



Proposed Grading Procedures

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QUEENSLAND GRADING PROCEDURES

DEFINITIONS

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.

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

Free For All – means an event for any greyhound Grade 3 or higher.

Open – means an event for all grades, subject to eligibility conditions.

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

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

No Metropolitan Wins Event – means an event restricted to greyhounds that have not won a City 1 or City 2 event.

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 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. A greyhound winning a maiden will progress to Grade 6 at all classes and distance categories.
- Grade 6
Means a greyhound that has only won one event or a series as a Maiden greyhound. A greyhound winning a Grade 6 will progress to Grade 5 at all classes and distance categories.
- 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
City 1 (One Turn)	Q1 Lakeside
City 2 (Two Turn)	Q2 Parklands, Albion Park, Ipswich
Provincial	Q1 Lakeside, Q2 Parklands, Albion Park, Ipswich
Country	Bundaberg, Townsville, Rockhampton
Straight	Q Straight and Capalaba

INTERSTATE TRACK CLASS

Interstate performances will be translated to QLD race classes, 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 City 2
- Provincial (P) meetings to be graded as QLD Provincial
- Masters (M) to be graded as QLD Provincial
- Country (Y) meetings to be graded as QLD Country
- Richmond Straight to be graded as QLD Straight

Victoria

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

South Australia

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

Western Australia

- C Class (Cannington) meetings to be graded as QLD City 2
- P Class (Cannington) meetings to be graded as QLD Provincial
- Y Class (Cannington) meetings to be graded as QLD Country
- P Class meetings to be graded as QLD Provincial
- Y Class meetings to be graded as QLD Country

Tasmania

- All meetings to be graded as QLD Provincial

Northern Territory

- Darwin to be graded as QLD Country

International Tracks

- All to be graded as QLD Provincial

GRADING PENALTIES

- Subject to any prescribed Grading Concessions, a greyhound shall be penalised a grade 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 will be penalised a total of one grade.
- A greyhound that attains a grade at a City meeting, within a particular distance category, will inherit that grade at Provincial and Country class meetings.

Masters Events

- Masters events have the same penalties as Graded 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 City 1 tracks.
- a greyhound shall be permitted to win, within a Class and Distance category, **two** Grade 5 penalty bearing events at City 2 tracks.
- a greyhound shall be permitted to win, within a Class and Distance category, **four** Grade 5 penalty bearing events at Provincial tracks.
- a greyhound shall be permitted to win, within a Class and Distance category, **four** Grade 5 penalty bearing events at Straight 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 Country 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 wins in Maiden, Grade 6, Pathways and Masters events.

Upgrading City

- any greyhound that has won a combined total of five (5) applicable races on a City 1 or City 2 track, in a particular distance category, will be elevated to Grade 4 when next nominated for an event in this distance category.

Upgrading Provincial

- any greyhound that has won a combined total of seven (7) applicable races on a City 1, City 2, or Provincial 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 combined total of ten (10) applicable races on a City 1, City 2, or Provincial 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 Provincial Grade 5 event.

Upgrading Country

- any greyhound that has won a combined total of three (3) applicable races on a City 1, City 2, or Provincial 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 combined total of five (5) applicable races on a City 1, City 2, Provincial, or Country 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 combined total of six (6) applicable races on a City 1, City 2, or Provincial track, in a particular distance category will be elevated to Grade 3 when next nominated for an event in this distance category.
- Any greyhound that has won a combined total of eight (8) applicable races on a City 1, City 2, Provincial, or Country 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 Country Grade 5 event.

Upgrading Short Course Category

- any greyhound that has won a combined total of three (3) or more applicable City 1 Events, City 2 Events, or Group (1,2,3) Events in the sprint distance category will be elevated to Grade 4 when next nominated for a Provincial, Country, or Straight track in the short course distance category.

RE-GRADE

- All greyhounds will be re-graded prior to the commencement of racing at The Q. The re-grade will translate grades from the previous class structure to the new class structure.

City 1

- All greyhounds will be Maiden, Grade 6, or Grade 5 in accordance with the new grading procedures, unless they are subject to upgrading rules.

City 2

- All greyhounds will keep their Class 1 grade for each distance category.

Provincial

- All greyhounds re-graded in accordance with the new grading procedures.
- Class 2 and Class 3 performances will be translated to Provincial class.

Country

- All greyhounds that have established a Class 6 grade, by racing at the class and distance, will keep the same grade, unless they are subject to upgrading rules since their last start at the class and distance.
- All greyhounds that have not established a Class 6 grade, will be graded in accordance with the new procedures.
- Class 4 performances will be translated to Country class for upgrading purposes.

Straight

- All greyhounds re-graded in accordance with the new grading procedures.
- Class 5 performances will be translated to Straight class.

PATHWAYS RACING

Eligibility

- Greyhounds having had less than 3 starts ineligible.
- City winners in the last 12 months ineligible.
- City place getters in the last 3 starts ineligible.
- Winners in the last 3 starts ineligible.

NOTE: Unplaced City performances will be disregarded as performances when selecting fields, or counting unplaced runs, for Pathways Events.

Grade 6 and Grade 5 Events

- Non-penalty unless breaking the Time Standard (as per Time Standards Table)

- (1) Unplaced last 3 starts by Runners Table highest (24) to lowest (12) (excluding greyhounds dropping a grade).
- (2) Place getter 1 of last 3 starts Straight, Country, Provincial (excluding last start place getters).
- (3) All others ineligible.

NOTE: Country and Provincial place getters will be given preference over Straight place getters in Pathways Events on Straight tracks.

Maiden Events

- (1) Greyhounds having had 10 or more career unplaced runs by most career unplaced runs.
- (2) Greyhounds with less than 10 career unplaced runs in the following order:
 - Unplaced last 3 starts by Runners Table highest (24) to lowest (12).
 - Place getter 1 of last 3 starts by most career unplaced runs (excluding last start place getters).
 - All others ineligible.

Reserve Rights

- (1) There will be no reserve rights for Pathways Races.
- (2) Greyhounds with reserve rights will only be drawn into a Pathways race if form warrants.
- (3) Greyhounds drawn as a reserve in a Pathways race will have reserve rights for the corresponding race meeting one week later.

Guarding

No guarding – races divided by wins and form at the grader's discretion. Grader's will guard where the intent of Pathways racing is not compromised.

MASTERS RACING

- 42 months or older
- Grade 5 Only
- Greyhounds winning a masters event will be penalised a Grade if they break the Time Standard for the track and distance (as per Time Standards Table).
- City Masters - Selection Order as per Graded Events - City
- Provincial and Country Masters - Selection Order as per Graded Events Provincial/Country

Straight Masters - Selection Order as per Graded Events Straight

Note: Masters events may be programmed with alternative entry conditions (eg. For open class greyhounds or for greyhounds 48 months and older etc.).

TIME STANDARDS

- Note: All Pathways and Masters events at The Q will be penalty bearing events until a time standard has been established for each distance.

DISTANCE	TIME STANDARD
BRISBANE	
331M	19.43
395M	23.10
520M (PROVINCIAL)	30.52
520M (CITY 2)	30.39
IPSWICH	
288M	17.35
431M	25.56
520M	31.04
ROCKHAMPTON	
407M	24.22
510M	30.50
TOWNSVILLE	
380M	22.38
498M	29.34
BUNDABERG	
315M	18.33
460M	26.86
531M	30.60
CAPALABA	
366M	20.29

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 host Club.
- Unless otherwise stipulated in the race conditions or approved by RQ, the minimum field size for any event is five (5).

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.
- To be eligible to nominate for a race meeting, the greyhound must be eligible to race on the day of the race meeting, at the closing time of nominations. Greyhounds that have qualified for a final will be automatically drawn in the final regardless of their eligibility to compete on the day of the race meeting.

Eligibility for Maiden and Grade 6 greyhounds will be at the time of the race meeting.

- Eligibility for all other events will be at the time of grading.

City Eligibility

- Maiden greyhounds are not eligible for City events.
- Notwithstanding the above, Maiden greyhounds are eligible to nominate for City events in the staying distance category provided they have placed (second or third) in a City or Provincial event in the middle category or staying distance category.
- Maiden events will not be conducted on City 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 be required to be drawn in the final. Where a greyhound has qualified as a runner, it will not be permitted to nominate for another event at the race meeting. Where a greyhound has qualified as a reserve, it will not be permitted to nominate for another meeting on the same day. A greyhound qualified for reserve in a final may nominate for another event at the same race meeting as per GAR 85 (13).
- Where a greyhound has qualified for a final as a runner or reserve, it will not be permitted to nominate for another event on the day prior to the day of the final.
- Where two or more series have finals conducted on the same day, a greyhound will not be permitted to nominate for more than one series.

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.
- 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.
- Reserve rights are not applicable to Pathways events.
- Reserve rights are not applicable to Feature events.

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.

OPEN/BEST 8 - FEATURE EVENT

For an Open Feature Event the Selection Order of Choice will not apply – the greyhounds included for the event shall be at the discretion of the Grader.

MAIDEN EVENTS

All Classes

- (1) Greyhounds with Reserve Rights.
- (2) Last start place getter.
- (3) Greyhound having first race start.
- (4) (a) Place getter 2 of last 3 starts.
(b) Place getter 1 of last 3 starts.
- (5) Greyhounds not having had 3 starts.
- (6) Greyhounds not having had a start for 30 days.
- (7) Apply unplaced runners table on last 3 starts.
- (8) A greyhound drawn in a race as a first starter will not be eligible to be pre-graded unless there are insufficient nominations for that particular event.

NOTE: Preference will be given to placed performances on a circle track when selecting greyhounds for circle track races, and straight track placed performances when selecting greyhounds for straight track races.

CITY

Graded Events

- (1) Greyhounds with Reserve Rights
- (2) Last start winners – City track (excepting maiden winners).
- (3) Last start place getter – City track.
- (4) Last start winners – Provincial track (excepting maiden winners).
- (5) Other winners/place getters last 3 starts in the following sequence:
 - Winner 2 of last 3 – City
 - Winner 2 of last 3 – Provincial
 - Place getter 2 of last 3 – City
 - Winner 1 of last 3 – City
 - Greyhounds dropping City grade
 - Last start winner – Country (excepting maiden winners).
 - Place getter 2 of last 3 – Provincial
 - Place getter 1 of last 3 – City
 - Last start place getter – Provincial
 - Winner 1 of last 3 – Provincial (excepting maiden winners)
 - Winner 2 of last 3 – Country
 - Place getter 1 of last 3 – Provincial
 - Place getter 2 of last 3 – Country
 - Winner 1 of last 3 – Country (excepting maiden winners)
 - Last Start place getter – Country
 - Place getter 1 of last 3 – Country
 - Last start maiden winners
 - Maiden winner 1 of last 3
- (7) Greyhound not having started for 30 days.
- (8) Apply unplaced runners table on last 3 starts.

NOTE: Straight track performances will NOT be considered when selecting races for City Graded Events. Greyhounds without a prior start on a circle track will not be eligible to nominate for a City Graded Event.

CITY

Grade 6

- (1) Greyhounds with Reserve Rights
- (2) Last start winner City
- (3) Last start place getter City
- (4) Last start winner Provincial
- (5) Last start winner Country
- (6) Last start winner Straight
- (7) Other winners / placegetters last 3 starts
 - Winner 2 of last 3 City
 - Placegetter 2 of last 3 City
 - Winner 1 of last 3 City
 - Winner 2 of last 3 Provincial
 - Winner 2 of last 3 Country
 - Winner 2 of last 3 Straight
 - Place getter 2 of last 3 Provincial
 - Winner 1 of 3 last 3 Provincial
 - Last start place getter Provincial
 - Place getter 1 of last 3 City
 - Place getter 2 of last 3 Country
 - Place getter 2 of last 3 Straight
 - Winner 1 of 3 last 3 Country
 - Winner 1 of 3 last 3 Straight
 - Last start place getter Country
 - Last start place getter Straight
 - Place getter 1 of last 3 Provincial
 - Place getter 1 of last 3 Country
 - Place getter 1 of last 3 Straight
- (8) Apply unplaced runners table on last 3 starts

PROVINCIAL AND COUNTRY

Graded Events

- (1) Reserve greyhound having Reserve Rights.
- (2) Last start winners – City, Provincial, Country
- (3) Last start place getter – City, Provincial, Country
- (4) Greyhound dropping a grade at class and distance
- (5) Greyhound upgraded at class and distance
- (6) Last start winners – Straight
- (7) Other winners/place getters last 3 starts in the following sequence:
 - Winner 2 of last 3 – City, Provincial, Country
 - Winner 1 of last 3 – City, Provincial, Country
 - Place getter 2 of last 3 – City, Provincial, Country
 - Last start place getter - Straight
 - Winner 2 of last 3 – Straight
 - Place getter 2 of last 3 – Straight
 - Winner 1 of last 3 – Straight
 - Place getter 1 of last 3 - City, Provincial, Country, Straight
- (8) Greyhound not having started for 30 days.
- (9) Apply unplaced runners table on last 3 starts (not including qualifying trials).

STRAIGHT

Graded Events

- (1) Greyhound having Reserve Rights.
- (2) Last start winners – Straight
- (3) Last start place getter – Straight
- (4) Greyhound dropping – Straight
- (5) Greyhound upgraded – Straight
- (6) Last start winner – City, Provincial, Country
- (7) Last start place getter – City, Provincial, Country
- (8) Other winners/place getters last 3 starts in the following sequence:
 - Winner 2 of last 3 - Straight
 - Winner 2 of last 3 – City, Provincial, Country
 - Winner 1 of last 3 - Straight
 - Winner 1 of last 3 – City, Provincial, Country
 - Place getter 2 of last 3 - Straight
 - Place getter 2 of last 3 – City, Provincial, Country
 - Place getter 1 of last 3 - Straight
 - Place getter 1 of last 3 – City, Provincial, Country
- (9) Greyhound not having started for 30 days
- (10) Unplaced runners table on last 3 starts.

UNNERS TABLE

Last 3 Starts				Score
			888	24
			788	23
		688	787	22
	588	678	777	21
488	578	677	686	20
478	568	577	676	19
468	477	558	567	18
458	467	557	566	17
448	457	466	556	16
	447	456	555	15
		446	455	14
			445	13
			444	12

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 all Maiden and Grade 6 events and series (unless otherwise advertised).
- Random/Guarded field composition will apply to series which are not conducted as a feature event (e.g. Grade 5 heats).
- 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 Feature race events conducted as heats (unless otherwise advertised).
- The highest 25% ranked greyhounds will be seeded by the grader 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 seeded by the grader and 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/Guarded

- Banded field composition will apply to all restricted win and graded events (unless otherwise advertised).
- Greyhounds will be allocated to race divisions at the discretion of the grader having simultaneous regard for guarding.

Mixed Grade Events

- Mixed Grade Events contain greyhounds from more than one grade.
- The following mixed grade events may be drawn:
 - Open
 - Free For All
 - Mixed 3/4
 - Mixed 4/5
 - Mixed 6/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 elevated to a mixed grade event at the discretion of the grader having simultaneous regard for guarding. .

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.

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 12 noon 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.

Redrawing a race to correct the selection order will not account for other grading implications that may have been considered in composing the fields for the original box draw such as guarding, second preferences, etc.

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 each race meeting.
- 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.
- All greyhounds will be graded as per the nomination submitted and the grading procedures. Trainers are not permitted to request the withdrawal of a greyhound from certain events under certain circumstances.

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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 a long distance to a race meeting (250km or more) the trainer may make a written request to the grading department prior to the close of nominations to cancel all nominations if a minimum number of greyhounds are not drawn.

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.
- Regardless of an approval for an early race, in some circumstances it may not be possible for an approved greyhound to be granted an early race.
- Any other reasonable request for an early race must be made in writing to the Grading Department 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
26 August 2024	16	Proposed Grading Procedures