



RACING AND WAGERING WESTERN AUSTRALIA

RWWA RACING AIMS AND GRADING POLICY

Updated with Amendment #2 dated 14 September, 2009

This update of the RWWA Racing Aims and Grading Policy replaces the version dated 30 June, 2008.

This policy document should be read in conjunction with the RWWA Rules of Greyhound Racing.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

1.0	EXECUTIVE SUMMARY.....	1
2.0	RACING	2
2.1	<i>Racing Aims</i>	2
2.2	<i>Racing Policy</i>	2
3.0	GRADING	3
3.1	<i>Grading Aims</i>	3
3.2	<i>Grading Policy and Rules</i>	3
3.2.1	Race Programming.....	3
3.2.2	Guidelines for Race Selection	4
3.2.3	Race Distances	4
3.2.4	Multiple Ownership & Training / Guarding	4
3.2.5	Grading Interstate Greyhounds	5
3.2.6	Initial Country Grade.....	7
3.2.7	Grading Rules.....	9
3.2.7.1	Qualifying Conditions – Maidens	9
3.2.7.2	City Class Racing	12
3.2.7.3	Provincial Class Racing	14
3.2.7.4	Country Class Racing.....	16
3.2.8	Penalties and Awards	21
3.2.8.1	City Class (530m)	21
3.2.8.2	City Class (642m and 715/744m)	23
3.2.8.3	Provincial Class (297m, 405m, 492m & 530m).....	25
3.2.8.4	Provincial Class (642m & 647m).....	26
3.2.8.5	Provincial Class (Distance Grade)	27
3.2.8.6	Country Class (297m, 302m, 405m, 492m & 509m).....	28
3.2.8.7	Country Class (588m & 647m).....	29
3.2.8.8	Country Class (721m).....	30
3.2.8.9	“Beat the Grader” and “Beaten by the Grader”	31
3.2.8.10	Establishing a Grade	32
3.2.9	Order of Choice	33
3.2.9.1	Maiden Events	33
3.2.9.2	Graded Events.....	36
3.2.9.3	Unplaced Runners and Last Start Date Grading.....	39
3.2.9.4	Mixed Grade Races	41
3.2.9.5	Order of Choice Preference Determination.....	46
3.2.10	Reserves and Last Start Reserve Status.....	49

4.0	THE GRADING PROCESS.....	52
<i>4.1</i>	<i>Race Meetings</i>	<i>52</i>
<i>4.2</i>	<i>Qualifying Trials</i>	<i>54</i>
4.2.1	Cannington	54
4.2.2	Mandurah	55
4.2.3	Northam	56
4.2.4	Stand-alone Qualifying Trial Sessions.....	56
5.0	NOMINATION POLICY.....	57
<i>5.1</i>	<i>Nomination Methods</i>	<i>57</i>
<i>5.2</i>	<i>Nomination Confirmation.....</i>	<i>57</i>
<i>5.3</i>	<i>Nominations Not Considered</i>	<i>57</i>
<i>5.4</i>	<i>Interstate Transfers.....</i>	<i>57</i>
<i>5.5</i>	<i>Greyhounds Racing For Interstate Owners.....</i>	<i>57</i>
<i>5.6</i>	<i>Feature Event Nominations</i>	<i>58</i>
<i>5.7</i>	<i>Nominations for Non-Feature Race Series.....</i>	<i>58</i>
<i>5.8</i>	<i>Greyhound ID Numbers</i>	<i>58</i>
<i>5.9</i>	<i>Nomination Preferences</i>	<i>58</i>
<i>5.10</i>	<i>Nominations from Registered Persons Only</i>	<i>59</i>
<i>5.11</i>	<i>Nomination Withdrawals.....</i>	<i>59</i>
<i>5.12</i>	<i>Double Nominations.....</i>	<i>59</i>
<i>5.13</i>	<i>Notes on Nomination Forms.....</i>	<i>59</i>
<i>5.14</i>	<i>Interstate Greyhounds Racing in WA Feature Events.....</i>	<i>59</i>
<i>5.15</i>	<i>Nomination Deadlines.....</i>	<i>60</i>
<i>5.16</i>	<i>Incorrect, Incomplete, Inaudible or Illegible Nominations</i>	<i>60</i>
<i>5.17</i>	<i>Nomination Extensions.....</i>	<i>60</i>
<i>5.18</i>	<i>Nomination Forms to be Retained</i>	<i>60</i>

6.0	REDRAW POLICY	61
7.0	WAGRA RACING POLICIES	63
7.1	<i>Interstate Greyhounds</i>	63
7.2	<i>WA Greyhounds Racing Interstate</i>	63
7.3	<i>Age Eligibility</i>	63
7.4	<i>Field Sizes</i>	63
7.5	<i>Box Draw and Race Meeting Information</i>	64
7.6	<i>Permission to Withdraw</i>	64
7.7	<i>Scratching Times</i>	64
7.8	<i>Scratching Information</i>	64
7.9	<i>Dead-heats for First Place</i>	65
7.10	<i>Field Selection for Finals</i>	65
7.11	<i>Maiden Series Finals</i>	65
7.12	<i>Feature Event Box Draws</i>	66
7.13	<i>Disqualification of Greyhounds</i>	66
7.14	<i>Greyhound Racing Grading Review Panel</i>	66
8.0	UNFULFILLED COMMITMENTS (ENGAGEMENTS).....	68
8.1	<i>Current Policy</i>	68
8.2	<i>Feature Event Finalists</i>	68
8.3	<i>Grading Issues</i>	68
8.4	<i>Free To Alls and Mixed Grade Races</i>	69

9.0	WESTCHA\$E INCENTIVE SCHEME	70
9.1	<i>Introduction</i>	70
9.2	<i>How Does WESTCHA\$E Work</i>	70
9.3	<i>What are the Returns from WESTCHA\$E</i>	71
9.4	<i>How is WESTCHA\$E Funded</i>	71
10.0	STAKEMONEY and INDUSTRY PAYMENTS	72
10.1	<i>Stakemoney Policy</i>	72
10.2	<i>Stayers Incentive</i>	72
10.3	<i>Release of Stakemoney Following Swabs</i>	72
10.4	<i>Abandoned Meetings and/or Races</i>	73
10.4.1	Abandoned Meetings.....	73
10.4.2	Abandoned Races (Part Meetings).....	73
10.5	<i>No Races</i>	73
11.0	GLOSSARY OF TERMS.....	74

Appendix 1 THE GRADING SYSTEM AT A GLANCE

Appendix 2 WESTCHA\$E BONUS TABLE

Appendix 3 STAKEMONEY TABLES

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Racing Aims and Grading Policy, first introduced in 1995, was originally developed by the Western Australian Greyhound Racing Association (WAGRA) to provide the industry with a clear set of racing aims, policies and grading rules.

These policies and rules were reviewed, refined and added to by WAGRA management in consultation with the industry via the Greyhound Racing Grading Review Panel (GRGRP). Following the formation of Racing and Wagering Western Australia (RWVA) on 1 August 2003, this role was assumed by RWVA as the new controlling authority and the review process will continue in the future.

This re-issue of the RWVA Racing Aims and Grading Policy has been updated, in the main, to reflect the formation of RWVA, amended race distances at Cannington and the opening of the new track at Mandurah.

Whilst every attempt has been made to cover as many racing and grading situations as possible, there is the possibility that some situations may not be documented.

Any future amendments to the RWVA Racing Aims and Grading Policy will be advertised in Racing Calendars, other industry publications and in any other manner deemed appropriate by RWVA. Update documentation and the latest version of this policy is always available on the RWVA website – www.rwva.com.au.

This RWVA Racing Aims and Grading Policy, in conjunction with the RWVA Rules of Greyhound Racing, provides all interested industry participants with a comprehensive set of policies and rules to govern most racing related situations in the greyhound racing industry in WA. It will be in the best interest of all associated with the industry if participants attempt to gain even a basic understanding of these policies and rules.

2.0 RACING

2.1 *Racing Aims*

To establish and maintain the highest degree of integrity and public confidence in greyhound racing in Western Australia.

To achieve this, our AIMS are to:

- Ensure the financial viability of the industry
- Encourage increased participation in terms of ownership, training, breeding, sponsorship, betting turnover and on-course attendance
- Promote the highest standard of racing possible and encourage excellence.

2.2 *Racing Policy*

To demonstrate fairness to all greyhounds and participants by adherence to documented procedures.

To encourage the best greyhounds to be drawn to compete in the best races for the highest stakemoney.

To heighten the profile of greyhound racing.

To ensure the programming of races is designed to satisfy the requirements of the Racing Aims.

3.0 GRADING

3.1 *Grading Aims*

To provide a clear and demonstrable Order of Choice to be used in the grading of race fields.

To simplify and expedite the grading process for the Grader.

To provide an initial grading for greyhounds which have competed elsewhere in Australia.

3.2 *Grading Policy and Rules*

3.2.1 Race Programming

3.2.1.1 General

The programming of races will be flexible to allow the best greyhounds to compete against each other.

Races will be programmed taking into consideration the following:

- RWWA policy to encourage the best greyhounds to race at the prime wagering meetings
- The fluctuating numbers of greyhounds in certain grades at various times
- The total number and the grades of surplus greyhounds.

Race meeting programmes will be advertised in advance in Racing Calendars and other industry publications, Racebooks and in any other manner deemed appropriate by RWWA.

3.2.1.2 Feature Events

Feature events will be programmed and advertised in advance to enable forward planning by industry participants. Feature event dates and conditions will also be included in Racing Calendars and other industry publications.

3.2.1.3 Distance Chasing

To foster distance racing in WA, a Distance Grade event will be programmed weekly, wherever possible.

3.2.2 Guidelines for Race Selection

The number of nominations received for programmed races will determine whether these races proceed and where insufficient nominations are received for the races programmed at any race meeting the following guidelines will apply.

The Grader will, in consultation with the Manager Greyhound Racing or his representative, determine which replacement race(s) will be conducted taking into consideration the following:

- Mixed Grade Races incorporating grades already programmed at that meeting may provide the race(s) required
- Racing opportunities that may or may not be available for greyhounds of any grade at meetings yet to be graded that week
- The Order of Choice ranking for greyhounds of any grade initially not gaining a start or a reserve position in programmed races at the meeting.

3.2.3 Race Distances

Single grade types will apply to events over the following distances:

Sprint Grade	297m / 302m / 405m / 492m / 509m / 530m
Middle Distance Grade	588m / 642m / 647m
Distance Grade	715m / 721m / 744m

3.2.4 Multiple Ownership and Training / Guarding

All race fields will be determined firstly by the Order of Choice detailed in Section 3.2.9. Guarding of greyhounds owned and/or trained in similar interests will be applied in multiple divisions of any event and in heats and semi-finals of a feature event or non-feature series.

Guarding implies that greyhounds owned and/or trained in similar interests will be separated into different divisions of any event and in heats and semi-finals of a feature event or non-feature series, whenever and wherever possible.

The Redraw Policy (see Section 6.0) covers the situation when greyhounds have been incorrectly guarded.

3.2.5 Grading Interstate Greyhounds

The grading system for interstate greyhounds is designed to provide fairness to greyhounds being imported into this State when compared to those presently racing in WA. The system treats interstate greyhounds having their first start in this State as if their interstate City wins were at Cannington and all others were at Mandurah. A Country Grade is then established using their Provincial Grade (see Section 3.2.6).

The following procedure applies:

1. A copy of the greyhound's interstate form is obtained.
2. Commencing with its first official start, the greyhound is penalised and awarded in the same manner as if the events were conducted in WA with City Class track form (see Point 4) counting towards its City Class Grades and performances at all other tracks counting towards its Provincial Class Grades.

Exceptions will be made when a greyhound contests an interstate City Class Age Classic or such other event which may, or may not, be non-penalty in that State. Those winners will be penalised in the same manner as the equivalent event in WA. Should an event not be considered to have an equivalent in WA, it will be treated as penalty/award.

All Group 1 Races will be treated as City Class events, irrespective of the classification of the track where the event was conducted.

3. The distances applicable to each grade are as follows:

Sprint Grade	Distances up to and including 560m
Middle Distance Grade	Distances from 561m - 650m inclusive
Distance Grade	Distances from 651m and beyond

4. The following tracks are classified as **City Class** for grading purposes. The classification of individual meetings at these venues will take into account the policy of the individual State, however no interstate meeting will be classified as Country Class or non-penalty in WA. The Grader will also consider any one-off or temporary race day changes at these venues.

Albion Park (Qld)

Angle Park (SA)

Sandown and The Meadows (Vic)

Wentworth Park (NSW) – 280m events are classified as Provincial Class

All other Australasian tracks will be classified as Provincial tracks for grading purposes.

5. A greyhound's first win will be penalised as a Maiden win only, irrespective of the distance or type of event contested.

Maiden heat and final winners (if winning both) will be penalised a Maiden win only.

6. The first two interstate Juvenile wins will be graded as Juvenile wins in WA (providing our Juvenile grading conditions are met) and the third or subsequent Juvenile wins will be treated as a graded race victory and affect the corresponding class and grade type.
7. Interstate wins in Graduation, Novice, Transition or other such events will be penalised as graded wins in the corresponding class and grade type.
8. Greyhounds will be allocated a City, Provincial and Country Class Grade in each grade type (i.e. Sprint, Middle Distance and Distance Grades) with a determination of whether they are still entitled to win one (1), two (2) or three (3) events in those grades. Greyhounds may win three (3) events in City Grade 5 (Sprint Grade) and two (2) events in Provincial and Country Grade 5 (Sprint Grade). They may also win two (2) events in City, Provincial and Country Grade 4 (Middle Distance and Distance Grades).
9. A greyhound cannot be allocated a Provincial Class Grade lower than its City Class Grade nor can it be allocated a Country Class Grade lower than its Provincial Class Grade in any grade type.
10. A greyhound winning a City Class Sprint Grade event during its career cannot be graded lower than a Provincial Grade 4 regardless of the number of unplaced Provincial runs since that win.

Likewise any greyhound winning a City Class Middle Distance or Distance Grade event during its career cannot be graded lower than a Provincial Grade 3 in the corresponding grade regardless of the number of unplaced Provincial runs since that win.

11. All greyhounds start with no outs (unplaced runs) in each class and grade type at their first start in WA.
12. Greyhounds that have grades allocated after racing in WA and then compete interstate will be re-graded using this policy upon their return to WA. Likewise these greyhounds will re-commence their career in WA with no outs in the applicable class and grade types where they were permitted to drop a grade in the meantime.

3.2.6 Initial Country Grade

The Country Grade for a greyhound having its first start at Northam, or in a Country Class event at any other WA venue, will be one (1) grade higher than its Provincial Grade in that grade type. The only exception is when a greyhound has never won a race (other than a Maiden) in that grade type.

The table below illustrates the initial Country Grade in relation to current Provincial Grade for greyhounds being nominated for their first Country Class event.

Grade Type	Current Provincial Grade	Initial Country Grade
Sprint Grade	P5 (2 to win)	Y5 (2 to win)
	P5 (1 to win)	Y4
	P4	Y3
	P3	Y2
	P2	Y1
	P1	Y1
Middle Distance & Distance Grade	P4 (2 to win)	Y4 (2 to win)
	P4 (1 to win)	Y3
	P3	Y2
	P2	Y1
	P1	Y1

This page has been left blank intentionally.

3.2.7 Grading Rules

The Grading Rules contained in this section are written to cover almost all situations. There will be circumstances where a greyhound may be able to win more than the allowable number of races in a "beat the Grader" situation and may be required to run more than the required number of unplaced runs in a "beaten by the Grader" situation. These circumstances are explained in more detail in Section 3.2.8.9.

The Grading System at a Glance - a pictorial view of the grading system - is included as Appendix 1.

3.2.7.1 Qualifying Conditions - Maidens

The following qualifying conditions will apply to greyhounds that have not won or been awarded first place in any flat race, heat or final of any official race behind an artificial lure.

(a) Cannington

Maiden - 530 metres

- (i) To be eligible to be nominated for a Maiden event at Cannington (qualify), a greyhound must run the time specified in Section (d) or better in a Qualifying Trial, or in accordance with the provision in Clause (ii).
- (ii) If a greyhound records the time specified in (d) or better in any Maiden event the greyhound will qualify.
- (iii) Greyhounds qualified to run at Cannington are also qualified to compete at Mandurah (405m and 492m) and Northam.
- (iv) Maiden greyhounds can requalify at any time and this is recommended for those with no recent placings in their form to elevate them in the Order of Choice.

(b) Mandurah

Maiden - 405 & 492 metres

- (i) To qualify, a greyhound must run the time specified in Section (d) or better in a Qualifying Trial, or in accordance with the provision in Clause (ii).

A greyhound qualified over 492m is also qualified to compete over 405m. A greyhound qualified over 405m cannot be nominated for an event longer than 405m until qualified over that distance.

- (ii) If a greyhound records the time specified in (d) or better in any Maiden event the greyhound will qualify.
- (iii) Greyhounds qualified to run at Mandurah over 492m are also qualified to compete at Northam.
- (iv) Maiden greyhounds can requalify at any time and this is recommended for those with no recent placings in their form to elevate them in the Order of Choice.

(c) Northam

Maiden - 509 metres

- (i) To qualify, a greyhound must run the time specified in (d) or better in a Qualifying Trial, or in accordance with the provision in Clause (ii).

Greyhounds qualified over 530m at Cannington or 492m at Mandurah are also qualified to compete at Northam.

- (ii) If a greyhound records the time specified in (d) or better in any Maiden event the greyhound will qualify.
- (iii) Greyhounds qualifying at Northam are only eligible to compete at Northam or in Country Class Maiden events at Mandurah.
- (iv) Maiden greyhounds can requalify at any time and this is recommended for those with no recent placings in their form to elevate them in the Order of Choice.

(d) Current Qualifying Times

To Qualify for	At			
	Cannington	Mandurah		Northam
	530m	405m	492m	509m
Cannington	31.70			
Mandurah	31.71 – 32.10	23.80	28.90	
Northam	31.71 – 32.10		28.90	31.30

NOTE:

The Manager Greyhound Racing, or his representative, has the authority to adjust the qualifying times for a Qualifying Trial session to make allowance for track maintenance which is anticipated to affect the times run by greyhounds.

This decision will be made in consultation with WAGRA Management and any adjustment made will publicised prior to the running of the trials.

3.2.7.2 City Class Racing

(a) Sprint Grade - 530 metres

Maiden Events

For qualified greyhounds as described in Section 3.2.7.1.

Juvenile Events

- (i) All greyhounds must be *24 months of age or younger* on the actual date of the event in order to be eligible to compete in any Juvenile event. Qualified Maidens are also eligible for Juvenile events and will gain a start behind all Juvenile Grade greyhounds (i.e. Maiden winners) without unfulfilled commitments. Maiden greyhounds will be graded into a Juvenile event using the City Class Maiden Order of Choice.
- (ii) Greyhounds that have won their Maiden will be eligible to win a maximum of two (2) City or Provincial Class Juvenile events and two (2) Country Class Juvenile events.
- (iii) Greyhounds may win any number of Provincial and Country Class Graded Races other than Maidens and Juveniles, and still be eligible to compete in Juvenile events. City Class Graded Race winners are ineligible to contest Juvenile events.
- (iv) Unplaced runs in Juvenile events will not count towards dropping a grade.

Grade 5 (Canning Stake)

For winners of a City Class Maiden event or equivalent, winners of at least two (2) Provincial Class Graded Races or at least three (3) Country Class Graded Races and greyhounds returning from City Grade 4.

Greyhounds will be eligible to win three (3) of these events before advancing to Grade 4 (subject to 3.2.8.1 (c)).

Grade 4 Albany Stake

Grade 3 Woodloes Stake

Grade 2 Park Stake

Grade 1 Metropolitan Stake

Greyhounds are allowed one (1) win in each of these grades, except Grade 1, before advancing to the next highest grade.

Free To All

Open to Grade 1, 2, 3 or 4 greyhounds (may be a combination of any two (2) or more of these grades).

(b) Middle Distance Grade - 642 metres

Grade 4 Association Stake

For winners of a City, Provincial or Country Class Maiden or equivalent event and greyhounds returning from Grade 3.

Greyhounds will be eligible to win any two (2) of these events before advancing to Grade 3 (subject to 3.2.8.2 (c)).

Grade 3 Station Stake

Grade 2 Waverly Stake

Grade 1 Carlisle Stake

Greyhounds are allowed one (1) win in each of these grades, except Grade 1, before advancing to the next highest grade.

Free To All

Open to Grade 1, 2, 3 or 4 greyhounds (may be a combination of any two (2) or more of these grades).

(c) Distance Grade - 715/744 metres

Grade 4 Swan Stake

For winners of a City, Provincial or Country Class Maiden or equivalent event and greyhounds returning from Grade 3.

Greyhounds will be eligible to win any two (2) of these events before advancing to Grade 3 (subject to 3.2.8.2 (c)).

Grade 3 Maddington Stake

Grade 2 Lynwood Stake

Grade 1 Bentley Stake

Greyhounds are allowed one (1) win in each of these grades, except Grade 1, before advancing to the next highest grade.

Free To All

Open to Grade 1, 2, 3 or 4 greyhounds (may be a combination of any two (2) or more of these grades).

3.2.7.3 Provincial Class Racing

(a) Sprint Grade - 297, 405, 492 & 530 metres

Maiden Events

For qualified greyhounds as described in section 3.2.7.1.

Juvenile Events

- (i) All greyhounds must be ***24 months of age or younger*** on the actual date of the event in order to be eligible to compete in any Juvenile event. Qualified Maidens are also eligible for Juvenile events and will gain a start behind all Juvenile Grade greyhounds (i.e. Maiden winners) without unfulfilled commitments. Maiden greyhounds will be graded into a Juvenile event using the Provincial Class Maiden Order of Choice.
- (ii) Greyhounds that have won their Maiden will be eligible to win a maximum of two (2) City or Provincial Class Juvenile events and two (2) Country Class Juvenile events.
- (iii) Greyhounds may win any number of Provincial and Country Class Graded Races other than Maidens and Juveniles, and still be eligible to compete in Juvenile events. City Class Graded Race winners are ineligible to contest Juvenile events.
- (iv) Unplaced runs in Juvenile events will not count towards dropping a grade.

Grade 5

Kanyana Stake (492/530m) Peel Stake (405m) Rapid Stake (297m)

For winners of a City, Provincial or Country Class Maiden or equivalent event and greyhounds returning from Grade 4.

Greyhounds will be eligible to win any two (2) of either of these events before advancing to Grade 4 (subject to 3.2.8.3 (d)).

Grades 4, 3, 2 & 1

Grade	492/530m	405m	297m
4	Dawesville Stake	Miami Stake	Dart Stake
3	Ocean Stake	Bridge Stake	Slick Stake
2	River Stake	Meadow Springs Stake	Fastrack Stake
1	Mandurah Stake	Committee Stake	Lightning Stake

Greyhounds are allowed one (1) win in each of these grades, except Grade 1, before advancing to the next highest grade.

Free To All

Open to Grade 1, 2, or 3 greyhounds (may be a combination of any two (2) or more of these grades).

(b) Middle Distance Grade - 642 & 647 metres

Grade 4 Dolphin Stake

- (i) For winners of a City, Provincial or Country Class Maiden or equivalent event and greyhounds returning from Grade 3.
- (ii) Maiden greyhounds are also eligible for these events provided they are qualified for Sprint Grade events at the venue where the event is to be conducted. Maiden greyhounds will gain a start behind all Provincial Grade 4 greyhounds (i.e. Maiden winners) and will be graded into a Dolphin Stake using the Provincial Class Maiden Order of Choice. Maiden last start placegetters in a Dolphin Stake will be selected behind all Provincial Grade 4 last start placegetters (Provincial). This eligibility also extends to Mixed 3/4 events.
- (iii) Maiden greyhounds winning one of these events will have that win counted as a Maiden win and will be eligible to win two (2) more Grade 4 events.
- (iv) Greyhounds will be eligible to win any two (2) of these events before advancing to Grade 3 (subject to 3.2.8.4 (d)).
- (v) Greyhounds with a City Class Sprint Grade higher than Grade 5 are not eligible to contest Provincial Grade 4 events in the Middle Distance Grade and are graded as City Grade 4 / Provincial Grade 3.

Grades 3 (Seal Stake), 2 & 1

Greyhounds are allowed one (1) win in each of these grades, except Grade 1, before advancing to the next highest grade.

Free To All

Open to Grade 1, 2, 3 or 4 greyhounds (may be a combination of any two (2) or more of these grades).

(c) **Distance Grade – no current distance**

Grade 4 Madora Stake

For winners of a City, Provincial or Country Class Maiden or equivalent event and greyhounds returning from Grade 3.

Greyhounds will be eligible to win any two (2) of these events before advancing to Grade 3 (subject to 3.2.8.5 (c)).

Grades 3, 2 & 1

Greyhounds are allowed one (1) win in each of these grades, except Grade 1, before advancing to the next highest grade.

Free To All

Open to Grade 1, 2, 3 or 4 greyhounds (may be a combination of any two (2) or more of these grades).

3.2.7.4 Country Class Racing

(a) Sprint Grade - 297, 302, 405, 492 & 509 metres

Maiden Events

For qualified greyhounds as described in section 3.2.7.1.

Northam qualified (509m) Maiden greyhounds are eligible to contest Country Class Maiden events over 492m at Mandurah.

Juvenile Events

- (i) All greyhounds must be ***24 months of age or younger*** on the actual date of the event in order to be eligible to compete in any Juvenile event. Qualified Maidens are also eligible for Juvenile events and will gain a start behind all Juvenile Grade greyhounds (i.e. Maiden winners) without unfulfilled commitments. Maiden greyhounds will be graded into a Juvenile event using the Country Class Maiden Order of Choice.
- (ii) Greyhounds that have won their Maiden will be eligible to win a maximum of two (2) City or Provincial Class Juvenile events and two (2) Country Class Juvenile events.
- (iii) Greyhounds may win any number of Provincial and Country Class Graded Races other than Maidens and Juveniles, and still be eligible to compete in Juvenile events. City Class Graded Race winners are ineligible to contest Juvenile events.
- (iv) Unplaced runs in Juveniles will not count towards dropping a grade.

Grade 5

Venue	Name / Distance	Name / Distance	Name / Distance
Mandurah	492m	405m	302m
	Clackline Stake	Burwood Stake	York Stake
Northam	509m		297m
	Dale Stake		Shamrock Stake

For winners of City, Provincial or Country Class Maiden or equivalent event and greyhounds returning from Grade 4.

Greyhounds will be eligible to win any two (2) of these events before advancing to Grade 4 (subject to 3.2.8.6 (d)).

Grades 4, 3, 2 & 1

Venue	Grade	Name / Distance	Name / Distance	Name / Distance
Mandurah		492m	405m	302m
	4	Wundowie Stake	Clarke Stake	Beverley Stake
	3	Greenmount Stake		Toodyay Stake
	2	Mundaring Stake		Goomalling Stake
	1	Wooroloo Stake		Northam Stake
Northam		509m		297m
	4	Avon Stake		Governor's Stake
	3	Hawke Stake		Mortlock Stake
	2	Settlers Stake		Sawyers Valley
	1	Burlong Stake		Bakers Hill

Greyhounds are allowed one (1) win in each of these grades, except Grade 1, before advancing to the next highest grade.

Free to All

Open to Grade 1, 2 and 3 greyhounds (may be a combination of any two (2) or more of these grades).

(b) Middle Distance - 588 & 647 metres

Grade 4

Mandurah Brookton Stake (647m)

Northam Moondyne Stake (588m)

- (i) For winners of a City, Provincial or Country Class Maiden or equivalent event and greyhounds returning from Grade 3.
- (ii) 492m or 509m qualified Maiden greyhounds are also eligible for these events and will gain a start behind all Country Grade 4 greyhounds (i.e. Maiden winners) without unfulfilled commitments. Maiden last start placegetters in these events or in a Dolphin Stake will be selected behind all Country Grade 4 last start placegetters (Country or Provincial respectively). Maiden greyhounds will be graded into a Brookton or Moondyne Stake using the Country Class Maiden Order of Choice. This eligibility also extends to Mixed 3/4 events.
- (iii) A Maiden greyhound winning one of these events will have that win counted as its Maiden win only and will be eligible to win two (2) more Grade 4 events.
- (iv) Greyhounds will be eligible to win any two (2) of these events before advancing to Grade 3 (subject to 3.2.8.7 (c)).

Grades 3, 2 & 1

Venue	Grade	Race Name / Distance
Mandurah		647m
	3	Meckering Stake
	2	Cunderdin Stake
	1	Gidgegannup Stake
Northam		588m
	3	Balladong Stake
	2	Stratton Stake
	1	Scott Stake

Greyhounds are allowed one (1) win in each of these grades, except Grade 1, before advancing to the next highest grade.

Free To All

Open to Grade 1, 2, 3 or 4 greyhounds (may be a combination of any two (2) or more of these grades).

(c) Distance Grade - 721 metres

Grade 4 Morrell Stake

For winners of a City, Provincial or Country Class Maiden or equivalent event and greyhounds returning from Grade 3.

Greyhounds will be eligible to win any two (2) of these events before advancing to Grade 3 (subject to 3.2.8.8 (c)).

Grade 3 Duidgee Stake

Grade 2 Noongale Stake

Grade 1 Island Stake

Greyhounds are allowed one (1) win in each of these grades, except Grade 1, before advancing to the next highest grade.

Free To All

Open to Grade 1, 2, 3 or 4 greyhounds (may be a combination of any two (2) or more of these grades).

This page has been left blank intentionally.

3.2.8 Penalties and Awards

The Grading Rules contained in this Penalties and Awards section are written to cover almost all situations. There will be circumstances where a greyhound may be able to win more than the allowable number of races in a "beat the Grader" situation and may have to run more than the required number of unplaced runs in a "beaten by the Grader" situation. These circumstances are explained in more detail in Section 3.2.8.9.

The Grading System at a Glance - a pictorial view of the grading system - is included as Appendix 1.

3.2.8.1 City Class (530 metres)

- (a) Greyhounds are eligible to win three (3) Grade 5 events over 530m before advancing to Grade 4.
- (b) Provincial Grade 5 (Kanyana eligible) greyhounds winning a City Grade 5 (Canning Stake) will no longer be eligible for Provincial Grade 5 events and will become a Provincial Grade 4 in their Sprint Grade.
- (c) After three (3) unplaced runs in City Class events in the same grade (other than City Grade 5) greyhounds shall be eligible to drop a City Grade. These greyhounds can only win one (1) event in the lower grade before advancing one (1) grade.

- (d) Free To Alls

For Grade 1, 2, 3 or 4 greyhounds.

Preference will be given to greyhounds based on their grade with the highest grade taking preference. Winners are penalised one (1) grade and unplaced greyhounds receive one (1) unplaced award towards dropping a grade.

- (e) Heats and Finals of Feature Events or Non-Feature Series

- (i) Open Grade

For Grade 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 greyhounds.

Selection of the required number of greyhounds will be made based on their grade with the highest grade taking preference.

An Order of Choice will then be applied to select the greyhounds from the lowest grade. Last start reserve status and the 35 day rule will not be applicable. The Order of Choice ranking for greyhounds from the lowest grade(s) will be considered when determining the number of heats to be conducted (feature events only).

A (maximum) one (1) grade penalty will be imposed for one (1) or more wins in a series. Unplaced greyhounds will receive a (maximum) one (1) unplaced award for one (1) or more unplaced runs in a series, unless penalised for a win during the series (other than City Grade 5). ***Greyhounds contesting a series may only be penalised or awarded once.*** Note that this clause may not apply to series run over varying distances.

The following table shows all possible combinations of penalties and awards in a penalty/award series:

Heat Placing	Final Placing	Result
Win	Win	1 penalty
Win	Placed	1 penalty
Win	Unplaced	1 penalty
Placed	Win	1 penalty
Placed	Placed	No change
Placed	Unplaced	1 award
Unplaced	Win	1 penalty
Unplaced	Placed	1 award
Unplaced	Unplaced	1 award

(ii) Restricted Grade

The Order of Choice for graded events will be applied to select these fields. Last start reserve status and the 35 day rule will not be applicable.

A (maximum) one (1) grade penalty will be imposed for one (1) or more wins in a series. Unplaced greyhounds will receive a (maximum) one (1) unplaced award for one (1) or more unplaced runs in a series, unless penalised for a win during the series (other than City Grade 5). ***Greyhounds contesting a series may only be penalised or awarded once.***

(iii) Age Restricted Classics & Events Restricted to Dogs or Bitches Only.

Strictly non penalty/non award conditions apply. A greyhound's grade will NOT alter, regardless of any wins and/or unplaced runs during any of these series except where the greyhound is a Maiden and wins its initial race during the series, whereby it will no longer be considered a Maiden.

For the City Class Age Restricted Classics, greyhounds may be required to qualify through Qualifying Trials to gain a start in the heats however current policy is that the heats will be selected by Grade and Order of Choice (last start reserve status and the 35 day rule will not be applicable).

(f) Mixed Grade Races

In the event of there being insufficient nominations received for a graded event, the Racing Grader may combine the nominations received for that event with nominations received for another grade (either one grade higher or lower), and such event shall be known as a "Mixed Grade Race".

Greyhounds will be penalised or awarded based on their grade at the time of nomination for the event (i.e. greyhounds from the lower grade will only be penalised a win in that grade).

The stakemoney corresponding to the higher grade will apply.

3.2.8.2 City Class (642 & 715/744 metres)

Note: These two distances are separate grades (Middle Distance & Distance Grade).

- (a) Greyhounds are eligible to win two (2) Grade 4 events over 642m and 715/744m before advancing to Grade 3.
- (b) Provincial Grade 4 greyhounds winning a City Grade 4 event in one of these grade types will no longer be eligible for Provincial Grade 4 events and will become a Provincial Grade 3 in that grade type.
- (c) After three (3) unplaced runs in City Class events in the same grade (other than City Grade 4) greyhounds shall be eligible to drop a City Grade. These greyhounds can only win one (1) event in the lower grade before advancing one (1) grade.

(d) Free To Alls

For Grade 1, 2, 3 or 4 greyhounds.

Preference will be given to greyhounds based on their grade with the highest grade taking preference. Winners are penalised one (1) grade. Unplaced greyhounds receive one (1) unplaced award towards dropping a grade (other than City Grade 4).

(e) Heats and Finals

The same conditions apply as those detailed for 530m except that City Grade 4 is the lowest grade in this grade type. Unplaced City Grade 4 greyhounds will not receive an unplaced award towards dropping a grade.

(f) Mixed Grade Races

The same conditions apply as those detailed for 530m.

This page has been left blank intentionally.

3.2.8.3 Provincial Class (297, 405, 492 & 530 metres)

- (a) Greyhounds are eligible to win two (2) Grade 5 events over 297m, 405m, 492m or 530m before advancing to Grade 4.
- (b) Provincial Grade 5 (Kanyana eligible) greyhounds winning a City Grade 5 (Canning Stake) will no longer be eligible for Provincial Grade 5 events and will become a Provincial Grade 4 in their Sprint Grade.
- (c) Provincial Grade 4 greyhounds winning a City Grade 5 (Canning Stake) will revert to Provincial Grade 4 with no outs.
- (d) After three (3) unplaced runs in Provincial Class events in the same grade (other than Provincial Grade 5) a greyhound shall be eligible to drop a Provincial Grade, provided however that the greyhound's Provincial Grade cannot be lower than its City Grade. For example a greyhound with a City Grade of 4 and three unplaced runs in Provincial Grade 4 cannot drop to Provincial Grade 5 until it runs its third unplaced run in City Grade 4 - then becoming City Grade 5 and Provincial Grade 5. The greyhound can only win one (1) event in the lower grade before advancing one (1) grade.
- (e) Free To Alls

For Grade 1, 2 or 3 greyhounds.

Preference will be given to greyhounds based on their grade with the highest grade taking preference. Winners are penalised one (1) grade. Unplaced greyhounds receive one (1) unplaced award towards dropping a grade.

- (f) Heats and Finals

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class 530m.

- (g) Mixed Grade Races

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class 530m.

3.2.8.4 Provincial Class (642 & 647 metres)

- (a) Greyhounds are eligible to win two (2) Grade 4 events over 642m or 647m before advancing to Grade 3. Maiden greyhounds winning one of these events will be penalised a Maiden win only and will be eligible to win two (2) more Grade 4 events.
- (b) Greyhounds with a City Class Sprint Grade higher than Grade 5 are not eligible to contest Provincial Grade 4 events in the Middle Distance Grade and are graded as City Grade 4 / Provincial Grade 3.
- (c) Provincial Grade 4 greyhounds winning a City Grade 4 (Association Stake) will no longer be eligible for Provincial Grade 4 events and will become a Provincial Grade 3 in their Middle Distance Grade.
- (d) After three (3) unplaced runs in Provincial Class events in the same grade (other than Provincial Grade 4) a greyhound shall be eligible to drop a Provincial Grade, provided however that the greyhound's Provincial Grade cannot be lower than its City Grade. For example a greyhound with a City Grade of 3 and three unplaced runs in Provincial Grade 3 cannot drop to Provincial Grade 4 until it runs its third unplaced run in City Grade 3 - then becoming City Grade 4 and Provincial Grade 4. The greyhound can only win one (1) event in the lower grade before advancing one (1) grade.
- (e) Free To Alls
The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class 642m.
- (f) Heats and Finals
The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class 642m.
- (g) Mixed Grade Races
The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class 530m.

3.2.8.5 Provincial Class (Distance Grade - no current distance)

- (a) Greyhounds are eligible to win two (2) Grade 4 events over the applicable distance before advancing to Grade 3.
- (b) Provincial Grade 4 greyhounds winning a City Grade 4 (Swan Stake) will no longer be eligible for Provincial Grade 4 events and will become a Provincial Grade 3 in their Distance Grade.
- (c) After three (3) unplaced runs in Provincial Class events in the same grade (other than Provincial Grade 4) a greyhound shall be eligible to drop a Provincial Grade, provided however that the greyhound's Provincial Grade cannot be lower than its City Grade. For example a greyhound with a City Grade of 3 and three unplaced runs in Provincial Grade 3 cannot drop to Provincial Grade 4 until it runs its third unplaced run in City Grade 3 - then becoming City Grade 4 and Provincial Grade 4. The greyhound can only win one (1) event in the lower grade before advancing one (1) grade.

(d) Free To Alls

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class 715/744m.

(e) Heats and Finals

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class 715/744m.

(f) Mixed Grade Races

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class 530m.

3.2.8.6 Country Class (297, 302, 405, 492 & 509 metres)

- (a) Greyhounds are eligible to win two (2) Grade 5 events over 297m, 302m, 405m, 492m or 509m before advancing to Grade 4.
- (b) Country Grade 5 (2 to win) greyhounds winning a Provincial Grade 5 (Kanyana Stake or Peel Stake) before contesting a Country Class Sprint Grade event will no longer be eligible for Country Grade 5 events and will become a Country Grade 4 in their Sprint Grade. Greyhounds that had previously contested a Country Class Sprint Grade event will become a Country Grade 5 (1 to win).
- (c) Country Grade 4 greyhounds winning a City Grade 5 (Canning Stake) or Provincial Grade 5 (Kanyana Stake or Peel Stake) will revert to Country Grade 4 with no outs.
- (d) After three (3) unplaced runs in Country Class events in the same grade (other than Country Grade 5) a greyhound shall be eligible to drop a Country Grade, provided however that the greyhound's Country Grade cannot be lower than its Provincial Grade. For example a greyhound with a Provincial Grade of 4 and three unplaced runs in Country Grade 4 cannot drop to Country Grade 5 until it runs its third unplaced run in Provincial Grade 4 - then becoming Provincial Grade 5 and Country Grade 5. The greyhound can only win one (1) event in the lower grade before advancing one (1) grade.

(e) Free To Alls

The same conditions apply as those detailed for Provincial Class 297/405/492/530m.

(f) Heats and Finals

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class 530m.

(g) Mixed Grade Races

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class 530m.

3.2.8.7 Country Class (588 & 647 metres)

- (a) Greyhounds are eligible to win two (2) Grade 4 events over 588m or 647m before advancing to Grade 3. Maiden greyhounds winning one of these events will be penalised a Maiden win only and will be eligible to win two (2) more Grade 4 events.
- (b) Country Grade 4 (2 to win) greyhounds winning a Provincial Grade 4 (Dolphin Stake) before contesting a Country Class Middle Distance Grade event will no longer be eligible for Country Grade 4 events and will become Country Grade 3 in their Middle Distance Grade. Greyhounds that had previously contested a Country Class Middle Distance Grade event will become a Country Grade 4 (1 to win).
- (c) After three (3) unplaced runs in Country Class events in the same grade (other than Country Grade 4) a greyhound shall be eligible to drop a Country Grade, provided however that the greyhound's Country Grade cannot be lower than its Provincial Grade. For example a greyhound with a Provincial Grade of 3 and three unplaced runs in Country Grade 3 cannot drop to Country Grade 4 until it runs its third unplaced run in Provincial Grade 3 - then becoming Provincial Grade 4 and Country Grade 4. The greyhound can only win one (1) event in the lower grade before advancing one (1) grade.
- (d) Free To Alls
The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class 642m.
- (e) Heats and Finals
The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class 642m.
- (f) Mixed Grade Races
The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class 530m.

3.2.8.8 Country Class (721 metres)

- (a) Greyhounds are eligible to win two (2) Grade 4 events over 721m before advancing to a Grade 3.
- (b) Country Grade 4 (2 to win) greyhounds winning a Provincial Grade 4 (Madora Stake) before contesting a Country Class Distance Grade event will no longer be eligible for Country Grade 4 events and will become Country Grade 3 in their Distance Grade. Greyhounds that had previously contested a Country Class Distance Grade event will become a Country Grade 4 (1 to win).
- (c) After three (3) unplaced runs in Country Class events in the same grade (other than Country Grade 4) a greyhound shall be eligible to drop a Country Grade, provided however that the greyhound's Country Grade cannot be lower than its Provincial Grade. For example a greyhound with a Provincial Grade of 3 and three unplaced runs in Country Grade 3 cannot drop to Country Grade 4 until it runs its third unplaced run in Provincial Grade 3 - then becoming Provincial Grade 4 and Country Grade 4. The greyhound can only win one (1) event in the lower grade before advancing one (1) grade.

(d) Free To Alls

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class 715/744m.

(e) Heats and Finals

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class 715/744m.

(f) Mixed Grade Races

The same conditions apply as those detailed for City Class 530m.

3.2.8.9 “Beat the Grader” and “Beaten by the Grader”

(a) Beat the Grader

When a greyhound wins its last allowable race in any class and grade type, and rises in grade, but has already been drawn into another event (as the same grade) it will remain eligible to compete in that event.

If the greyhound wins again it will only be penalised from the grade it was at the time of nomination (i.e. penalised for the first win only) and will be considered to have “beaten the Grader”.

The only exception will be when a greyhound wins its Maiden and has been drawn into another Maiden event (providing the first win was not in a heat of a Maiden Series). In this case the greyhound is no longer eligible and must be withdrawn.

(b) Beaten by the Grader

Conversely if a greyhound runs unplaced for the third time in any class and grade type, and drops a grade, but has already been drawn into another event (as the same grade) it will remain eligible to compete in that event.

If the greyhound runs unplaced again it will only be awarded one (1) unplaced run or ‘out’ (i.e. awarded for the first unplaced only) and will be considered to be “beaten by the Grader”. The greyhound will take up the Order of Choice ranking - dropping a grade - in that class and grade type at its next nomination.

If the greyhound wins it will be penalised from the grade it was at the time of nomination (i.e. from the higher grade) and will be considered to be “beaten by the Grader”.

The following example shows the grade changes that may occur in “beat the Grader” and “beaten by the Grader” situations (i.e. the greyhound has been drawn in the second event before competing in the first event):

Initial Grade	First Start Placing	New Grade	Second Start Placing	Final Grade
C3 / 2 outs	Win	C2 / 0 outs	Win	C2 / 0 outs
			Place	C2 / 0 outs
			Unplaced	C2 / 0 outs
C3 / 2 outs	Unplaced	C4 / 0 outs	Win	C2 / 0 outs
			Place	C4 / 0 outs
			Unplaced	C4 / 0 outs

3.2.8.10 Establishing a Grade

Provincial and Country Grades in any grade type are affected by the City Grade of a greyhound on the basis that a greyhound cannot have a Provincial Grade lower than its City Grade, nor can it have a Country Grade lower than its Provincial Grade. Wins in City Class events will affect both the Provincial and Country Grade of a greyhound whilst wins in Provincial Class events will also affect the Country Grade.

When a greyhound runs in any Provincial or Country Class event in any grade type it has then "established a Grade" and must then run three (3) unplaced runs in that class and grade type before being eligible to drop a grade.

Consider the two examples below:

Greyhound X

- Greyhound X's last Provincial Class Sprint Grade win was as a Provincial Grade 5 and the greyhound won City Class Sprint Grade events, rising through the grades to City Grade 2.
- When nominated for a Provincial Class Sprint Grade event greyhound X, now being a Provincial Grade 2 (the Provincial Grade cannot be lower than the City Grade), establishes its Provincial Class Sprint Grade as Grade 2.
- Greyhound X cannot drop to Provincial Grade 3 until after three (3) unplaced runs in Provincial Class Sprint Grade events, provided its City Class Sprint Grade has dropped to at least Grade 3 also.

Greyhound Y

- Greyhound Y's last Provincial Class Sprint Grade win was also as a Provincial Grade 5 and the greyhound also won City Class Sprint Grade events, rising through the grades to City Grade 2.
- Greyhound Y's Provincial Class Sprint Grade had also risen to Grade 2 but the greyhound never ran in Provincial Class Sprint Grade events at all and ended up losing form, dropping back through the grades to City Grade 5.
- Greyhound Y was then nominated for a Provincial Class Sprint Grade event and was graded into a Grade 4 event because its Provincial Class Sprint Grade had returned to Grade 4, one higher than the grade of its last Provincial Class win.

Similarly greyhounds running in Country Class events will establish their grades in the same way.

3.2.9 Order of Choice

The Order of Choice ranking is determined on race form over the last three (3) starts only, irrespective of the distance over which a greyhound has been racing, or for which the greyhound is nominated.

Race meeting fields are graded taking into account all policies included in this document. Sections 3.2.9.3 to 3.2.10.2 inclusive, 4.1 and 8.0, in particular, contain policies relating to the method in which fields are graded and should be read in conjunction with the Order of Choice.

3.2.9.1 Maiden Events

Greyhounds are selected for Maiden events using the Order of Choice for the appropriate class.

In Maiden events, Qualifying Trial form will only be used to provide the opportunity for a greyhound to gain an initial start at the track for which it has qualified (or requalified). *Qualifying Trial form is not regarded as race form under the Order of Choice.*

(i) City Class

- (a) Last start placegetter (City Class Race)
- (b) Reserve greyhounds (City) - (same track and distance in previous 14 days)
- (c) Last start placegetter (Provincial)
- (d) Last start placegetter (Country)
- (e) Greyhounds having their first start after qualifying through a Qualifying Trial are selected in the following order:
 - (i) Date on which they qualified
 - (ii) Time in which they qualified
 - (iii) In the event of greyhounds running equal qualifying times, the trial placing will be considered with first place taking preference over second, then third etc.
- (f)
 - (i) Placegetter at 2 of last 3 starts (City/Provincial/Country)
 - (ii) Placegetter at 1 of only 2 starts (City/Provincial/Country)
- (g) Greyhounds having their first start after requalifying through Qualifying Trials, selected as in (e) (i) to (iii)
- (h) Greyhounds with only 1 start
- (i) Placegetter at 1 of last 3 starts (City/Provincial/Country)
- (j) Greyhounds with only 2 starts

- (j) Greyhounds not started for 35 days
- (k) Unplaced runners by last start date
- (ii) Provincial Class**
 - (a) Last start placegetter (City Class Race)
 - (b) Last start placegetter (Provincial)
 - (c) Reserve greyhounds (Provincial) - (same track and distance in previous 14 days)
 - (d) Last start placegetter (Country)
 - (e) Greyhounds having their first start after qualifying through a Qualifying Trial are selected in the following order:
 - (i) Date on which they qualified
 - (ii) Time in which they qualified. For greyhounds qualifying over different distances the difference between the time run and the qualifying time for that distance will be used.
 - (iii) In the event of greyhounds running equal qualifying times, the trial placing will be considered with first place taking preference over second, then third etc.
 - (f)
 - (i) Placegetter at 2 of last 3 starts (City/Provincial/Country)
 - (ii) Placegetter at 1 of only 2 starts (City/Provincial/Country)
 - (g) Greyhounds having their first start after requalifying through Qualifying Trials, selected as in (e) (i) to (iii)
 - (h) Greyhounds with only 1 start
 - (i) Placegetter at 1 of last 3 starts (City/Provincial/Country)
 - (j) Greyhounds with only 2 starts
 - (k) Greyhounds not started for 35 days
 - (l) Unplaced runners by last start date

(iii) Country Class

- (a) Last start placegetter (City/Provincial/Country Class Races)
- (b) Reserve greyhounds (Country) - (same track and distance in previous 14 days)
- (c) Greyhounds having their first start after qualifying through a Qualifying Trial are selected in the following order:
 - (i) Date on which they qualified
 - (ii) Time in which they qualified. For greyhounds qualifying over different distances the difference between the time run and the qualifying time for that distance will be used.
 - (iii) In the event of greyhounds running equal qualifying times, the trial placing will be considered with first place taking preference over second, then third etc.
- (d)
 - (i) Placegetter at 2 of last 3 starts (City/Provincial/Country)
 - (ii) Placegetter at 1 of only 2 starts (City/Provincial/Country)
- (e) Greyhounds having their first start after requalifying through Qualifying Trials, selected as in (c) (i) to (iii)
- (f) Greyhounds with only 1 start
- (g) Placegetter at 1 of last 3 starts (City/Provincial/Country)
- (h) Greyhounds with only 2 starts
- (i) Greyhounds not started for 35 days
- (j) Unplaced runners by last start date

3.2.9.2 Graded Events

Greyhounds for all single grade events and heats will be selected using the Order of Choice for the appropriate class.

(i) City Class

- (a) Last start winners (City Class Race)
- (b) Last start placegetters (City)
- (c) Last start winner (Provincial) *(unless P5 eligible)*
- (d) Reserve greyhounds (City) - (same track and distance in previous 14 days)
- (e) Greyhounds dropping a City Grade
- (f) Other winners/placegetters last 3 starts in the following order:
 - (i) Winner of 2 of last 3 (City)
 - (ii) Winner of 2 of last 3 (Provincial) *(unless P5 eligible)*
 - (iii) Winner of 1 of last 3 (City)
 - (iv) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (City)
 - (v) Last start placegetter (Provincial) *(unless P5 eligible)*
 - (vi) Last start winner (Country) *(unless P5 eligible)*
 - (vii) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (City)
 - (viii) Winner 1 of last 3 (Provincial) *(unless P5 eligible)*
 - (ix) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Provincial) *(unless P5 eligible)*
 - (x) Greyhounds not started for 35 days *(unless P5 eligible)*
 - (xi) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Provincial) *(unless P5 eligible)*
 - (xii) Last start placegetter (Country) *(unless P5 eligible)*
 - (xiii) Winner 2 of last 3 (Country) *(unless P5 eligible)*
 - (xiv) Winner 1 of last 3 (Country) *(unless P5 eligible)*
 - (xv) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Country) *(unless P5 eligible)*
 - (xvi) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Country) *(unless P5 eligible)*
- (g) Unplaced runners by last start date (those greyhounds above Provincial Grade 5)
- (h) Provincial Grade 5 eligible greyhounds in the following order:
 - (i) Last start winner (Provincial)
 - (ii) Last start placegetter (Provincial)
 - (iii) Last start winner (Country)
 - (iv) Winner 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
 - (v) Winner 2 of last 3 (Country)
 - (vi) Winner 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
 - (vii) Last start placegetter (Country)
 - (viii) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
 - (ix) Winner 1 of last 3 (Country)
 - (x) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Country)
 - (xi) Greyhounds not started for 35 days
 - (xii) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
 - (xiii) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Country)
 - (xiv) Unplaced runners by last start date

(ii) Provincial Class

- (a) Last start winner (City Class Race)
- (b) Last start winner (Provincial)
- (c) Last start placegetter (City)
- (d) Last start placegetter (Provincial)
- (e) Last start winner (Country)
- (f) Reserve greyhounds (Provincial) - (same track and distance in previous 14 days)
- (g) Greyhounds dropping a Provincial Grade
- (h) Winner 2 of last 3 (City)
- (i) Winner 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (j) Winner 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (k) Winner 1 of last 3 (City)
- (l) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (City)
- (m) Winner 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (n) Last start placegetter (Country)
- (o) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (p) Winner 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (q) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (r) Greyhounds not started for 35 days
- (s) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (City)
- (t) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (u) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (v) Unplaced runners by last start date

(iii) Country Class

- (a) Last start winner (City/Provincial/Country Class Races)
- (b) Last start placegetter (City/Provincial/Country)
- (c) Reserve greyhounds (Country) - (same track and distance in previous 14 days)
- (d) Greyhounds dropping a Country Grade
- (e) Other winners/placegetters last 3 starts in the following order:
 - (i) Winner 2 of last 3 (City/Provincial/Country)
 - (ii) Winner 1 of last 3 (City/Provincial/Country)
 - (iii) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (City/Provincial/Country)
 - (iv) Greyhounds not started for 35 days
 - (v) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (City/Provincial/Country)
- (f) Unplaced runners by last start date

3.2.9.3 Unplaced Runners and Last Start Date Grading

Unplaced runners will be selected based on their last start date with greyhounds waiting the longest for a start taking preference. The Unplaced Runners Table (shown overleaf) will be used for greyhounds with the same last start date. Greyhounds with the same ranking on the Unplaced Runners Table will be balloted.

Unplaced runners, with unfulfilled commitments, being graded into a field or reserve position will be selected using the Unplaced Runners Table.

When unfulfilled commitments are waived for the grading of a race meeting, unplaced runners will be selected in the following manner:

- Unplaced runners without commitments will be selected first, based on their last start date
- Unplaced runners having a commitment waived will then be selected using the Unplaced Runners Table.

Last start date grading will not be used to select runners into a Mixed Grade Race or into heats of any feature event or non-feature series. The Unplaced Runners Table will be used in those circumstances ensuring that the best greyhounds on form are selected.

UNPLACED RUNNERS TABLE									
ORDER	Last Start	2nd Last Start	3rd Last Start	TOTAL	ORDER	Last Start	2nd Last Start	3rd Last Start	TOTAL
1	4th	4th	4th	12	64	6	7	5	18
2	4	4	5	13	65	6	8	4	18
3	4	5	4	13	66	7	4	7	18
4	5	4	4	13	67	7	5	6	18
5	4	4	6	14	68	7	6	5	18
6	4	5	5	14	69	7	7	4	18
7	4	6	4	14	70	8	4	6	18
8	5	4	5	14	71	8	5	5	18
9	5	5	4	14	72	8	6	4	18
10	6	4	4	14	73	4	7	8	19
11	4	4	7	15	74	4	8	7	19
12	4	5	6	15	75	5	6	8	19
13	4	6	5	15	76	5	7	7	19
14	4	7	4	15	77	5	8	6	19
15	5	4	6	15	78	6	5	8	19
16	5	5	5	15	79	6	6	7	19
17	5	6	4	15	80	6	7	6	19
18	6	4	5	15	81	6	8	5	19
19	6	5	4	15	82	7	4	8	19
20	7	4	4	15	83	7	5	7	19
21	4	4	8	16	84	7	6	6	19
22	4	5	7	16	85	7	7	5	19
23	4	6	6	16	86	7	8	4	19
24	4	7	5	16	87	8	4	7	19
25	4	8	4	16	88	8	5	6	19
26	5	4	7	16	89	8	6	5	19
27	5	5	6	16	90	8	7	4	19
28	5	6	5	16	91	4	8	8	20
29	5	7	4	16	92	5	7	8	20
30	6	4	6	16	93	5	8	7	20
31	6	5	5	16	94	6	6	8	20
32	6	6	4	16	95	6	7	7	20
33	7	4	5	16	96	6	8	6	20
34	7	5	4	16	97	7	5	8	20
35	8	4	4	16	98	7	6	7	20
36	4	5	8	17	99	7	7	6	20
37	4	6	7	17	100	7	8	5	20
38	4	7	6	17	101	8	4	8	20
39	4	8	5	17	102	8	5	7	20
40	5	4	8	17	103	8	6	6	20
41	5	5	7	17	104	8	7	5	20
42	5	6	6	17	105	8	8	4	20
43	5	7	5	17	106	5	8	8	21
44	5	8	4	17	107	6	7	8	21
45	6	4	7	17	108	6	8	7	21
46	6	5	6	17	109	7	6	8	21
47	6	6	5	17	110	7	7	7	21
48	6	7	4	17	111	7	8	6	21
49	7	4	6	17	112	8	5	8	21
50	7	5	5	17	113	8	6	7	21
51	7	6	4	17	114	8	7	6	21
52	8	4	5	17	115	8	8	5	21
53	8	5	4	17	116	6	8	8	22
54	4	6	8	18	117	7	7	8	22
55	4	7	7	18	118	7	8	7	22
56	4	8	6	18	119	8	6	8	22
57	5	5	8	18	120	8	7	7	22
58	5	6	7	18	121	8	8	6	22
59	5	7	6	18	122	7	8	8	23
60	5	8	5	18	123	8	7	8	23
61	6	4	8	18	124	8	8	7	23
62	6	5	7	18	125	8	8	8	24
63	6	6	6	18					

3.2.9.4 Mixed Grade Races

Although the Grader will endeavour to run race meetings as programmed, in the event that Mixed Grade Races or Free To Alls are required for full fields, the greyhounds will be selected from the lower grade using the Order of Choice for the appropriate class.

(i) City Class

Mixed 4/5 Events (Sprint Grade) &

Mixed 3/4 Events (Middle Distance and Distance Grade) &

Free To Alls (Middle Distance and Distance Grade) - *applicable to Grade 4 greyhounds only*

Any City Grade 5 (Sprint Grade) greyhound selected for a Mixed 4/5 event must have won a minimum of two (2) City Grade 5 Sprint Grade events.

Grade 4 greyhounds selected for a Free To All or Mixed 3/4 (Middle Distance or Distance Grade) event must be Grade 4 (1 to win). Should all those greyhounds be exhausted, Grade 4 (2 to win) greyhounds will be selected. This clause will not apply, and the normal Order of Choice will be used, should there be no Grade 4 event available over the same distance.

- (a) Last start winner (City Class Race)
- (b) Last start placegetter (City)
- (c) Winner 2 of last 3 (City)
- (d) Greyhounds dropping a City Grade
- (e) Winner 1 of last 3 (City)
- (f) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (City)
- (g) Last Start Winner or Placegetter (Provincial) by grade of placing
- (h) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (City)
- (i) Winner 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (j) Winner 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (k) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (l) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (m) Last Start Winner or Placegetter (Country) by grade of placing
- (n) Winner 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (o) Winner 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (p) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (q) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (r) Apply Unplaced Runners Table

All Other Mixed Grade Races

- (a) Last start placegetter (City)
- (b) Last start winner (City)
- (c) Winner 2 of last 3 (City)
- (d) Greyhounds dropping a City Grade
- (e) Winner 1 of last 3 (City)
- (f) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (City)
- (g) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (City)
- (h) Last Start Winner or Placegetter (Provincial) by grade of placing
- (i) Winner 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (j) Winner 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (k) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (l) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (m) Last Start Winner or Placegetter (Country) by grade of placing
- (n) Winner 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (o) Winner 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (p) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (q) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (r) Apply Unplaced Runners Table

(ii) Provincial Class

Mixed 4/5 Events (Sprint Grade) &

Mixed 3/4 Events (Middle Distance and Distance Grade) &

Free To Alls (Middle Distance and Distance Grade) – applicable to Grade 4 greyhounds only

Any Provincial Grade 5 (Sprint Grade) greyhound selected for a Mixed 4/5 event must have won at least one (1) Provincial Grade 5 Sprint Grade event.

Grade 4 greyhounds selected for a Free To All or Mixed 3/4 (Middle Distance or Distance Grade) event must be Grade 4 (1 to win). Should all those greyhounds be exhausted, Grade 4 (2 to win) greyhounds will be selected. This clause will not apply, and the normal Order of Choice will be used, should there be no Grade 4 event available over the same distance.

- (a) Last start winner (City Class Race)
- (b) Last start placegetter (City)
- (c) Last start winner (Provincial)
- (d) Last start placegetter (Provincial)
- (e) Winner 2 of last 3 (City)
- (f) Winner 1 of last 3 (City)
- (g) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (City)
- (h) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (City)
- (i) Winner 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (j) Greyhounds dropping a Provincial Grade
- (k) Winner 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (l) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (m) Last Start Winner or Placegetter (Country) by grade of placing
- (n) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (o) Winner 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (p) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (q) Winner 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (r) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (s) Apply Unplaced Runners Table

All Other Mixed Grade Races

- (a) Last start winner or placegetter (City) by grade of placing
- (b) Last start placegetter (Provincial)
- (c) Last start winner (Provincial)
- (d) Winner 2 of last 3 (City)
- (e) Greyhounds dropping a Provincial Grade
- (f) Winner 1 of last 3 (City)
- (g) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (City)
- (h) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (City)
- (i) Winner 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (j) Winner 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (k) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (l) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (m) Last Start Winner or Placegetter (Country) by grade of placing
- (n) Winner 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (o) Winner 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (p) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (q) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (r) Apply Unplaced Runners Table

(iii) Country Class

Mixed 4/5 Events (Sprint Grade) &

Mixed 3/4 Events (Middle Distance and Distance Grade) &

Free To Alls (Middle Distance and Distance Grade) – applicable to Grade 4 greyhounds only

Greyhounds selected for a Mixed 4/5 Sprint Grade event must be Country Grade 5 (1 to win). Should all those greyhounds be exhausted Country Grade 5 (2 to win) greyhounds will be selected, however any with Maiden wins in their last three starts will only be selected if they cannot obtain a start in any other event for which they have been nominated.

Grade 4 greyhounds selected for a Free To All or Mixed 3/4 (Middle Distance or Distance Grade) event must be Grade 4 (1 to win). Should all those greyhounds be exhausted, Grade 4 (2 to win) greyhounds will be selected. This clause will not apply, and the normal Order of Choice will be used, should there be no Grade 4 event available over the same distance.

- (a) Last start winner or placegetter (City Class) by grade of placing
- (b) Last start winner or placegetter (Provincial) by grade of placing
- (c) Winner 2 of last 3 (City)
- (d) Winner 1 of last 3 (City)
- (e) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (City)
- (f) Last start winner (Country)
- (g) Last start placegetter (Country)
- (h) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (City)
- (i) Winner 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (j) Greyhounds dropping a Country Grade
- (k) Winner 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (l) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (m) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (n) Winner 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (o) Winner 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (p) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (q) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (r) Apply Unplaced Runners Table

All Other Mixed Grade Races

- (a) Last start winner or placegetter (City Class) by grade of placing
- (b) Last start winner or placegetter (Provincial) by grade of placing
- (c) Winner 2 of last 3 (City)
- (d) Winner 1 of last 3 (City)
- (e) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (City)
- (f) Greyhounds dropping a Country Grade
- (g) Last start placegetter (Country)
- (h) Last start winner (Country)
- (i) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (City)
- (j) Winner 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (k) Winner 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (l) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (m) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Provincial)
- (n) Winner 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (o) Winner 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (p) Placegetter 2 of last 3 (Country)
- (q) Placegetter 1 of last 3 (Country)
- (r) Apply Unplaced Runners Table

(iv) Grading Issues

Where a single grade event and a Mixed Grade Race of the same grade combined with a lower grade are being graded, the greyhounds considered for the single grade event will be selected on form only (last start reserve status and the 35 day rule will not apply). Unplaced runners will be selected using the Unplaced Runners Table rather than last start date.

This will ensure that greyhounds with an Order of Choice ranking of "last start reserve" and "not started for 35 days" will not be disadvantaged by their Order of Choice ranking.

It will also ensure that the greyhounds with the best form compete in the higher grade of event, leaving the others to compete in the Mixed Grade Race against greyhounds from the lower grade.

(v) Last Start Reserve Status & Mixed Grade Races

Greyhounds selected for Mixed Grade Races are considered on form only and last start reserve status normally will not apply.

In circumstances where Free To Alls or Mixed Grade Races are frequently graded over a particular distance, greyhounds with a last start reserve status may not be able to use that status to gain a start. In these circumstances greyhounds with a last start reserve status may be graded into those events using that status.

Where a greyhound with a last start reserve status from a Free To All or Mixed Grade Race expiring at that meeting is once again being considered for a Free To All or Mixed Grade Race it will be selected in the following manner:

- The greyhound will be considered as a last start reserve for the Free To All or Mixed Grade Race if no other event of the appropriate grade is available
- The greyhound will be selected for the Free To All or Mixed Grade Race behind last start winners and placegetters.

(vi) Nomination Preferences & Mixed Grade Races

Sprint Grade

Greyhounds due to be graded into Free To Alls or Mixed Grade Races (as greyhounds from the lowest grade), will be considered for other meeting, class or grade type preferences for which they have been nominated, if that preference ensures that the greyhounds can obtain a start in a single grade event.

Middle Distance & Distance Grade

Greyhounds due to be graded into Free To Alls (as greyhounds from the lowest grade) will be considered for other meeting, class or grade type preferences for which they have been nominated, if that preference ensures that the greyhounds can obtain a start in a single grade event.

3.2.9.5 Order of Choice Preference Determination

(a) Winners & Placegetters – Last three (3) starts

Where greyhounds have a similar ranking in the Order of Choice and are winners or placegetters in their last three (3) starts the greyhounds will be selected in the following manner:

- (i) The class of the win or placing will be considered first with City ahead of Provincial and Provincial ahead of Country.
- (ii) The grade of the win or placing will be considered next with the highest grade taking preference.
- (iii) In the case of placegetters a second will take preference over a third.
- (iv) If equal the unplaced runs will be added together with the lowest total taking preference.
- (v) If equal the better last unplaced run will take preference.
- (vi) If equal the last start date will be considered with the greyhound waiting the longest for a start taking preference.
- (vii) If equal a ballot will be performed between the greyhounds concerned.

The following example for greyhounds being selected for a Provincial Grade 4 event shows the order in which greyhounds are selected. The class of the placing is shown in brackets with the form printed showing the last start to the right.

3(C)	8	5	City Class placing before Provincial Class
7	3(P)	7	Mixed 3/4 placing before Grade 4
7	2(P)	7	(Grade 4 placing), second before third
4	3(P)	4	Third with $(4 + 4) = 8$
6	3(P)	4	Third with $(6 + 4) = 10$, last start 4th before 5th
3(P)	5	5	Third with $(5 + 5) = 10$, last start 5th after 4th
8	3(P)	8	Third with $(8 + 8) = 16$, last start date 1 June
8	3(P)	8	Third with $(8 + 8) = 16$, last start date 8 June
4	2(Y)	5	Country Class placing after Provincial Class

(b) 35 Day Rule

Where greyhounds have not started for 35 days they will be selected in the following manner:

- (i) Any greyhounds that are winners or placegetters in their last three (3) starts will be considered on that form first.
- (ii) Unplaced greyhounds that have not started for 35 days will then be selected on last start date with the greyhound waiting the longest for a start taking preference.
- (iii) The Unplaced Runners Table will be used to select between greyhounds with the same last start date.
- (iv) If equal a ballot will be performed between the greyhounds concerned.

(c) Maiden Events

Greyhounds with only one (1) start will be selected in the following manner:

- (i) The best unplaced run will take preference (i.e. 4th before 5th etc).
- (ii) If the unplaced runs are the same the greyhounds will be selected on last start date.
- (iii) If the last start dates are equal the times run will be considered.
- (iv) If equal a ballot will be performed between the greyhounds concerned.

Greyhounds with only two (2) starts will be selected in the following manner:

- (i) The unplaced runs will be added together with the lowest total taking preference.
- (ii) If equal the better last unplaced run will take preference.
- (iii) If the unplaced runs are exactly the same the greyhounds will be selected on last start date.
- (iv) If still equal a ballot will be performed between the greyhounds concerned.

(d) Greyhounds with Unfulfilled Commitments

Greyhounds with unfulfilled commitments being graded into a field or a reserve position will be placed into a Free To All or Mixed Grade Race (as greyhounds from the lowest grade) before those greyhounds from the same grade without a commitment, provided:

- The greyhounds concerned have won or been placed in their last three (3) starts.
- If the greyhounds have unplaced form they will only be used in front of unplaced runners without commitments.

(e) Last Start Reserves

Greyhounds with last start reserve status will be selected in the following manner:

- (i) Any greyhounds that are winners or placegetters in their last three (3) starts will be considered on that form first.
- (ii) Unplaced greyhounds will be selected on reserve status date with the oldest date taking preference.
- (iii) The Unplaced Runners Table will be used to select between greyhounds with the same reserve status date.
- (iv) If equal a ballot will be performed between the greyhounds concerned.

This page has been left blank intentionally.

3.2.10 Reserves and Last Start Reserve Status

3.2.10.1 Reserves

The following rules apply to greyhounds drawn as reserves in any race meeting.

- (a) Where greyhounds are engaged as reserves for a feature event heat, semi-final or final the greyhounds may be drawn in another event at that meeting or a subsequent meeting. In the event of a scratching in the feature event the greyhound's commitment will be to that event.
- (b) Greyhounds drawn as a reserve for a feature event heat will only be drawn into another event (graded the same day) if insufficient nominations warrant such consideration. The greyhounds concerned will take their rightful position in the other event based upon their Order of Choice ranking. Should scratchings occur in the feature event heat, clause (a) shall apply.

This policy will ensure that feature event heats have reserves available and that as many greyhounds as possible gain a race start, or a reserve position, at the meeting.

- (c) Where greyhounds have qualified as reserves for a feature event or non-feature series heat, semi-final or final based on times or placings run, they will be seeded accordingly.

In the case of heats or semi-finals the fastest or higher placed greyhounds will be the first reserves (No. 9) and the slowest or lower placed greyhounds will be the second reserves (No. 10).

In the case of a final the fastest or higher placed greyhound will be first reserve (No. 9) and the slowest or lower placed greyhound will be the second reserve (No. 10).

Dead-headers or greyhounds equal on times will be selected according to the policy for Field Selection for Finals (see Section 7.10).

- (d) Reserves for Graded and Mixed Grade Races (including Free To Alls) will be entitled to an Order of Choice ranking as a Reserve greyhound provided the Last Start Reserve conditions are met (see Section 3.2.10.2). Greyhounds drawn as a reserve for a Mixed Grade Race, if not required for that particular event or meeting and renominated later, will be initially considered for an event in its own grade.
- (e) Where reserves are available for both a Mixed Grade Race and another event of the lower grade, the greyhounds with the best form will be placed as reserves in the Mixed Grade Race.

- (f) Greyhounds drawn as a reserve at a race meeting are not considered to have a racing commitment. These greyhounds may be nominated for another race meeting and be considered based on their Order of Choice ranking on the day the nominations close (i.e. last start reserve status will not yet be applicable).

Unless nominated for a feature event heat, the greyhounds concerned will not be drawn as reserves again however, if other greyhounds, without a racing commitment, would miss out on a reserve position altogether. They will be drawn as reserves again however, before greyhounds with a commitment. This policy ensures that as many greyhounds as possible are drawn as reserves and if not required at the close of scratchings for that race meeting, can use their last start reserve status to obtain a start at their next nomination.

- (g) Occasionally a greyhound drawn as a reserve at a race meeting may also be nominated for, and be drawn into, a race at a later race meeting. If that greyhound is required to start at the first meeting (in the event of a scratching), the trainer may seek Stewards permission to withdraw from the second engagement.

3.2.10.2 Last Start Reserve Status

A greyhound obtains last start reserve status, from a reserve position, when it was not required (i.e. was not withdrawn for any reason and did not obtain a start) at a race meeting that has been conducted.

Likewise a greyhound earns this status at the close of scratchings for a race meeting. Should grading occur on the day of a race meeting a greyhound may use its last start reserve status from the meeting that day (once scratchings have been completed) to obtain a start at the meeting being graded, provided all the last start reserve conditions are met.

A greyhound withdrawn from a reserve position for any reason will not obtain last start reserve status.

Last start reserve status can be used to obtain a start in the same class of event, at the same track, over the same distance, for the next 14 days only, providing the greyhound is not engaged to race or has not raced in the meantime at any track.

The only exception to the above policy will apply when a Kanyana eligible City Grade 5 (Sprint Grade) greyhound uses a reserve status from a Canning Stake to obtain a start in a Kanyana Stake. In this case, the nominator should complete the last start reserve section fully on the nomination form, or mention the last start reserve status during a telephone nomination if claiming this status, otherwise they risk not gaining a start with the greyhound concerned.

This page has been left blank intentionally.

4.0 THE GRADING PROCESS

4.1 *Race Meetings*

Race meeting fields will be graded as follows:

All nominations received for race meetings that satisfy the Nomination Policy (Section 5.0) will be considered for the preferences provided.

Feature events at any race meeting will be graded first and the number of heats finalised (up to a maximum of eight (8) including sixty four (64) greyhounds plus any reserves) based on the Order of Choice ranking of the greyhounds in the lowest grade(s). In Open Grade or Mixed Grade events the selection of the required number of greyhounds will be made based on grade with the highest grade taking preference. Should a feature event be selected by a Grading Panel rather than by Order of Choice, this will be specified in the conditions of entry.

The balance of the programmed races, including Mixed Grade Races if required, will be graded based on the applicable Order of Choice. Where extra heats of a feature event are graded and sufficient nominations for all other advertised races are received, RWWA will consider which race(s) will be cancelled in lieu of the extra heat(s). Consideration will take into account future racing opportunities and the Order of Choice ranking for the greyhounds nominated for those races.

Where sufficient nominations are received for all the races programmed at any meeting (with the exception of meetings where feature event heats are programmed) the Grader will grade the meeting as programmed. In exceptional circumstances, RWWA may amend the race programme during the grading process should there be:

- Significant changes to anticipated nomination numbers; and/or
- Significant numbers of greyhounds with high Order of Choice rankings unable to gain a start in the number of divisions programmed.

Prior to amending any race programme the future racing opportunities for nominated greyhounds will be considered. The amended race programme will only include additional divisions of races already programmed. It is anticipated that these amendments will normally only affect lower grade or Maiden races.

Where insufficient nominations are received for the races programmed at any race meeting, replacement races will be graded taking into consideration the Guidelines for Race Selection (see Section 3.2.2).

All races will be divided automatically by the Racing Information System (IRIS). In the case of multiple divisions of any event IRIS itself will place greyhounds into separate divisions, not the Grader (i.e. WA events are not seeded). The guarding of greyhounds will be confirmed in all multiple divisions of any event and in heats and semi-finals of a feature event or non-feature series.

The automatic box draw incorporated in IRIS will be activated for all events except those where a manual box draw has been conducted under the supervision of the Stewards.

Manual box draws will be replicated in IRIS under the supervision of the Manager Greyhound Racing (or his representative) and confirmed against the record of the manual box draw prior to the release of the Field Sheet.

4.2 *Qualifying Trials*

4.2.1 **Cannington**

Qualifying Trials will be conducted on the days advertised in the Racing Calendar.

Qualifying Trial fields will be drawn as follows:

All nominations received for Qualifying Trials that satisfy the Nomination Policy (Section 5.0) will be considered.

Greyhounds will be selected for a start in a Qualifying Trial based on their career performance using the following Qualifying Trial Order of Choice:

1. Greyhounds nominated for their first ever trial in WA.
2. Greyhounds only qualified to compete at other WA venues, nominating for their first trial at Cannington.
3. Greyhounds nominated for their second ever trial in WA.
4. Greyhounds renominated for a trial after a race start at any WA venue. These greyhounds will be selected on that last start date followed by time run.
5. Greyhounds having failed at other WA venues, nominated for their first trial at Cannington.
6. Greyhounds nominated for their third ever trial in WA.
7. Greyhounds that have competed in three or more trials. Greyhounds with the same last start date will be selected using the time run in that trial.
8. Cannington qualified greyhounds nominated for another trial without having used their qualification to gain a race start.
9. Reserve greyhounds from Maiden events at the race meeting being run in conjunction with the Qualifying Trials, or at race meetings yet to be conducted.
10. Greyhounds with unfulfilled commitments at race meetings or other Qualifying Trials.

Greyhounds with the same Order of Choice ranking that cannot be split on last start date or race or trial times will be balloted.

The trials will then be divided automatically by IRIS and guarded, if necessary. Fields of six (6) runners will be used where possible with smaller fields used in the case where an uneven number of nominations are received. The minimum field size will be three (3) runners.

The automatic box draw incorporated in IRIS will be activated for all trials and the Trial Sheet released to participants in the same manner as a Field Sheet for a race meeting.

4.2.2 Mandurah

Qualifying Trials will be conducted on the days advertised in the Racing Calendar.

Mandurah Qualifying Trial fields will be drawn in a similar manner to those at Cannington, however using the following Order of Choice:

1. Greyhounds nominated for their first ever trial in WA.
2. Greyhounds only qualified to compete at Northam, nominating for their first trial at Mandurah.
3. Greyhounds only qualified to compete over 405m, nominating for their first trial over 492m.
4. Greyhounds nominated for their second ever trial in WA.
5. Greyhounds having failed at Cannington, nominated for their first trial at Mandurah.
6. Greyhounds renominated for a trial after a race start at any WA venue. These greyhounds will be selected on that last start date followed by time run.
7. Greyhounds having failed at Northam, nominated for their first trial at Mandurah.
8. Greyhounds nominated for their third ever trial in WA.
9. Greyhounds that have competed in three or more trials. Greyhounds with the same last start date will be selected using the time run in that trial.
10. Mandurah qualified greyhounds nominated for another trial without having used their qualification to gain a race start.
11. Reserve greyhounds from Maiden events at the race meeting being run in conjunction with the Qualifying Trials, or at race meetings yet to be conducted.
12. Greyhounds with unfulfilled commitments at race meetings or other Qualifying Trials.

4.2.3 Northam

Qualifying Trials will be conducted at Northam race meetings.

Northam Qualifying Trial fields will be drawn in a similar manner to those at Cannington and Mandurah, however using the following Order of Choice:

1. Greyhounds nominated for their first ever trial in WA.
2. Greyhounds only qualified to compete over 405m at Mandurah, nominated for their first trial at Northam.
3. Greyhounds nominated for their second ever trial in WA.
4. Greyhounds having failed to qualify at other WA venues, nominated for their first trial at Northam.
5. Greyhounds renominated for a trial after a race start at any WA venue. These greyhounds will be selected on that last start date followed by time run.
6. Greyhounds nominated for their third ever trial in WA.
7. Greyhounds that have competed in three or more trials. Greyhounds with the same last start date will be selected using the time run in that trial.
8. Northam qualified greyhounds nominated for another trial without having used their qualification to gain a race start.
9. Reserve greyhounds from Maiden events at the race meeting being run in conjunction with the Qualifying Trials, or at race meetings yet to be conducted.
10. Greyhounds with unfulfilled commitments at race meetings or other Qualifying Trials.

4.2.4 Stand-alone Qualifying Trial Sessions

Stand-alone Qualifying Trial sessions may be scheduled if and when required.

An Order of Choice will generally not be used to draw the trial fields at these sessions as all greyhounds nominated will gain a start, depending upon the number of nominations received.

5.0 NOMINATION POLICY

5.1 *Nomination Methods*

Nominations may be lodged in the following manner:

- Via facsimile, on the appropriate forms, to the Nomination Fax telephone number listed on those forms
- Via telephone to the 24-hour Telephone Nomination Service
- Via any other method as approved by RWWA.

All nominations must be lodged by 8.30am unless otherwise specified.

5.2 *Nomination Confirmation*

Nominations lodged via facsimile should be confirmed via the nomination confirmations telephone number listed on nomination forms.

Nominations lodged via facsimile that are not confirmed are not considered a valid nomination under the Redraw Policy.

5.3 *Nominations Not Considered*

Nominations will not be accepted in the following circumstances:

- When a trainer has not lodged a Notice of Training by the close of nominations
- When a syndicate manager has not lodged a Registration of Syndicate Name or Syndicate Renewal by the close of nominations.

5.4 *Interstate Transfers*

Transfer documents for interstate greyhounds nominated for a WA meeting must be lodged with RWWA at least one working day prior to the close of nominations otherwise the nomination will not be considered.

Transfers may be processed using a facsimile copy of the documents, however the amended Greyhound Naming and Registration Certificate will not be released until such time as the original documents are lodged with RWWA.

5.5 *Greyhounds Racing for Interstate Owners*

Trainers wishing to nominate a greyhound to compete here for the first time for interstate owners must contact RWWA and provide a copy of the front and back of the Greyhound Naming and Registration Certificate the working day prior to the close of nominations, otherwise the nomination will not be considered.

Exceptions will be made to this policy when greyhounds are being nominated for feature events on the Racing Calendar.

5.6 Feature Event Nominations

Feature Event Nomination Forms are produced for all feature events on the Racing Calendar. These forms, containing all the conditions of entry for the series, **MUST** be completed for all greyhounds being nominated by facsimile for these events.

Trainers nominating by other approved nomination methods should ensure that they are familiar with the conditions of entry that apply to the feature event for which they are nominating.

5.7 Nominations for Non-Feature Race Series

Nominators who intend to nominate a greyhound for a non-feature series (one where no Feature Event Nomination Form has been produced) should state the series type and distance on a regular nomination form or during a telephone nomination.

This will indicate to the Grader that you are aware that the series is being conducted and that you are prepared to have the greyhound contest the heats and the final, should the greyhound qualify. A greyhound qualifying for a non-feature series final will be automatically drawn into the final by the Grader (no additional nomination is required) and the greyhound has a commitment to start in that event.

5.8 Greyhound ID Numbers

The Greyhound ID Number is a unique number allocated to a greyhound when it is first registered in IRIS. The ID Number must be used on all nomination forms.

Greyhound ID Numbers for any greyhound trained or owned by a participant can be obtained from the RWWA Licensing and Registrations Department or the Greyhound Trainers' Service Centre.

The ID number can also be used on the Recorded Information Service to check for race starts for that greyhound.

5.9 Nomination Preferences

The preference section has been placed on nomination forms so that nominators may place other class or distance preferences for the same meeting or other meetings graded on the same day on the one nomination form.

The Grader will consider a nomination for second and subsequent preferences **ONLY IF** the greyhound cannot obtain a start in the fields using the first preference.

The preference section is not designed to inform the Grader that the races listed are the only ones that the nominator wishes the greyhound to contest. Greyhounds are eligible to contest Free To Alls and Mixed Grade Races

according to the Grading Rules applicable and will be graded into these events if required.

5.10 *Nominations from Registered Persons Only*

No person shall nominate, or permit to be nominated, a greyhound in any event unless the person is:

- Registered as the owner or trainer of that greyhound by RWWA or an approved registration authority; or
- Any other person authorised for the purpose by the Stewards.

5.11 *Nomination Withdrawals*

Nominations may be withdrawn via the Greyhound Trainers' Service Centre before 9.30am on grading days. Withdrawal requests received after that time may be considered at the discretion of the Grader.

5.12 *Double Nominations*

Under no circumstances should two separate nomination forms be lodged for meetings graded on the same day unless the nominator is prepared to race the greyhound concerned on both days. In that case the nominator should state on both nomination forms that the greyhound is "able to run both days". This will indicate to the Grader that the two nominations are valid and you fully intend to start the greyhound at both meetings.

Greyhounds will not be drawn into both meetings unless they do not occupy a place in the fields at either meeting to the detriment of any other greyhound.

5.13 *Notes on Nomination Forms*

Notes on nomination forms indicating which type of event a greyhound may be drawn (such as No Free To All, Grade 3 only etc.) will not be considered by the Grader. The Grader will grade fields according to the current Grading Rules at that time.

Other notes (such as don't draw with greyhound X, only draw if 2 divisions, no reserves please etc.) may be considered at the discretion of the Grader.

5.14 *Interstate Greyhounds Racing in WA Feature Events*

Greyhounds nominated by interstate trainers for WA Feature Events will be graded into fields subject to a check of the current status of Registration Licences for the trainer and all owners in their State of registration.

5.15 *Nomination Deadlines*

Nomination deadlines for race meetings and Qualifying Trials have not been included in this document as they are subject to change and may also vary around Public Holidays. Nomination deadlines for all race meetings will be advertised via Racing Calendars and other industry publications, Racebooks and in any other manner considered appropriate by RWWA.

Additional race meetings or Qualifying Trials sessions may also be scheduled from time to time and nomination deadlines for these meetings will be advertised in a similar manner.

5.16 *Incorrect, Incomplete, Inaudible or Illegible Nominations*

Where the information contained on a nomination form, or nomination received by any other approved method is incorrect, incomplete, inaudible or illegible the grading of the greyhound concerned into any fields will be entirely at the discretion of the Grader.

5.17 *Nomination Extensions*

When required the Manager Greyhound Racing (or his representative) may extend nominations for a race meeting, either in full, or for particular programmed or non-programmed events at that meeting.

In the situation where nominations are extended for particular events only, those events will be graded based on the Order of Choice applicable at the time for the close of extended nominations. No preference will be given to those greyhounds first nominated. Other events, for which nominations had not been extended, must be graded based on the Order of Choice applicable at the time for the close of extended nominations, however no new nominations will be included in those fields.

5.18 *Nomination Forms to be Retained*

Nomination forms lodged by facsimile and those transcribed from telephone nominations in respect of a meeting shall be retained by RWWA for a period of not less than 3 months.

Nominations received via any other method will be retained for a similar period if practicable.

6.0 REDRAW POLICY

6.1 *Redraw*

RWWA will conduct a redraw, following a request to do so from the nominator of a greyhound, provided it is considered in the best interests of greyhound racing and in fairness to its participants.

A redraw *may be permitted* under the following circumstances:

- The Grader *has not considered* a valid nomination for a greyhound and the greyhound concerned would have obtained a start in the fields for the meeting for which it was nominated.

A valid nomination is one that has been received by RWWA:

- Via the recorded 24-hour telephone nomination service and such nomination can be confirmed from the audio recordings of the service.
- Via facsimile and the nominator confirmed that RWWA had received such nomination.

- A greyhound (with a valid nomination under bullet point 1) *has not been drawn* into a heat of any feature event due to a confirmed error of the Grader or IRIS. Any event listed in the Feature Events section of the Racing Calendar is considered a feature event for the purposes of this policy.
- A greyhound *has not been drawn* (for any reason) into a semi-final or final of any feature event for which it qualified through heats.

Redraws in the above situations will only be conducted whenever and wherever practicable. Due to deadlines in the publishing of racing information related to the meeting (i.e. Racebooks, TAB information, race fields, acceptances in newspapers and interstate greyhound publications etc.) a redraw will only be considered if the RWWA Greyhound Trainers' Service Centre is notified of the error by 9.30am on the next working day following the completion of the relevant box draw. Saturday is considered a working day under this policy for fields drawn on a Friday. The Greyhound Trainers' Service Centre can be contacted on the telephone number published on nomination forms after 7.30am each working day.

A redraw *will not be conducted* in the following circumstances:

- If, should a redraw be granted (under all three (3) bullet points above) and performed, the greyhound concerned would only obtain a reserve position, it will not be performed and that greyhound will be considered to have gained last start reserve status from the meeting.

- When a greyhound has been drawn into a field and is subsequently found to be ineligible due to an error made by the Grader or IRIS, irrespective of the time when the Greyhound Trainers' Service Centre is notified. As this situation would provide grounds for objection under the RWWA Rules of Greyhound Racing, the greyhound concerned will be withdrawn 'Incorrectly Drawn' without penalty.
- When a greyhound has been drawn incorrectly into a field as per the RWWA Racing Aims and Grading Policy but is still eligible to compete. As this situation does not provide grounds for objection under the RWWA Rules of Greyhound Racing, the nominator will have the right to withdraw the greyhound concerned with 'Stewards Permission', without penalty.
- When owners or trainers in multiple divisions of any event (including heats or semi-finals of a feature event or non-feature series) have been incorrectly guarded. These greyhounds are still eligible to compete, however the nominator will have the right to withdraw the greyhound concerned with 'Stewards Permission', without penalty.
- When a nomination was lodged via facsimile to the nomination facsimile machine or on the 24-hour telephone nomination service after the advertised closing time for nominations for any meeting or event.
- When a nomination is allegedly lodged in any other approved manner other than those described above but the receipt of which cannot be confirmed.
- For any other reason not detailed in this policy.

The decision to conduct a redraw is the sole responsibility of the Manager Greyhound Racing or his representative.

Information pertaining to a redraw will be relayed to the industry via industry publications as soon as possible after the redraw has been conducted.

6.2 *First Drawn Status*

Greyhounds will be first chosen under the Order of Choice into an event (with the exception of a feature event or non-feature series), of their applicable grade, at their next nomination if:

- They had not been drawn into a field due to a confirmed error by the Grader or IRIS and either did not qualify for a redraw, or a redraw could not be conducted under this policy.
- The nominator elected not to request a redraw but did satisfy all the conditions for the granting of same.

7.0 RWWA RACING POLICIES

7.1 *Interstate Greyhounds - Onus to Provide Career Details*

Nominators of interstate greyhounds now owned and/or trained in WA must contact the RWWA Greyhound Trainers' Service Centre prior to nominating the greyhound for the first time to:

- Obtain the Greyhound ID Number
- Obtain the grades of the greyhound, should it have won a Maiden event
- Confirm last start details of any interstate form

7.2 *WA Greyhounds Racing Interstate*

Nominators of Western Australian greyhounds that compete on interstate tracks must supply full details of the last interstate race start, or provide the name of the State where the greyhound competed when it is first nominated upon its return.

Failure to do so may warrant further action by the Stewards.

Furthermore, it is recommended that nominators contact the RWWA Greyhound Trainers' Service Centre prior to the actual grading day of that meeting so that race form can be obtained and the greyhound re-graded. The greyhound will be re-graded according to the policy for Grading Interstate Greyhounds (see Section 3.2.5).

7.3 *Age Eligibility*

As per the RWWA Rules of Greyhound Racing, a greyhound shall not be nominated for an event to be conducted before the greyhound attains the age of sixteen (16) months of age.

7.4 *Field Sizes*

The Grader will endeavour to grade full fields, with reserves, whenever and wherever possible. In the event that nominations are not available for full fields the following field size restrictions apply:

- a minimum of 5 greyhounds in Distance Grade events.
- a minimum of 6 greyhounds in City Class Middle Distance Grade events.
- a minimum of 7 greyhounds in all other events.

The above field sizes are recommended minimums only and there is no onus upon RWWA to draw fields with the minimum numbers specified, especially should a field include greyhounds already drawn elsewhere. In all cases the Grader will consult with the Manager Greyhound Racing (or equivalent) prior to drawing fields with less than 8 runners.

7.5 *Box Draw and Race Meeting Information*

The Grader will endeavour wherever possible to have the draw for race meetings completed by 5.00pm on the day when nominations close.

Box draw and other race or Qualifying Trial meeting information can be obtained:

- From Field Sheets in the offices at Cannington, Mandurah and the race-day office at Northam.
- Via the WAGRA website – www.greyhoundswa.com.au
- Via the RWWA website – www.rwwa.com.au
- Via the Fax-Back Service on 1902 290 549 for facsimile machine users.
- Via the Recorded Information Service on 1902 290 556.

7.6 *Permission to Withdraw*

An owner will not be compelled to race his greyhound in an event for which the greyhound was not nominated (subject to Section 5.16). Greyhounds eligible for, and drawn into, a Free To All or Mixed Grade Race may not be withdrawn on the pretext that they have been graded into such an event.

7.7 *Scratching Times*

Scratchings for all race meetings will close at 9.00am unless otherwise advertised.

The scratching time for all race meetings will be advertised on Field Sheets, in Racing Calendars, Racebooks and in any other manner considered appropriate by RWWA.

7.8 *Scratching Information*

WAGRA staff should not be contacted, under any circumstances, to obtain details regarding race starts for greyhounds or scratching information.

The following official sources should be used to obtain scratching information:

Racing Information Lines

- Fax-Back Service (Field Sheet) on 1902 290 549
- Recorded Information Service on 1902 290 556

Internet

The scratchings pages on the following websites

- www.ozbet.com.au
- www.rwwa.com.au

TAB Agencies

- Official Wallcards (not Pre-Sell versions)

Teletext

7.9 *Dead Heats for First Place*

Irrespective of the type of event conducted, all greyhounds dead-heating for first place will be classified as winners in accordance with the RWWA Rules of Greyhound Racing and penalised according to the conditions of the event.

7.10 *Field Selection for Finals*

The field for a feature event or non-feature series final will be selected based initially on finishing position from the heats.

Heat winners followed by second and third placegetters then unplaced runners, if required, will be selected until a field of eight (8) runners, plus two (2) reserves has been established.

When the number of equally (*like*) placed greyhounds exceeds the number of remaining runners required for the field (or reserve positions) then these greyhounds will be selected based on their time run.

Greyhounds equal on times will be balloted, if necessary, with the loser of the ballot becoming the next qualifier.

In the event of a dead-heat for any finishing position, where such dead-heat relates to a finishing position from which the number of equally (*like*) placed greyhounds exceeds the number of remaining runners required for the field (or reserve positions), the RWWA Rules of Greyhound Racing shall apply.

In accordance with the rules, a ballot shall be conducted between those dead-heaters to determine the right of the greyhound to further participate in the event. The loser of the ballot will become the last qualifier after all other equally (*like*) placed greyhounds.

Should the number of equally (*like*) placed greyhounds (excluding the loser of the ballot) still exceed the number of remaining runners required for the field (or reserve positions) those greyhounds will then be selected based on their time run. Greyhounds equal on times will be balloted, if necessary, with the loser of the ballot becoming the next qualifier.

Similar principles to those above apply in the selection of fields for semi-finals or consolations.

Should a greyhound be prohibited from taking its place in the final for whatever reason, RWWA may substitute in its place the next qualifier.

7.11 *Maiden Series Finals*

Where a series of races for Maiden greyhounds are held consisting of heats and a final, a greyhound which has qualified for the final and wins any other race before the final is held, is not eligible to compete in that final.

7.12 *Feature Event Box Draws*

It is RWWA's preference that a manual box draw is completed for all feature events on the Racing Calendar unless circumstances prevent the draw from being completed. Such box draw will be conducted under the supervision of the Stewards.

7.13 Disqualification of Greyhounds

A greyhound awarded first place in a penalty/award event following the disqualification of the original winner will be penalised one full grade and retain any outs from the lower grade.

Greyhounds will not be penalised a grade in the following circumstances:

- When the win was in a Maiden event and the greyhound has broken its Maiden status in the meantime.
- When the greyhound's current grade is higher than it was in the race it is being awarded (number of races to win, or outs not considered).

If the greyhound has any unfulfilled commitments at the time when official notification of the disqualification is received from the Stewards it will not be processed until after those commitments have been completed.

7.13 Greyhound Racing Grading Review Panel

A Greyhound Racing Grading Review Panel provides a review and amendment process for any grading issue including guidelines, policies and rules contained in the RWWA Racing Aims and Grading Policy.

Industry participants can approach any member of the Panel on matters of grading. The Panel will meet, if and when required, to discuss grading issues and will vote to amend the Grading Rules if a change is warranted. All amendments to the RWWA Racing Aims and Grading Policy will be submitted to the RWWA Integrity Assurance Committee for approval.

Membership of the Greyhound Racing Grading Review Panel shall be:

Three (3) from RWWA including:

- *The Manager Greyhound Racing (or equivalent)*
- *The Grader*
- *The Assistant Grader*

Three (3) industry representatives, independent of RWWA and/or WAGRA, appointed by RWWA for a two-year term.

The panel will be chaired by the Executive General Manager Racing (or equivalent).

This page has been left blank intentionally.

8.0 UNFULFILLED COMMITMENTS (ENGAGEMENTS)

8.1 *Current Policy*

Any greyhound with a commitment to compete at a race meeting yet to be conducted (i.e. drawn in a field, not just as a reserve) will not be graded into another race meeting until it has completed its unfulfilled commitment (engagement). Exceptions to this policy will apply to greyhounds with unfulfilled commitments when:

- They are nominated for a heat of a feature event.
- They are nominated for a Saturday night meeting at Cannington.
- They are a last start winner or placegetter (any Class) nominated for a Country Class meeting at Northam.
- Their commitment to compete is at a Country Class race meeting at Northam.
- The waiving of unfulfilled commitments is considered necessary by RWWA when grading meetings around holiday seasons such as Easter, Xmas and the New Year etc.
- Insufficient nominations for any programmed event provide the Grader with the opportunity to draw these greyhounds in a field or as a reserve.

Note: The exceptions detailed in bullet points 1 to 5 above will not apply to Maiden greyhounds nominated for a Maiden event.

8.2 *Feature Event Finalists*

A greyhound, upon qualifying for a feature event final (in the field or as a reserve), may be graded into another event and must start in that event.

A greyhound, drawn in another event prior to qualifying for a feature event final (in the field or as a reserve), may be withdrawn Steward's permission, without penalty, if the trainer seeks such permission.

In a situation where a greyhound is required for a feature event final (in the field or as a reserve), because withdrawals have occurred prior to the grading of that meeting, clause 2 above shall apply.

8.3 *Grading Issues*

In cases where unfulfilled commitments have not been waived, greyhounds with commitments will be graded into a race meeting behind all greyhounds without commitments, using their appropriate Order of Choice ranking. Last start reserve status and the 35 day rule will not be applicable to these greyhounds, nor would dropping a grade should the greyhound have an unfulfilled commitment in an event of similar class and grade type.

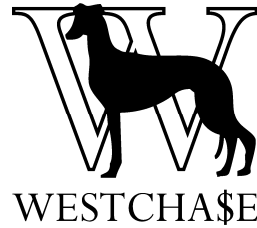
8.4 Free To Alls and Mixed Grade Races

The Grader may consider running a Mixed Grade Race when greyhounds with unfulfilled commitments are nominated for a programmed event in order to ensure that the maximum number of greyhounds nominated for the meeting can gain a start or a reserve position.

Greyhounds with unfulfilled commitments being graded into a field or a reserve position will be placed into a Free To All or Mixed Grade Race (as a greyhound from the lowest grade) before those greyhounds from the same grade without a commitment provided:

- The greyhounds concerned have any form ranking above 'unplaced in their last three (3) starts'
- If the greyhounds have unplaced form they will only be used in front of unplaced runners without commitments.

9.0 WESTCHA\$E INCENTIVE SCHEME



9.1 *Introduction*

The WESTCHA\$E Incentive Scheme is the breeding incentive scheme for greyhound racing in Western Australia. The aims of the scheme are to provide:

- An on-going incentive for the breeding and purchase of City Class greyhounds with a view to ensuring the on-going strength and competitiveness of city racing in Western Australia.
- An incentive to local breeders and thereby foster the development of a significant, sustainable and responsible Western Australian greyhound breeding industry.

All WA bred greyhounds are eligible for the WESTCHA\$E Incentive Scheme. Greyhounds are classified as WA bred as long as they were whelped in Western Australia, irrespective of the location of the sire and dam or where the actual service took place.

9.2 *How does WESTCHA\$E work?*

WESTCHA\$E bonuses are paid to the owners and breeders of all WA bred greyhounds winning any City Class event for the full duration of their racing career.

WA bred City Class Feature Event Final winners are eligible for a Feature Final WESTCHA\$E bonus. This bonus is applicable to all City Class Feature Finals that are not Group Races or WA Bred Only Feature Events which both have a specific bonus.

WA bred Group Race Heat and Final winners are eligible for a Group Race Heat or Final WESTCHA\$E bonus respectively. The value of the bonus is based upon the Group status of the event.

All WA bred greyhounds winning City Class Maiden events are eligible for a significant initial reward for winning their first ever race. The City Class Maiden WESTCHA\$E bonus is higher than that paid for other regular City Class events.

All WA bred greyhounds winning Provincial (405m or 492m) or Country Class (492m or 509m) Maiden or Juvenile events are also eligible for a somewhat smaller Maiden WESTCHA\$E bonus.

Finally the breeders of greyhounds winning select WA Bred Feature Events qualify for a substantial WESTCHAS\$E bonus. These features are specifically open to WA bred greyhounds only, with events scheduled across all three race classes and a variety of distances.

The scheme's signature event – "The WESTCHAS\$E" is the premier WA Bred Only Feature Event in bonus terms, with connections of all runners competing in the final receiving bonuses. This is the only event conducted in WA where WESTCHAS\$E bonuses are payable to non-winners.

There is no registration process whatsoever for the scheme and bonuses are managed by IRIS and paid to the registered owners and breeders in the same manner as stakes. Whilst WESTCHAS\$E bonuses are registered against individual greyhounds they are not combined with a greyhound's career earnings.

9.3 *What are the returns from WESTCHAS\$E?*

The WESTCHAS\$E Incentive Scheme itself, and the bonuses paid from the Scheme are monitored and amended as part of the development of the RWWA Distribution Model each racing year.

The current WESTCHAS\$E Bonus table is included as Appendix 2.

9.4 *How is WESTCHAS\$E funded?*

WESTCHAS\$E is fully funded by an industry contribution from RWWA. It is currently entirely non-contributory for industry participants, one of very few such schemes in Australia.

10.0 STAKEMONEY AND INDUSTRY PAYMENTS

10.1 *Stakemoney Policy*

Stakemoney is paid to the first four placegetters in all races with the exception of feature event finals. A set amount is paid to fourth placegetters, depending on the race class. Stakes for the first three placegetters are paid on a 70:20:10 basis of total stakes (subject to rounding), with the amount for fourth place being deducted on a similar percentage basis from the first three placegetters.

Stakes for the first three placegetters in feature event finals is paid on a 66.5%, 19%, 9.5% basis of total stakes with 1% to all unplaced runners (subject to rounding). Should the 1% for fourth place be less than the set amount for fourth place in that race class, the difference will be deducted on a similar percentage basis from the first three placegetters.

Stakemoney levels are monitored and amended as part of the development of the RWWA Distribution Model each racing year.

The current stakemoney tables are included as Appendix 3.

10.2 *Stayers Incentive*

A Stayers Incentive was introduced on 1 February, 2001 whereby new levels of stakemoney were set for Distance Grade events. Since that date, stakemoney for these events has been paid at a one grade higher level (when compared to the corresponding grade in the Sprint and Middle Distance Grades) and a new level established for Free To Alls.

The current Distance Grade stakemoney table is also included as part of Appendix 3.

10.3 *Release of Stakemoney Following Swabs*

Stakes payments will be withheld pending the result of a swab where the payment to the connections of any greyhound equals, or exceeds \$15,000.

The above limits apply irrespective of the actual placing involved – stakes for placegetters may be withheld, should they also equal or exceed the levels specified.

10.4 Abandoned Meeting and/or Races

PLEASE NOTE:

The industry participant payments detailed in Sections 10.4.1 and 10.4.2 shall be made to the owner/s. These payments are compensation payments only and are not considered as stake money. They will not appear as career earnings for participants or greyhounds.

10.4.1 Abandoned Meeting

Where a meeting is abandoned after 8am on the day it is scheduled to be held, the following industry participant payments will apply:

- \$40 per runner eligible to compete at the time of the abandonment, should the meeting be abandoned after the advertised time for the commencement of kennelling.
- \$20 per runner eligible to compete at the time of abandonment, should the meeting be abandoned prior to the advertised time for the commencement of kennelling.

10.4.2 Abandoned Races (Part Meeting)

Where a race, or races, at a meeting are abandoned the following industry participant payments will apply:

- \$40 per runner eligible to compete at the time of the abandonment.

10.5 No Races

The Abandoned Meeting and/or Races policy detailed in Section 10.4 does not apply to 'no races'. In the case where Stewards declare a 'no race', the RWWA Rules of Greyhound Racing shall apply.

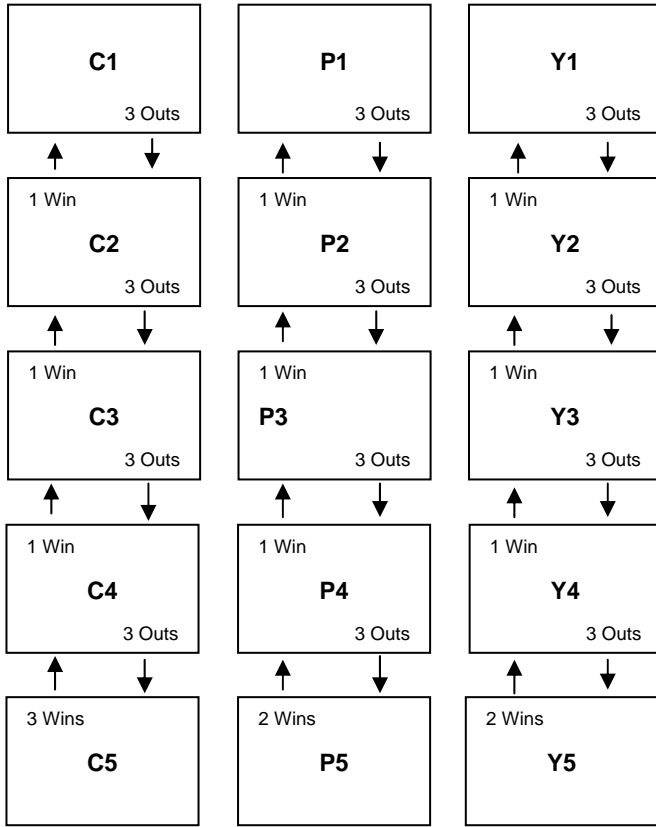
11.0 GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Authority	Racing and Wagering Western Australia (RWWA).
C	City Class or Grade.
Distance Grade	Formerly 740m Grade. WA events over 715m, 721m & 744m affect a greyhound's Distance Grade.
Divide	Process whereby IRIS separates greyhounds into different divisions in multiple divisions of any event and in heats and semi-finals of a feature event or non-feature series.
Feature Event	Any event specifically listed on the Racing Calendar or event that requires entry via a specific Feature Event Nomination Form.
Free To All	An event graded to include greyhounds from a minimum of three (3) different grades.
Graded Race	An event that, when conducted, affects the grade of greyhounds that competed in the event. Maidens, Juveniles and non-penalty events such as Age Classics are not considered graded races.
GRGRP	Greyhound Racing Grading Review Panel responsible for the ongoing review and amendment of the RWWA Racing Aims and Grading Policy.
Guarding	Method whereby greyhounds owned and/or trained in similar interests are separated as far as possible in multiple divisions of any event and in heats and semi-finals of a feature event or non-feature series. This forms part of the divide process.
IRIS	Racing Information System dedicated to the management of greyhound racing in WA.
Kanyana eligible	Provincial Grade 5 or greyhound eligible to win a Provincial Sprint Grade 5 event.
Middle Distance Grade	Formerly 638m Grade. WA events over 588m, 642m & 647m affect a greyhound's Middle Distance Grade.
Mixed Grade Race	An event graded to include greyhounds from two (2) different grades.
Order of Choice	The order in which greyhounds are selected for any event.
Out	An unplaced run in a grade where unplaced runs count towards dropping a grade.
P	Provincial Class or Grade.
P5	Provincial Sprint Grade 5.
P5 eligible	Greyhound eligible to win a Provincial Sprint Grade 5 event (also known as Kanyana eligible).
Qualify	Method whereby a Maiden greyhound earns the right to compete in a Maiden event.
RWWA	Racing and Wagering Western Australia (sometimes used to signify the Greyhound Racing Department within RWWA).
Racing Calendar	A calendar that includes race dates. Also may refer to a magazine or other publication that includes race dates, race programmes and other racing-related information.
Series	An event contested via heats and finals or heats, semi-finals and final.
Sprint Grade	Formerly 530m Grade. WA events over 297m, 302m, 405m, 492m, 509m & 530m affect a greyhound's Sprint Grade.
Y	Country Class or Grade.

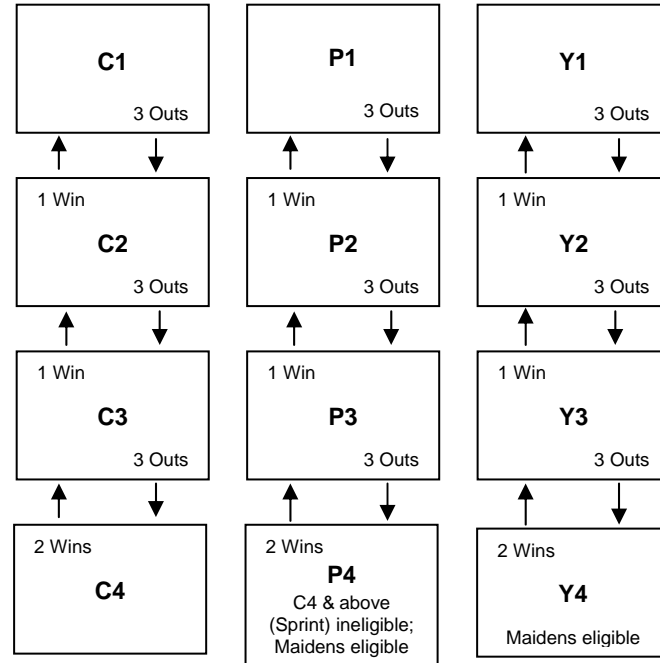
APPENDIX 1

THE GRADING SYSTEM AT A GLANCE

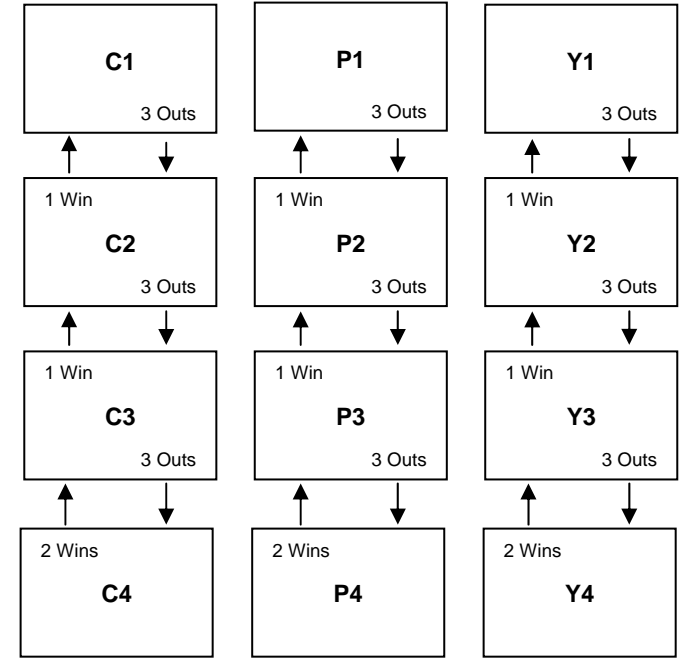
SPRINT GRADE



MIDDLE DISTANCE GRADE



DISTANCE GRADE



City
Maiden
Winner
Only

2 C or P plus 2 Y Wins
No City Graded winners allowed.
Any number of Provincial & Country wins
allowed. 24-month age restriction.
JUVENILE
Maidens eligible

1 Win
Must be qualified for the venue
& over the distance
MAIDEN

Grading Restriction

- A greyhound's Country Grade cannot be lower than its Provincial Grade, nor can its Provincial Grade be lower than its City Grade in any grade type.

APPENDIX 2

WESTCHAS\$ BONUSES (Effective 31 July, 2009)

WESTCHAS\$ Bonuses based on Race Class / Type	Returns to the Connections of WA Bred Winners	
	Owners	Breeders
Group Race Finals		
Group 1 Perth Cup (530m) & Galaxy (715m)	\$12,500	\$12,500
Group 2 All Star Sprint, WA Oaks & WA Derby (530m)	\$5,000	\$5,000
Group 3 Birthday Cup (405m); "The Schweppes" (492m); Young Stars Classic, Sprint Challenge & Perth Cup Consolation (530m); Australian Stayers Invitation & Stayers Challenge (715m)	\$3,000	\$3,000
Group Race Heats		
Group 1 As above	\$3,000	\$3,000
Group 2 As above	\$1,500	\$1,500
Group 3 As above	\$1,000	\$1,000
Feature Finals		
All non-Group Race, non-WA Bred City Class Finals	\$2,000	\$2,000
City Class Events		
All City Class winners	\$650	\$650
Maidens		
City Class	\$750	\$750
Provincial & Country Class (and Juveniles)	\$400	\$400
WA Bred Only Feature Events		
City Class WA Bred Championship, Appealathon Cup & "The Sandi's Me Mum" (530m)	\$650	\$2,650
Provincial Class "The Shorts" & "The Great Western" (405m); "The Sandgroper" (492m) & "The Claude Powell" (Cannington - 530m)		\$1,000
Country Class WA Bred Country Cup (509m)		\$600
The Scheme's Signature Event - "The WESTCHAS\$"		
Winner	\$650	\$7,500
Second		\$5,000
Third		\$2,500
Fourth		\$1,000
Other Unplaced Runners		\$500

APPENDIX 3

GREYHOUND STAKEMONEY (Effective 31 July, 2009)

Sprint & Middle Distance Grades

City Class

GRADE	TOTAL \$	1st \$	2nd \$	3rd \$	4th \$
Maiden	2,845	1,900	545	275	125
Juvenile	2,845	1,900	545	275	125
C5	4,415	3,000	860	430	125
C4	4,770	3,250	930	465	125
C3	5,125	3,500	1,000	500	125
C2	5,485	3,750	1,070	540	125
C1/FTA/Heat	5,835	4,000	1,140	570	125
Heat (Group 3)	7,270	5,000	1,430	715	125
Heat (Group 2)	7,985	5,500	1,570	790	125
Heat (Group 2)	8,700	6,000	1,715	860	125
Heat (Group 1)	14,415	10,000	2,860	1,430	125

Provincial Class

GRADE	TOTAL \$	1st \$	2nd \$	3rd \$	4th \$
Maiden	1,345	900	260	130	55
Juvenile	1,345	900	260	130	55
P5	1,555	1,050	300	150	55
P4	1,665	1,125	320	165	55
P3	1,775	1,200	345	175	55
P2	1,880	1,275	365	185	55
P1/FTA/Heat	1,985	1,350	385	195	55
Heat (Carn Cup)	2,345	1,600	460	230	55
Heat (Bday Cup)	3,630	2,500	715	360	55

Country Class

GRADE	TOTAL \$	1st \$	2nd \$	3rd \$	4th \$
Maiden	675	450	125	70	30
Juvenile	675	450	125	70	30
Y5	745	500	140	75	30
Y4	820	550	155	85	30
Y3	890	600	170	90	30
Y2	960	650	185	95	30
Y1/FTA/Heat	1,030	700	200	100	30
Heat (Ann Cup)	1,460	1,000	285	145	30

APPENDIX 3

GREYHOUND STAKEMONEY (Effective 31 July, 2009)

Distance Grade

City Class

GRADE	TOTAL \$	1st \$	2nd \$	3rd \$	4th \$
C4	5,125	3,500	1,000	500	125
C3	5,485	3,750	1,070	540	125
C2	5,835	4,000	1,140	570	125
C1/FTA/Heat	6,200	4,250	1,215	610	125
Heat (Group 1)	14,415	10,000	2,860	1,430	125

Provincial Class

GRADE	TOTAL \$	1st \$	2nd \$	3rd \$	4th \$
P4	1,775	1,200	345	175	55
P3	1,880	1,275	365	185	55
P2	1,985	1,350	385	195	55
P1/FTA/Heat	2,095	1,425	410	205	55

Country Class

GRADE	TOTAL \$	1st \$	2nd \$	3rd \$	4th \$
Y4	890	600	170	90	30
Y3	960	650	185	95	30
Y2	1,030	700	200	100	30
Y1/FTA/Heat	1,105	750	215	110	30