



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.

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

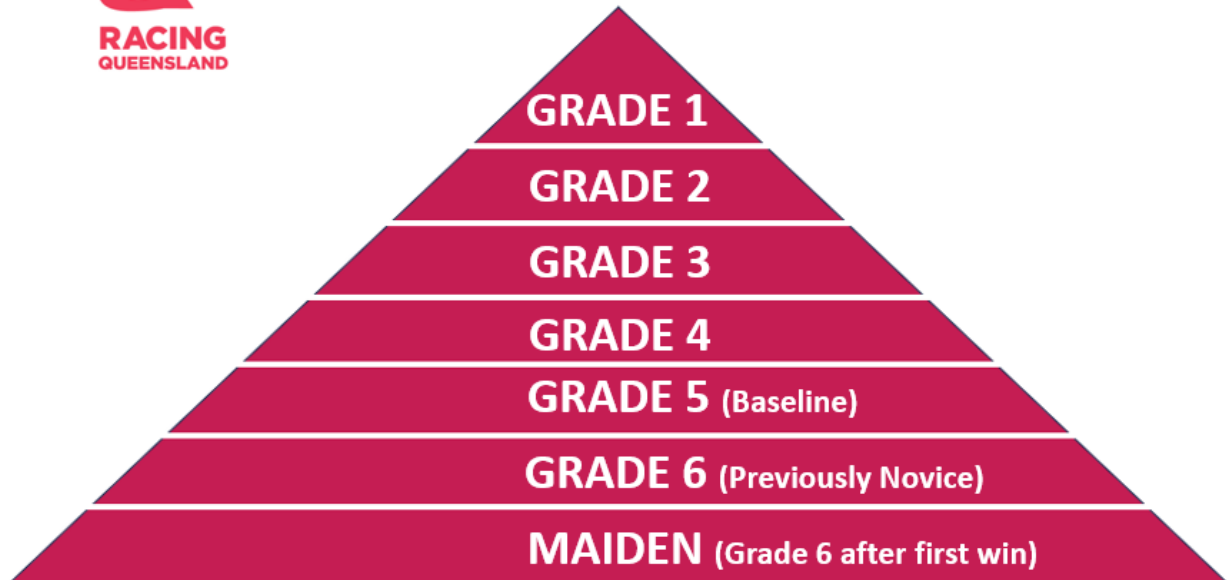
GRADES

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



GREYHOUND GRADING PYRAMID



DISTANCE CATEGORIES

- Short (0m – 440m)
- Sprint (441m – 530m)
- Middle (531m – 640m)
- Staying (641m+)

TRACK CLASS

Class	Track
City 1 (One Turn)	Q1 Lakeside
City 2 (Two Turn)	Q2 Parklands
Provincial	Q1 Lakeside, Q2 Parklands
Country	Townsville, Rockhampton, Bundaberg
Straight	Q Straight and Capalaba

INTERSTATE TRACK CLASS

Interstate performances will be translated to QLD track 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 1

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 meetings to be graded as QLD City 2
- City B meetings to be graded as QLD Provincial
- Provincial meetings to be graded as QLD Country
- Country meetings to be graded as QLD Country
- Murray Bridge Straight to be graded as QLD Straight 1

Western Australia

- C Class meetings to be graded as QLD City 2
- 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 circle tracks to be graded as QLD Provincial
- All straight tracks to be graded as QLD Straight 1

RE-GRADE

All greyhounds will be re-graded in accordance with the new grading procedures which take effect **DATE TBA.**

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.

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.

Race events in Queensland that are age-restricted to greyhounds 36 months and younger will be deemed non-penalty events.

Non-Penalty events will be advertised on the Racing Queensland Programs.

Disqualification – After “All Clear”

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

GRADING CONCESSIONS

The following grading concessions will be permitted:

City 1 Tracks

- A greyhound shall be permitted to win, within a Class and Distance category, **two** Grade 5 penalty bearing events.

City 2 Tracks

- A greyhound shall be permitted to win, within a Class and Distance category, **two** Grade 5 penalty bearing events.

Provincial, Country and 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 Provincial, Country and Straight tracks.

Masters event or Pathways Grade 5

- A greyhound winning a Masters event or Pathways Grade 5 event will not be penalised a grade if it does not break the Time Standard at the track, class, and distance.

Dropping a Grade

- 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 not applicable to wins in Maiden and Grade 6.

Upgrading City

- A 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. Non-penalty races are excluded from City upgrading.

Upgrading Provincial

- A greyhound that attains a grade at a City meeting, within a particular distance category, will inherit that grade at Provincial class meetings.

Upgrading Country

- A greyhound that attains a grade at a Provincial meeting, within a particular distance category, will inherit that grade at Country class meetings.
- A greyhound that has won a combined total of two (2) applicable races on a City 1 or City 2 tracks in a particular distance category will be elevated to Grade 4 when next nominated for a Country event in the same distance category.

Upgrading Short Course Category

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

TIME GRADED RACING

Eligibility

- Greyhounds are only eligible after having a minimum of 6 race starts.

Time Rating Calculation

- All greyhounds with at least six race starts will receive a Time Rating.
- The Time Rating is calculated using the Time Rating Table.
- The finishing time for each race start will correspond to a score in the Time Rating Table.
- A greyhound's Time Rating is the average of the three fastest times from the previous six starts.
- RQ may adjust, amend and make changes to the time rating table at its sole discretion.

Grading

Grade 5 Events

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

Maiden and Grade 6 Events

- A winning greyhound will be penalised a grade.

Order Of Entry

'Top-Down' Events

- Greyhounds will be ordered by Time Rating, from fastest to slowest.
- Ballots are determined by form as per the Order Of Entry for that class and grade.
- There will be no reserve rights in the Order Of Entry for Time Graded Events. Greyhounds with reserve rights will only be drawn into a Time Graded Event if form warrants.
- Greyhounds drawn as a reserve in Time Graded Events will have reserve rights for the corresponding race meeting one week later.

'Bottom-Up' Events

- Greyhounds will be ordered by Time Rating, from slowest to fastest.
- Ballots are determined by form in reverse order as per the Order Of Entry for that class and grade.
- There will be no reserve rights in the Order Of Entry for Time Graded Events. Greyhounds with reserve rights will only be drawn into a Time Graded Event if form warrants.
- Greyhounds drawn as a reserve in Time Graded Events will have reserve rights for the corresponding race meeting one week later.

Field Selection

- Multiple divisions of Time Graded Events will be randomly divided.
- Guarding will apply to Time Graded Events that are randomly divided.

TIME RATING TABLE

Track	Distance	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Bet Nation Townsville	380	21.48	21.56	21.63	21.71	21.79	21.87	21.94	22.02	22.10	22.17	22.25	22.33	22.40	22.48	22.56
Bet Nation Townsville	498	28.34	28.43	28.52	28.61	28.70	28.79	28.88	28.97	29.06	29.15	29.24	29.33	29.41	29.50	29.59
Bet Nation Townsville	643	37.23	37.34	37.45	37.56	37.67	37.78	37.89	38.00	38.11	38.23	38.34	38.45	38.56	38.67	38.78
BetDeluxe Capalaba	366	19.44	19.52	19.60	19.68	19.77	19.85	19.93	20.01	20.09	20.17	20.26	20.34	20.42	20.50	20.58
BetDeluxe Rockhampton	407	23.35	23.43	23.52	23.60	23.68	23.77	23.85	23.93	24.02	24.10	24.18	24.27	24.35	24.43	24.52
BetDeluxe Rockhampton	510	29.51	29.59	29.68	29.76	29.84	29.92	30.00	30.09	30.17	30.25	30.33	30.42	30.50	30.58	30.66
Ladbrokes Q Straight	300	16.26	16.32	16.37	16.43	16.48	16.54	16.60	16.65	16.71	16.76	16.82	16.87	16.93	16.98	17.04
Ladbrokes Q Straight	350	18.57	18.66	18.75	18.84	18.93	19.02	19.11	19.20	19.29	19.38	19.47	19.56	19.65	19.74	19.83
Ladbrokes Q1 Lakeside	352	19.33	19.40	19.48	19.55	19.62	19.69	19.76	19.83	19.90	19.97	20.05	20.12	20.19	20.26	20.33
Ladbrokes Q1 Lakeside	390	21.46	21.53	21.60	21.67	21.74	21.81	21.87	21.94	22.01	22.08	22.15	22.22	22.28	22.35	22.42
Ladbrokes Q1 Lakeside	457	25.25	25.32	25.39	25.45	25.52	25.59	25.66	25.73	25.79	25.86	25.93	26.00	26.07	26.13	26.20
Ladbrokes Q1 Lakeside	550	30.41	30.48	30.55	30.63	30.70	30.77	30.84	30.91	30.98	31.05	31.13	31.20	31.27	31.34	31.41
Ladbrokes Q1 Lakeside	642	35.96	36.03	36.11	36.18	36.26	36.34	36.41	36.49	36.56	36.64	36.72	36.79	36.87	36.94	37.02
Ladbrokes Q2 Parklands	520	29.63	29.73	29.82	29.92	30.01	30.10	30.20	30.29	30.39	30.48	30.58	30.67	30.76	30.86	30.95
Ladbrokes Q2 Parklands	600	34.51	34.59	34.68	34.77	34.85	34.94	35.02	35.11	35.19	35.28	35.37	35.45	35.54	35.62	35.71
Ladbrokes Q2 Parklands	710	41.26	41.35	41.44	41.53	41.62	41.71	41.80	41.89	41.98	42.07	42.16	42.24	42.33	42.42	42.51

MASTERS RACING

Eligibility

- 42 months or older
- Grade 5

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

Grading

- 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.

TIME STANDARDS

DISTANCE	TIME STANDARD
Q1 Lakeside	
352m	20.04
390m	22.21
457m	25.78
Q2 Parklands	
520m	30.38
Q Straight	
300m	16.91
350m	19.56
Rockhampton	
407m	24.27
510m	30.42
Townsville	
380m	22.33
498m	29.33
Bundaberg	
TBA	TBA
Capalaba	
366m	20.25

PREFERENTIAL BOX DRAW RACING (PBD)

Early Running Trait

- The trainer must advise either Rail (R), Straight (S), or Wide (W) as an early 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 and may be amended with the trainer advised accordingly.
- RQ Graders will assess the early stages of an event of its previous starts at the specific track and distance it has been nominated for.

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.

RACE FIELD SELECTION

Minimum Field Size

- Unless otherwise stipulated in the race conditions or approved by RQ, at the time of box draw, the minimum field size for an event is six (6). *
- Race events may be cancelled by Racing Queensland with less than six (6) nominations. Races to be drawn are at the sole discretion of RQ Graders.
- Racing Queensland may approve a field size of less than six (6) for the following race events:
 - City 1 or City 2 Open/FFA events
 - Feature events
- An RQ Grader may, in their absolute discretion, deem that a greyhound is not suitable for an Event for which it has been nominated and may refuse the nomination.
- *In exceptional circumstances, where an event determined by the RQ Graders is in the best interests of racing, RQ Graders may draw an event with less than six (6) nominations.

Insufficient Nominations – Series Events

- If an advertised Series Event receives insufficient nominations to conduct the advertised heats, Racing Queensland may reduce the Series to a single-staged Event.
- Where a Series Event is reduced to a single-stage Event, Racing Queensland may determine the date, conditions, field size and selection process for that Event and may amend the advertised format of the Series as required.
- The decision of Racing Queensland in relation to the conduct, amendment or cancellation of a Series or Event shall be final.

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 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 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.

Condition Of Nomination (The Q Venues)

- A condition when nominating for an event at The Q applies. To be eligible to nominate, a greyhound must have successfully trialled out of the starting boxes to the satisfaction of QRIC stewards and/or QGRC officials, at the specific track it is to be nominated for (Q1, Q2 and/or Q Straight). A satisfactory pre-nomination trial at The Q requires that a greyhound completes the following:
 - 1) Jumps from a starting box approved by QRIC stewards and/or QGRC officials;
 - 2) Runs past the finishing post; and
 - 3) Enters the catching pen.

- If a greyhound has successfully trialled at only Q1 Lakeside, it is only eligible to be nominated for and compete in an event at Q1 Lakeside).
- Certain events may be exempt from this condition at RQ's sole discretion.

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 have reserve rights in the order of entry for a race event of the same distance at the next race meeting on the same day at a particular venue. If the greyhound is not eligible for any race events at the next meeting, reserve rights will carry over to the next meeting on the same day at a particular venue until it is eligible for a race 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.
- Postponed race meetings at a particular venue 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 there is no compensation, will not be granted reserve rights in the order of entry.
- There are no Reserve Rights in the Order Of Entry for Time Graded events.
- There are no Reserve Rights in the Order Of Entry for Open 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.
- 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.

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 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 and Masters

- (1) Greyhounds with Reserve Rights
- (2) Last start winners – City (excepting maiden winners)
- (3) Last start place getter – City
- (4) Last start winners – Provincial (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. A greyhound without a prior start on a circle track will be last in the Orde Of Entry 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 and Masters

- (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 and Masters

- (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) Apply unplaced runners table on last 3 starts.

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

COMPOSITION OF FIELDS

Open Feature Event

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

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.

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 1,2,3,4,5 the following races may be drawn:

- Free For All
- Grade 1
- Mixed 1/2
- Grade 2
- Mixed 2/3
- Grade 3
- Mixed 3/4
- Grade 4
- Mixed 4/5
- Grade 5

The following Graded events will only be drawn when they are programmed:

- Open
- Mixed 5/6
- Mixed 6/M

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.

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 occurs.
- 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 (i.e. placing, time).
- 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.

NOMINATIONS

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.

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 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
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
4 April 2024	15	Time Standards
31 December 2024	16	Pathways Guarding
15 January 2025	17	Nomination Policy, Eligibility, Preferential Box Draw Racing
22 March 2025	18	Definitions, Track Class, Grading Concessions, Dropping A Grade, Upgrading Rules, Re-grade.
11 April 2025	19	Distance Categories
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