



National Sprint and Distance Championships Series 2024

Conditions of Nomination

2024 GREYHOUND CLUBS AUSTRALIA CONDITIONS OF NOMINATION

NATIONAL SPRINT AND DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS SERIES

The 2024 National Championships series is conducted under the auspices of Greyhound Clubs Australia (**GCA**). The nominator understands and agrees to be bound by the following conditions.

1. QUALIFYING RACES

Subject to the following conditions, and to the relevant Rules of Racing, the following Clubs will conduct races to determine the greyhounds who qualify for races to be known as 'the Grand Finals of the National Sprint and Distance Championship Series' (the **Grand Finals**):

SOUTH AUSTRALIA Greyhound Racing SA Ltd (Angle Park)

QUEENSLAND Queensland Greyhound Racing Club (Albion Park)

TASMANIA Launceston Greyhound Racing Club (Launceston)

VICTORIA Melbourne Greyhound Racing Club (The Meadows) & Sandown Greyhound Racing Club (Sandown)

NEW SOUTH WALES New South Wales Greyhound Breeders, Owners and Trainers Association Ltd (Wentworth Park)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA Greyhounds WA (Northam)

NEW ZEALAND Greyhound Racing New Zealand (Addington Raceway)

2. ELIGIBILITY TO NOMINATE

- i. 'Nomination Closing Date' will be determined by individual state and jurisdictional authorities.
- ii. The Owner/Trainer is responsible for nominating the greyhound to compete in a qualifying race in all circumstances. Nominations must be lodged with the Club/Authority conducting the qualifying races in accordance with normal nomination procedures.
- iii. Nominations must comply with the Rules of Racing that apply within the relevant jurisdiction.
- iv. A greyhound is eligible to be nominated for a qualifying race in a state or territory if it has domiciled in that state or territory for at least 76 of the 150 days immediately preceding the Nomination Closing Date. *For the qualifying race for Stayers, the*

Nomination Closing Date will be during the week of the final, should a jurisdiction determine to run a heat and final series, or the week of a best 8 final, as applicable.

The greyhound is not eligible to be nominated for a qualifying race in any other state or territory or jurisdiction. See clause (xi) for New Zealand (**NZ**) eligibility.

- v. For the purposes of clause 2(iv) and clause (vii), a greyhound shall be deemed to be domiciled in a particular State or Territory or jurisdiction commencing on the date on which the change of kennel notification form (or equivalent evidence produced) is received by the approved registration authority in that State or Territory or jurisdiction up to but excluding the date upon which that form is subsequently received by the approved registration authority of another State or Territory or jurisdiction. See clause (xi) for NZ eligibility.
- vi. If a greyhound is not domiciled in any State or Territory or jurisdiction in which a qualifying race is to be conducted for a period of at least 76 days out of the 150 days immediately prior to the Nomination Closing Date, then the greyhound will be eligible to be nominated for a qualifying race held in the State or Territory or jurisdiction in which the greyhound was first named and registered, except where clause (vii) applies. See clause (xi) for NZ eligibility.
- vii. Where a greyhound was domiciled in any State or Territory or jurisdiction in which a qualifying race is to be conducted for a period of less than 76 days immediately prior to the Nomination Closing Date, it will be eligible to be nominated for a qualifying race in that State or Territory or jurisdiction only where its total length of career is less than 76 days. That is, the greyhound cannot ever have been trained or raced in any location other than the state or territory or jurisdiction in which it has been nominated. See clause (xi) for NZ eligibility.
- viii. Even though a greyhound may be eligible to be nominated for, or to compete in a qualifying race, the club conducting the qualifying race is not obliged to accept a nomination for the greyhound to compete in the qualifying race.
- ix. The owner/trainer is responsible for nominating their greyhound with the relevant club or authority for a qualifying race. Nominations must be made prior to the closing time and date stipulated as the Nomination Closing Date. If a greyhound is ineligible to compete in the qualifying race, the relevant club or authority should notify its connections within 24 hours of the Nomination Closing Date, where possible. If a greyhound is ineligible, the owner/trainer and the relevant club or authority will agree on an alternative venue where the greyhound would be eligible. The nomination must then be made to the club or authority responsible for the alternative venue provided the fields at that alternative venue have not been drawn.
- x. Maidens are ineligible to nominate.
- xi. New Zealand eligibility is determined by Greyhound Racing New Zealand (**GRNZ**):

‘Nomination Closing Date’ will be determined by GRNZ. All NZ-bred greyhounds, as well as greyhounds bred outside of NZ but had arrived in NZ on or before the 1st of March in the year of the Nationals Series, shall be eligible to nominate for the NZ Nationals Finals.

The Trainer is responsible for nominating the greyhound to compete in a qualifying race in all circumstances.

Nominations must be lodged with GRNZ per normal nominations.

Entries must comply with the GRNZ Rules of Racing.

If a greyhound is ineligible to compete in the qualifying race, GRNZ must notify its connections prior to the Nomination Closing Date.

Extra Information

Both New Zealand Finals will take place at Addington on Thursday 8 August 2024. These will be straight finals, and there will be no New Zealand regional heats conducted in preceding weeks.

3. THE GRAND FINALS

The Grand Finals are conducted by the Club/Authority selected by Greyhound Cubs Australia. The 2024 Grand Finals will be conducted by Greyhound Racing South Australia Limited (Angle Park, South Australia). The field for the 2024 Grand Finals will comprise:

- i.** One greyhound who qualified for the race in each of the states of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Western Australia, and from New Zealand.
- ii.** One greyhound who ranked the highest from the GCA National rankings Group Race as at 31 July 2024 and who competed in its respective State Final, but did not qualify through its State Final; and
- iii.** Two greyhounds who are classified as reserves, selected by the Club/Authority conducting the Grand Finals. Reserves may only be drawn from greyhounds who ran in qualifying races conducted by a Club/Authority as referred to in Clause 1.
- iv.** In the event of two greyhounds being equal highest ranked in (iii), a ballot will be used to determine the representative.
- v.** If the wildcard comes from the host state and qualifies as a reserve, it will be promoted into the field. The next host state greyhound in state final race finishing order will be promoted as second reserve, and the original reserve will become the first reserve.
- vi.** In the event that any state or NZ is unable to supply a representative (for whatever reason) then that place in the Final will be filled by the host state (South Australia) based on the state final finishing order or at the club/authority's discretion.

4. DISQUALIFICATION AND PROHIBITION

- i. The club or authority conducting the Grand Finals is not obliged to include a greyhound in the Grand Finals if the greyhound has been disqualified, suspended, or prohibited from racing or is under any incapacitation or has become in any other way ineligible as at the time and date on which the draw is conducted for the Grand Finals. If a greyhound who qualified for a Grand Final is disqualified, suspended, or prohibited from racing or is under any incapacitation or for any other reason deemed ineligible to race before the Grand Final draw is undertaken, the greyhound will be excluded from the draw. The greyhound shall be replaced by another greyhound selected by the committee or board of the club or authority that conducted the qualifying race.
- ii. If one of the greyhounds drawn in a Grand Final is disqualified or prohibited from racing or becomes otherwise ineligible to race after the draw for the Grand Final has been published, it will be withdrawn from the Grand Final and replaced by one of the available reserves.
- iii. For any inquiry, the Grand Finals will be deemed as a part of a total series, including the relevant State qualification events. Disqualification in a particular State qualifier or the Championship may therefore result in subsequent disqualification/s.

5. DISTANCES

GCA will determine the distance over which the Grand Finals will be contested, considering the race venue and the rules which apply to that venue.

6. DEAD HEATS

If a dead heat occurs in a qualifying race referred to in Clause 1, the Committee/Board of the Club/Authority conducting that race will determine which greyhound(s) has/have qualified to progress to the Grand Final in accordance with Greyhounds Australasia Rule (**GAR**) 120 Dead Heat.

GAR 120(1) states:

If two or more greyhounds dead heat for first place or another placing in an Event comprising a leg of a Series, the right of a greyhound concerned to further participate in the Event shall, where necessary, be decided by a ballot.

7. SELECTION OF QUALIFIER

If a No Race is declared for a race in which state representation is determined, that state will select a representative greyhound or representative greyhounds under the provisions of GAR 111.

8. POSTPONEMENT, TRANSFER OR CANCELLATION

The Committee/Board of the Greyhound Racing Authority (Authority) conducting any qualifying race or the Grand Finals, or the Committee/Board of the applicable Club (Club) may postpone, transfer to another venue, or cancel any race under its control. No liability will arise from postponing, transferring, or cancelling a race.

9. LATE WITHDRAWAL

In the event of any greyhound being withdrawn without a valid reason after the draw has been published for any race that forms part of the National Championship Series, the greyhound may be liable for a penalty, in accordance with the Rules that apply at the Club/Authority which is publishing the draw.

10. RULES

Qualifying races, State Finals and Grand Finals of the National Championships will be conducted in accordance with the Rules under which the Club/Authority conducting the race operates. If any matter arising is not provided for in the relevant Rules or in these conditions, the matter will be determined by the Committee/Board or the Stewards of the Club/Authority, according to whichever party has jurisdiction when the matter arises.

11. PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Connections of greyhounds qualifying for the Grand Finals may be required to assist with publicity and promotional activities for the event. Connections are expected to participate co-operatively in any publicity and promotional activities as required.