



Grading Procedures

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QUEENSLAND GRADING PROCEDURES

DEFINITIONS

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

Best 8 – means an event restricted to greyhounds 3rd Grade or higher. Any greyhound 3rd Grade or higher may, at the discretion of the grader, be included in the event.

Free For All – means an event restricted to greyhounds 5th Grade or higher. Any greyhound 5th Grade or higher may, at the discretion of the grader, be included in the event.

Graded event – means an event restricted to greyhounds of a specified grade and for which the winner will be penalised under the Grading scale.

Series – means a race conducted that consists of Heats, Semi-finals, and Final. The nomination of a greyhound for a Series does not include a Consolation.

Feature Event – means an event prescribed by Racing Queensland as a Feature Event.

Maiden – in relation to a flat race means a greyhound that has not won, or been awarded, first place in a flat race.

Novice – means a greyhound, as at the date of the proposed meeting, which has not won, other than a maiden and/or, maiden heat and final, and/or maiden heat, semi-final and final.

Masters event – means an event restricted to greyhounds 42 months or older.

Pathways event – means an event for which the field is graded in reverse as per the Order of Entry for Pathways Racing.

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

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

Non-penalty event – means any event declared by the Governing Body to be a non-penalty event. Performances in non-penalty events will not alter a greyhound's grade.

For example: Usually an event for which eligible starters are restricted by a particular age limit i.e. Futurity, Derby, Young Guns etc.

Penalty bearing event – means any event not declared by the Governing Body to be a non-penalty event.

For example: Usually a graded event.

DISTANCE CATEGORIES

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

TRACK CLASS

The classification of a track shall be as prescribed by the Control Body.

As of 1st July 2011, tracks are classified as:

- **Class 1 (City class)**

- Brisbane – Thursday
- Ipswich – Thursday as prescribed
- Interstate – as prescribed

- **Class 2**

- Brisbane – Monday
- Ipswich – Saturday
- Brisbane - Wednesday
- Interstate – as prescribed

- **Class 3**

- Ipswich – Tuesday
- Ipswich – Thursday
- Ipswich – Friday
- Brisbane - Sunday
- Interstate – as prescribed

- **Class 4**

- Bundaberg
- Cairns
- Interstate – as prescribed

- **Class 5**

- Capalaba
- Interstate – straight tracks

- **Class 6**

- Townsville
- Rockhampton
- Interstate – as prescribed

- **Interstate Tracks**

New South Wales (including ACT)

- ❑ All A1 and A2 meetings to be graded as QLD Class 1
- ❑ All Class B meetings to be graded as QLD Class 2
- ❑ All Class C meetings to be graded as QLD Class 3
- ❑ All Class M meetings to be graded as QLD Class 3
- ❑ All Class D meetings to be graded as QLD Class 4

Victoria

- ❑ City Class Meetings (Sandown Thursday and Meadows Saturday) 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

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

GRADE OF GREYHOUND

The classification of the scale of grading of a greyhound shall be as prescribed by the Control Body.

As of 1st April 2011, the scale of Grade within Class and Distance is:

- Maiden
- 5th Grade
- 4th Grade
- 3rd Grade
- 2nd Grade
- 1st Grade

GRADING PENALTIES

Subject to any prescribed Grading Concessions, a greyhound shall be penalised for each win in a penalty bearing event (including a walkover) for the class and distance category.

MAIDEN WIN

A greyhound winning an event for the first time, whether it is a Maiden event or a non-penalty event, other than a Qualifying Trial, shall be deemed to have won a Maiden for every Class and Distance.

NOVICE

An eligible greyhound shall be permitted to win one Novice only at any class of track.

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 System.

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 System.

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** 5th Grade 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** 5th Grade and **two** 4th Grade penalty bearing events at Class 6 tracks.
- A greyhound shall be permitted to win, **one** 5th grade event on a class 1 track without affecting grades on classes 2, 3, 4 & 6 tracks
- Subject to any Upgrading Rules, a greyhound shall be permitted to win graded events on class 2, 3, 4 & 6 tracks in any order without receiving a penalty on a lower class of track
- For the purposes of Upgrading Rules, heat wins and final wins will be considered as separate wins, and all race wins will be taken into consideration including non-penalty races.
- Any greyhound having competed in an GCA approved group event at their last race start will be considered for a preference at the grader's discretion.
- 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.
- A greyhound winning a heat and/ or a semi-final and/or final of any grade will be penalised a total of **one** win.

DROPPING A GRADE

A greyhound will drop a grade in the following circumstances:

1. Three (3) consecutive unplaced performances at a certain grade within a class and distance category;
2. Five (5) non-consecutive unplaced performances at a certain grade within a class and distance category;
3. On returning to racing after not having started for six (6) months or longer, the greyhound will drop one grade at only the class and distance category where it resumes.
4. Greyhounds 42 months or older which have not won a race in the last six months will be lowered by one grade at the class and distance category of nomination. The re-grade will only be applied once per class and distance category.
5. Greyhounds 48 months or older which have not won a race in the last three months will be lowered by one grade at the class and distance category of nomination. The re-grade will only be applied once per class and distance category.

Note: A greyhound eligible to drop a grade under two or more above criteria simultaneously, will only be permitted to drop one grade at a time.

UPGRADING RULES

Upgrading rules will come into effect with regard to race performances from November 1, 2013 onwards.

UPGRADING CLASS 3

- any greyhound that has won a total **(6-10)** races on a class 1, 2 or 3 track in a particular distance category will be elevated to 4th grade when next nominated for an event in this distance category
- any greyhound that has won a total of **11 or more** races on a class 1, 2 or 3 track in a particular distance category will be elevated to 3rd grade when next nominated for an event of this distance category
- a greyhound will be lowered from Grade 3 to Grade 4 if its 11th win in the distance category was in a Class 3 Grade 5 event.

UPGRADING CLASS 4 & 6

- any greyhound that has won a total of **(6-10)** races on a class 1, 2, 3, 4 or 6 track in a particular distance category will be elevated to 4th grade when next nominated for an event in this distance category
- any greyhound that has won a total of **11 or more** races on a class 1, 2, 3, 4 or 6 track in a particular distance category will be elevated to 3rd grade when next nominated for an event of this distance category
- a greyhound will be lowered from Grade 3 to Grade 4 if its 11th win in the distance category was in a Class 4 Grade 5 event, or a Class 6 Grade 5 event.

UPGRADING CLASS 5

- Greyhounds having their first start on a Class 5 track will be upgraded to 4th Grade if they have won **(6-10)** races on Class 1, 2, or 3 tracks, provided they have won at least one Class 1 race.
- Greyhounds having their first start on a Class 5 track will be upgraded to 3rd Grade if they have won **11 or more** races Class 1, 2, or 3 tracks, provided they have won at least one Class 1 race.
- Subject to “Upgrading Short Course Category”, a greyhound having established a grade for a Class 5 track shall not thereafter be penalised for a win on any other Class of track.

UPGRADING SHORT COURSE CATEGORY

- any greyhound that has won a total of 4 or more races on a Class 1 track in the sprint distance category, will be elevated to 4th grade when next nominated on class 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6 tracks in the short course distance category.

Note: Once upgraded, any greyhound winning an event will be penalised in accordance with the grading penalties clause.

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 Novice greyhounds will be at the time of the race meeting.
- 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 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 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 two or more series have finals conducted on the same day, a greyhound will not be permitted to nominate for more than one series.

RACE FIELD SELECTION PROCEDURE

COMPOSITION OF FIELDS

Open / Best 8 - Feature Event

A greyhound must be nominated for an Open/Best 8 Feature Event to be considered.

For an Open/Best 8 Feature Event the Selection Order of Choice will not apply – the greyhounds included for the event shall be at the discretion of the Grader.

Restricted Grade Heats

When restricted grade heats are programmed (eg. 5th Grade heats, 4th/5th Grade heats etc.) all eligible greyhounds will only be given the option to select heats.

Graded Events

When a greyhound is nominated for a graded event, the following races may be drawn:

- Best 8
- Grade 1
- Mixed 1/2
- Grade 2
- Mixed 2/3
- Grade 3
- Mixed 3/4
- Grade 4
- Mixed 4/5
- Grade 5

A Free For All will only be drawn when advertised.

In an event in which two Grades are combined, greyhounds of the higher of the Grade will be included first followed by the lower Grade regardless of form.

In the event of composing a mixed grade event and single grade event on the same program, the greyhounds elevated to a mixed grade event will be at the sole discretion of the grading panel.

A “5th grade only” specification on a nomination is not acceptable to avoid being drawn in a Mixed 4th/5th grade race.

Heats and Final 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.

No of QTs- Heats-Semi- finals	Field x 8	Reserves x 2
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	other 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 selected by lot 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

To be eligible for selection in a Consolation a greyhound must be nominated for the Consolation.

Greyhounds included in a Consolation shall be included in accordance with their placing in the Event that qualifies greyhounds for a final.

Guarding

If on a program there are two or more greyhounds owned and/or trained by the same person, they shall be allotted to as many separate events as possible.

Reserve Rights

Where a greyhound is listed as a reserve and does not gain a start, the greyhound shall be included in the original draw of the next event of the same grade, distance and day as the previous meeting at a particular race club, provided that a fresh nomination is submitted for the event.

If a mixed grade or restricted wins event is advertised, greyhounds with reserve rights will have preference over greyhounds of the same grade **only**.

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.

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, Chairman of Stewards 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.

ORDER OF ENTRY

MAIDEN EVENTS

All Classes

- (1) Greyhounds with Reserve Rights.
- (2) Last start place getter.
- (3) Greyhound having first race start. A greyhound having its first race start in a Qualifying Trial and failing to qualify, shall be deemed to be a first starter when next nominated.
- (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.

CLASS 1

Graded Events

- (1) Greyhounds with Reserve Rights
- (2) Last start winners - Class 1 track (excepting maiden winners).
- (3) Last start place getter - Class 1 track.
- (4) Last start winners - Class 2 track (excepting maiden winners).
- (5) Last start winners – Class 3 track (excepting maiden winners).
- (6) Other winners/place getters last 3 starts in the following sequence:
 - Winner 2 of last 3 - Class 1
 - Winner 2 of last 3 - Class 2
 - Winner 2 of last 3 – Class 3
 - Place getter 2 of last 3 - Class 1
 - Winner 1 of last 3 - Class 1
 - Greyhounds dropping Class 1 grade
 - Last start winner – Class 6 (excepting maiden winners).
 - Last start winner - Class 4 (excepting maiden winners).
 - Place getter 2 of last 3 - Class 2
 - Place getter 2 of last 3 – Class 3
 - Place getter 1 of last 3 - Class 1
 - Last start place getter - Class 2
 - Last start place getter – Class 3
 - Winner 1 of last 3 - Class 2 (excepting maiden winners)
 - Winner 1 of last 3 – Class 3 (excepting maiden winners)
 - Winner 2 of last 3 – Class 6
 - Winner 2 of last 3 - Class 4
 - Place getter 1 of last 3 - Class 2
 - Place getter 1 of last 3 – Class 3
 - Place getter 2 of last 3 – Class 6
 - Place getter 2 of last 3 - Class 4
 - Winner 1 of last 3 – Class 6 (excepting maiden winners)
 - Winner 1 of last 3 - Class 4 (excepting maiden winners).
 - Last Start place getter – Class 6
 - Last start place getter - Class 4
 - Place getter 1 of last 3 – Class 6
 - Place getter 1 of last 3 - Class 4
 - Last start maiden winners
- (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 Class 1 Events (excluding Novice). Greyhounds without a prior start on a circle track will not be eligible to nominate for a Class 1 Event (excluding Novice).

Novice Events

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

CLASS 2, 3, 4 & 6

Novice & Graded Events

- (1) Reserve greyhound having Reserve Rights.
- (2) Last start winners - Class 1
- (3) Last start winners - Class 2
- (4) Last start winners - Class 3
- (5) Last start winners - Class 6
- (6) Last start winners - Class 4
- (7) Last start place getter - Class 1
- (8) Last start place getter - Class 2, 3, 6 & 4
- (9) Greyhound dropping a grade at Class 2, 3, 6 & 4.
- (10) Greyhound upgraded at Class 2, 3, 6 & 4.
- (11) Last start winners - Class 5
- (12) Other winners/place getters last 3 starts in the following sequence:
 - Winner 2 of last 3 - Class 1, 2, 3, 6 & 4
 - Winner 1 of last 3 - Class 1, 2, 3, 6 & 4
 - Place getter 2 of last 3 - Class 1, 2, 3, 6 & 4
 - Last start place getter Class 5
 - Winner 2 of last 3 - Class 5
 - Place getter 2 of last 3 - Class 5
 - Winner 1 of last 3 Class 5
 - Place getter 1 of last 3 - Class 1, 2, 3, 6, 4 & 5
- (13) Greyhound not having started for 30 days.
- (14) Apply unplaced runners table on last 3 starts (not including qualifying trials).

CLASS 5

Novice & Graded Events

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

PATHWAYS RACING

Eligibility

- Greyhounds having had less than 3 starts ineligible.
- Class 1 winners in the last 12 months ineligible.
- Class 1 place getters in the last 3 starts ineligible.
- Winners in the last 3 starts ineligible.

NOTE: Unplaced Class 1 performances will be disregarded as performances when selecting fields, or counting unplaced runs, for Pathways Events.

Novice & Grade 5 Events

- Non-penalty unless:
 - Breaking Time Standard (as per Time Standards Table)
 - Being upgraded as per Upgrading Rules

- (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 Class 5, 4, 6, 3, 2 (excluding last start place getters).
- (3) All others ineligible.

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

- Guarding will not apply to single stage Pathways events.
- Guarding will apply to Pathways heats.

MASTERS RACING

- 42 months or older
- Grade 5 Only
- Non-penalty unless:
 - Breaking Time Standard (as per Time Standards Table)
 - Upgrading Rules Apply
- Class 1 Masters - Selection Order as per Graded Events Class 1
- Class 2, 3, 4 & 6 Masters - Selection Order as per Graded Events Class 2, 3, 4 & 6
- Class 5 Masters - Selection Order as per Class 5 – Straight Tracks

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

PREFERENTIAL BOX DRAW RACING (PBD)

Early Running Trait

- The trainer must advise either Rail (R), Straight (S), or Wide (W) racing trait upon nominating a greyhound for a PBD event for the first time.
- The nominated race trait will be reviewed by the PBD Panel prior to grading.

Eligibility

- A greyhound must have had at least one race at the track and distance before becoming eligible to nominate for a PBD race.

Grading

- Fields will be determined using the Grading Procedures.
- No reserves will be drawn.
- Multiple divisions of the same grade will be randomly divided.

Box Draw Method

- Once a field has been selected, the early running traits of each greyhound will be grouped, and a random box draw will be conducted. For example, in an 8-dog field, if three greyhounds are designated (R), two greyhounds are designated (S) and three greyhounds designated (W), then boxes 1-3 will randomly drawn for the (R) runners, boxes 4-5 will be randomly drawn for the (S) runners, and boxes 6-8 will be randomly drawn for the (W) runners.

Post-event Race Trait Assessment

- After the first nomination and subsequent race start, the early running trait of a greyhound will be reviewed by the PBD Panel and may be amended with the trainer consulted and advised accordingly. The Panel will continue to review race traits applied to a particular greyhound in subsequent starts and further amendments may apply.

RUNNERS 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

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	24.22
510M	30.50
TOWNSVILLE	
380M	22.38
498M	29.34
BUNDABERG	
315M	18.33
460M	26.86
531M	30.60
CAPALABA	
366M	20.29

NOMINATION POLICY

Preference Nominations

- A nomination for two or more events will be considered in order of preference. 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. Late nominations may be entered by phone.

Nomination Guidelines

- Racing Queensland will advertise race programs for all race meetings prior to the close of nominations. The nominator will not be permitted to nominate for race events that aren't advertised. Racing Queensland reserves the right to amend the program at any time.
- All nominations are required to be submitted online via Ozchase prior to the advertised close of nominations for each race meeting.
- All advertised race events will be provided in the race event drop-down list for each race meeting.
- For every nomination, the nominator is required to choose a race event from the race event drop-down list. It is the responsibility of the nominator to check the race program and nominate accordingly.
- The greyhound will only be considered for the race event which is selected by the nominator. It is 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 a feature event.
- All greyhounds will be graded as per the nomination submitted and the grading procedures. Trainers are not permitted to make conditional nominations (eg. leave out if can't split).

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.

HOW TO NOMINATE

Racing Queensland will accept nominations Online – via Ozchase
<https://noms.ozchase.com.au/Login>

Late nominations may be submitted by phone (1800 851 155) during a nomination extension.

POWERS OF GRADER

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

Policy Revision History

Date	Version	Changes
1 November 2013	1	Original Document
29 July 2015	2	Update to definition of Maiden Eligibility
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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
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