Class Grade 4 events in the same grade (other than Country Grade 6) a greyhound shall be eligible to drop a Country Grade, provided however that the greyhound's Country Grade cannot be lower than its Provincial Grade (this does not apply to Country Grade 6 greyhounds as their Provincial Grade cannot be lower than Grade 5, however a greyhound winning a Provincial or City class race whilst a Grade 6 will be promoted to the relevant Country Grade with its outs reset to 3).

For example, a greyhound with a Provincial Grade of 3 and three unplaced runs in Country Grade 3 cannot drop to Country Grade 4 until it runs its third unplaced run in Provincial Grade 3 - then becoming Provincial Grade 4 and Country Grade 4. The greyhound can only win one (1) event in the lower grade before advancing one (1) grade.

- (d) Free For Alls

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class Distance Grade.

- (e) Heats and Finals

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class Sprint Grade.

- (f) Mixed Grade Races

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class Sprint Grade.

### 3.2.7.9. “BEAT THE GRADER”

When a greyhound wins its last allowable race in any class and grade type, and rises in grade, but has already been drawn into another event (at the lower grade) it will remain eligible to compete in that event.

If the greyhound wins again it will only be penalised from the grade it was at the time of nomination (i.e. penalised for the first win only) and will be considered to have “Beaten the Grader”. If the greyhound runs unplaced it will not be awarded one (1) unplaced run or ‘out’ at that higher grade.

The only exceptions to “Beat the Grader” will be when a greyhound wins its Maiden and has been drawn into another Maiden event (providing the first win was not in a heat of a Maiden Series). In this case the greyhound is no longer eligible and must be withdrawn.

And when a greyhound wins its second Novice event and has been drawn into another Novice event. In this case the greyhound is no longer eligible and must be withdrawn.

The following example shows the grade changes that may occur in “Beat the Grader” situations (i.e. the greyhound has been drawn in the second event before competing in the first event):

<b>Initial Grade</b>	<b>First Start Placing</b>	<b>New Grade</b>	<b>Second Start Placing</b>	<b>Final Grade</b>
C3 / 2 outs	Win	C2 / 0 outs	Win	C2 / 0 outs
			Place	C2 / 0 outs
			Unplaced	C2 / 0 outs

### 3.2.7.10. ESTABLISHING A GRADE

Provincial and Country Grades in any grade type are affected by the City Grade of a greyhound on the basis that a greyhound cannot have a Provincial Grade lower than its City Grade, nor can it have a Country Grade lower than its Provincial Grade (except for greyhounds that have dropped back to Country Grade 6). Wins in City Class events will affect both the Provincial and Country Grade of a greyhound whilst wins in Provincial Class events will also affect the Country Grade.

When a greyhound runs in any Provincial or Country Class event in any grade type it has then “established a Grade” and must then the appropriate unplaced runs in that class and grade type before being eligible to drop a grade.

Consider the two examples below:

#### Greyhound X

- Greyhound X’s last Provincial Class Sprint Grade win was as a Provincial Grade 5 and the greyhound won City Class Sprint Grade events, rising through the grades to City Grade 2
- When nominated for a Provincial Class Sprint Grade event greyhound X, now being a Provincial Grade 2 (the Provincial Grade cannot be lower than the City Grade), establishes its Provincial Class Sprint Grade as Grade 2
- Greyhound X cannot drop to Provincial Grade 3 until after two (2) unplaced runs in Provincial Class Sprint Grade events, provided its City Class Sprint Grade has dropped to at least Grade 3 also.

#### Greyhound Y

- Greyhound Y’s last Provincial Class Sprint Grade win was also as a Provincial Grade 5 and the greyhound also won City Class Sprint Grade events, rising through the grades to City Grade 2
- Greyhound Y’s Provincial Class Sprint Grade had also risen to Grade 2 but the greyhound never ran in Provincial Class Sprint Grade events at all and ended up losing form, dropping back through the grades to City Grade 5
- Greyhound Y was then nominated for a Provincial Class Sprint Grade event and was graded into a Grade 4 event because its Provincial Class Sprint Grade had returned to Grade 4, one higher than the grade of its last Provincial Class win.

Similarly greyhounds running in Country Class events will establish their grades in the same way.

### 3.2.8. ORDER OF CHOICE

The Order of Choice ranking is determined on race form over the last three (3) starts only, irrespective of the distance over which a greyhound has been racing, or for which the greyhound is nominated.

For Order of Choice purposes only, a greyhound that fails to finish in a race in its last 3 starts will have a placing interpreted as the next sequential placing after the last actual placing filled by a greyhound in that race.

Race meeting fields are graded taking into account all policies included in this document. Sections 3.2.8.3 to 4.1 inclusive, in particular, contain policies relating to the method in which fields are graded and should be read in conjunction with the Order of Choice.

#### 3.2.8.1. MAIDEN EVENTS

Greyhounds are selected for Maiden events using the Order of Choice for the appropriate class.

In Maiden events, Qualifying Trial form will only be used to provide the opportunity for a greyhound to gain an initial start at the track for which it has qualified (or requalified). ***Qualifying Trial form is not regarded as race form under the Order of Choice.***

##### (i) City Class

- (a) Last start placegetter (City Class Race)
- (b) Reserve greyhounds (City) - (same track and distance in previous 14 days)
- (c) Last start placegetter (Provincial)
- (d) Last start placegetter (Country)
- (e) Greyhounds having their first start after ***qualifying*** through a Qualifying Trial are selected in the following order:
  - (i) Date on which they qualified
  - (ii) Time in which they qualified
  - (iii) In the event of greyhounds running equal qualifying times, the trial placing will be considered with first place taking preference over second, then third etc.
- (f) Placegetter at 2 of last 3 starts (City/Provincial/Country)
- (g) Placegetter at 2 of last 3 starts (Mixed City/Provincial/Country)
- (h) Placegetter at 1 of only 2 starts (City/Provincial/Country)
- (i) Greyhounds having their first start after ***requalifying*** through Qualifying Trials, selected as in (e) (i) to (iii)
- (j) Greyhounds with only 1 start
- (k) Placegetter at 1 of last 3 starts (City/Provincial/Country)
- (l) Greyhounds with only 2 starts
- (m) Greyhounds not started for 35 days
- (n) Unplaced runners by last start date

**(ii) Provincial Class**

- (a) Last start placegetter (City Class Race)
- (b) Last start placegetter (Provincial)
- (c) Reserve greyhounds (Provincial) - (same track and distance in previous 14 days)
- (d) Last start placegetter (Country)
- (e) Greyhounds having their first start after **qualifying** through a Qualifying Trial are selected in the following order:
  - (i) Date on which they qualified
  - (ii) Time in which they qualified. For greyhounds qualifying over different distances the difference between the time run and the qualifying time for that distance will be used.
  - (iii) In the event of greyhounds running equal qualifying times, the trial placing will be considered with first place taking preference over second, then third etc.
- (f) Placegetter at 2 of last 3 starts (City/Provincial/Country)
- (g) Placegetter at 2 of last 3 starts (Mixed City/Provincial/Country)
- (h) Placegetter at 1 of only 2 starts (City/Provincial/Country)
- (i) Greyhounds having their first start after **requalifying** through Qualifying Trials, selected as in (e) (i) to (iii)
- (j) Greyhounds with only 1 start
- (k) Placegetter at 1 of last 3 starts (City/Provincial/Country)
- (l) Greyhounds with only 2 starts
- (m) Greyhounds not started for 35 days
- (n) Unplaced runners by last start date

### **(iii) Country Class**

- (a) Last start placegetter (City/Provincial/Country Class Races)
- (b) Reserve greyhounds (Country) - (same track and distance in previous 14 days)
- (c) Greyhounds having their first start after **qualifying** through a Qualifying Trial are selected in the following order:
  - (i) Date on which they qualified
  - (ii) Time in which they qualified. For greyhounds qualifying over different distances the difference between the time run and the qualifying time for that distance will be used.
  - (iii) In the event of greyhounds running equal qualifying times, the trial placing will be considered with first place taking preference over second, then third etc.
- (d) Placegetter at 2 of last 3 starts (City/Provincial/Country)
- (e) Placegetter at 2 of last 3 starts (Mixed City/Provincial/Country)
- (f) Placegetter at 1 of only 2 starts (City/Provincial/Country)
- (g) Greyhounds having their first start after **requalifying** through Qualifying Trials, selected as in (c) (i) to (iii)
- (h) Greyhounds with only 1 start
- (i) Placegetter at 1 of last 3 starts (City/Provincial/Country)
- (j) Greyhounds with only 2 starts
- (k) Greyhounds not started for 35 days
- (l) Unplaced runners by last start date



### 3.2.8.2. GRADED EVENTS

Greyhounds for all single grade events and heats will be selected using the Order of Choice for the appropriate class. **The (unless P5 eligible) restriction applies in the Sprint Graded races only. It does not apply to Novice races.**

#### (i) City Class

- (a) Last start winners (City Class Race)
- (b) Last start placegetters (City)
- (c) Last start winner (Provincial) (unless P5 eligible)
- (d) Reserve greyhounds (City) - (same track and distance in previous 14 days)
- (e) Greyhounds dropping a City Grade
- (f) Other winners/placegetters last 3 starts in the following order:
  - (i) Winner of 2 of last 3 (City)
  - (ii) Winner of 2 of last 3 (Provincial) (unless P5 eligible)
  - (iii) Winner of 1 of last 3 (City)
  - (iv) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (City)
  - (v) Last start placegetter (Provincial) (unless P5 eligible)
  - (vi) Last start winner (Country) (unless P5 eligible)
  - (vii) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (City)
  - (viii) Winner 1 of last 3 (Provincial) (unless P5 eligible)
  - (ix) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Provincial) (unless P5 eligible)
  - (x) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Mixed Provincial/Country) (unless P5 eligible)
  - (xi) Greyhounds not started for 35 days (unless P5 eligible)
  - (xii) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Provincial) (unless P5 eligible)
  - (xiii) Last start placegetter (Country) (unless P5 eligible)
  - (xiv) Winner 2 of last 3 (Country) (unless P5 eligible)
  - (xv) Winner 1 of last 3 (Country) (unless P5 eligible)
  - (xvi) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Country) (unless P5 eligible)
  - (xvii) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Country) (unless P5 eligible)
- (g) Unplaced runners by last start date (those greyhounds above Provincial Grade 5)
- (h) Provincial Grade 5 eligible greyhounds in the following order:
  - (i) Last start winner (Provincial)
  - (ii) Last start placegetter (Provincial)
  - (iii) Last start winner (Country)
  - (iv) Winner 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
  - (v) Winner 2 of last 3 (Country)
  - (vi) Winner 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
  - (vii) Last start placegetter (Country)
  - (viii) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
  - (ix) Winner 1 of last 3 (Country)
  - (x) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Mixed Provincial/Country)
  - (xi) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Country)
  - (xii) Greyhounds not started for 35 days
  - (xiii) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
  - (xiv) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Country)
  - (xv) Unplaced runners by last start date

(ii) **Provincial Class**

- (a) Last start winner (City Class Race)
- (b) Last start winner (Provincial)
- (c) Last start placegetter (City)
- (d) Last start placegetter (Provincial)
- (e) \* Last start placegetter (Provincial)
- (f) Last start winner (Country)
- (g) \* Last start placegetter (Country)
- (h) Reserve greyhounds (Provincial) - (same track and distance in previous 14 days)
- (i) Greyhounds dropping a Provincial Grade
- (j) Winner 2 of last 3 (City)
- (k) Winner 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (l) Winner 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (m) Winner 1 of last 3 (City)
- (n) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (City)
- (o) Winner 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (p) Last start placegetter (Country)
- (q) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Mixed City & Provincial/Country)
- (r) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (s) Winner 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (t) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Mixed Provincial/Country)
- (u) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (v) \* Reserve greyhounds (Provincial) - (same track and distance in previous 14 days)
- (w) Greyhounds not started for 35 days
- (x) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (City)
- (y) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (z) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (aa) Unplaced runners by last start date

\* *Applies to Maiden greyhounds in Provincial Class Middle Distance Grade 5 events only*

**(iii) Country Class**

- (a) Last start winner (City Class Races)
- (b) Last start winner (Provincial)
- (c) Last start winner (Country)
- (d) Last start placegetter (City)
- (e) Last start placegetter (Provincial)
- (f) \* Last start placegetter (Provincial)
- (g) Last start placegetter (Country)
- (h) \* Last start placegetter (Country)
- (i) Reserve greyhounds (Country) - (same track and distance in previous 14 days)
- (j) Greyhounds dropping a Country Grade
- (k) Other winners/placegetters last 3 starts in the following order:
  - (i) Winner 2 of last 3 (City)
  - (ii) Winner 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
  - (iii) Winner 2 of last 3 (Country)
  - (iv) Winner 1 of last 3 (City)
  - (v) Winner 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
  - (vi) Winner 1 of last 3 (Country)
  - (vii) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (City)
  - (viii) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Mixed City & Provincial/Country)
  - (ix) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
  - (x) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Mixed Provincial/Country)
  - (xi) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Country)
  - (xii) \* Reserve greyhounds (Country) - (same track and distance in previous 14 days)
  - (xiii) Greyhounds not started for 35 days
  - (xiv) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (City)
  - (xv) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
  - (xvi) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (l) Unplaced runners by last start date

\* *Applies to Maiden greyhounds in Country Class Middle Distance Grade 5 events only*

### **3.2.8.3. UNPLACED RUNNERS AND LAST START DATE GRADING**

Unplaced runners will be selected based on their last start date with greyhounds waiting the longest for a start taking preference. The Unplaced Runners Table (shown overleaf) will be used for greyhounds with the same last start date. Greyhounds with the same ranking on the Unplaced Runners Table will be balloted.

Unplaced runners, with unfulfilled commitments, being graded into a field or reserve position will be selected using the Unplaced Runners Table.

When unfulfilled commitments are waived for the grading of a race meeting, unplaced runners will be selected in the following manner:

- Unplaced runners without commitments will be selected first, based on their last start date
- Unplaced runners having a commitment waived will then be selected using the Unplaced Runners Table.

Last start date grading will not be used to select runners into a Mixed Grade Race or into heats of any feature event or non-feature series. The Unplaced Runners Table will be used in those circumstances ensuring that the best greyhounds on form are selected.

## UNPLACED RUNNERS TABLE

ORDER	Last Start	2nd Last Start	3rd Last Start	TOTAL	ORDER	Last Start	2nd Last Start	3rd Last Start	TOTAL
1	4th	4th	4th	12	64	6	7	5	18
2	4	4	5	13	65	6	8	4	18
3	4	5	4	13	66	7	4	7	18
4	5	4	4	13	67	7	5	6	18
5	4	4	6	14	68	7	6	5	18
6	4	5	5	14	69	7	7	4	18
7	4	6	4	14	70	8	4	6	18
8	5	4	5	14	71	8	5	5	18
9	5	5	4	14	72	8	6	4	18
10	6	4	4	14	73	4	7	8	19
11	4	4	7	15	74	4	8	7	19
12	4	5	6	15	75	5	6	8	19
13	4	6	5	15	76	5	7	7	19
14	4	7	4	15	77	5	8	6	19
15	5	4	6	15	78	6	5	8	19
16	5	5	5	15	79	6	6	7	19
17	5	6	4	15	80	6	7	6	19
18	6	4	5	15	81	6	8	5	19
19	6	5	4	15	82	7	4	8	19
20	7	4	4	15	83	7	5	7	19
21	4	4	8	16	84	7	6	6	19
22	4	5	7	16	85	7	7	5	19
23	4	6	6	16	86	7	8	4	19
24	4	7	5	16	87	8	4	7	19
25	4	8	4	16	88	8	5	6	19
26	5	4	7	16	89	8	6	5	19
27	5	5	6	16	90	8	7	4	19
28	5	6	5	16	91	4	8	8	20
29	5	7	4	16	92	5	7	8	20
30	6	4	6	16	93	5	8	7	20
31	6	5	5	16	94	6	6	8	20
32	6	6	4	16	95	6	7	7	20
33	7	4	5	16	96	6	8	6	20
34	7	5	4	16	97	7	5	8	20
35	8	4	4	16	98	7	6	7	20
36	4	5	8	17	99	7	7	6	20
37	4	6	7	17	100	7	8	5	20
38	4	7	6	17	101	8	4	8	20
39	4	8	5	17	102	8	5	7	20
40	5	4	8	17	103	8	6	6	20
41	5	5	7	17	104	8	7	5	20
42	5	6	6	17	105	8	8	4	20
43	5	7	5	17	106	5	8	8	21
44	5	8	4	17	107	6	7	8	21
45	6	4	7	17	108	6	8	7	21
46	6	5	6	17	109	7	6	8	21
47	6	6	5	17	110	7	7	7	21
48	6	7	4	17	111	7	8	6	21
49	7	4	6	17	112	8	5	8	21
50	7	5	5	17	113	8	6	7	21
51	7	6	4	17	114	8	7	6	21
52	8	4	5	17	115	8	8	5	21
53	8	5	4	17	116	6	8	8	22
54	4	6	8	18	117	7	7	8	22
55	4	7	7	18	118	7	8	7	22
56	4	8	6	18	119	8	6	8	22
57	5	5	8	18	120	8	7	7	22
58	5	6	7	18	121	8	8	6	22
59	5	7	6	18	122	7	8	8	23
60	5	8	5	18	123	8	7	8	23
61	6	4	8	18	124	8	8	7	23
62	6	5	7	18	125	8	8	8	24
63	6	6	6	18					

#### 3.2.8.4. MIXED GRADE RACES

Although the Grader will endeavour to run race meetings as programmed, in the event that Mixed Grade Races or Free For Alls are required for full fields, the greyhounds will be selected from the lower grade using the Order of Choice for the appropriate class.

##### (i) City Class

Mixed 4/5 Events (All Distance Ranges) & Free For Alls (Middle Distance and Distance Grade only) – where Grade 5 is the lowest eligible grade

- (a) Last start winner (City Class Race)
- (b) Last start placegetter (City)
- (c) Winner 2 of last 3 (City)
- (d) Greyhounds dropping a City Grade
- (e) Winner 1 of last 3 (City)
- (f) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (City)
- (g) Last Start Winner or Placegetter (Provincial) by grade of placing
- (h) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (City)
- (i) Winner 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (j) Winner 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (k) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (l) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Mixed Provincial/Country)
- (m) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (n) Last Start Winner or Placegetter (Country) by grade of placing
- (o) Winner 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (p) Winner 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (q) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (r) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (s) Apply Unplaced Runners Table

##### All Other Mixed Grade Races

- (a) Last start placegetter (City)
- (b) Last start winner (City)
- (c) Winner 2 of last 3 (City)
- (d) Greyhounds dropping a City Grade
- (e) Winner 1 of last 3 (City)
- (f) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (City)
- (g) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (City)
- (h) Last Start Winner or Placegetter (Provincial) by grade of placing
- (i) Winner 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (j) Winner 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (k) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (l) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Mixed Provincial/Country)
- (m) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (n) Last Start Winner or Placegetter (Country) by grade of placing
- (o) Winner 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (p) Winner 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (q) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (r) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (s) Apply Unplaced Runners Table

## **(ii) Provincial Class**

### Mixed 4/5 Events (All Distance Ranges) & Free For Alls (Middle Distance and Distance Grade only) – where Grade 5 is the lowest eligible grade

- (a) Last start winner (City Class Race)
- (b) Last start placegetter (City)
- (c) Last start winner (Provincial)
- (d) Last start placegetter (Provincial)
- (e) \* Last start placegetter (Provincial)
- (f) Winner 2 of last 3 (City)
- (g) Winner 1 of last 3 (City)
- (h) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (City)
- (i) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (City)
- (j) Winner 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (k) Greyhounds dropping a Provincial Grade
- (l) Winner 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (m) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (n) Last Start Winner or Placegetter (Country) by grade of placing
- (o) \* Last start placegetter (Country)
- (p) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Mixed Provincial/Country)
- (q) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (r) Winner 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (s) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (t) Winner 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (u) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (v) Apply Unplaced Runners Table

\* *Applies to Maiden greyhounds in Provincial Class Middle Distance Mixed 4/5 events only*

### All Other Mixed Grade Races

- (a) Last start winner or placegetter (City) by grade of placing
- (b) Last start placegetter (Provincial)
- (c) Last start winner (Provincial)
- (d) Winner 2 of last 3 (City)
- (e) Greyhounds dropping a Provincial Grade
- (f) Winner 1 of last 3 (City)
- (g) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (City)
- (h) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (City)
- (i) Winner 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (j) Winner 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (k) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (l) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Mixed Provincial/Country)
- (m) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (n) Last Start Winner or Placegetter (Country) by grade of placing
- (o) Winner 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (p) Winner 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (q) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (r) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (s) Apply Unplaced Runners Table

### **(iii) Country Class**

#### Mixed 4/5 Events (All Distance Ranges) & Free For Alls (Middle Distance and Distance Grade only) – where Grade 5 is the lowest eligible grade

- (a) Last start winner or placegetter (City Class) by grade of placing
- (b) Last start winner or placegetter (Provincial) by grade of placing
- (c) \* Last start placegetter (Provincial)
- (d) Winner 2 of last 3 (City)
- (e) Winner 1 of last 3 (City)
- (f) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (City)
- (g) Last start winner (Country)
- (h) Last start placegetter (Country)
- (i) \* Last start placegetter (Country)
- (j) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (City)
- (k) Winner 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (l) Greyhounds dropping a Country Grade
- (m) Winner 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (n) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (o) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Mixed Provincial/Country)
- (p) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (q) Winner 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (r) Winner 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (s) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (t) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (u) Apply Unplaced Runners Table

\* *Applies to Maiden greyhounds in Country Class Middle Distance Mixed 4/5 events only*

#### All Other Mixed Grade Races

- (a) Last start winner or placegetter (City Class) by grade of placing
- (b) Last start winner or placegetter (Provincial) by grade of placing
- (c) Winner 2 of last 3 (City)
- (d) Winner 1 of last 3 (City)
- (e) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (City)
- (f) Greyhounds dropping a Country Grade
- (g) Last start placegetter (Country)
- (h) Last start winner (Country)
- (i) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (City)
- (j) Winner 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (k) Winner 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (l) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (m) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Mixed Provincial/Country)
- (n) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (o) Winner 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (p) Winner 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (q) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (r) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (s) Apply Unplaced Runners Table



#### **(iv) Last Start Reserve & 35 Day Rule**

When a single grade event and a Mixed Grade Race of the same grade combined with a lower grade are being graded, the greyhounds considered for the single grade event will be selected on form only (last start reserve status and the 35 day rule will not apply). Unplaced runners will be selected using the Unplaced Runners Table rather than last start date.

This will ensure that greyhounds with an Order of Choice ranking of “last start reserve” and “not started for 35 days” will not be disadvantaged by their Order of Choice ranking.

It will also ensure that the greyhounds with the best form compete in the higher grade of event, leaving the others to compete in the Mixed Grade Race against greyhounds from the lower grade.

#### **(v) Last Start Reserve Status**

Greyhounds selected for Mixed Grade Races are considered on form only and last start reserve status normally will not apply.

In circumstances where Free For Alls or Mixed Grade Races are frequently graded over a particular distance, greyhounds with a last start reserve status may not be able to use that status to gain a start. In these circumstances greyhounds with a last start reserve status may be graded into those events using that status.

Where a greyhound with a last start reserve status from a Free For All or Mixed Grade Race expiring at that meeting is once again being considered for a Free For All or Mixed Grade Race it will be selected in the following manner:

- The greyhound will be considered as a last start reserve for the Free For All or Mixed Grade Race if no other event of the appropriate grade is available
- The greyhound will be selected for the Free For All or Mixed Grade Race behind last start winners and placegetters.

## **(vi) Nomination Preferences**

### Sprint Grade

Greyhounds due to be graded into **Free For Alls** or **Mixed Grade Races** (as greyhounds from the lowest grade), will be considered for their first preference even if their other preference(s) is in a single grade event.

### Middle Distance & Distance Grade

Greyhounds due to be graded into **Free For Alls** (as greyhounds from the lowest grade) will be considered for their first preference even if their other preference(s) is in a single grade event.

## **(vii) Selection Criteria for Grade 5 Greyhounds in Mixed 4/5 Events**

### Sprint Grade

Grade 5 Greyhounds will be selected for a **Mixed 4/5** event in the following order:

- Grade 5 (1 to win)
- Grade 5 (2 to win)  
however any **2 to win** greyhounds with a Maiden win in their last three starts will only be selected if they cannot obtain a start in any other event for which they have been nominated.

### Middle Distance & Distance Grade

Grade 5 greyhounds selected for a **Free For All** or **Mixed 4/5** event in the following order:

- Grade 5 (1 to win)
- Grade 5 (2 to win)

The above selection criteria will not apply in any grade type, and the normal Order of Choice will be used, should there be no Grade 5 event available over the same distance for those Grade 5 greyhounds protected from the higher grade event.

### **(viii) Guarding in Mixed 4/5 Events**

The following policy applies in relation to the guarding of Grade 5 greyhounds being drawn into Mixed 4/5 Events under the same trainer.

- This policy only applies when both a Mixed 4/5 and one, or more Grade 5 events are being drawn over the same Class and Distance
- A trainer may have any number of greyhounds drawn as Grade 4 greyhounds in the Mixed 4/5
- Only the highest-ranked Grade 5 greyhound under the Mixed 4/5 Order of Choice, trained in similar interests, will be selected for the Mixed 4/5, unless the number of their greyhounds guarded from the Mixed 4/5 under this clause exceeds the number of division(s) of the Grade 5. In that case the additional greyhound(s) will be selected in the Mixed 4/5.

The following example for greyhounds being selected for a Mixed 4/5 event shows the order in which greyhounds are selected.

1. Trainer A has three (3) Grade 5 greyhounds due to be included in the Mixed 4/5 based upon Order of Choice
2. Greyhound 1 will be selected into the Mixed 4/5 only
3. Greyhounds 2 & 3 will be left for separate divisions of a Grade 5, provided there are 2 or more divisions of the Grade 5 to be drawn
4. Greyhound 2 will be selected in the Mixed 4/5 if there is only 1 division of the Grade 5
5. This policy does not apply if there is no Grade 5
6. Rule 3 does not take into account if Trainer A has other Greyhounds 4, 5, 6 etc also being drawn in the Grade 5's
7. In the Rule 3 situation, the physical guarding process will not ensure Greyhounds 2 & 3 get guarded into different divisions, as form is not utilised in the guarding process. This policy only relates to guarding the better-form greyhounds from a Mixed 4/5 if there are sufficient divisions of a Grade 5 available to them
8. The same rules will apply for owners.

### **(viii) Guarding in Country Mixed 5/6 Events**

The above policy will also apply to Grade 6 greyhounds being drawn into Mixed 5/6 events

### 3.2.8.5. ORDER OF CHOICE PREFERENCE DETERMINATION

#### (a) Winners & Placegetters – Last three (3) starts

Where greyhounds have a similar ranking in the Order of Choice and are winners or placegetters in their last three (3) starts the greyhounds will be selected in the following manner:

- (i) The class of the win or placing will be considered first with City ahead of Provincial and Provincial ahead of Country
- (ii) The grade of the win or placing will be considered next with the highest grade taking preference
- (iii) In the case of placegetters a second will take preference over a third
- (iv) If equal, the unplaced runs will be added together with the lowest total taking preference
- (v) If equal, the better last unplaced run will take preference
- (vi) If equal, the last start date will be considered with the greyhound waiting the longest for a start taking preference
- (vii) If equal, a ballot will be performed between the greyhounds concerned.

The following example for greyhounds being selected for a Provincial Grade 4 event shows the order in which greyhounds are selected. The class of the placing is shown in brackets with the form printed showing the last start to the right.

3(C)	8	5	City Class placing before Provincial Class
7	3(P)	7	Mixed 3/4 placing before Grade 4
7	2(P)	7	(Grade 4 placing), second before third
4	3(P)	4	Third with $(4 + 4) = 8$
6	3(P)	4	Third with $(6 + 4) = 10$ , last start 4th before 5th
3(P)	5	5	Third with $(5 + 5) = 10$ , last start 5th after 4th
8	3(P)	8	Third with $(8 + 8) = 16$ , last start date 1 June
8	3(P)	8	Third with $(8 + 8) = 16$ , last start date 8 June
4	2(Y)	5	Country Class placing after Provincial Class

#### (b) 35 Day Rule

Where greyhounds have not started for 35 days they will be selected in the following manner:

- (i) Any greyhounds that are winners or placegetters in their last three (3) starts will be considered on that form first
- (ii) Unplaced greyhounds that have not started for 35 days will then be selected on last start date with the greyhound waiting the longest for a start taking preference
- (iii) The Unplaced Runners Table will be used to select between greyhounds with the same last start date
- (iv) If equal a ballot will be performed between the greyhounds concerned.

### **(c) Maiden Events**

Greyhounds with only one (1) start will be selected in the following manner:

- (i) The best unplaced run will take preference (i.e. 4th before 5th etc)
- (ii) If the unplaced run is the same, the greyhounds will be selected on last start date
- (iii) If the last start dates are equal, the time run will be considered
- (iv) If still equal, a ballot will be performed between the greyhounds concerned.

Greyhounds with only two (2) starts will be selected in the following manner:

- (i) The unplaced runs will be added together with the lowest total taking preference
- (ii) If equal, the better last unplaced run will take preference
- (iii) If the unplaced runs are exactly the same, the greyhounds will be selected on last start date
- (iv) If still equal, a ballot will be performed between the greyhounds concerned.

### **(d) Greyhounds with Unfulfilled Commitments**

Greyhounds with unfulfilled commitments being graded into a field or a reserve position will be placed into a Free For All or Mixed Grade Race (as greyhounds from the lowest grade) before those greyhounds from the same grade without a commitment, provided:

- The greyhounds concerned have won or been placed in their last three (3) starts
- If the greyhounds have unplaced form they will only be used in front of unplaced runners without commitments.

### **(e) Last Start Reserves**

Greyhounds with last start reserve status will be selected in the following manner:

- (i) Any greyhounds that are winners or placegetters in their last three (3) starts will be considered on that form first
- (ii) Unplaced greyhounds will be selected on reserve status date with the oldest date taking preference
- (iii) The Unplaced Runners Table will be used to select between greyhounds with the same reserve status date
- (iv) If equal a ballot will be performed between the greyhounds concerned.

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### 3.2.9. RESERVES AND LAST START RESERVE STATUS

#### 3.2.9.1. RESERVES

The following rules apply to greyhounds drawn as reserves in any race meeting:

- (a) Where greyhounds are engaged as reserves for a feature event heat, semi-final or final the greyhounds may be drawn in another event at that meeting or a subsequent meeting. In the event of a scratching in the feature event the greyhound's commitment will be to that event.
- (b) Greyhounds drawn as a reserve for a feature event heat will only be drawn into another event (graded the same day) if insufficient nominations warrant such consideration. The greyhounds concerned will take their rightful position in the other event based upon their Order of Choice ranking. Should scratchings occur in the feature event heat, clause (a) shall apply.

This policy will ensure that feature event heats have reserves available and that as many greyhounds as possible gain a race start, or a reserve position, at the meeting.

- (c) Where greyhounds have qualified as reserves for a feature event or non-feature series heat, semi-final or final based on times or placings run, they will be seeded accordingly.

In the case of heats or semi-finals the fastest or higher placed greyhounds will be the first reserves (No. 9) and the slowest or lower placed greyhounds will be the second reserves (No. 10).

In the case of a final the fastest or higher placed greyhound will be first reserve (No. 9) and the slowest or lower placed greyhound will be the second reserve (No. 10).

Dead-headers or greyhounds equal on times will be selected according to the policy for Field Selection for Finals (see Section 7.9).

- (d) Reserves for Graded and Mixed Grade Races (including Free For Alls) will be entitled to an Order of Choice ranking as a Reserve greyhound provided the Last Start Reserve conditions are met (see Section 3.2.9.2). Greyhounds drawn as a reserve for a Mixed Grade Race, if not required for that particular event or meeting and renominated later, will be initially considered for an event in its own grade.
- (e) Where reserves are available for both a Mixed Grade Race and another event of the lower grade, the greyhounds with the best form will be placed as reserves in the Mixed Grade Race.

- (f) Greyhounds drawn as a reserve at a race meeting are not considered to have a racing commitment. These greyhounds may be nominated for another race meeting and be considered based on their Order of Choice ranking on the day the nominations close (i.e. last start reserve status will not yet be applicable).

***Unless nominated for a feature event heat***, the greyhounds concerned will not be drawn as reserves again however, if other greyhounds, without a racing commitment, would miss out on a reserve position altogether. They will be drawn as reserves again however, before greyhounds with a commitment. This policy ensures that as many greyhounds as possible are drawn as reserves and if not required at the close of scratchings for that race meeting, can use their last start reserve status to obtain a start at their next nomination.

- (g) Occasionally a greyhound drawn as a reserve at a race meeting may also be nominated for, and be drawn into, a race at a later race meeting. If that greyhound is required to start at the first meeting (in the event of a scratching), the trainer may seek Stewards permission to withdraw from the second engagement.

### 3.2.9.2. LAST START RESERVE STATUS

A greyhound obtains last start reserve status, from a reserve position, when it was not required (i.e. was not withdrawn for any reason and did not obtain a start) at a race meeting that has been conducted.

Likewise a greyhound earns this status at the close of scratchings for a race meeting. Should grading occur on the day of a race meeting, a greyhound may use its last start reserve status from the meeting that day (once scratchings have been completed) to obtain a start at the meeting being graded, provided all the last start reserve conditions are met.

A greyhound withdrawn from a reserve position for any reason will not obtain last start reserve status.

***Last start reserve status can be used to obtain a start in the same class of event, at the same track, over the same distance, for the next 14 days only, providing the greyhound is not engaged to race or has not raced in the meantime at any track.***



### 3.2.10. UNFULFILLED COMMITMENTS (ENGAGEMENTS)

#### 3.2.10.1. CURRENT POLICY

Any greyhound with a commitment to compete at a race meeting yet to be conducted (i.e. drawn in a field, not just as a reserve) may be graded into one (1) additional race meeting without having completed its first commitment (engagement).

**The above policy does not apply to greyhounds competing in distances 380m and below. For these distances, greyhounds with an unfulfilled commitment to race at a meeting yet to be conducted will only be drawn behind greyhounds without any commitments to race.**

**Exceptions to this policy will apply to greyhounds with unfulfilled commitments when they are nominated for a heat of a feature event.**

Exceptions to this policy will apply to greyhounds with unfulfilled commitments when insufficient nominations for any programmed event provide the Grader with the opportunity to again draw these greyhounds in a field or as a reserve.

#### 3.2.10.2. FEATURE EVENT FINALISTS

A greyhound, upon qualifying for a final of any series (in the field or as a reserve), may be graded into another event, however must start in that event.

A greyhound, drawn in another event prior to qualifying for a series final (in the field or as a reserve), may be withdrawn Steward's permission from that first event, without penalty, if the trainer seeks such permission.

In a situation where a greyhound is required for a series final (in the field or as a reserve), because withdrawals have occurred prior to the grading of that meeting, clause 2 above shall apply.

#### 3.2.10.3. GRADING ISSUES

In cases where a greyhound with a commitment to compete at a race meeting yet to be conducted is to be graded into a race meeting the Last start reserve status and the 35 day rule will not be applicable to these greyhounds and they will be considered based on their form or if unplaced on date behind other greyhounds not engaged, nor would dropping a grade should the greyhound have an unfulfilled commitment and has already used the drop a grade to gain a start in that commitment.

#### **3.2.10.4. FREE FOR ALLS AND MIXED GRADE RACES**

The Grader may consider running a Mixed Grade Race when greyhounds with unfulfilled commitments are nominated for a programmed event in order to ensure that the maximum number of greyhounds nominated for the meeting can gain a start or a reserve position.

Greyhounds with unfulfilled commitments, or where an exception to their commitment applies under clause 3.2.10.1, being graded into a field or a reserve position will be placed into a Free For All or Mixed Grade Race (as a greyhound from the lowest grade) before those greyhounds from the same grade without a commitment provided:

- The greyhounds concerned have any form ranking above 'unplaced in their last three (3) starts'
- If the greyhounds have unplaced form they will only be used in front of unplaced runners without commitments.

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## 4.0 THE GRADING PROCESS

### 4.1. RACE MEETINGS

Race meeting fields will be graded as follows:

All nominations received for race meetings that satisfy the Nomination Policy (Section 5.0) will be considered for the preferences provided.

Feature events at any race meeting will be graded first and the number of heats finalised (up to a maximum of eight (8) including sixty four (64) greyhounds plus any reserves) based on the Order of Choice ranking of the greyhounds in the lowest grade(s). In Open Grade or Mixed Grade events the selection of the required number of greyhounds will be made based on grade with the highest grade taking preference. Group Race winners in the three (3) month period prior to the date of any feature event heats for which they are eligible will be automatic inclusions, irrespective of their grade. Should a feature event be selected by a Grading Panel rather than by Order of Choice, this will be specified in the conditions of entry.

The balance of the programmed races, including Mixed Grade Races if required, will be graded based on the applicable Order of Choice. Where extra heats of a feature event are graded and sufficient nominations for all other advertised races are received, RWWA will consider which race(s) will be cancelled in lieu of the extra heat(s). Consideration will take into account future racing opportunities and the Order of Choice ranking for the greyhounds nominated for those races.

Where sufficient nominations are received for all the races programmed at any meeting (with the exception of meetings where feature event heats are programmed) the Grader will grade the meeting as programmed.

In exceptional circumstances, RWWA may amend the race programme during the grading process should there be:

- Significant changes to anticipated nomination numbers; and/or
- Significant numbers of greyhounds with high Order of Choice rankings unable to gain a start in the number of divisions programmed.

Prior to amending any race programme the future racing opportunities for nominated greyhounds will be considered. The amended race programme will only include additional divisions of races already programmed. It is anticipated that these amendments will normally only affect lower grade or Maiden races.

Where insufficient nominations are received for the races programmed at any race meeting, replacement races will be graded taking into consideration the Guidelines for Race Selection (see Section 3.2.2).

All races will be divided automatically by the racing system. In the case of multiple divisions of any event, the system itself will place greyhounds into separate divisions, not the Grader (i.e. WA events are not seeded). The guarding of greyhounds will be confirmed in all multiple divisions of any event and in heats and semi-finals of a feature event or non-feature series.

The automatic box draw incorporated in the racing system will be activated for all events except those where a manual box draw has been conducted under the supervision of the Stewards.

Manual box draws will be replicated in the system under the supervision of the Manager Greyhound Racing (or his representative) and confirmed against the record of the manual box draw prior to the release of the Field Sheet.

## 4.2. QUALIFYING TRIALS

### 4.2.1. CANNINGTON

Qualifying Trials will be conducted on the days advertised in the Racing Calendar.

Qualifying Trial fields will be drawn as follows:

All nominations received for Qualifying Trials that satisfy the Nomination Policy (Section 5.0) will be considered.

Greyhounds will be selected for a start in a Qualifying Trial based on their career performance using the following Qualifying Trial Order of Choice:

1. Greyhounds nominated for their first ever trial in WA
2. Last start reserve
3. Greyhounds only qualified to compete at other WA venues, nominating for their first trial at Cannington
4. Greyhounds nominated for their second ever trial in WA
5. Greyhounds renominated for a trial after a race start at any WA venue. These greyhounds will be selected on that last start date followed by time run
6. Greyhounds having failed at other WA venues, nominated for their first trial at Cannington
7. Greyhounds nominated for their third ever trial in WA
8. Greyhounds that have competed in three or more trials. Greyhounds with the same last start date will be selected using the time run in that trial
9. Cannington qualified greyhounds nominated for another trial without having used their qualification to gain a race start
10. Reserve greyhounds from Maiden events at the race meeting being run in conjunction with the Qualifying Trials, or at race meetings yet to be conducted
11. Greyhounds with unfulfilled commitments at race meetings or other Qualifying Trials.

Greyhounds with the same Order of Choice ranking that cannot be split on last start date or race or trial times will be balloted.

The trials will then be divided automatically by the racing system and guarded, if necessary. Fields of six (6) runners will be used where possible with smaller fields used in the case where an uneven number of nominations are received. The minimum field size will be one (1) runners.

The automatic box draw incorporated in the system will be activated for all trials and the Trial Sheet released to participants in the same manner as a Field Sheet for a race meeting.

#### 4.2.2. MANDURAH

Qualifying Trials will be conducted on the days advertised in the Racing Calendar.

Mandurah Qualifying Trial fields will be drawn in a similar manner to those at Cannington, however using the following Order of Choice:

1. Greyhounds nominated for their first ever trial in WA
2. Last start reserve
3. Greyhounds only qualified to compete in Country class, nominating for their first trial at Mandurah
4. Greyhounds nominated for their second ever trial in WA
5. Greyhounds having failed at Cannington, nominated for their first trial at Mandurah
6. Greyhounds renominated for a trial after a race start at any WA venue.  
These greyhounds will be selected on that last start date followed by time run
7. Greyhounds having failed at Northam, nominated for their first trial at Mandurah
8. Greyhounds nominated for their third ever trial in WA
9. Greyhounds that have competed in three or more trials. Greyhounds with the same last start date will be selected using the time run in that trial
10. Mandurah qualified greyhounds nominated for another trial without having used their qualification to gain a race start
11. Reserve greyhounds from Maiden events at the race meeting being run in conjunction with the Qualifying Trials, or at race meetings yet to be conducted
12. Greyhounds with unfulfilled commitments at race meetings or other Qualifying Trials.

#### **4.2.3. NORTHAM**

Qualifying Trials will be conducted at Northam race meetings.

Northam Qualifying Trial fields will be drawn in a similar manner to those at Cannington and Mandurah, however using the following Order of Choice:

1. Greyhounds nominated for their first ever trial in WA
2. Last start reserve
3. Greyhounds nominated for their second ever trial in WA
4. Greyhounds having failed to qualify at other WA venues, nominated for their first trial at Northam
5. Greyhounds renominated for a trial after a race start at any WA venue.  
These greyhounds will be selected on that last start date followed by time run
6. Greyhounds nominated for their third ever trial in WA
7. Greyhounds that have competed in three or more trials. Greyhounds with the same last start date will be selected using the time run in that trial
8. Northam qualified greyhounds nominated for another trial without having used their qualification to gain a race start
9. Reserve greyhounds from Maiden events at the race meeting being run in conjunction with the Qualifying Trials, or at race meetings yet to be conducted
10. Greyhounds with unfulfilled commitments at race meetings or other Qualifying Trials.

#### **4.2.4. STAND-ALONE QUALIFYING TRIAL SESSIONS**

Stand-alone Qualifying Trial sessions may be scheduled if and when required.

An Order of Choice will generally not be used to draw the trial fields at these sessions as all greyhounds nominated will gain a start, depending upon the number of nominations received.



## **5.0 NOMINATION POLICY**

### **5.1 NOMINATION METHODS**

Nominations may be lodged in the following manner:

- Via facsimile, on the appropriate forms, to the Nomination Fax telephone number listed on those forms
- Via telephone to the 24-hour Telephone Nomination Service
- Online via the Online Nominations website
- Via any other method as approved by RWWA.

All nominations must be lodged by 8.30am unless otherwise specified.

### **5.2 NOMINATION CONFIRMATION**

Nominations lodged via facsimile should be confirmed via the nomination confirmations telephone number listed on nomination forms.

Nominations lodged via facsimile that are not confirmed are not considered a valid nomination under the Redraw Policy.

### **5.3 NOMINATIONS NOT CONSIDERED**

Nominations will not be accepted in the case where a trainer has not lodged a Notice of Training by the close of nominations.

### **5.4 FEATURE EVENT NOMINATIONS**

Feature Event Nomination Forms are produced for all feature events on the Racing Calendar. Trainers nominating for any feature event must ensure that they are familiar with the conditions of entry that apply to the feature event for which they are nominating.

### **5.5 NOMINATIONS FOR NON-FEATURE RACE SERIES**

Nominators who intend to nominate a greyhound for a non-feature series (one where no Feature Event Nomination Form has been produced) should state the series type and distance on a regular nomination form or during a telephone nomination.

This will indicate to the Grader that you are aware that the series is being conducted and that you are prepared to have the greyhound contest the heats and the final, should the greyhound qualify. A greyhound qualifying for a non-feature series final will be automatically drawn into the final by the Grader (no additional nomination is required) and the greyhound has a commitment to start in that event.

### **5.6 GREYHOUND ID NUMBERS**

The Greyhound ID Number is a unique number allocated to a greyhound when it is first registered in the racing system. The ID Number should be used on all nomination forms.

Greyhound ID Numbers for any greyhound trained or owned by a participant can be obtained from the RWWA Licensing and Registrations Department or the Greyhound Trainers' Service Centre or viewed via Online Nominations.

## **5.7 NOMINATION PREFERENCES**

The preference section has been placed on nomination forms so that nominators may place other class or distance preferences for the same meeting or other meetings graded on the same day on the one nomination form.

The Grader will consider a nomination for second and subsequent preferences only if the greyhound cannot obtain a start in the fields using the first preference.

The preference section is not designed to inform the Grader that the races listed are the only ones that the nominator wishes the greyhound to contest. Greyhounds are eligible to contest Free For Alls and Mixed Grade Races according to the Grading Rules applicable and will be graded into these events if required.

## **5.8 NOMINATIONS FROM REGISTERED PERSONS ONLY**

No person shall nominate, or permit to be nominated, a greyhound in any event unless the person is:

- Registered as the owner or trainer of that greyhound by RWWA or an approved registration authority; or
- Any other person authorised for the purpose by the Stewards.

## **5.9 NOMINATION WITHDRAWALS**

Nominations may be withdrawn via the Greyhound Trainers' Service Centre before 9.30am on grading days. Withdrawal requests received after that time may be considered at the discretion of the Grader.

## **5.10 DOUBLE NOMINATIONS**

Under no circumstances should two separate nomination forms be lodged for meetings graded on the same day unless the nominator is prepared to race the greyhound concerned on both days. In that case the nominator should state on both nomination forms that the greyhound is "able to run both days". This will indicate to the Grader that the two nominations are valid and you fully intend to start the greyhound at both meetings.

Greyhounds will not be drawn into both meetings unless they do not occupy a place in the fields at either meeting to the detriment of any other greyhound.

Note this only applies to meetings that are not back to back as greyhounds cannot run on consecutive days.

## **5.11 NOTES ON NOMINATION FORMS**

Notes on nomination forms indicating which type of event a greyhound may be drawn (such as No Free For All, Grade 3 only etc.) will not be considered by the Grader. The Grader will grade fields according to the current Grading Rules at that time.

Other notes (such as don't draw with greyhound X, only draw if 2 divisions, no reserves please etc.) may be considered at the discretion of the Grader.

## 5.12 NOMINATION DEADLINES

Nomination deadlines for race meetings and Qualifying Trials have not been included in this document as they are subject to change and may also vary around Public Holidays. Nomination deadlines for all race meetings will be advertised via Racing Calendars, other industry publications and in any other manner considered appropriate by RWWA.

Additional race meetings or Qualifying Trials sessions may also be scheduled from time to time and nomination deadlines for these meetings will be advertised in a similar manner.

## 5.13 INCORRECT, INCOMPLETE, INAUDIBLE OR ILLEGIBLE NOMINATIONS

Where the information contained on a nomination form, or nomination received by any other approved method is incorrect, incomplete, inaudible or illegible the grading of the greyhound concerned into any fields will be entirely at the discretion of the Grader.

When a greyhound has been nominated for any event (including feature events or non-feature series) with the incorrect grade, that greyhound will be considered for an event on the programme over the same distance in its appropriate grade.

## 5.14 NOMINATION EXTENSIONS

When required, the Manager Greyhound Racing (or his representative) may extend nominations for a race meeting, either in full, or for particular programmed or non-programmed events at that meeting.

In the situation where nominations are extended for particular events only, those events will be graded based on the Order of Choice applicable at the time for the close of extended nominations. No preference will be given to those greyhounds first nominated. Other events, for which nominations had not been extended, must be graded based on the Order of Choice applicable at the time for the close of extended nominations; however no new nominations will be included in those fields.

## 5.15 NOMINATION FORMS TO BE RETAINED

Nomination forms lodged by facsimile and those transcribed from telephone nominations in respect of a meeting shall be retained by RWWA for a period of not less than 3 months.

Nominations received via any other method will be retained for a similar period if practicable.

## 5.16 CONTACT BY THE GRADER

The Grader will attempt to contact the nominator of a greyhound on **one occasion initially**, should a programmed event, or events, not be drawn due to insufficient nominations and the nominator has failed to provide additional nomination preferences for that greyhound. Any subsequent phone calls will be at the discretion of the grader prior to the fields being finalised.

The onus will be on the nominator to be available at the time of the phone call. Should contact be made later with the nominator, it will be entirely at the discretion of the Grader as to whether the greyhound will be considered for an additional nomination preference.

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## 6.0 REDRAW POLICY

### 6.1 REDRAW

RWWA will conduct a redraw, following a request to do so from the nominator of a greyhound, provided it is considered in the best interests of greyhound racing and in fairness to its participants.

A redraw **may be permitted** under the following circumstances:

- The Grader **has not considered** a valid nomination for a greyhound and the greyhound concerned would have obtained a start in the fields for the meeting for which it was nominated.

A valid nomination is one that has been received by RWWA:

- Via the recorded 24-hour telephone nomination service and such nomination can be confirmed from the audio recordings of the service.
  - Via the online nominations website and such nomination can be confirmed as being received.
  - Via facsimile and the nominator confirmed that RWWA had received such nomination.
- A greyhound (with a valid nomination under bullet point 1) **has not been drawn** into a heat of any feature event due to a confirmed error of the Grader or the racing system. Any event listed in the Feature Events section of the Racing Calendar is considered a feature event for the purposes of this policy.
  - A greyhound **has not been drawn** (for any reason) into a semi-final or final of any feature event for which it qualified through heats.

Redraws in the above situations will only be conducted whenever and wherever practicable. Due to deadlines in the publishing of racing information related to the meeting (i.e. Racebooks, TAB information, race fields, acceptances in newspapers and interstate greyhound publications etc.) a redraw will only be considered if the RWWA Greyhound Trainers' Service Centre is notified of the error by 9.30am on the next working day following the completion of the relevant box draw. Saturday is considered a working day under this policy for fields drawn on a Friday. The Greyhound Trainers' Service Centre can be contacted on the telephone number published on nomination forms after 7.30am each working day.

A redraw **will not be conducted** in the following circumstances:

- If, should a redraw be granted (under all three (3) bullet points above) and performed, the greyhound concerned would only obtain a reserve position, it will not be performed and that greyhound will be considered to have gained last start reserve status from the meeting.

- When a greyhound has been drawn into a field and is subsequently found to be ineligible due to an error made by the Grader or the racing system, irrespective of the time when the Greyhound Trainers' Service Centre is notified. As this situation would provide grounds for objection under the RWWA Rules of Greyhound Racing, the greyhound concerned will be withdrawn 'Incorrectly Drawn' without penalty.
- When a greyhound has been drawn incorrectly into a field as per the RWWA Racing Aims and Grading Policy, but is still eligible to compete. As this situation does not provide grounds for objection under the RWWA Rules of Greyhound Racing, the nominator will have the right to withdraw the greyhound concerned with 'Stewards Permission', without penalty.
- When owners or trainers in multiple divisions of any event (including heats or semi-finals of a feature event or non-feature series) have been incorrectly guarded. These greyhounds are still eligible to compete, however the nominator will have the right to withdraw the greyhound concerned with 'Stewards Permission', without penalty.
- When a nomination was lodged via facsimile to the nomination facsimile machine or on the 24-hour telephone nomination service after the advertised closing time for nominations for any meeting or event.
- When a nomination is allegedly lodged in any other approved manner other than those described above but the receipt of which cannot be confirmed.
- For any other reason not detailed in this policy.

The decision to conduct a redraw is the sole responsibility of the Manager Greyhound Racing, or his representative.

Information pertaining to a redraw will be relayed to the industry via industry publications as soon as possible after the redraw has been conducted.

## **6.2 FIRST DRAWN STATUS**

Greyhounds will be first chosen under the Order of Choice into an event (with the exception of a feature event or non-feature series), of their applicable grade, at their next nomination if:

- They had not been drawn into a field due to a confirmed error by the Grader or the racing system and either did not qualify for a redraw, or a redraw could not be conducted under this policy.
- The nominator elected not to request a redraw but did satisfy all the conditions for the granting of same.

## 7.0 RWWA RACING POLICIES

### 7.1 INTERSTATE GREYHOUNDS – ONUS TO PROVIDE CAREER DETAILS

Nominators of interstate greyhounds now owned and/or trained in WA must contact the RWWA Greyhound Trainers' Service Centre prior to nominating the greyhound for the first time to:

- Obtain the Greyhound ID Number
- Obtain the grades of the greyhound, should it have won a Maiden event
- Confirm last start details of any interstate form

### 7.2 WA GREYHOUNDS RACING INTERSTATE

Nominators of Western Australian greyhounds that compete on interstate tracks **must** supply details of the last interstate race start when it is first nominated upon its return.

Failure to do so may warrant further action by the Stewards.

Furthermore, it is recommended that nominators contact the RWWA Greyhound Trainers' Service Centre prior to the actual grading day of that meeting so that the greyhound can be re-graded. The greyhound will be re-graded according to the policy for Grading Interstate Greyhounds (see Section 3.2.5).

### 7.3 FIELD SIZES

The Grader will endeavour to grade full fields, with reserves, whenever and wherever possible. In the event that nominations are not available for full fields the following field size restrictions apply:

- a minimum of 5 greyhounds in Distance Grade events
- a minimum of 5 greyhounds in Middle Distance Grade events
- a minimum of 5 greyhounds in Sprint Distance FFA Grade events
- a minimum of 6 greyhounds in all other Sprint Grade events

The above field sizes are recommended minimums only and there is no onus upon RWWA to draw fields with the minimum numbers specified, especially should a field include greyhounds already drawn elsewhere, or where greyhounds from lower grades are available to draw more than the minimum number specified.

In all cases the Grader will consult with the Manager Greyhound Racing (or equivalent) prior to drawing any field with less than 8 runners.

#### **7.4 BOX DRAW AND RACE MEETING INFORMATION**

The Grader will endeavour wherever possible to have the draw for race meetings completed on the day when nominations close.

Box draw and other race or Qualifying Trial meeting information can be obtained:

- From Field Sheets available in the offices of RWWA or at WAGRA venues
- Via the RWWA website – [www.rwwa.com.au](http://www.rwwa.com.au)
- Via The Dogs website – [www.thedogs.com.au](http://www.thedogs.com.au)

#### **7.5 PERMISSION TO WITHDRAW**

An owner will not be compelled to race his greyhound in an event for which the greyhound was not nominated (subject to Section 5.13). Greyhounds eligible for, and drawn into, a Free For All or Mixed Grade Race may not be withdrawn on the pretext that they have been graded into such an event.

#### **7.6 SCRATCHING TIMES**

Scratchings for all race meetings will close at 9.00am unless otherwise advertised.

The scratching time for all race meetings will be advertised on Field Sheets, in Racing Calendars and in any other manner considered appropriate by RWWA.

#### **7.7 SCRATCHING INFORMATION**

The following are official sources to obtain scratching information:

##### **Internet**

The scratchings pages on the following websites

- [www.tabtouch.com.au](http://www.tabtouch.com.au)
- [www.rwwa.com.au](http://www.rwwa.com.au)
- [www.thedogs.com.au](http://www.thedogs.com.au) (Fields page)

##### **TAB Agencies**

- Official Wallcards (not Pre-Sell versions), screens and CIT's

#### **7.8 DEAD HEATS FOR FIRST PLACE**

Irrespective of the type of event conducted, all greyhounds dead-heating for first place will be classified as winners in accordance with the RWWA Rules of Greyhound Racing and penalised according to the conditions of the event.



## 7.9 FIELD SELECTION FOR FINALS

The field for a feature event or non-feature series final will be selected based initially on finishing position from the heats.

Heat winners followed by second and third placegetters then unplaced runners, if required, will be selected until a field of eight (8) runners, plus two (2) reserves has been established.

When the number of equally (*like*) placed greyhounds exceeds the number of remaining runners required for the field (or reserve positions) then these greyhounds will be selected based on their time run.

Greyhounds equal on times will be balloted, if necessary, with the loser of the ballot becoming the next qualifier. Should they be available, times to 0.001 of a second will be utilized to separate greyhounds rather than ballot them.

In the event of a dead-heat for any finishing position, where such dead-heat relates to a finishing position from which the number of equally (*like*) placed greyhounds exceeds the number of remaining runners required for the field (or reserve positions), the RWWA Rules of Greyhound Racing shall apply.

In accordance with the rules, a ballot shall be conducted between those dead-heaters to determine the right of the greyhound to further participate in the event. The loser of the ballot will become the last qualifier after all other equally (*like*) placed greyhounds.

Should the number of equally (*like*) placed greyhounds (excluding the loser of the ballot) still exceed the number of remaining runners required for the field (or reserve positions) those greyhounds will then be selected based on their time run. Greyhounds equal on times will be balloted, if necessary, with the loser of the ballot becoming the next qualifier. Should they be available, times to 0.001 of a second will be utilized to separate greyhounds rather than ballot them.

Similar principles to those above apply in the selection of fields for semi-finals or consolations.

Should a greyhound be prohibited from taking its place in the final for whatever reason, RWWA may substitute in its place the next qualifier.

## 7.10 MAIDEN SERIES FINALS

Where a series of races for Maiden greyhounds are held consisting of heats and a final, a greyhound which has qualified for the final and wins any other race before the final is held, is not eligible to compete in that final.

## 7.11 FEATURE EVENT BOX DRAWS

It is RWWA's preference that a manual box draw is completed for all feature events on the Racing Calendar conducted at Friday or Saturday night race meetings only, unless circumstances prevent the draw from being completed. Such box draw will be conducted under the supervision of the Stewards.

## 7.12 DISQUALIFICATION OF GREYHOUNDS

A greyhound awarded first place in a penalty/award event following the disqualification of the original winner will be penalised one full grade and retain any outs from the lower grade.

Greyhounds **will not** be penalised a grade in the following circumstances:

- When the win was in a Maiden event and the greyhound has broken its Maiden status in the meantime.
- When the greyhound's current grade is higher than it was in the race it is now being awarded (number of races to win, or outs not considered).

If the greyhound has any unfulfilled commitments at the time when official notification of the disqualification is received from the Stewards it will not be processed until after those commitments have been completed.

## 7.13 GREYHOUND RACING GRADING REVIEW PANEL

A Greyhound Racing Grading Review Panel provides a review and amendment process for any grading issue including guidelines, policies and rules contained in the RWWA Racing Aims and Grading Policy.

Industry participants can approach any member of the Panel on grading matters. The Panel will meet, if and when required, to discuss grading issues and will vote to amend the Grading Rules if a change is warranted. All amendments to the RWWA Racing Aims and Grading Policy will be submitted to the RWWA Integrity Assurance Committee for approval.

Membership of the Greyhound Racing Grading Review Panel shall be:

Three (3) from RWWA including;

- The Manager Greyhound Racing (or equivalent)
- The Grader
- The Assistant Grader

Three (3) industry representatives, independent of RWWA and/or WAGRA, appointed by RWWA for a two-year term.

The panel will be chaired by the Executive General Manager Racing (or equivalent).

## 7.14 SEEDING IN GROUP RACE HEATS

The top 25% of Group Race Heats will be seeded. The OOC rankings will be used to determine the top 25%.

Guarding within the top 25% will still apply, in the instance of trainer or owner duplication in a heat, the runner in question would be switched with the next (lower) ranked runner unless it is the last ranked runner in the top 25%, in this case the switch would occur with the runner ranked immediately above.

## 7.15 DISCRETIONARY DROP A GRADE POLICY

When a greyhound has not competed in a specific class for 4 months or more, connections can apply to the Grading Department for a special discretionary grade drop.

When a greyhound turns 42 months old (3.5 years), connections can apply to the Grading Department for a special discretionary grade drop.

Any application must be completed in writing via email to: [rwvaracinggreyhounds@rwwa.com.au](mailto:rwvaracinggreyhounds@rwwa.com.au) detailing the reasons for the request.

The decision to drop a grade will be decided by the Grading Department with the Manager of Greyhound Racing having the ultimate decision.

Grade drops will not be limited to one grade step, form in the last 4 months, distances run & time off will all form part of the decision process.

Any discretionary grade drops granted, will be published in industry notices, with a brief description outlining the decision.

## 7.16 PREFERENTIAL BOX DRAW RACES

In 2023 Preferential Box Draw races were introduced on a trial basis. Greyhounds are initially declared as either Railers, Straight or Wide runners. A manual box draw is then conducted ensuring that early running traits are grouped together.

Early running traits will be:

- Railer (R) – dogs that angle left after box rise
- Straight (S) – dogs that run straight after box rise
- Wide (W) – dogs that angle right after box rise

Greyhound fields will be determined based on the current Grading policy rules.

Once a field has been created the early running traits of each greyhound in the field will be grouped and a manual box draw will be conducted. For example, in an 8-dog field, if 5 greyhounds are designated as Railers, 1 greyhound as Straight and 2 as Wide, then Boxes 1-5 will be drawn for the Railers, Box 6 will be allocated for the Straight and boxes 7-8 will be drawn for the Wides.

The Manual box draw process will be conducted by the Grading office with an independent person acting as an observer.

No reserves will be graded into PBD races.

A redraw will not be conducted with respect to the PBD for reasons of incorrect box allocation unless a wide runner is incorrectly drawn from the railer's position or vice/versa.

After the first nomination and subsequent race start, the early running trait of a greyhound will be reviewed by the Grading office and with the approval of the Stewards may be amended with the trainer advised accordingly.

Unless amended following review by the Grading office and Stewards, an application for an amended running trait from the trainer will not be considered for a period of at least three starts.

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## 8.0 WESTCHASE INCENTIVE SCHEME



### 8.1 INTRODUCTION

The WESTCHASE Incentive Scheme is the breeding incentive scheme for greyhound racing in Western Australia. The aims of the scheme are to provide:

- An on-going incentive for the breeding and purchase of City Class greyhounds with a view to ensuring the on-going strength and competitiveness of city racing in Western Australia.
- An incentive to local breeders and thereby foster the development of a significant, sustainable and responsible Western Australian greyhound breeding industry.

All WA bred greyhounds are eligible for the WESTCHASE Incentive Scheme. Greyhounds are classified as WA bred as long as they were whelped in Western Australia, irrespective of the location of the sire and dam or where the actual service took place.

### 8.2 HOW DOES WESTCHASE WORK?

WESTCHASE bonuses are paid to the owners and breeders of all WA bred greyhounds winning any City Class event for the full duration of their racing career.

WA bred Non-feature Series Final winners are eligible for a Non-Feature Series Final WESTCHASE bonus. The value of the bonus is based upon the Class of the event.

WA bred Feature Event Final winners are eligible for a Feature Final WESTCHASE bonus. The value of the bonus is based upon the Class of the event. This bonus is applicable to all Feature Finals that are not Group Races or WA Bred Only Feature Events, which both have a specific bonus.

WA bred Group Race Heat and Final winners are eligible for a Group Race Heat or Final WESTCHASE bonus respectively. The value of the bonus is based upon the Group status of the event.

All WA bred greyhounds winning City Class Maiden events are eligible for a significant initial reward for winning their first ever race. All WA bred greyhounds winning Provincial or Country Class Maiden, Juvenile and Novice events are also eligible for a smaller WESTCHASE bonus.

Finally, the breeders of greyhounds winning select WA Bred Feature Events qualify for a substantial WESTCHAS\$E bonus. The value of the bonus is based upon the Class of the event. These features are specifically open to WA bred greyhounds only, with events scheduled across all three race classes and a variety of distances throughout the year.

The scheme's signature event – "The WESTCHAS\$E" is the premier WA Bred Only Feature Event in bonus terms, with connections of all runners competing in the final receiving bonuses. This is the only event conducted in WA where WESTCHAS\$E bonuses are payable to non-winners.

There is no registration process whatsoever for the scheme and bonuses are managed by the racing system and paid to the registered owners and breeders in the same manner as stakes. Whilst WESTCHAS\$E bonuses are registered against individual greyhounds they are not combined with a greyhound's career earnings.

### **8.3 WHAT ARE THE RETURNS FROM WESTCHAS\$E?**

The WESTCHAS\$E Incentive Scheme itself, and the bonuses paid from the Scheme are monitored and amended as part of the development of the RWWA Distribution Model each racing year.

The current WESTCHAS\$E Bonus table is included as Appendix 1.

### **8.4 HOW IS WESTCHAS\$E FUNDED?**

WESTCHAS\$E is fully funded by an industry contribution from RWWA. It is currently entirely non-contributory for industry participants, one of very few such schemes in Australia.

### **8.5 STARTER BONUS**

In 2019 a new start based bonus was established for WA Bred Greyhounds.

WA Bred greyhounds receive a bonus when they have their first ever career start and that start is in WA. Those that received the first start bonus will then be eligible for another bonus if their 10<sup>th</sup> career start is also in WA.

The current start based bonus table is included in Appendix 1.

## 9.0 STAKEMONEY AND INDUSTRY PAYMENTS

### 9.1 STAKEMONEY POLICY

Stakemoney is paid to the first four (4) placegetters, based on the percentages detailed below. Feature Finals include a 1% payment to any runners finishing unplaced in those events. In 2023 the 1% Animal Welfare payment was incorporated into the Stakemoney tables.

Placing \ Event	All	Feature Events
1st	65.5%	65.5%
2nd	20%	19%
3rd	10%	9.5%
4th	3.5%	1.0%
5th	-	1.0%
6th	-	1.0%
7th	-	1.0%
8th	-	1.0%
AW	1.0%	1.0%

Stakemoney levels are monitored and amended as part of the development of the RWWA Distribution Model each racing year.

Rounding may see slight variances to the above percentages.

The current stakemoney tables are included as Appendix 2.

### 9.2 STAYERS INCENTIVE / SPRINT TIERING

A Stayers Incentive was first introduced on 1 February, 2001 whereby new higher levels of stakemoney were set for Distance Grade events.

The Stayers Incentive was extended in 2013 to also include all Middle Distance Grade events.

Tiering within the Sprint distance was introduced in August 2018.

The current stakemoney table for these events is also included as part of Appendix 2.

### 9.3 RELEASE OF STAKES & WESTCHAS\$E BONUSES FOLLOWING SWABS

Stakes payments will be withheld pending the result of a swab where the payment to the connections of any greyhound equals, or exceeds \$25,000. This withholding also applies to any WESTCHAS\$E bonuses due for the same greyhound and starters fees.

The above limits apply irrespective of the actual placing involved – stakes for placegetters may be withheld, should they also equal or exceed the levels specified.



## 9.4 ABANDONED MEETING AND/OR RACES

### PLEASE NOTE:

The industry participant payments detailed in Sections 9.4.1 and 9.4.2 shall be made to the trainers. These payments are compensation payments only and are not considered as stakemoney. They will not appear as career earnings for participants or greyhounds.

#### 9.4.1. ABANDONED MEETING

Where a meeting is abandoned after 8am on the day it is scheduled to be held, the following industry participant payments will apply:

- \$165 per runner discretionary payment eligible to compete at the time of the abandonment, should the meeting be abandoned after the advertised time for the commencement of kennelling, due to a non-natural event such as a mechanical failure to the lure or starting boxes.
- \$88 per runner eligible to compete at the time of the abandonment, should the meeting be abandoned on or after 2 hours before the advertised time for the commencement of kennelling, due to a natural event such as inclement or dangerous weather.
- \$55 per runner eligible to compete at the time of abandonment, should the meeting be abandoned prior to 2 hours before the advertised time for the commencement of kennelling.

#### 9.4.2. ABANDONED RACES (PART MEETING)

Where a race, or races, at a meeting are abandoned the following industry participant payments will apply:

- \$165 per runner discretionary payment eligible to compete at the time of abandonment, due to a non-natural event such as a mechanical failure to the lure or starting boxes.
- \$88 per runner eligible to compete at the time of the abandonment, due to a natural event such as inclement or dangerous weather.

Official Qualifying trials abandoned under 9.4.1. & 9.4.2. will also qualify for the same compensation payments

## 9.5 NO RACES

The Abandoned Meeting and/or Races policy detailed in Section 9.4 does not apply to 'no races'. In the case where Stewards declare a 'no race', the RWWA Rules of Greyhound Racing shall apply.

## 9.6 TRAINERS STARTERS FEE

Trainers will receive a \$65 payment paid directly to them for every eligible runner that competes at a meeting in distances between 275m - 302m.

Trainers will receive a \$75 payment paid directly to them for every eligible runner that competes at a meeting in distances between 380m – 405m.

Trainers will receive a \$125 payment paid directly to them for every eligible runner that competes at a meeting in distances between 490m – 520m.

Trainers will receive a \$150 payment paid directly to them for every eligible runner that competes at a meeting in distances over 600m and above.

## 10.0 GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Authority	Racing and Wagering Western Australia (RWWA).
C	City Class or Grade.
Distance Grade	WA events over longer distances affect a greyhound's Distance Grade.
Divide	Process whereby the racing system separates greyhounds into different divisions in multiple divisions of any event and in heats and semi-finals of a feature event or non-feature series.
Feature Event	Any event specifically listed on the Racing Calendar or event that requires entry via a specific Feature Event Nomination Form.
Free For All	An event graded to include greyhounds from different grades.
Graded Race	An event that, when conducted, affects the grade of greyhounds that competed in the event. Maidens, Juveniles and non-penalty events such as Age Classics are not considered graded races.
GRGRP	Greyhound Racing Grading Review Panel responsible for the ongoing review and amendment of the RWWA Racing Aims and Grading Policy.
Guarding	Method whereby greyhounds owned and/or trained in similar interests are separated as far as possible in multiple divisions of any event and in heats and semi-finals of a feature event or non-feature series. Guarding forms part of the divide process.
Masters	For greyhounds 4 years and over.
Middle Distance Grade	WA events over middle distances affect a greyhound's Middle Distance Grade.
Mixed Grade Race	An event graded to include greyhounds from two (2) different grades.
Order of Choice	The order in which greyhounds are selected for any event.
Out	An unplaced run in a grade where unplaced runs count towards dropping a grade.
P	Provincial Class or Grade.
P5	Provincial Sprint Grade 5.
P5 eligible	Greyhound eligible to win a Provincial Sprint Grade 5 event.
Qualify(ied)	When a greyhound earns the right to compete in a Maiden event by running under a time standard it is said to have qualified.
RWVA	Racing and Wagering Western Australia (sometimes used to signify the Greyhound Racing Department within RWVA).
Racing Calendar	A calendar that includes race dates. Also may refer to a magazine or other publication that includes race dates, race programmes and other racing-related information.
Requalifying	When a Maiden greyhound, already qualified over a distance, again runs under the time standard required to qualify.
Series	An event contested via heats and finals or heats, semi-finals and final.
Sprint Grade	WA events over shorter (sprint) distances affect a greyhound's Sprint Grade.
Y	Country Class or Grade.

## APPENDIX 1

### WESTCHA\$E BONUSES (Effective 29 July, 2022)

WESTCHA\$E Race Class / Type	Bonus	
	Owner(s)	Breeder(s)
<b>Group Race Finals</b>		
Group 1	\$12,500	\$12,500
Group 2	\$5,000	\$5,000
Group 3	\$3,000	\$3,000
<b>Group Race Heats</b>		
Group 1	\$3,000	\$3,000
Group 2	\$1,500	\$1,500
Group 3	\$1,000	\$1,000
<b>Feature Finals</b>		
All non-Group Race, non-WA Bred City Class Finals	\$2,400	\$2,400
All non-Group Race, non-WA Bred Provincial Class Finals	\$1,200	\$1,200
All non-WA Bred Country Class Finals	\$600	\$600
<b>Non Feature Finals</b>		
City Class	\$900	\$900
Provincial Class	\$600	\$600
Country Class	\$300	\$300
<b>City Class Events</b>		
All City Class winners	\$750	\$750
<b>Maiden Events &amp; Maiden Finals</b>		
City Class	\$750	\$750
Provincial & Country Class	\$500	\$500
Shortcourse (275m, 297m & 302m)	\$250	\$250
<b>Novice Events</b>		
City Class	\$500	\$500
Provincial & Country Class	\$250	\$250
<b>WA Bred Only Feature Events</b>		
City Class -WA Bred Championship, "The Peter Thomas", "The Sandi's Me Mum" (520m)	\$900	\$3,750
Provincial Class -"The Shorts" & "The Great Western" (405m);"The Sandgroper" (490m); "The Claude Powell" (Cannington - 520m)	\$600	\$2,000
Country Class -WA Bred Country Cup (509m)	\$300	\$1,000
<b>The Scheme's Signature Event -"The WESTCHA\$E"</b>		
Winner	\$900	\$7,500
Second		\$5,000
Third		\$2,500
Fourth		\$1,000
Other Unplaced Runners		\$500
<b>Starter Bonus</b>		
First Start	\$250	\$250
10th Start	\$250	\$250

**APPENDIX 2**

# GREYHOUND STAKEMONEY LEVELS

**EFFECTIVE 29 July 2022**

**SPRINT GRADE**

**CITY CLASS (Sprint)**

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>THIRD</b>	<b>FOURTH</b>	<b>1% AW</b>
<b>Maiden</b>	\$7,705	\$5,047	\$1,541	\$770	\$270	\$77
<b>C5/Novice</b>	\$10,005	\$6,553	\$2,001	\$1,001	\$350	\$100
<b>C4</b>	\$10,510	\$6,884	\$2,102	\$1,051	\$368	\$105
<b>C3</b>	\$11,011	\$7,212	\$2,202	\$1,102	\$385	\$110
<b>C2</b>	\$11,506	\$7,536	\$2,301	\$1,151	\$403	\$115
<b>Heat/FFA/C1</b>	\$12,017	\$7,871	\$2,403	\$1,202	\$421	\$120
<b>Heat (Group 3)</b>	\$12,017	\$7,871	\$2,403	\$1,202	\$421	\$120
<b>Heat (Group 2)</b>	\$13,007	\$8,520	\$2,601	\$1,301	\$455	\$130
<b>Heat (Group 1)</b>	\$20,020	\$13,113	\$4,004	\$2,002	\$701	\$200

**PROVINCIAL CLASS**

**490m, 509m & 520m**

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>THIRD</b>	<b>FOURTH</b>	<b>1% AW</b>
<b>P5 Masters</b>	\$3,877	\$2,539	\$775	\$388	\$136	\$39
<b>P4/5 Masters</b>	\$4,290	\$2,810	\$858	\$429	\$150	\$43
<b>Maiden &amp; Open Masters</b>	\$5,076	\$3,325	\$1,015	\$507	\$178	\$51
<b>P5/Novice/LS</b>	\$5,302	\$3,473	\$1,060	\$530	\$186	\$53
<b>P4</b>	\$5,522	\$3,617	\$1,105	\$552	\$193	\$55
<b>P3</b>	\$5,736	\$3,757	\$1,147	\$574	\$201	\$57
<b>P2</b>	\$5,951	\$3,898	\$1,190	\$595	\$208	\$60
<b>Heat/FFA/P1</b>	\$6,176	\$4,045	\$1,235	\$618	\$216	\$62
<b>Heat (Derby &amp; Oaks)</b>	\$7,001	\$4,586	\$1,400	\$700	\$245	\$70
<b>Heat (Mandurah Cup)</b>	\$11,011	\$7,212	\$2,202	\$1,102	\$385	\$110

**PROVINCIAL CLASS**

**380m & 405m**

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>THIRD</b>	<b>FOURTH</b>	<b>1% AW</b>
<b>P5 Masters</b>	\$3,080	\$2,017	\$616	\$308	\$108	\$31
<b>P4/5 Masters</b>	\$3,877	\$2,539	\$775	\$388	\$136	\$39
<b>Maiden &amp; Open Masters</b>	\$4,290	\$2,810	\$858	\$429	\$150	\$43
<b>P5/Novice/LS</b>	\$4,515	\$2,957	\$903	\$452	\$158	\$45
<b>P4</b>	\$4,730	\$3,098	\$946	\$473	\$166	\$47
<b>P3</b>	\$4,950	\$3,242	\$990	\$495	\$173	\$50
<b>P2</b>	\$5,175	\$3,390	\$1,035	\$517	\$181	\$52
<b>Heat/FFA/P1</b>	\$5,390	\$3,530	\$1,078	\$539	\$189	\$54
<b>Heat (Group &amp; Listed)</b>	\$7,001	\$4,586	\$1,400	\$700	\$245	\$70

## APPENDIX 2

### COUNTRY CLASS

#### 490m, 509m & 520m

GRADE	TOTAL	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	1% AW
Maiden	\$2,541	\$1,664	\$508	\$255	\$89	\$25
Y6/LS	\$2,541	\$1,664	\$508	\$255	\$89	\$25
Y5/Novice/LS	\$2,656	\$1,740	\$531	\$265	\$93	\$27
Y4	\$2,766	\$1,812	\$553	\$277	\$96	\$28
Y3	\$2,865	\$1,877	\$573	\$286	\$100	\$29
Y2	\$2,975	\$1,949	\$595	\$297	\$104	\$30
Heat/FFA/Y1	\$3,091	\$2,025	\$618	\$309	\$108	\$31
Heat (Anniversary Cup)	\$3,311	\$2,169	\$662	\$331	\$116	\$33

### COUNTRY CLASS

#### 380m & 405m

GRADE	TOTAL	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	1% AW
Maiden	\$2,194	\$1,437	\$439	\$219	\$77	\$22
Y6/LS	\$2,194	\$1,437	\$439	\$219	\$77	\$22
Y5/Novice/LS	\$2,310	\$1,513	\$462	\$231	\$81	\$23
Y4	\$2,414	\$1,581	\$483	\$242	\$84	\$24
Y3	\$2,530	\$1,657	\$506	\$253	\$89	\$25
Y2	\$2,640	\$1,729	\$529	\$264	\$92	\$26
Heat/FFA/Y1	\$2,750	\$1,801	\$550	\$275	\$96	\$28

### COUNTRY CLASS

#### 275m, 297m & 302m

GRADE	TOTAL	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	1% AW
Maiden	\$1,996	\$1,307	\$399	\$200	\$70	\$20
Y6/LS	\$1,996	\$1,307	\$399	\$200	\$70	\$20
Y5/Novice/LS	\$2,095	\$1,372	\$419	\$210	\$73	\$21
Y4	\$2,194	\$1,437	\$439	\$219	\$77	\$22
Y3	\$2,304	\$1,509	\$461	\$230	\$81	\$23
Y2	\$2,414	\$1,581	\$483	\$242	\$84	\$24
Heat/FFA/Y1	\$2,530	\$1,657	\$506	\$253	\$89	\$25

## APPENDIX 2

### MIDDLE DISTANCE & DISTANCE GRADES

#### CITY CLASS (Middle Distance & Distance)

GRADE	TOTAL	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	1% AW
C5/Novice	\$10,758	\$7,046	\$2,151	\$1,076	\$377	\$108
C4	\$11,247	\$7,367	\$2,249	\$1,125	\$394	\$112
C3	\$11,742	\$7,691	\$2,348	\$1,175	\$411	\$117
C2	\$12,248	\$8,022	\$2,450	\$1,225	\$429	\$122
Heat/FFA/C1	\$12,760	\$8,358	\$2,552	\$1,276	\$446	\$128
Heat (Group 1)	\$20,020	\$13,113	\$4,004	\$2,002	\$701	\$200

#### PROVINCIAL CLASS

##### 588m, 600m, 647m & 715m

GRADE	TOTAL	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	1% AW
Maiden	\$6,000	\$3,930	\$1,200	\$600	\$210	\$60
P5/Novice	\$6,226	\$4,078	\$1,245	\$623	\$218	\$62
P4	\$6,369	\$4,172	\$1,274	\$637	\$222	\$64
P3	\$6,660	\$4,362	\$1,332	\$666	\$233	\$67
P2	\$6,880	\$4,506	\$1,376	\$688	\$241	\$69
Heat/FFA/P1	\$7,100	\$4,650	\$1,420	\$710	\$249	\$71
Heat (Mid Dist Chall)	\$7,100	\$4,650	\$1,420	\$710	\$249	\$71

#### COUNTRY CLASS

##### 588m, 600m, 647m & 715m

GRADE	TOTAL	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	1% AW
Maiden	\$3,003	\$1,967	\$601	\$300	\$105	\$30
Y6	\$3,003	\$1,967	\$601	\$300	\$105	\$30
Y5/Novice	\$3,118	\$2,042	\$624	\$312	\$109	\$31
Y4	\$3,190	\$2,089	\$638	\$319	\$112	\$32
Y3	\$3,327	\$2,179	\$665	\$333	\$117	\$33
Y2	\$3,443	\$2,255	\$689	\$344	\$121	\$34
Heat/FFA/Y1	\$3,558	\$2,330	\$712	\$356	\$124	\$36