



Proposed Grading Procedures

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QUEENSLAND GRADING PROCEDURES

DEFINITIONS

Feature Event – means an event with feature prizemoney as prescribed by Racing Queensland.

Graded event – means an event restricted to greyhounds of a specified grade or grades, and for which the winner will be penalised under as per the Grading Procedures.

Masters Event – means an event age restricted to greyhounds of a specified grade 42 months and older.

Mixed Grade Event – means an event containing greyhounds from more than one grade.

No Metropolitan Wins Event – means an event restricted to greyhounds that have not won a Class 1 event.

Open– means an event for any greyhound Grade 3 or higher.

Open Feature – means a Feature event open to any greyhound and requiring the owner or trainer to nominate for the event.

Progressive Event – means a combined event for Maiden, Grade 7, and Grade 6 greyhounds.

Restricted Wins Event – means an event restricted to greyhounds that have only won the prescribed number of races in their career.

Series – means a multi-stage event that consists of Qualifying Trials and/or, Heats and/or Semi-Finals and a Final. The nomination of a greyhound for a Series does not include a Consolation unless stipulated in the race conditions of an event. Grade 7 and Grade 6 events will not be conducted as series except for feature events.

Single-stage event – means any event that is not conducted as a series.

GRADES

Greyhounds are assigned one of the following grades for each class and distance category combination

- Maiden
Means a greyhound that has not won or been awarded first place in a race.
- Grade 7
Means a greyhound that has only won one event or series as a Maiden greyhound.
- Grade 6
Means a greyhound that has only won one event or a series as a Maiden greyhound, and one other event or series as a Grade 7 greyhound.
- Grade 5
- Grade 4
- Grade 3
- Grade 2
- Grade 1

DISTANCE CATEGORIES

- Short (0m – 440m)
- Sprint (441m – 530m)
- Middle (531m – 650m)
- Staying (651m+)

TRACK CLASS

Class	Track	Category
Class 1	Brisbane, Ipswich	Category 1
Class 2	Brisbane, Ipswich	Category 2
Class 3	Brisbane, Ipswich	Category 2
Class 4	Bundaberg	Category 3
Class 5	Capalaba	Category 2
Class 6	Rockhampton, Townsville	Category 3

TRACK TYPE

- Circle
- Straight

INTERSTATE TRACK CLASS

Interstate performances will be translated to QLD performances, and graded according to the QLD grading procedures, as per the interstate track classifications below.

New South Wales

- City (C) meetings to be graded as QLD Class 1
- Provincial (P) meetings to be graded as QLD Class 2
- Masters (M) to be graded as QLD Class 3
- Country (Y) meetings to be graded as QLD Class 4
- Richmond Straight to be graded as QLD Class 5

Victoria

- City Class Meetings at Sandown and Meadows to be graded as QLD Class 1
- All Provincial meetings to be graded as QLD Class 2 (except Healesville)
- Healesville to be graded as QLD Class 5

South Australia

- City A (Angle Park) meetings to be graded as QLD Class 1
- City B (Angle Park) meetings to be graded as QLD Class 2
- Provincial (Angle Park) meetings to be graded as QLD Class 3
- Provincial 1 meetings to be graded as QLD Class 3
- Provincial 2 meetings to be graded as QLD Class 6
- Country meetings to be graded as QLD Class 4
- Murray Bridge Straight to be graded as QLD Class 5

Western Australia

- C Class (Cannington) meetings to be graded as QLD Class 1
- P Class (Cannington) meetings to be graded as QLD Class 2
- Y Class (Cannington) meetings to be graded as QLD Class 3
- P Class meetings to be graded as QLD Class 3
- Y Class meetings to be graded as QLD Class 6

Tasmania

- All meetings to be graded as QLD Class 2

Northern Territory

- Darwin to be graded as QLD Class 6

International Tracks

- All to be graded as QLD Class 2

GRADING PENALTIES

- Subject to any prescribed Grading Concessions, a greyhound shall be penalised for each win in a penalty bearing event (including masters events, dead heats, and walkovers) for the class and distance category.
- A greyhound winning a heat and/ or a semi-final and/or final of one series of any grade will be penalised a total of one win.

Masters Events

- Masters events are penalty bearing events.
- For Single Stage Masters events, a greyhound will be penalised a grade if they break the Time Standard for the track, class, and distance.
- For Masters Series, a winning greyhound will be penalised a grade if they break the Time Standard in any leg of the series.

Dead Heat

- Where two or more greyhounds Dead Heat for first place, all shall be deemed to have been placed first and shall be penalised in the same manner as any other winner in accordance with the Queensland Grading Procedures.

Walkover

- A greyhound deemed the winner of a Walkover, shall be penalised in the same manner as any other winner in accordance with the Queensland Grading Procedures.

Non-Penalty Event

- Performances in non-penalty events will not alter a greyhound's grade.
- The following events are deemed to be non-penalty events:
 - Race events in Queensland age-restricted to greyhounds 36 months and younger.
 - Pathways Grade 5 events in Queensland.

Disqualification – After “All Clear”

- Any grading penalty will be revoked and original grade reinstated if a greyhound is subsequently disqualified after the “all clear” signal has been notified.

GRADING CONCESSIONS

The following grading concessions will be permitted:

- a greyhound shall be permitted to win, within a Class and Distance category, **two** Grade 5 penalty bearing events at Class 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 tracks.
- a greyhound shall be permitted to win, within a Class and Distance category, **two** Grade 5 and **two** Grade 4 penalty bearing events at Class 6 tracks.
- a greyhound winning a masters event will not be penalised a grade if it does not break the Time Standard at the track, class, and distance.
- After dropping a Grade, a greyhound shall not be eligible for the benefits of the above Grading Concessions and shall be penalised one Grade, within a class and Distance category, for each win in a penalty bearing event.

DROPPING A GRADE (GRADE 4 OR HIGHER)

- A greyhound will drop a grade following three unplaced performances at a particular grade within a class and distance category in penalty bearing events.
- A greyhound that hasn't started in a race for six (6) months or longer will drop a grade at the class and distance category where it resumes racing.
- Greyhounds cannot drop a grade below Grade 5.

Masters Age Drop Back

- A greyhound older than 42 months will drop a grade following two unplaced performances in the following grades:
 - Grade 1
 - Grade 2
 - Grade 3

UPGRADING RULES

- For the purposes of Upgrading Rules, heat wins, semi-final wins, and final wins will be considered as separate wins.
- Upgrading Rules are applicable to non-penalty events.
- Upgrading Rules are not applicable to Maiden, Grade 7, Pathways and Masters wins.

Upgrading Class 3

- any greyhound that has won a total of six (6) applicable races, on a class 1, 2 or 3 track in a particular distance category will be elevated to Grade 4 when next nominated for an event in this distance category.
- any greyhound that has won a total of ten (10) applicable races on a class 1, 2 or 3 track in a particular distance category will be elevated to Grade 3 when next nominated for an event in this distance category.
- a greyhound will be lowered from Grade 3 to Grade 4 if its 10th applicable race win in the distance category was in a Class 3 Grade 5 event.

Upgrading Class 4 and Class 6

- any greyhound that has won a total of four (4) applicable races on a class 1, 2, 3 track in a particular distance category will be elevated to Grade 4 when next nominated for an event in this distance category.
- any greyhound that has won a total of eight (8) applicable races on a class 1, 2, 3 track in a particular distance category will be elevated to Grade 3 when next nominated for an event in this distance category.
- a greyhound will be lowered from Grade 3 to Grade 4 if its 8th applicable race win in the distance category, was in a Class 4 Grade 5 event, or a Class 6 Grade 5 event.

Upgrading Short Course Category

- Greyhounds that satisfy any two of the following criteria will be upgraded to Grade 4 in the short course category on all classes:
 - Greyhounds that have won three (3) applicable Class 1 events in the short or sprint distance categories.
 - Greyhounds that have won an applicable Group 1, Group 2, or Group 3 in the short or sprint distance categories.
 - Greyhounds that have won six (6) applicable events on Class 1, Class 2, or Class 3 tracks in the short course or sprint categories.

RACE FIELD PROCEDURE

- Race meeting programs will be advertised prior to race meetings on the RQ website.
- Race events for each meeting will be categorised according to the Hierarchy Of Events and drawn in preference order.
- The number of divisions for each event will be flexible depending on the total number of nominations received for each event.
- If an advertised Feature Event Series receives insufficient nominations for heats, RQ shall reduce it to a single stage Event, apply the advertised final prizemoney and any bonuses to the Event, and conduct it on the original first stage meeting date unless otherwise agreed by RQ and the Club.
- Unless otherwise stipulated in the race conditions or approved by RQ, the minimum field size for any event is five (5). Race events may be cancelled with four (4) nominations or less.

HIERARCHY OF EVENTS

1. Feature Events and Series

- Any event determined by RQ to be a Feature Event will be drawn with five nominations.

2. Priority Events

- Non-feature series will be drawn as heats with twelve nominations.
- Staying events will be drawn with five nominations.
- Middle Distance events will be drawn with six nominations.
- Open Sprint events will be drawn with six nominations.
- Open Short events will be drawn with seven nominations.

3. Standard Events

- Single stage events at a priority distance with seven nominations will be drawn instead of As Required Events.

4. As Required Events

- Single stage events at a non-priority distance may be drawn if there are insufficient nominations for higher priority events.
- As required events may not be drawn at any time regardless of the number of nominations.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility To Compete

- A greyhound cannot be nominated for an event before it attains the age of sixteen months.
- Maiden, Grade 7, and Grade 6 greyhounds will be eligible for an Event at the time of competing.
- Eligibility for all other events will be at the time of grading.

Class 1 Eligibility

- Maiden greyhounds are not eligible for Class 1 events.
- Notwithstanding the above, Maiden greyhounds are eligible to nominate for Class 1 events in the staying distance category provided they have placed (second or third) in a Class 1, Class 2, or Class 3 event in the middle category or staying distance category.
- Maiden events and Grade 7 events will not be conducted on Class 1 tracks except for feature events, or otherwise as approved by Racing Queensland.

Maiden winning away from Series / Event

- A maiden greyhound competing in a series, which consists of at least heats and a final, during the time of the series being conducted, wins an event other than as part of the series, shall not be eligible to compete further in the series.

Eligibility – Series / Event

- To be eligible to contest a series/event a greyhound must be eligible to race at all of the tracks at which the greyhound may be required to race during the series/event.
- Where a greyhound has qualified for a final as a runner or reserve, it will not be permitted to nominate an event on the day prior to the day of the final.

GUARDING

- Guarding is the principle of allocating greyhounds to separate race events if they are:
 - Trained by the same person.
 - Solely owned by the same person.
 - Owned by the same group.
- Guarding will be applied in accordance with the Composition Of Fields methodology.

RESERVE RIGHTS

- Greyhounds that were reserves at the previous meeting on the same day of the week, and did not gain a start, will have reserve rights in the order of entry for a race of the same distance.
- Race meetings that alternate timeslots, or are transferred, will be deemed to be the same day of the week for the purposes of reserve rights. (For example: Townsville Friday/Saturday).
- Greyhounds that were reserves in an abandoned race event, for which the prizemoney was not divided, will not be granted reserve rights in the order of entry.
- A greyhound listed as a reserve that does gain, or would have been eligible to gain a start, that is withdrawn from the event for any reason whatsoever, shall forfeit any reserve rights.

ORDER OF ENTRY

- The Order of Entry applies to all race events unless otherwise stated in the race conditions of a specific event.
- The Order of Entry is used to determine the runners, reserves, and not required greyhounds before the Composition Of Fields process.
- If two or more greyhounds are tied in the Order of Entry, the greyhound with the longest absence from racing will be ranked higher. If still equal, a random computerised ballot will be conducted.

Maiden Events (including Series) – All Categories

1. Greyhounds having reserve rights ranked by Weighted Point Score Method 1.
2. Placegetters at last start, or two of three most recent starts, at the same Track Type and same Category of meeting (or higher) ranked by Weighted Point Score Method 1.
3. Greyhounds having their first race start.
4. The following greyhounds ranked by Weighted Point Score Method 1:
 - a. Greyhounds with three starts or less.
 - b. Greyhounds placed once in their last three starts at the same Category of meeting or higher.
5. Remaining greyhounds ranked by Weighted Point Score Method 1.
6. Greyhounds already drawn to have their first race start.

Grade 7 Events (including Series) – Category 2 and Category 3

1. Greyhounds having reserve rights ranked by Weighted Point Score Method 1.
2. Last start winner at the same Track Type, same Distance Category, and same Category of meeting (or higher) ranked by Weighted Point Score Method 1.
3. The following performances ranked by Weighted Point Score Method 1:
 - a. Placegetter at last start, or two of three most recent starts, at the same Track Type, same Distance Category, and same Category of meeting (or higher).
 - b. Winner at the same Track Type, and same Distance Category, and same Category of meeting (or higher) in last three starts.
 - c. Last start winner at same Track Type and same Category of meeting (or higher).
4. Remaining greyhounds ranked by Weighted Point Score Method 1.

Other Graded Events and Masters Events (including Series) – Category 2 and Category 3

1. Greyhounds having reserve rights ranked by Weighted Point Score.
2. Last start winner at the same Track Type, same Distance Category, and same Category of meeting or higher.
3. The following performances ranked by Weighted Point Score:
 - a. Greyhounds dropping a grade at the class and distance of meeting.
 - b. Greyhounds upgraded at the class and distance of meeting.
 - c. Placegetter at last start, or two of three most recent starts, at the same Track Type, and same Category of meeting or higher
 - d. Winner at the same Track Type, and same Category of meeting or higher in last three starts.
 - e. Last start winner at same Track Type and same Category of meeting (or higher).
4. Remaining greyhounds ranked by Weighted Point Score.

Graded Events and Masters Events (including Series) – Category 1

1. Greyhounds having reserve rights ranked by Weighted Point Score.
2. The following performances ranked by Weighted Point Score:
 - a. Category 1 placegetter at last start, or two of three most recent starts, at the same Track Type and same Distance Category.
 - b. Category 1 winners at the same Track Type and same Distance Category in last three starts.
 - c. Category 2 winners at last start, or two of three most recent starts, at the same Track Type and same Distance Category.
 - d. Category 1 winners at last start at same Track Type.
 - e. Greyhounds dropping a grade at the class and distance of meeting.
 - f. Greyhounds upgraded at the class and distance of meeting.
3. Remaining greyhounds ranked by Weighted Point Score.

FEATURE EVENTS

1. Greyhounds ranked by Individual Rating.
2. Greyhounds tied by Individual Rating will be ranked by Weighted Prizemoney.

PATHWAYS RACING

Eligibility

- Maiden greyhounds require 4 or more unplaced runs as a Maiden greyhound at the same class of meeting or lower to be eligible.
- Grade 7 greyhounds require 4 or more unplaced runs as a Grade 7 greyhound at the same class of meeting or lower since their last win to be eligible.
- Grade 6 greyhounds require 4 or more unplaced runs as a Grade 6 greyhound at the same class of meeting or lower since their last win to be eligible.
- Grade 5 greyhounds require 4 or more unplaced runs as a Grade 5 greyhound at the same class of meeting or lower since their last win to be eligible.
- Class 1 winners in the past 6 months are not eligible.

PATHWAYS RACING ORDER OF ENTRY

Maiden Pathways Events (including Series)

1. Greyhounds with 10 or more unplaced runs as a Maiden greyhound at the same class of meeting or lower. Ranked by Weighted Point Score Method 1 from lowest to highest.
2. Greyhounds with 4 or more unplaced runs as a Maiden greyhound at the same class of meeting or lower. Ranked by Weighted Point Score Method 1 from lowest to highest.
3. Reserve rights are not applicable.

Grade 6 and Grade 7 Pathways Events (including Series)

1. Greyhounds with 10 or more unplaced runs as a Grade 6 or Grade 7 greyhound at the same class of meeting or lower since their last win. Ranked by Weighted Point Score Method 1 from lowest to highest.
2. Greyhounds with 4 or more unplaced runs as a Grade 6 or Grade 7 greyhound at the same class of meeting or lower since their last win. Ranked by Weighted Point Score Method 1 from lowest to highest.
3. Reserve rights are not applicable.

Grade 5 Pathways Events (including Series)

1. Greyhounds with 4 or more unplaced runs as a Grade 5 greyhound since their last win at the same class of meeting or lower. Ranked by Weighted Point Score from lowest to highest.
2. Reserve rights are not applicable.

WEIGHTED POINT SCORE

- There are two methods of calculating the Weighted Point Score.
- Only Method 1 will be applicable to Maiden and Grade 7 events.
- Either Method is applicable to all other Events. Whichever Method has more points will be used as the Weighted Point Score.

Method 1

- This method is applied to the greyhounds six most recent starts.
- Each performance is scored as per the Weighted Point Score Table.
- Each performance is calibrated using the Discount Methods.
- The combined total is the Method 1 Point Score.

Method 2

- This method is applied to the greyhounds six most recent starts at the Track Type and Distance Category.
- Each performance is scored using the Weighted Points Score Table.
- Each performance is calibrated using the Discount Methods.
- The combined total is the Method 2 Point Score.
- If a greyhound has not had six eligible starts at the track type and distance category, the most recent starts in date order on the same Track Type will make up the remaining scores to six.

INDIVIDUAL RATING

- There are two methods of calculating the Individual Rating.
- Whichever Method has more points will be used as the Individual Rating.

Method 1

- This method is applied to the greyhounds twelve most recent starts.
- Each performance is scored as per the Weighted Point Score Table.
- Each performance is calibrated using the Discount Methods.
- The best 6 performances are the Method 1 Point Score.

Method 2

- This method is applied to the greyhounds twelve most recent starts at the Track Type and Distance Category.
- Each performance is scored using the Weighted Points Score Table.
- Each performance is calibrated using the Discount Methods.
- The best 6 performances are the Method 2 Point Score.
- If a greyhound has not had twelve eligible starts at the Track type and Distance category, the most recent starts in date order on the same Track Type will make up the remaining scores to 12. The Track Type and Distance Category performances, plus the best other performances, will be the Method 2 Point Score.

Greyhounds with less than six starts

- Greyhounds that have not yet competed in six career starts are allocated points using the Pro-Rata method.
- The Pro-Rata points will be calculated as follows:
- Divide the greyhound's total points by the amount of starts it has competed in to get an average.
- Apply a 10% discount to the average then multiply these points by the difference between its career starts and six to get the pro-rata points.
- The Pro-Rata points are added to the actual points to get the Weighted Point Score.

DISCOUNT METHODS

1. Distance Discount (Circle Track)

Level	0-60m	61m-160m	161m-260m	261m+
1-7	0%	30%	50%	70%
8	0%	20%	30%	40%
9	0%	10%	10%	10%
10	0%	10%	10%	10%

2. Straight Track Discount

Level	Short	Sprint	Middle	Long
1-7	30%	30%	50%	70%
8	20%	20%	30%	40%
9	10%	10%	10%	10%
10	10%	10%	10%	10%

3. Time Discount (applies to everything)

Time	0 – 120 days	121 – 180 days	181 – 240 days	241 – 300 days	301 – 365 days	365+ days
% Points	100%	90%	80%	70%	60%	30%

Weighted Point Score Table

Level	Category	Grade	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	DNF
1	All	G1	1120	672	560	448	336	336	336	336	336
2	All	G2	800	480	400	320	240	240	240	240	240
3	1	Open G3 Open Listed	560	336	280	224	168	168	168	168	168
	2	Open G3 Open Listed									
	3	Open G3									
4	1	Open Other G3/Listed	400	240	200	120	100	80	80	80	80
	2	Other G3/Listed									
	3										
5	1	3/4, 4, 4/5 Open Age Restricted	280	168	140	84	70	56	56	56	56
	2	Open									
	3	Listed									
6	1	5, 5F	200	120	100	60	50	40	40	40	40
	2	3/4, 4, 4/5 Open Age Restricted									
	3	Open									
7	1	MF, 7F, PF, 6 M5	140	84	70	42	35	28	28	28	28
	2	5, 5F									
	3	3/4, 4, 4/5 Open Age Restricted									
8	1		100	60	50	30	25	20	20	20	20
	2	M5, P5, 6, 7									
	3	5, 5F									
9	1		70	42	35	21	18	14	14	14	14
	2	M, MF									
	3	M5, P5, 6, 7									
10	1		50	30	25	15	13	10	10	10	10
	2	PM									
	3	M, MF									

Weighted Prizemoney

- Total career prizemoney divided by the square root of its starts.

COMPOSITION OF FIELDS

- Following determination of the Order of Entry, all race fields will be selected using one of the following methods:

Random/Guarded

- Random/Guarded field composition will apply to Maiden, Grade 7, Grade 6 and Progressive events and series (unless otherwise advertised).
- Greyhounds will be randomly allocated to separate divisions whilst simultaneously having regard for guarding.

Seeded/Random/Guarded

- Seeded/Random/Guarded field composition will apply to all race events conducted as heats (unless otherwise advertised).
- Greyhounds will be ranked first to last by their Individual Rating.
- The highest ranked greyhounds will be seeded and evenly distributed throughout the heats whilst simultaneously having regard for guarding requirements. Seeds will be matched as per the Seeding Table.
- The number of heats will determine the number of seeded greyhounds as per the Seeding Table.
- The lowest 25% (or less in the case of short fields) ranked greyhounds will be randomly distributed throughout the heats whilst simultaneously having regard for guarding.

Seeding Table

Seed	2 Heats	3 Heats	4 Heats	5 Heats	6 Heats	7 Heats	8 Heats
1 vs	4	6	8	10	12	14	16
2 vs	3	5	7	9	11	13	15
3 vs		4	6	8	10	12	14
4 vs			5	7	9	11	13
5 vs				6	8	10	12
6 vs					7	9	11
7 vs						8	10
8 vs							9

Banded

- Banded field composition will apply to all restricted win and graded events (unless otherwise advertised).
- Greyhounds will be ranked first to last using their Individual Rating and distributed to available races in rank order.
- Greyhounds to be allocated as reserves will also be distributed in rank order.
- Guarding will be applied in the following circumstances:
 - Where a greyhound has four wins or less.
 - Where trainers/owners have with three (3) or more greyhounds engaged in the same division.
- Guarding will not apply to reserves.

Mixed Grade Events

- Mixed Grade Events contain greyhounds from more than one grade.
- The following mixed grade events may be drawn:
 - Open
 - Mixed 3/4
 - Mixed 4/5
 - Progressive
 - Mixed 6/7
 - Mixed 7/M
- In a Mixed Grade Event, greyhounds of the higher of the Grade will be included first in the order of entry regardless of form.
- Greyhounds of the lower grade will be selected for running positions using the Order of Entry.
- In the circumstance of composing a mixed grade event and single grade event on the same program, greyhounds of the lower grade will be ranked using their Individual Rating and elevated to a mixed grade event in rank order.
- In the event of composing a mixed grade event and single grade event on the same program, guarding will be applied in the following circumstances:
 - Where a greyhound has four wins or less.
 - Where trainers/owners have with three (3) or more greyhounds engaged in the same event.
- Greyhounds to be allocated as reserves will be distributed in rank order.

Series Selection Scale

- Unless, in special circumstances, approved otherwise by the Governing Body and advertised as a condition of a Series/Event, the following shall apply when establishing which greyhounds from Qualifying Trials/Heats/Semi-finals shall progress further in a Series.

Heats / Semi-Finals	Field	Reserves
2	1 – 2 – 3 – 4	Fastest 5 – 5
3	1 – 2 – fastest 3 – 3	Other 3 – fastest 4
4	1 – 2	Fastest 3 – 3
5	1 – fastest 2 – 2 – 2	Next fastest 2 – 2
6	1 – fastest 2 – 2	Next fastest 2 – 2
7	1 – fastest 2	Next fastest 2 – 2
8	1	Fastest 2 – 2
9	Fastest 1	Other 1 – fastest 2
10	Fastest 1	Next fastest 1 – 1

- The principles of the scale shall apply if a greater number of Heats / Semi-finals.
- In the case of a Dead-Heat, thereby creating a situation where more than the permitted number of greyhounds is to be considered to progress further in a Series/Event, the greyhound to be selected shall be randomly selected from the greyhounds that comprised the Dead-Heat. The greyhound unsuccessful in the ballot shall be afforded a preference when being further assessed in accordance with the principles of the scale.
- For the purpose of this scale, “fastest” shall mean the actual time of a greyhound in the Event. Should it not be possible to establish the time for a greyhound in the Event, the progress of a greyhound in a Series/Event shall be at the discretion of the Grading Panel.
- Should a circumstance arise in which the principle of this scale would not be appropriate, the progress of a greyhound in the Series/Event shall be at the discretion of the Grading Panel.

Consolation Events

- A greyhound must be nominated for a Consolation to be considered for selection.
- A greyhound must have competed in the heats to be eligible for the Consolation.
- Greyhounds included in a Consolation shall be included in accordance with their placing and time in the Event that qualifies greyhounds for a final.

TIME STANDARDS

DISTANCE	TIME STANDARD
BRISBANE	
331M	19.43
395M	23.10
520M (CLASS 2 & 3)	30.52
520M (CLASS 1)	30.39
IPSWICH	
288M	17.35
431M	25.56
520M	31.04
ROCKHAMPTON	
407M	24.40
510M	30.57
TOWNSVILLE	
380M	22.38
498M	29.34
BUNDABERG	
460M	26.86
531	TBA
CAPALABA	
366M	20.29

Correction of Selection Error

If a greyhound that should not have been included in the Box Draw is so included, it shall be withdrawn by order of the stewards.

If a greyhound that should have been included in the Box Draw is not included and the omission is discovered by not later than 9.00am the next business day, the Grader, Chief Steward or Greyhound Manager may order that the greyhound be included in the field and a drawn greyhound deleted from the field. If so ordered, the original Box Draw shall be cancelled and a new Box Draw conducted.

POWERS OF GRADER

Notwithstanding the provisions of the Grading Procedures, the Grader may exercise discretion in any matter relating to the inclusion of a greyhound in an event.

NOMINATION POLICY

Preference Nominations

- A greyhound nominated for two or more race meetings will be considered in order of preference for the nomination received (with regard to grading procedures). Once a greyhound has been drawn in an event, all further preferences will be disregarded.

Nomination Extension Clause

- Unless otherwise prescribed by the governing body, all greyhounds entered for an Event prior to a nomination extension will be granted 1st preference when grading fields.

Nomination Guidelines

- All nominations are required to be submitted online via Ozchase prior to the advertised close of nominations for each race meeting.
- Nominations cannot be changed after the close of nominations.
- It is the responsibility of the nominator to check the race program and nominate accordingly.
- All advertised race events will be provided in the drop-down box.
- For every nomination, the nominator is required to enter the preference number, race meeting, and choose a race event from the drop-down box.
- The greyhound will only be considered for the race event which is selected by the nominator. It is the responsibility of the nominator to submit additional preferences if the greyhound is to be considered for multiple race events, including if the greyhound has been nominated for an open feature event.

OZCHASE Online Nominations

[Home](#) [Nominate Greyhound](#)

Create New Nomination

Greyhound:

State:

Current Nominations for

State	Pref	Meeting	Race Event	Race Class	Dist.
No current nominations.					

Pref No.	Meeting	Race Event	OR	Race Class	+	Distance		Nominations Count
1	Race Wed, 14/12/2022 CAP Day	<input type="text"/>	OR	<input type="text"/>	+	<input type="text"/>	✗	5
		Grade 5/Class 5/366/Bitch	OR	<input type="text"/>	+	<input type="text"/>		
		Masters Open/Class 5/366	OR	<input type="text"/>	+	<input type="text"/>		
		Best 8/Class 5/366	OR	<input type="text"/>	+	<input type="text"/>		
		Novice/Class 5/366/Bitch	OR	<input type="text"/>	+	<input type="text"/>		
		Maiden/Class 5/366	OR	<input type="text"/>	+	<input type="text"/>		
		Novice/Class 5/366	OR	<input type="text"/>	+	<input type="text"/>		

Comments:

Long Distance Travel

- Where a trainer is travelling 250km or more to a race meeting they will have the option to select 'two-or-none' or 'three-or-none' on their nomination. If the required number of greyhounds are not drawn as runners, all nominations for that trainer will be withdrawn from the meeting.

Early Race Requests

- If a greyhound consistently requires an early race due to the greyhound's behaviour, the trainer can submit an early race request application to the Stewards.
- The early race request application will be assessed by the Stewards and the race day Veterinarian.
- Following the approval of an early race application, the greyhound will be granted a draw in the first 8 races on the program, for the next 15 race starts. The trainer must reapply for the early race application every 15 starts.
- In some circumstances it may not be possible for an approved greyhound to be granted an early race. In such circumstances, the greyhound may be scratched without penalty.
- Any other reasonable request for an early race must be made in writing to the Grader prior to the close of nominations for the race meeting.

Policy Revision History

Date	Version	Changes
1 November 2013	1	Original Document
29 July 2015	2	Update to definition of Maiden Eligibility
20 October 2015	3	Update to Upgrading Rules & Grading - Class 5 Tracks
18 December 2015	4	Insert Upgrading Short Course Category and update Absence From Racing
1 December 2016	5	Pathways Racing and Masters Racing
22 March 2017	6	Update Reserve Rights and Time Standards
25 January 2018	7	Interstate Track Classifications, Order of entry – Upgrading, Masters
16 February 2018	8	Masters Age Re-Grade
1 October 2018	9	Definitions, Guarding, Time Standards, How to Nominate
5 December 2018	10	Upgrading Class 5
5 June 2019	11	Dropping A Grade
3 September 2019	12	Class 1 Eligibility. Pathways Maiden, Time Standards
12 October 2020	13	Class 1 Eligibility. Dropping A Grade.
23 September 2021	14	Time Standards
8 December 2022	15	How To Nominate, Eligibility Series / Event
31 March 2023	16	Proposed Grading Procedures