Greyhound Racing Victoria Grading Guidelines

Amendments Summary

Effective 21st December 2016

- Amendment to Weighted Points table – Grade X67H and X67F at Level 5 Metro, Level 6 Provincial, and Level 7 Provincial Half Stakes
- Adjustment of Aged Prize Money table
- Delete reference to No Reserve option being removed on a trial basis

4.1 (j) Add eligibility clause for Rank Limit event

4.3 (e)(iv) Grade 5 or better Rank Limit events to be non-penalty

5.2 Amendment to Provincial Ranking system – (add all Tier 3 grades exempt)

8.2 Delete Reserve Metro can be drawn into Provincial meeting on the same day.

14 Add reference of GRV redraw procedure (GAR 22(7))

Effective 7th March 2018

1.3 Replaced to provide fields of less than seven starters.

4.1(g) Add Grade 6 Heat and Grade 6 Final

4.3(a)(ii) New - Grade 4 greyhound may be omitted from a Mixed 4/5 event.

4.3(e)(iv) Add the words "winners of" to clarify non-penalty status of rank limit winners

5.3 Tier 3 Ranking system – amend field selection by APM for consistency.

- Add new Tier 3 time standards for new Horsham track

5.6(1) Add words "Semi Final and Final" and "with no guarding applied of the Owner or Trainer.

12.2 Remove non-operational tracks, add Category 3 days for Vic tracks at Half Stakes

Include:

- Group Race Grading policy
- Frequently asked questions (FAQ'S) added to the end of the document.

Effective 6th April 2018

4.5 Add new APM Meeting type description and Reserve allocation process

5.9 New Ranking system for APM Meetings

Effective 14th March 2019

5.9 Add new 'Bottom Up' APM meeting description and clarify the application of the 50% rule.

Effective 3rd June 2020

4.2(d) Change the non-penalty Rank Limit to 200 from 250.

4.3(e)(iv) Change the non-penalty Rank Limit to 200 from 250.

5.3 Add new Tier 3 time standard for Shepparton 385m

Effective 12th September 2020

12.2   Remove "All Tracks & Category Table", include "Victorian Meeting Types and Category Table"

12.3   Add "NZ & Interstate Tracks & Category Table"

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GRADING GUIDELINES – Effective for Meetings graded from 12th September 2020

The following grading guidelines are provided for the information of Members. The GRV Grading process uses the GRV FastTrack Grading System for the grading of race fields at race meetings.

The introduction of the GRV FastTrack Grading System provides for the automated process of selecting greyhounds for each event conducted.

These grading guidelines form the basis under which all Victorian race fields are produced. While the GRV Graders are required to adhere to these grading guidelines when preparing race fields, they have also been granted flexibility and ultimate discretion with the preparation of race fields.

This process is conducted in two main stages. Firstly the 'Meeting Calender' determines the meeting status - which 'Selection and Ranking Method' is used to select the greyhounds, and secondly the 'Race Type' determines what grade or predetermined requirements for each greyhound that will be selected.

1. GENERAL GRADING

1.1 GRV FastTrack Grading System will always attempt to provide full fields of eight (8) greyhounds, plus up to two (2) reserve greyhounds from the final list of nominations received.

1.2 For any advertised event, a minimum of seven (7) nominations are required to conduct that event.

1.3 The GRV Grader may elect to program an event when less than seven (7) nominations have been received.

1.4 For the purposes of guideline 1.1, the following matters shall be considered in the selection process:

(a) The GRV Grader, from the nominations received for the meeting and feature events advertised, shall determine the types and distances of events to be conducted at the meeting using the selection methods as required within the GRV FastTrack Grading System.

(b) The GRV Grader and the Club will determine the order in which events are to be conducted at the meeting.

(c) Where a Club receives insufficient nominations for a meeting, GRV may extend the closing time for receipt of nominations for the meeting.

(d) The eligibility of a greyhound to compete in an event shall be determined in accordance with the Rules.

(e) A nominee of the Club shall be entitled to be present when the GRV Grader conducts the grading process to select the fields for the meeting.

1.5 GRV FastTrack Grading System will select greyhounds from the total pool of nominations received for that advertised event, distance, and grade. If the Owner or the Trainer wishes to be considered for a different nomination pool, then they must nominate for the alternative distance, grade, or advertised event.

1.6 For the purposes of grading, a city win shall constitute a win worth $1,750 or more to the winner at the following tracks - The Meadows, Sandown Park, Wentworth Park, Albion Park, Cannington, Angle Park, Hobart, and Launceston (excluding Maiden events).

1.7 For the purposes of grading events with a prizemoney clause, all GOBIS, VBIS and VicBred bonus money earned will not be included in total prizemoney.

1.8 A Club may conduct a Handicap event, if they have a set of handicap boxes and required equipment to conduct same. The GRV Grader may select greyhounds to compete in a handicap event at the Club, should nominations be received of more than three (3) grades of greyhounds (at the track and distance) which are required to start from their individual marks – noting Grade 5, Grade 6 and Grade 7 greyhounds shall be selected based on their current ranking, and start from the 10-metre mark.

Handicap Marks:

Greyhound Grade	Handicap Mark
Grade 1	6 Metres
Grade 2	7 Metres
Grade 3	8 Metres
Grade 4	9 Metres
Grade 5, 6, or 7	10 Metres

Any Grade 1 greyhound which has won an event at the track and distance shall advance by one (1) Metre for each subsequent win.

1.9 The GRV Grader can create a Restricted Win event based on nominations received. This will be at the GRV Graders discretion and may be applied with a focus on distance category events.

1.10 Where a Club receives insufficient nominations for a 'Multi stage' advertised event (ie. Heats into a Final at that venue) the GRV Grader shall collapse the advertised event to a 'Single stage' event. The allocated Final prizemoney (and bonuses) will be allocated to the now 'Single stage' event which will also be conducted on the original first stage meeting date.

2. SELECTION METHODS

Selection methods are the methods by which greyhounds are placed into individual races. It will be a fully automated process, and the race type determines which selection method will be used during race/meeting grading.

Aged Prize Money

Selection methods are based on AGED PRIZE MONEY. A greyhound's aged prize money is defined as:

0-30 days ago,	100% of the value of the prize money is counted
31-60 days ago,	80% of the value of the prize money is counted
61-120 days ago,	60% of the value of the prize money is counted
121-180 days ago,	40% of the value of the prize money is counted
181-360 days ago,	20% of the value of the prize money is counted
361-540 days ago,	2% of the value of the prize money is counted
541 days' plus	1% of the value of the prize money is counted
TOTAL	The total AGED prize money is the sum of the values above

Selection Method 1 – Banded
(Refer to Banded Algorithm)

Banded is the concept of allocating the greyhounds into races so that greyhounds of a similar level are racing against each other. Greyhounds that have been drawn as reserves will also be allocated to the corresponding races based on their level.

That is, greyhounds will be ordered by aged prize money, and allocated to the available races grouped by their order. If the race type does not have enough greyhounds to fill all races, preference will be given to filling evenly all the races, and subsequently the race that has the higher-ranked greyhounds. This is also true for reserve greyhounds of a race type. For reserves, the greyhound with the higher aged prize money should always be reserve on the better-quality races. However, greyhounds with the highest rank will receive multiple reserve positions before other greyhounds.

The grading of a Novice Event will incorporate the highest ranked Grade 7's as determined by the GRV Grader followed by the best performed Maidens.

Some examples:

Total No of greyhounds	No of reserves	No of races	RESULT
20	4	2	Non-reserve Greyhounds are ordered 1-16 by aged prize money, and the reserves are ordered 17-20 by aged prize money. Race 1 will have greyhounds 1-8 with 17 and 18 as reserves, Race 2 will have greyhounds 9-16 with 19-20 as reserves
19	3	2	Non-reserve Greyhounds are ordered 1-16 by aged prize money, and the reserves are ordered 17-19 by aged prize money. Race 1 will have greyhounds 1-8 with 17 and 18 as reserve, Race 2 will have greyhounds 9-16 with 17 and 19 as reserves
18	2	2	Non-reserve Greyhounds are ordered 1-16 by aged prize money, and the reserves are ordered 17-18 by aged prize money. Race 1 will have greyhounds 1-8 with 17 and 18 as reserve, Race 2 will have greyhounds 9-16 with 17 and 18 as reserves
25	1	3	Non-reserve Greyhounds are ordered 1-25 by aged prize money. Race 1 will have greyhounds 1-8, Race 2 will have greyhounds 9-16, Race 3 will have greyhounds 17-24. Greyhound 25 will be the reserve in all 3 events.

Reserve Selection (Except APM Meetings)

Reserves are ordered according to their rank and allocated a number of reserve positions by the highest rank. Reserves are then assigned to races based on their aged prize money.

Eg. 3 races, 6 reserve positions to be filled, 4 reserve greyhounds available

1. Reserve greyhounds are ordered by rank
2. Reserve positions are allocated based on rank so that the highest ranked greyhounds obtain more reserve positions than lower ranked greyhounds. However, all reserve greyhounds must be given at least one reserve position.

greyhound 1 rank 1 aged prize money $500
greyhound 2 rank 3 aged prize money $700
greyhound 3 rank 4 aged prize money $200
greyhound 4 rank 2 aged prize money $1000

3. Positions are then allocated to races in order of aged prizemoney

Race 1	Race 2	Race 4
greyhound 4	greyhound 4	greyhound 1
greyhound 2	greyhound 1	greyhound 3

Greyhound's 4 and 1 gained an extra position and the reserve greyhounds were ordered by their APM. These greyhounds were assigned one at a time filling up the first race before moving on the next. Greyhound 4 would have 2 allocations in the first race but because a reserve greyhound can't be in the same race twice, it takes the next possible spot which is in race 2.

The option to select 'No Reserve' has been removed to increase overall field sizes across all levels of races. A trainer who wishes for their greyhound to not be drawn as a Reserve is required to contact the Graders, where the Grader will then assess the request – with travel time and the finalised time of scratchings given consideration.

Selection Method 2 - Seeded/Guarded
(Refer to Seeded Algorithm)

Seeding is the concept of evenly distributing greyhounds to races. When choosing to seed, there is also the possibility of guarding, which is the concept of having greyhounds from the same interest (trainer) not competing against each other. With this particular selection method, the greyhounds are primarily seeded, and guarded.

Aged prize money will order the greyhounds and evenly distribute them amongst the available races. After each race has been allocated one greyhound each, the system will look to see if any of those allocations result in firstly a race have greyhounds from the same trainer, and then a race having greyhounds from the same owner. If it does, the system looks to swap those allocations for any combination which could result in guarding being minimized for any one greyhound. Guarding also applies to the allocation of reserves.

<h2 style="text-align:center">Selection Method 3 - Guarded/Random</h2>
<p style="text-align:center">*(Refer to Seeded Algorithm)*</p>

In random guarded, all greyhounds will receive a position so that the guarding rule is not violated.

Reserves will then be allocated by the greyhounds with highest rank receiving first preference for multiple positions, and allocating all greyhounds to a random position without violating guarding or having the same greyhound in the same race.

Some examples:
Trainer 1: Greyhounds 1,2,3,4
Trainer 2: Greyhounds 5,6,7
Trainer 3: Greyhounds 8,9
Trainer 4: Greyhounds 10,11
Individual Trainers: Greyhounds 12-16

Race 1	Race 2
1,4,5,8,10,12,14,16	2,3,6,7,9,11,13,15

<h2 style="text-align:center">Selection Method 4 - Fully Random</h2>

All greyhounds are randomly drawn into the field.

<h2 style="text-align:center">Selection Method 5 - Seeded/Random/Guarded</h2>
<p style="text-align:center">*(Refer to Seeded/Random/Guarded Algorithm)*</p>

The top 25% are seeded – 8 greyhounds = 2 seeded, 5 greyhounds = 2 seeded, 4 greyhounds = 1 seeded.

The remaining 75% are randomly drawn without violating guarding.

<h2 style="text-align:center">Selection Method 6 - Top Down</h2>
<p style="text-align:center">*(Refer to Top Down Algorithm)*</p>

Banded selection method is used here however ordering is based purely on rank, not on APM.
Banded selection method is used for reserve draws (not just based on rank).

3. ALGORITHMS

Basic Algorithm

1. Sort greyhounds based on sorting method*1
2. Get current race
3. Get next greyhound from sorted greyhounds
4. Find the first race that the greyhound can be allocated to without causing any violations*3 and allocate it. (Start looking for a race at the current race and move forwards)
5. If no appropriate race can be found, then find the first previously allocated greyhound that can be placed in the race and allocate it instead. Allocate the current greyhound to the race of the previous greyhound.
6. Go to the next race*2
7. Repeat from step 2 unless there are no more greyhounds.

Banded Algorithm

1. Use the basic algorithm with the following points:
*1 - Order greyhounds by APM starting with the greyhound with highest
*2 - The next race is the current race unless it is full. IE. Race 1 until it has 8 greyhounds. Then race 2 etc.
*3 - No violations

Top Down Algorithm

1. Use the basic algorithm with the following points:
*1 - Order greyhounds by rank
*2 - The next race is the current race unless it is full. IE. Race 1 until it has 8 greyhounds. Then race 2 etc.
*3 - No violations

Seeded Algorithm

1. Use the basic algorithm with the following points:
*1 - Random Guarded will provide a random sort. Seeded Guarded will sort by APM
*2 - Races follow the ordering 1,2,3,3,2,1,1,2 etc.
*3 - Violating guarding

GRV Local Rule 29.2 – Consecutive Day

A greyhound shall not be eligible to compete in more than one (1) Event over any two (2) day period, save that a greyhound may be permitted to compete in more than one (1) Event at a Coursing meeting.
[Amended 01/05/14]

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4. HIERARCHY OF EVENTS

4.1 The eligibility of a greyhound to compete in an event shall be determined in accordance with the following hierarchy of events (in ascending order):

(a) A greyhound shall be deemed to be eligible for a Maiden event if the greyhound:

(i) At the time of **starting**, has never won a race (except Maiden qualifying trials); or

(ii) In relation to a Maiden event which consists of heats and a final, it wins a heat or otherwise qualifies for the Maiden Final or Semi Final, and does not win another race before the Maiden Final or Semi Final is held remains eligible.

(iii) If a greyhound which has qualified for the Maiden Qualy Final, Maiden Final, or Maiden Semi Final and wins another race before the Maiden Qualy Final, Maiden Final or Maiden Semi Final is held, it is then ineligible to compete in the Maiden Qualy Final, Maiden Final or Maiden Semi Final.

(b) A greyhound shall be deemed to be eligible for a Debutant event if, at the time of grading, the greyhound has no previous race form (including Maiden qualifying trials).

(c) A greyhound shall be deemed to be eligible for a Novice event if the greyhound:

(i) at the time of grading, has never won a Race (except Maiden qualifying trials); or

(ii) has only won one (1) race.

(d) A greyhound shall be deemed to be eligible for a Grade 7 event if at the time of grading, the greyhound has won one (1) Race.

(e) A greyhound shall be deemed to be eligible for a Grade 6 event if at the time of grading, the greyhound has won two (2) Races.

(f) A greyhound shall be deemed to be eligible for a Grade 5 event if at the time of grading, the greyhound has won a minimum of three (3) Races.

(g) A greyhound shall be deemed to be eligible for a Grade 4 event if the greyhound has won a Grade 5 event, or both a Grade 6 Heat and a Grade 6 Final of the same series, at the same track and distance.

(h) A greyhound is eligible for a Veterans Race if the greyhound is four (4) years old or older on the date of the race meeting. All Veterans Races are non-penalty.

(i) A greyhound shall be eligible for Restricted Win event if at the time of grading, the greyhound has not exceeded the total applicable win count.

(j) A greyhound shall be eligible for a Rank Limit event, if at the time of grading, the greyhound's ranking is not less than the advertised limit.

NOTING: Maiden Qualifying Heats do not count as a WIN
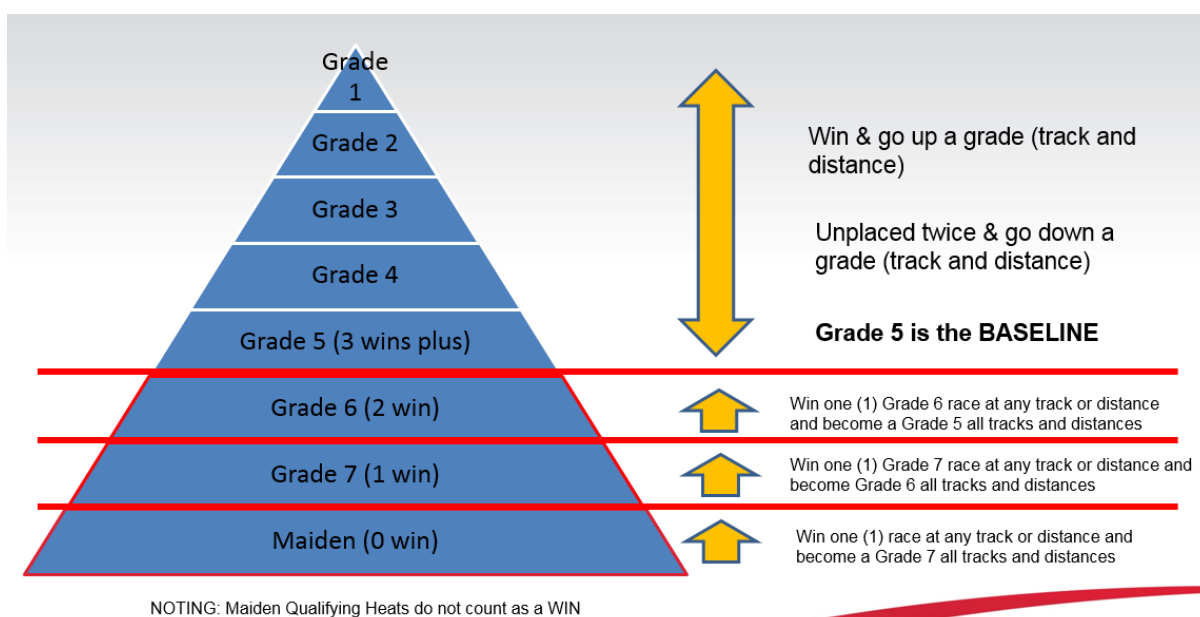
4.2 ADVANCING GRADES

4.2(a) A Greyhound that wins an event as a Maiden shall be eligible for a Grade 7 event at all tracks and distances.

4.2(b) A Greyhound that wins an event as a Grade 7 shall be eligible for a Grade 6 event at all tracks and distances.

4.2(c) A Greyhound that wins an event as a Grade 6 shall be eligible for a Grade 5 event at all tracks and distances.

4.2(d) A Greyhound which wins a Grade 5 or higher Grade event shall be advanced one (1) Grade when it next competes in an event of the same distance at the track which it won. Where the Grade 5 or higher-Grade event has applied a Rank Limit of 200 or more, or the event is at Half Stakes level, the winner shall not be advanced in grade.

4.2(e) Where a Maiden event is conducted by way of heats and a final, a Greyhound which wins both a heat and the final shall after the final be advanced by one (1) grade for each win and shall thereupon be deemed to be eligible for a Grade 6 Event.

4.2(f) Where a Maiden event is conducted by way of heats, semi-final and a final, a Greyhound which wins both a heat, semi-final and the final shall after the final be advanced by one (1) grade for each win and shall thereupon be deemed to be eligible for a Grade 5 Event.

4.2(g) Where a Grade 7 event is conducted by way of heats and a final, a Greyhound which wins both a heat and the final shall after the final be advanced by one (1) grade for each win and shall thereupon be deemed to be eligible for a Grade 5 Event.

4.2(h) Where a Grade 6 event is conducted by way of heats and a final, a Greyhound which wins both a heat and the final shall after the final be advanced by one (1) grade for each win and shall thereupon be deemed to be eligible for a Grade 4 Event at that track and distance. The greyhound shall also be deemed to be eligible for a Grade 5 Event at all tracks other than the track and distance which it won both the heat and final.

4.2(i) Where a Grade 5 event is conducted by way of heats and a final, a Greyhound which wins both a heat and the final shall after the final be advanced by one (1) grade for each win and shall thereupon be deemed to be eligible for a Grade 3 Event.

4.2(j) Where a Greyhound other than a Grade 7, Grade 6, or Grade 5 Greyhound, is unplaced at that track in two (2) starts in a race of the same distance to that of its last win at the track, it shall when it next participates in a race of the same distance at the track, be lowered one (1) Grade.

4.2(k) Where a Greyhound is adjudged to have dead-heated for first place, the Greyhound shall be deemed to have won the event.

4.3 MIXED GRADE, FREE FOR ALL, RESTRICTED WIN AND RANKING LIMIT EVENTS

4.3 (a)(i) A Greyhound is eligible for a Mixed 4/5 event if the greyhound is eligible for a Grade 4 Event or is eligible for a Grade 5 event. When a single advertised event is listed as a 'Mixed 4/5' preference will be given to Grade 4 greyhounds.

4.3 (a)(ii) At the discretion of the Grader, where a greyhound that has been upgraded to Grade 4 because of high performance or by winning a Group race (refer clause 6 page 22), it may be omitted from a provincial Mixed 4/5 event.

4.3 (b) A Greyhound is eligible for a Free For All event if the Greyhound is eligible for a Grade 4, Grade 3, Grade 2, or Grade 1 event.

4.3 (c) Where an event contains only two (2) consecutive Grades of Greyhounds, the event shall be called a Mixed Stake.

4.3 (d)(i) Where an event contains greyhounds that have won a specific number of events, the event shall be called a Restricted Win event with the applicable range of wins published in the race fields.

4.3 (d)(ii) Greyhounds selected for these Restricted Win events will be selected, at the time of grading, based on their current ranking as calculated in accordance with the relevant 'Ranking Method' (refer Section 5).

4.3 (e)(i) Where an event contains greyhounds that have a defined ranking limit (as determined by the greyhound's current Part B number), the event shall be called a Ranking Limit event with the minimum rank published in the race fields.

4.3 (e)(ii) Greyhounds selected for these Ranking Limit events shall be selected, at the time of grading, commencing from those greyhounds that are ranked from the published ranking limit.

4.3 (e)(iii) Any greyhound ranked lower than the limit shall be ineligible to be selected by the Grader in these events.

4.3 (e)(iv) A Rank Limit event of 200 or more shall be non-penalty for winners of Grade 5 or better events. Grade 6, Grade 7, or Maiden Rank Limit events will apply the usual grading change as these are based on total win counts.

4.4 SPECIAL EVENTS

Where a Special Event is conducted by way of a single event, heats and final, or heats, semi-finals and final, a Greyhound may only be included in the field if the Greyhound has been nominated for the Special Event.

4.5 AGED PRIZE MONEY (APM) EVENTS

4.5 (a) Each greyhound will be assessed on its current APM value at the time of grading.

4.5 (b) When multiple events for the same grade and over the same distance are programmed, the Reserve allocation for an APM meeting will apply as per table below, with the next best APM greyhounds (Reserve 9 first, then Reserve 10) being selected as the replacement runners when required because of a scratching. In turn all remaining events of the same grade and distance will be adjusted accordingly.

Race Pool	Runners		Reserves	
	From dog	To dog	Dog	Dog
1	1	8	9	10
2	9	16	17	18
3	17	24	25	26
4	25	32	33	40
5	33	40	41	42
6	41	48	49	50
7	49	56	57	58
8	57	64	65	66
9	65	72	73	74
10	73	80	81	82
11	81	88	89	90
12	89	96	97	98

APM Grades:

APM – For all greyhounds that have won 3 or more races (at the time of grading);

6APM – For greyhounds that have only won 2 races (at the time of grading);

7APM – For greyhounds that have won only 1 race (at the time of grading);

MAPM – For Maiden greyhounds that have not won a race (at the time of **starting**);

RWAPM – For greyhounds that have won the number of races as per the published win limit (at the time of grading).

5. RANKING METHODS – ORDER OF ENTRY

5.1. Ranking System Metro

The ranking system for race types that have selected the 'ranking system metro' will place greyhounds into a specific race type per the following ranking system.

The greyhounds will be ranked based on ordering by their Part A number, and then their Part B number.

Part A number

1. Recent last start winner at the same track and distance (excluding Maiden and non-penalty events)
2. Recent last start placegetter at the same track and distance (excluding non-penalty events).
3. Greyhound dropping in grade at the same track and distance
4. Greyhound drawn as reserve (and did not gain a run) at the previous meeting at the track, when an event of the same meeting type, distance and grade was conducted within the last 28 days.
5. Last start winner in a higher level event at the same distance category
6. Last start winner in the same level event and distance category
7. Last start winner in a higher level event in a different distance category
8. Last start winner at the track in different distance category in:
    (a) a same level event; or
    (b) a higher level event
9. Last start placegetter in a higher level event at the same distance category
10. Greyhounds who have won a Group 1, 2 or 3 in the past six (6) months in the same distance category
11. Greyhounds with the best race form amongst the remainder of nominations as determined by the Chief Grader using the weighted points score table.

Notes:
   (1) The word "recent" for the purposes of the order of entry, shall be defined as meaning 90 days.
   (2) Greyhounds tied on points shall be drawn by random ballot (which is only ever drawn once).
   (3) Maidens are ineligible to compete at a Metropolitan Full Stakes meeting (MEA and SAN), except for a Maiden Semi Final, Maiden Final or a Special Event which allows Maiden greyhounds to be considered.
   (4) Except for rules 3 and 9, Part A numbers do not apply to recent winners and placegetters of Tier 3 and Grade 5 (Non-Penalty) events due to the time and rank restrictions applied.
       Exclusion race types are: *T3-5, T3-6, T3-7, T3-M, T3-RW, 5QH, 6QH, 7QH, MQH, and RWQH.*

Part B number

The greyhound is allocated a Ranking number based on the following table by applying the number of previous starts and awarding the points within the Weighted Points Score Table relative to those starts. An average of the total assessed starts is then determined with 100 base points being added.

Total Starts	Ignore worst	Total Assessed starts
1	0	1
2	1	1
3	1	2
4	1	3
5	2	3
6	2	4
7	2	5
8+	2	6

The points received for a start is determined by the place attained, the meeting type, the track category and the race type when it ran, according to the Weighted Points Score Table.

Each Race Type (Grade) is contained within the Weighted Points Table which provides for the number of points allocated for being placed in the corresponding event. (Please also refer to the levels of each Race type for the three different Track categories.

NOTE: A start means both a race start and a qualifying trial start.

Ranking Calculator example

Greyhound: **Example dog name**

Current

Pl	Dist	Trk	Date	Time	Grade	Points
3	650	SLE	26/12/2016	37.39	GRP1	3
2	650	SLE	20/12/2016	37.35	SH	50
6	720	WPK	6/12/2016	42.93	S	72
1	720	WPK	29/11/2016	41.55	S	12
1	715	SAN	21/11/2016	41.57	GRP1	1
2	715	SAN	13/11/2016	41.94	SH	24
1	715	SAN	30/10/2016	41.46	S	12
1	725	MEA	25/10/2016	42.82	X45	25
					TOTAL	199
					LESS WORST (1)	50
					LESS WORST (2)	72
					New TOTAL	**77**
					AVG.	13
					Plus 100	100
					RANKING	**113**

DISTANCE CATEGORIES

Type	Distances
Sprint Distance	Up to 423 metres
Main Distance	424m – 569m
Staying Distance	570m and over

5.2. Ranking System Provincial
(Includes meetings run at the Metro tracks at Provincial Full Stakes (MEP & SAP) and all Rank Limit meetings)

Part A number

1. Recent last start winner at the same track and distance (except Tier 3 events).

2. Recent last start placegetter at the same track and distance (except Tier 3 events).

3. Greyhound dropping in grade at the same track and distance

4. Greyhound drawn as reserve (and did not gain a run) at the previous meeting at the track, when an event of the same meeting type, distance and grade was conducted within the last 28 days.

5. Last start winner in a higher level event at the same distance category

6. Last start winner in the same level event and distance category

7. Last start winner in a higher level event in a different distance category

8. Last start winner at the track in different distance category

9. Last start placegetter in a higher level event at the same distance category

10. Last start winner in the same level event in a different distance category

11. Winner of last two starts in any Level event or any distance category.

12. Greyhound competed in Tier 3 or Grade 5 Non-Penalty event at last start and broke the Tier 3 time standard.

13. Greyhounds with the best race form amongst the remainder of nominations as determined by the   Chief Grader using the weighted points score table.

Note:

Clause 1 and 2 do not apply to recent winners and placegetters of Tier 3 and Grade 5 (Non-Penalty) events due to the time and rank restrictions applied.

Clause 3 will not apply at a full stakes event if a greyhound has previously been drawn in a field in a Tier 3 Event at the same 'track and distance' and where that Greyhound satisfies the Advancing Grade Clause 4.2(e).

Exclusion race types are: *T3-5, T3-6, T3-7, T3-M, T3-RW, 5QH, 6QH, 7QH, MQH, and RWQH.*

Part B number - Same as Ranking System Metro

Note:

(1) The word "recent" for the purposes of the order of entry shall be defined as meaning 90 days.

(2) A greyhound winning or placing at a non-penalty meeting does not entitle it to automatic entry in a normal Full Stakes meeting.

(3) Reserve rights carry over to the next meeting of the same track distance within the last 28 days.

(4) Greyhounds tied on points shall be drawn by random (which is only ever drawn once).

5.3. Ranking System Tier 3

Tier 3 racing is aimed at providing greater opportunities for lower class Grade 5, 6, 7, and Maiden greyhounds **(Ranked 250+)** that have not run faster than the time standard (as per the Tier 3 Time Standards Table below) in their previous starts in accordance with the Tier 3 Evaluation Table. All Tier 3 events will be run for half of normal provincial prizemoney (unless otherwise indicated) and are non-penalty for Grade 5. Greyhounds must also have competed in Victoria or at Broken Hill, Canberra, Cowra, Goulburn, Mt. Gambier, Temora, Wagga or Young in all their past four starts. Maidens must have had a minimum of two (2) starts (which include qualifying trial starts).

Greyhounds selected will be grouped by their aged prize money (APM) value, and allocated to the available races.

1. Last start winners and placegetters at their **most recent last start** (regardless of track and distance) will gain first preference when next nominating for a TIER 3 event.
2. Greyhounds who were last start drawn as a Reserve at a previous finalised meeting
3. Greyhounds who have had 9 or more unsuccessful nominations since their last start
4. Greyhounds who have had 8 unsuccessful nominations since their last start
5. Greyhounds who have had 7 unsuccessful nominations since their last start
6. Greyhounds who have had 6 unsuccessful nominations since their last start
7. Greyhounds who have had 5 unsuccessful nominations since their last start
8. Greyhounds who have had 4 unsuccessful nominations since their last start
9. Greyhounds who have had 3 unsuccessful nominations since their last start
10. Greyhounds who have had 2 unsuccessful nominations since their last start
11. Greyhounds who have had 1 unsuccessful nomination since their last start
12. The remaining greyhounds will be drawn into the meeting RANDOMLY

Note – a 'finalised meeting' shall be defined as a Meeting with the status of Results finalised.

TIER 3 EVALUATION TABLE

.001 < .100	*1 run outside standard to return*
.101 < .200	*2 runs outside standard to return*
.201 < .300	*3 runs outside standard to return*
.301 +	*4 runs outside standard to return*

TIER 3 TIME STANDARDS (Effective 3rd Jun 2020)
(Victorian Tracks)

Track	Dist.	Time	Track	Dist.	Time
Ballarat (BAL)	390	22.50	**Sale (SLE)**	440	25.40
	450	25.80		520	30.10
	545	31.50		650	37.95
	660	38.70			
			Sandown (SAN & SAP)	515	29.90
Bendigo (BEN)	425	24.30		595	34.73
	500	28.60		715	42.87
	660	38.75			
			Shepparton (SHP)	385	22.30
Cranbourne (CRN)	311	18.05		390	22.50
	520	30.80		450	25.80
	699	42.45		650	38.20
	749	45.23			
			The Meadows (MEA & MEP)	525	30.55
Geelong (GEL)	400	22.90		600	35.00
	460	26.20		725	43.09
	520	30.50			
	596	34.90	**Traralgon (TRA)**	315	18.45
	680	39.70		395	23.10
				525	30.90
Healesville (HVL)	300	16.90		595	34.80
	350	19.50		665	39.80
			Warragul (WGL)	400	23.10
Horsham (HOR)	**410**	**23.80**		460	26.35
	485	**27.75**		680	39.96
			Warrnambool (WBL)	390	22.50
				450	25.80
				650	38.11

NOTE: All Handicap event results will not be used in Tier 3 assessment

TIER 3 TIME STANDARDS (Effective 5/11/2015)
(Interstate Tracks)

Broken Hill (BHL)	295	17.50
	375	21.65
	525	30.80
	758	46.70

Mt. Gambier (MTG)	277	16.40
	400	23.63
	512	30.35
	600	35.87
	732	44.80

Canberra (ACT)	310	18.12
	440	25.72
	530	31.02
	600	35.22

Temora (TEM)	330	19.10
	457	26.10
	570	33.00
	732	43.05

Cowra (COW)	327	19.44
	453	26.85
	524	31.14
	621	36.89

Wagga (WAG)	320	18.45
	400	23.10
	525	30.60
	760	46.30

Goulburn (GBN)	350	20.40
	440	25.40

Young (YNG)	347	20.55
	520	30.74

5.4. Ranking System Maiden.

Part A number (excludes qualifying races where it does not specify qualifying trial)

1. Greyhound is last start placed at that track and distance (excluding Qualifying trial - MQH)
2. Greyhound is last start placed at any track and distance (excluding Qualifying trial - MQH)
3. Greyhound drawn as reserve (and did not gain a run) at the previous meeting at the track, when an event of the same meeting type and distance was conducted within the last 28 days.
4. Greyhounds with one (1) start only (includes MQH)
5. Greyhounds with two (2) starts only (includes MQH)
6. First starter with three (3) or more unsuccessful nominations
7. First starter with two (2) unsuccessful nominations
8. First starter with one (1) unsuccessful nominations
9. First Starter at First Nomination
10. Greyhound competed in Tier 3 event at last start and broke the Tier 3 time standard.
11. Greyhounds with the best race form among the remainder of nominations as determined by the Chief Grader using the weighted points score table.

Part B number

Same as Ranking System metro

5.5. Ranking System Qualifying Meetings

Qualifying meetings are limited to a maximum of 96 starters. Should a Trainer nominate more than one greyhound for a distance and grade, they are advised to forward their preference of selection to the Graders via email prior to nominations closing. The fields for each trial will comprise of a minimum of 5 starters. The preference is given for fields of 6, and then 5. When the ranking method is 'Qualifying Meeting', there could be any number of races for that race type. Maiden Qualifying events will use the All Maiden Meeting selection method giving preference for First Starters will the remaining selected at random.

Examples

Number of Nominations	Races to be run
30	5 fields of 6 greyhounds
31	1 field of 6 greyhounds and 5 fields of 5 greyhounds
35	5 field of 6 greyhounds and 1 fields of 5 greyhounds
36	6 fields of 6 greyhounds

5.6. Ranking System Final

This system is used to place greyhounds into a Semi Final from Heats, Final from Semi Finals or Final from Heats in accordance with GRV Local Rule 33 and GAR 57 – noting no guarding of Owners and/or Trainers shall apply:

For events held at the same track:

1. Semi Finals and Final fields are calculated in accordance with their finishing order (placing) so there is an even distribution of greyhounds from each heat with no guarding applied of the Owner or Trainer.
2. Remaining places will be filled by the best time greyhounds that finished next in the placings in the heats.
3. Reserves will be filled by the best time greyhounds that finished next in the placings in the heats.
4. Greyhounds will be randomly allocated if they are tied on time.
5. Where a dead heat occurs resulting in more than 8 greyhounds eligible for the final, the slowest heat winner will be allocated as first reserve. If the heat with the dead heat was the slowest winning time, then a random draw of the dead heat greyhounds will be conducted placing one greyhound in the final and the other as first reserve.
6. For dead heats for placings after 1st (eg. 2nd, 3rd) the greyhounds are randomly drawn to fill placing or time allocations.
7. Where a heat is a no race or abandoned, greyhounds are randomly drawn to fill the placing allocation (eg. 1st placing in a 5-heat event) for the heat only. No next best time places are allocated to the heat.
8. Where the final is a maiden qualifying final 1 final will be conducted if there were 11 or less heats conducted. 12 or more heats and a second final will be run. Where a second final is required the greyhounds ranked 9th and 10th in the quickest final will be ranked 1st and 2nd in the second.
9. Where a consolation final is conducted, greyhounds ranked 9th and 10th in the main final of the advertised event will be ranked 1st and 2nd in the consolation.

Example

Heats	Allocation	Reserves
4	placings 1 and 2 from each heat will progress	Two fastest 3rd finishing greyhounds from the heats
3	placings 1 and 2 from each heat will progress, remaining places are filled by the best time of the greyhounds that ran 3rd in each heat	Greyhound that ran the slowest 3rd placing in the heats and fastest time for greyhound that ran 4th in the heats
5	placing 1 from each heat will progress, remaining places are filled by the best time of the greyhounds that ran 2nd in each heat	Slowest two greyhounds that ran 2nd in the heats

For events held at different tracks:

1. Fields are calculated in accordance with their finishing order (placing) so there is an even distribution of greyhounds from each heat and track. Random draw is conducted for uneven numbers.
2. Remaining places will be filled by randomly drawing greyhounds that finished next in the placings in the heats evenly from each track. Random draw is conducted for uneven numbers.
3. Reserves will be filled by randomly drawing greyhounds that finished next in the placings in the heats evenly from each track.
4. Where a dead heat occurs resulting in more than 8 greyhounds eligible for the final, the slowest heat winner (from the same track) will be allocated as first reserve. If the heat with the dead heat was the slowest winning time at the track, then a random draw of the dead heat greyhounds will be conducted placing one greyhound in the final and the other as first reserve.
5. Where a heat is a no race or abandoned, greyhounds are randomly drawn to fill the placing allocation (eg. 1st placing in a 5-heat event) for the heat only. No random allocation places are allocated to the heat.
6. For dead heats for placings after 1st (eg. 2nd, 3rd) the greyhounds are randomly drawn to fill placing allocations.

Example

Heats	Tracks	Allocation	Reserves
3	2	4 greyhounds must come from each track. Placings 1, 2, 3 and 4 from the venue with one heat will progress. Placings 1 and 2 from the track with two heats will progress.	Greyhound that ran 5th placing in the one heat track and random draw for greyhounds that ran 3rd in the heats at the two-heat track.

Number of Semi Finals (if programmed)

Heats	Semi Finals
Less than 5 Heats	2 Semi Finals
6 or 7 Heats	3 Semi Finals
8 or more Heats	4 Semi Finals

NOTE: This table may not apply where race conditions vary between Heats / Semi Finals & Finals

5.7. Ranking system All Maiden Meeting

At All Maiden Meetings, the following guidelines apply:

1. First starters with 4 or more unsuccessful nominations
2. First starter with 3 unsuccessful nominations
3. First starter with 2 unsuccessful nominations
4. First starter with 1 unsuccessful nomination
5. First starter at first nomination
6. All other greyhounds are randomly selected

5.8. Ranking system Special Events

The greyhounds will be ranked based on ordering by their Part A number, and then their Part B number.

Part A number

1. Greyhounds that are a Grade 1 at that track and distance
2. Greyhounds that are Grade 2 at that track and distance
3. Greyhounds that are Grade 3 at that track and distance
4. Greyhounds with the best race form amongst the remainder of nominations as determined by the Chief Grader using the weighted points score table.

5.9 Ranking system Aged Prize Money (APM) Meeting

Greyhounds nominated for an Aged Prize Money (APM) meeting type will be selected based on their current APM value at the time of grading (see Page 5 for APM calculation detail) from highest to lowest. Selection for race types APM (Grade 5 or better), 6APM (Grade 6), 7APM (Grade 7) and RWAPM (Restricted Win) will apply no order of entry rights or apply any guarding of Owners and Trainers.

Maiden APM (MAPM) will give preference to:

1. For first start greyhounds with 3 or more unsuccessful nominations,
2. For first start greyhounds with 2 unsuccessful nominations,
3. For first start greyhounds with 1 unsuccessful nomination,
4. For first start greyhounds with 0 unsuccessful nomination,
5. Greyhounds with only one (1) start,
6. Greyhounds with only two (2) starts,
7. Then Maiden greyhounds based on their APM value.

Greyhounds tied on APM value shall be drawn by random ballot (which is only ever drawn once).

For open **APM** grade events at Provincial Full and Half Stakes meetings - Where a greyhound has an APM value of $2,000+, and its APM value is more than 50% of the lowest selected greyhound (eighth greyhound) within the event, the highest APM greyhound shall not be drawn. Eg. Dog A (1) has an APM value of $10,000, then Dog H (8) APM value must be at least $5,000.

The 50% rule shall not apply to:

(1) Race types MAPM, 7APM, 6APM and RWAPM,
(2) APM meetings with a capped restriction (eg.. $2,500 APM Limit) or
(3) Any meetings conducted that award Metropolitan Full Stakes.

APM Meetings will be non-penalty for winning greyhounds that are Grade 5 or higher when conducted at Provincial Half Stakes level.

APM meetings listed as **'Bottom Up'** will require Maidens to have a minimum of three (3) starts, and with greyhounds selected from the lowest nominated APM value greyhound which include the reserves. Eg. If two (2) races are programmed, then the lowest 18 greyhounds will be selected with the Reserves being 17th and 18th in order.

6. UP-GRADING

6.1 For the purposes of up-grading, the GRV FastTrack Grading System will use the following up-grade criteria:

(a) Greyhounds that have won 10 Full Stakes or more races

(b) Greyhounds that have won 4 or more metropolitan class races

(c) Greyhounds that have won $25,000 or more in prizemoney

6.2 The following will apply for the up-grading of performed greyhounds at all provincial tracks:

(a) Greyhounds that fulfil all three of the upgrade criteria will be Grade 4 at all Victorian provincial tracks unless:

      (i) The form of the greyhound is poor enough to warrant it remaining at Grade 5

      (ii) The greyhound is dropping in grade

      (iii) The greyhound is a veteran greyhound

      (iv) The distance the greyhound is nominating for is outside the greyhound's normal distance range.

(b) Greyhounds that fulfil two of the three upgrade criteria will be considered for upgrade to Grade 4 at all Victorian provincial tracks. Consideration will be given to the following:

      (i) Group race form

      (ii) If the greyhound competes over a shorter distance and is unlikely to exceed the metropolitan wins criteria

      (iii) Winning times of the greyhound

      (iv) Amount of total prizemoney won

(c) Notwithstanding the above rules, the Grader may choose to upgrade a greyhound based on their discretion in relation to the meeting and nominations received.

6.3 The following will apply for the up-grading of performed greyhounds at all metropolitan tracks:

(a) Greyhounds that fulfil all three of the up-grade criteria will be considered for upgrade to Grade 4 at both Victorian metropolitan tracks if they:

      (i) Have recent good form at interstate metropolitan tracks,

      (ii) Have competed at Group race level, and

      (iii) Are nominating for a suitable distance

(b) Greyhounds that fulfil two of the three up-grade criteria will be considered for upgrade to Grade 4 at both Victorian metropolitan tracks if they have successfully competed at Group race level.

6.4 The following will apply for the up-grading of Group race winners:

(a) Group 1 winners of the same distance category shall be upgraded to Grade 3 at all provincial tracks for a 180-day period;

(b) Group 2 winners of the same distance category shall be upgraded to Grade 4 at all provincial tracks for a 180-day period;

(c) Any Greyhound that wins two Group events of the same distance category shall be upgraded to Grade 3 at all provincial tracks for a 180-day period.

6.5 Greyhounds will be eligible for an upgrade at a track if 30 days or more have lapsed since the greyhound last competed at this track.

7. NON-PENALTY EVENTS

7.1 An event that is advertised as a Grade 5 Non-Penalty (5NP) event where reduced total prize money is allocated (ie. Provincial Half Stakes), shall be considered a Non-Penalty event. These include Grade 5 Tier 3 events and winners of Grade 5 Ranking Limit events of 250+ conducted within a Tier 3 or Half Stakes meeting.

7.2 Any greyhound that wins a Non-Penalty Grade 5 (5NP) event shall not advance its grade at that track and distance.

7.3 Where Special Event Veterans Events are conducted, all Veterans are eligible, and are Non-Penalty.

8. SAME DAY ENGAGEMENTS

If a greyhound is drawn as a reserve in a Final, it will be allowed to nominate and be drawn at another meeting on the same day if the scratching deadline for both meetings are the same time.

A reserve greyhound already selected at a meeting cannot be accepted for another meeting on the same day that is yet to be graded.

9. EARLY RACE REQUESTS

Early race requests will only be permitted where the greyhound has been endorsed as an 'Early Race' greyhound, following a Veterinary inspection at a race meeting and endorsed by the Stewards at a Race meeting.

10. QUALIFYING TRIALS

The following standards will apply to all qualifying trials:

(a) A minimum of 16 nominations will be required to conduct an event.

(b) A minimum of 5 runners will be drawn for a qualifying trial field.

(c) A minimum of 8 qualifying trials will be required to conduct the Qualifying Trial meeting.

(d) Greyhounds that have won 3 or more metropolitan races (non-penalty events excluded) will not be drawn into Grade 5 qualifying trials.

(e) If less than 12 qualifying trials are drawn for an event, only 1 Qualifying final will be conducted at the correlating race meeting.

(f) If 2 finals are to be conducted, the following will apply:

    (i) Final 1 – greyhounds 1-8 and 9-10 as reserves (number represents qualifying order)

    (ii) Final 2 – greyhounds 9-16 and 17-18 as reserves (number represents qualifying order)

11. GRADING DEPARTMENT CONTACT

11.1 Participants should provide all queries regarding eligibility and the grading of race fields, in writing (via email at graders@grv.org.au or by post). The GRV Graders will attempt to provide a response within 2 working days.

12. TABLES

12.1 WEIGHTED POINTS SCORE TABLE (ALL GRADES)

Level & Weight.	Track Categ.	Grade of Race	1st	2nd	3rd	Place 4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Level 1	1	GRP1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	2	GRP1								
	3	GRP1								
Level 2	1	GRP2	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32
	2	GRP2								
	3	GRP2								
Level 3	1	GL, GRP3	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64
	2	GL, GRP3								
	3	GL, GRP3								
Level 4	1	1,1NP, 2, 2NP, 3, 3NP, 4, 4NP, AAX, B8, FFA, HCP, I, O, RWFNL, S, SF, SFNL, SH, SNP, SSF, ST, X12, X123, X123NP, X12NP, X23, X234, X2345P, X23NP, X34, X34NP, X45F, XFNL, XHT	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96
	2	n/a								
	3	n/a								
Level 5	1	5, 5F, 5H, 5N, 5QF, C, FFANP, HDL, NFNL, NHT, NOV, P, QF, RW, RWH, RWHT, SHNP, VET, VETF, VETH, X, X345, X45, X45H, X45NP, 6G, 6H, 6F, 7, 7H, 7F, X67, X67H, X67F, XP, APM, 6APM, 7APM, RWAPM	25	50	75	100	125	150	175	200
	2	1, 1NP, 2, 2NP, 3, 3NP, 4, 4NP, AAX, B8, FFA, HCP, I, O, RWFNL, S, SF, SFNL, SH, SNP, SSF, ST, X12, X123, X123NP, X12NP, X23, X234, X2345P, X23NP, X34, X34NP, X45, X45H, X45F, XFNL, XHT, 5F								
	3	n/a								
Level 6	1	5NP, 5NPH, AAX, G, J, J5, N, NH, NNP, NNPH, NNPHT, NOVNP, RWNP, X45M, 5QF,6QF, 7QF, RWQF	50	100	150	200	250	300	350	350
	2	5, 5H, 5N, C, FFANP, HDL, NFNL, NHT, NOV, P, QF, RW, RWH, RWHT, RWNP, SHNP, VET, VETF, VETH, X, X345, X45NP, 6G, 6H, 6F, 7, 7H, 7F, X67, X67H, X67F, XP, APM, 6APM, 7APM, RWAPM								
	3	1, 1NP, 2, 2NP, 3, 3NP, 4, 4NP, AAX, B8, FFA, HCP, I, O, RWFNL, S, SF, SFNL, SH, SNP, SSF, ST, X12, X123, X123NP, X12NP, X23, X234, X2345P, X23NP, X34, X34NP, X45F, XFNL, XHT								

Level	Cat	Codes								
Level 7	1	2Q, 3Q, 4Q, 5NP, 5Q, 6, GNP, GRAD, JG, JM, JNP, MF, MJ5, MQF, RWQF, MSF, T3-5, T3-5H, T3-6, T3-7, T3-RW	60	120	180	240	300	300	300	300
	2	5NP, 5NPH, AAX, G, J, J5, MSF, MF, N, NH, NNP, NNPH, NNPHT, NOVNP, X45M, 5QF,6QF, 7QF, RWQF								
	3	5, 5F, 5H, 5N, C, FFANP, G, HDL, NFNL, NHT, NOV, P, QF, RW, RWH, RWHT, RWNP, SHNP, VET, VETF, VETH, X, X345, X45, X45H, X45NP, 6G, 6H, 6F, 7, 7H, 7F, X67, X67H, X67F, XP, APM, 6APM, 7APM, RWAPM								
Level 8	1	5QH, 6Q, RWQH, AMM, GQ, JQ, M, MH, MHH, SQ, T3-M, XM5 XM6, XMG, MAPM	70	140	210	280	350	350	350	350
	2	2Q, 3Q, 4Q, 5Q, 6, GNP, GRAD, JG, JM, JNP, M, MH, MHH, MJ5, MQF, T3-5, T3-5H, T3-6, T3-7, T3-RW, XM5, XM6, XMG, MAPM								
	3	5NP, 5NPH, AAX, J, J5, MSF, MF, N, NH, NNP, NNPH, NNPHT, NONP, NOVNP, X45M, 5QF,6QF, 7QF, RWQF, T3-5, T3-5H, T3-6, T3-7, T3-RW								
Level 9	1	n/a	80	160	240	320	400	400	400	400
	2	5Q, 5QH, 6QH, 7QH, AMM, RWQH, T3-M, 6Q, GQ, JQ, SQ								
	3	2Q, 3Q, 4Q, 5Q, 6, AMM, GNP, GRAD, JG, JM, JNP, M, MH, MHH, MJ5, MQF, RWQF, XM5, XM6, XMG, MAPM, T3-M								
Level 10	1	XRA, XRAF, XRAQ, MQ, MQH, UNKNOWN	100	200	300	400	500	500	500	500
	2	MQ, MQH, UNKNOWN, XRA, XRAF, XRAQ								
	3	5Q, 5QH, RWQH, 6Q, GQ, JQ, MQ, MQH, RWQH, SQ, UNKNOWN, XRA, XRAF, XRAQ								

12.2 VICTORIAN MEETING TYPES & CATEGORY TABLE

Meeting Type	Weighted Points Table
Metropolitan	Track Category 1
Provincial Full Stakes	Track Category 2
Provincial Half Stakes	Track Category 3
Rank Limit	Track Category 3
Tier 3	Track Category 3
Aged Prize Money	Track Category 3
All Maiden Meetings	Track Category 3
Qualifying Meetings	Track Category 3

12.3 NZ & INTERSTATE TRACKS & CATEGORY TABLE

Categ.	Track	State	Day of Meeting	Categ.	Track	State	Day of Meeting
1	Albion Park	QLD	Thursday	3	Angle Park	SA	Ex.Mon,Thr
1	Cannington	WA	Saturday	3	Appin	NSW	Any
1	Wentworth Park	NSW	Wednesday	3	Armidale	NSW	Any
1	Wentworth Park	NSW	Saturday	3	Ashburton	NZ	Any
2	Albion Park	QLD	Ex. Thr	3	Bathurst	NSW	Any
2	Angle Park	SA	Mon, Thr	3	Broken Hill	NSW	Any
2	Bulli	NSW	Any	3	Bundaberg	QLD	Any
2	Cannington	WA	Ex. Sat	3	Cairns	QLD	Any
2	Casino	NSW	Any	3	Canberra	ACT	Any
2	Christchurch	NZ	Any	3	Capalaba	QLD	Any
2	Dapto	NSW	Any	3	Coonabaraban	NSW	Any
2	Darwin	NT	Any	3	Coonamble	NSW	Any
2	Devonport	TAS	Any	3	Cowra	NSW	Any
2	The Gardens	NSW	Any	3	Dubbo	NSW	Any
2	Gawler	SA	Any	3	Goulburn	NSW	Any
2	Gosford	NSW	Any	3	Grafton	NSW	Any
2	Hobart	TAS	Any	3	Gunnedah	NSW	Any
2	Invercargill	NZ	Any	3	Kempsey	NSW	Any
2	Ipswich	QLD	Any	3	Lithgow	NSW	Any
2	Launceston	TAS	Any	3	Moree	NSW	Any
2	Lismore	NSW	Any	3	Mount Gambier	SA	Any
2	Maitland	NSW	Any	3	Mudgee	NSW	Any
2	Manaukau	NZ	Any	3	Muswellbrook	NSW	Any
2	Manawatu	NZ	Any	3	Northam	WA	Any
2	Mandurah	WA	Any	3	Port Augusta	SA	Any
2	Nowra	NSW	Any	3	Potts Park	NSW	Any
2	Richmond	NSW	Any	3	Rockhampton	QLD	Any
2	Wairarapa	NZ	Any	3	Strathalbyn	SA	Any
2	Wanganui	NZ	Any	3	Tamworth	NSW	Any
2	Wellington	NZ	Any	3	Taranaki	NZ	Any
2	Wentworth Park	NSW	Ex. Wed, Sat	3	Taree	NSW	Any
2	All International (ex. NZ)		Any	3	Temora	NSW	Any
				3	Townsville	QLD	Any
				3	Wagga	NSW	Any
				3	Wauchope	NSW	Any
				3	Young	NSW	Any

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Weighted Points Table - Victorian Grades
METROPOLITAN - Full Stakes (Track Cat. 1)

Level	Race Grade	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
1	GRP1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2	GRP2	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32
3	GRP3, GL	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64
4	S, SH, SSF, SF, FFA, HCP, RWF, X12, X23, X34, X45F	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96
5	5, 5H, 5F, NF, RW, RWH, X45, X45H, VET, 6G, 6H, 6F, 7, 7H, 7F, X67, X67H, X67F, APM, 6APM, 7APM, RWAPM	25	50	75	100	125	150	175	200
6	N, NH, 5NP, 5NPH, 5QF, 6QF, 7QF, RWQF	50	100	150	200	250	300	350	350
7	MSF, MF	60	120	180	240	300	300	300	300
8	nil								
9	nil								
10	nil								

PROVINCIAL - Full Stakes Provincial Stakes (Track Cat. 2)

Level	Race Grade	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
1	GRP1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2	GRP2	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32
3	GRP3, GL	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64
4	nil								
5	S, SH, SSF, SF, FFA, HCP, RWF, X12, X23, X34, X45, X45H, X45F, 5F	25	50	75	100	125	150	175	200
6	5, 5H, NF, RW, RWH, X45, X45H, VET, 6G, 6H, 6F, 7, 7H, 7F, X67, X67H, X67F, APM, 6APM, 7APM, RWAPM	50	100	150	200	250	300	350	350
7	5NP, 5NPH, MF, MSF, N, NH, 5QF, 6QF, 7QF, RWQF	60	120	180	240	300	300	300	300
8	M, MH, MQF, T3-5, T3-5H, T3-6, T3-7, T3-RW, MAPM	70	140	210	280	350	350	350	350
9	AMM, T3-M, 5QH, 6QH, 7QH, RWQH	80	160	240	320	400	400	400	400
10	MQH	100	200	300	400	500	500	500	500

PROVINCIAL - Half Stakes (Track Cat. 3)

Level	Race Grade	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
1	GRP1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2	GRP2	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32
3	GRP3, GL	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64
4	nil								
5	nil								
6	S, SH, SSF, SF, FFA, HCP, RWF, X12, X23, X34, X45F	50	100	150	200	250	300	350	350
7	5, 5H, 5F, NF, RW, RWH, X45, X45H, VET, 6G, 6H, 6F, 7, 7H, 7F, X67, X67H, X67F, APM, 6APM, 7APM, RWAPM	60	120	180	240	300	300	300	300
8	5NP, 5NPH, MF, N, NH, 5QF, 6QF, 7QF, RWQF, T3-5, T3-5H, T3-6, T3-7, T3-RW	70	140	210	280	350	350	350	350
9	AMM, M, MH, MSF, MQF, MAPM, T3-M	80	160	240	320	400	400	400	400
10	5QH, MQH, T3-M, 6QH, 7QH, RWQH	100	200	300	400	500	500	500	500

13. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST POLICY – GRADERS

If a Grader believes he/she may have a conflict of interest in grading an event, he/she must do the following:

- *Step 1:* Fully disclose the nature of the conflict of interest to the Racing Manager, or in his/her absence, the Racing and Operations Manager or Chief Executive Officer, as soon as they become aware of a potential conflict of interest;

- *Step 2:* The Racing Manager, Racing and Operations Manager, or Chief Executive Officer will decide how to deal with the conflict of interest. They may choose to:

  - reassign the race meeting to another Grader; or

  - allow the Grader to grade the race meeting, subject to the Chief Grader (or in the case of the Chief Grader declaring a conflict, the Racing Manager, the Chief Steward or Deputy Chief Steward) reviewing the grading and confirming that the meeting has been graded fairly, impartially and in accordance with the Rules of Racing and Grading Guidelines.

- *Step 3:* The Grader and the Racing Manager, Racing and Operations Manager, or Chief Executive Officer must fully complete and sign a conflict of interest disclosure on the file for that race meeting, declaring:

  - full details of the nature of the conflict of interest;

  - how the conflict of interest was dealt with; and

  - the reason this approach was taken.

14. BOX DRAW

The Grader who grades a race meeting is responsible for scheduling the time at which the box draw will be conducted. These will be applied to the nearest 15-minute mark of the hour once the meeting is graded. Eg. Meeting graded at 10.38am – Box draw set for 10.45am.

The box draw for a Meeting shall be carried out in accordance with GRV Local Rule 36.

The scheduled time will automatically be published on the GRV website.

The Grader has no access to any function that performs the box draw.

Interested parties can observe the box draw at the scheduled time, via the GRV FastTrack website.

Once the box draw is conducted, the Grader has no capacity to re-run the box draw process.

Should an event or events within a meeting require the re-drawing of box numbers pursuant to GAR Rule 22(7), the redraw process shall be performed in accordance with GRV's redraw procedure as amended from time to time.

15. WITHDRAWAL OF GREYHOUND AFTER BOX DRAWN MEETING

15.1 A Trainer can apply to withdraw a greyhound without penalty if it has qualified for or has been accepted for a Group or Listed race as listed in the AGRA Group Race Calender.

15.2 Should a greyhound qualify for two finals to be conducted on the same day, preference will be given to the event which the greyhound qualified for first.

GRV GROUP RACE GRADING POLICY

Standardised Conditions – Provincial Cups

• Open to the best 64 greyhounds, plus 16 reserves
• Maiden greyhound's ineligible

The selection method for all Group races will default to the **Seeded/Random/Guarded** selection method. GRV Clubs must submit a 'Non-standard conditions' application form should they wish to use the alternative **Random/Guarded** selection method.

NB. Conditions for all Group race events must be approved by the Racing Department prior to application being made to AGRA.

Special Event Ranking Method (Order of Entry):

All greyhounds nominated will be ranked based on ordering by their Part A number, and then their Part B number.

Part A number:
1. Greyhounds that are Grade 1 at that track and distance;
2. Greyhounds that are Grade 2 at that track and distance;
3. Greyhounds that are Grade 3 at that track and distance;
4. Greyhounds with the best race form amongst the remainder of nominations as determined by the Chief Grader using the Weighted Points Score Table (see Part B number)

Selection Method:

In applying the **Seeded/Random/Guarded** Grading Method – All Group Race Heats and Semi-Finals:

> • Top 25% of greyhounds to be seeded (as determined by each greyhounds Aged Prize Money total) and those seeded greyhounds distributed amongst the number of heats being conducted – basically the top two greyhounds in each heat will be 'seeded' (refer table below)
> • The top 25% of greyhounds from Heats to Semi Finals will be seeded based on the results from the Heats.
> • Bottom 75% of greyhounds to be randomly drawn into heats
> • Guarding of Owners and Trainers will apply to the bottom 75% of greyhounds (where possible)

Number of Heats/Semi Finals	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Total numbers of greyhounds seeded into Heats (top 25%) and distribution of these seedings.	**4** (1 v 4) (2 v 3)	**6** (1 v 6) (2 v 5) (3 v 4)	**8** (1 v 8) (2 v 7) (3 v 6) (4 v 5)	**10** (1 v 10) (2 v 9) (3 v 8) (4 v 7) (5 v 6)	**12** (1 v 12) (2 v 11) (3 v 10) (4 v 9) (5 v 8) (6 v 7)	**14** (1 v 14) (2 v 13) (3 v 12) (4 v 11) (5 v 10) (6 v 9) (7 v 8)	**16** (1 v 16) (2 v 15) (3 v 14) (4 v 13) (5 v 12) (6 v 11) (7 v 10) (8 v 9)
Total number of greyhounds randomly drawn into Heats (bottom 75%)	12	18	24	30	36	42	48
Total Runners	**16**	**24**	**32**	**40**	**48**	**56**	**64**

In applying the **Random/Guarded** Grading Method:

> • The top 64 greyhounds will be included based on their Grade (Grade 1, 2, and 3 greyhounds shall be selected first), with the remainder determined by their Part B number.
> • All 64 greyhounds shall be randomly allocated to each heat, with the guarding of Owners and Trainers applied where possible.

Note: The word "recent" for the purposes of the order of entry, shall be defined as meaning 90 days.
Note: Greyhounds tied on points shall be drawn by random (which is only ever drawn once).

FAQ's - GRV Grading and Race Selection

The GRV Racing and Grading department receive approximately ten (10) grading or race selection queries each week. A majority of these have a common theme, with the top seven (7) being:

- **Grading** – what grade am I and how do I progress through the grades?
- **Ranking** – my dog's rank hasn't changed in the last 3 starts?
- **Meeting Types** -Tier 3 vs Provincial and what is the difference?
- **Race programming** - Why am I always in the last few races?
- **Aged Prizemoney** – How is this calculated?
- **Guarding** - Why are my dogs not guarded?
- **Veterans Racing** – When is my dog eligible and how does it work?

Grading

All greyhounds commence their racing career as a Maiden greyhound and progress through the grades as outlined in the illustration below.
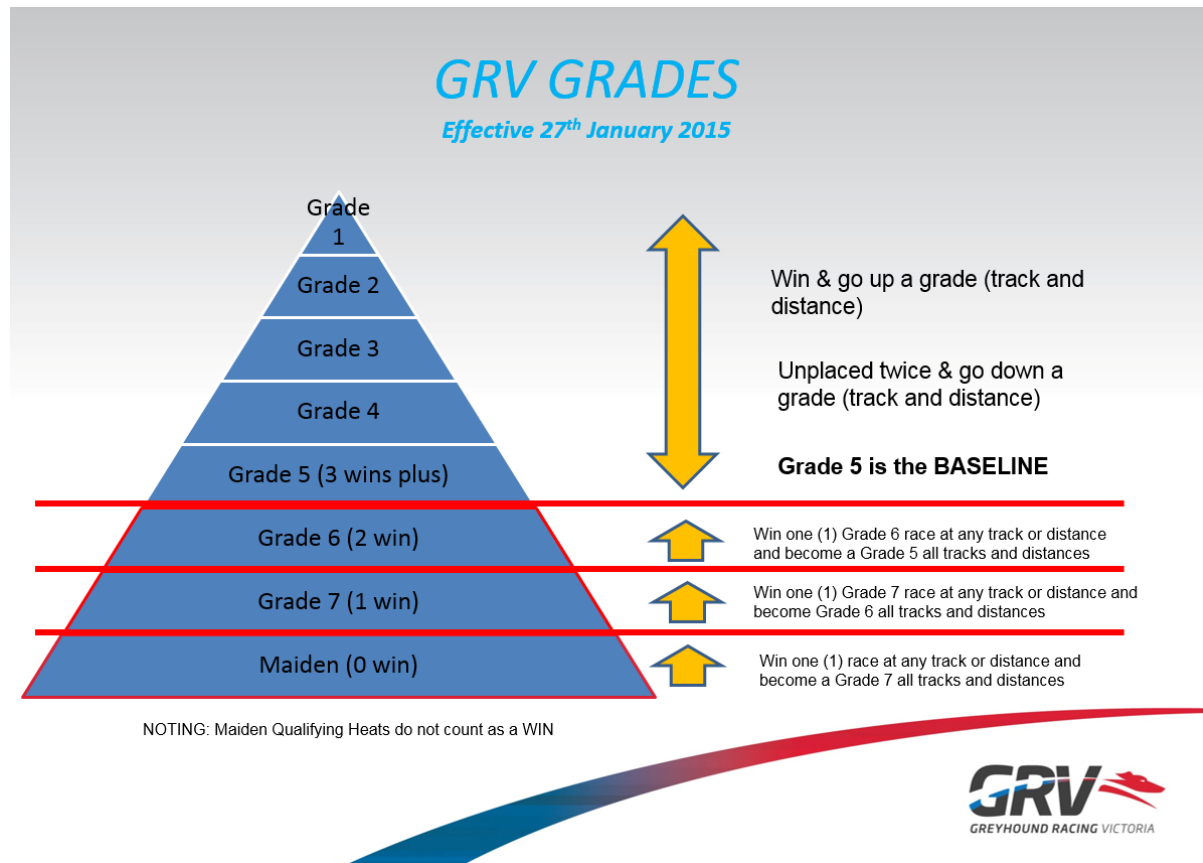
Ranking

With regards to ranking, the key driver for a greyhound's rank to change is due to its performances in its last eight (8) starts. This means each of the eight (8) starts are allocated points based on the grade of the race and which track it raced at.

Of these eight (8) starts the two (2) worst scores are removed from the calculation. As a greyhound continues to race, the points continue to re-calculate with the ninth start dropping off.

This means that a greyhound that was placed 7th in a Grade 5 race at Bendigo (350 points) now nine (9) starts ago and wins its most recent start at Bendigo in a Tier 3 event (70 points) has reduced its ranking from 258 to 223 – see below. Likewise replacing a similar point value of a now excluded start can mean little or no change in the greyhounds ranking. The ranking points tables are published in full in the Grading Guidelines.

Example:

Pl	Trk	Date	Grade	Points	Rank				Calculation
1	BEN	14/06/2017	T3-5	70	223				70
2	BEN	7/06/2017	5	100		258			100
2	SHP	1/06/2017	T3-5	140			300		140
2	SHP	25/05/2017	5	100					100
4	SHP	20/04/2017	T3-5	280					280
4	BEN	29/03/2017	T3-5	280					280
6=	BEN	8/03/2017	T3-5	350					350
1	BEN	1/03/2017	5	50					50
7	BEN	16/02/2017	5	350					
7	BEN	13/01/2017	RWH	350					

Total less 2 worst	740
AVG.	123
Plus 100	223

Meeting Types: Tier 3 vs Provincial

Each meeting type or event has different rules for selection and this can cause some confusion. The current meeting or event types are:

1. Metro meetings
2. Provincial and Rank Limit meetings
3. Tier 3 meetings
4. Maiden events
5. Qualifying Meetings
6. Final events
7. All Maiden meetings
8. Special Events

The most common queried differences between these meeting or event types are Tier 3 vs Provincial, noting Rank Limit meetings apply the Provincial selection method.

Tier 3 - greyhounds must first be eligible to race in Tier 3 - i.e. ranked 250 or higher and have not broken the Tier 3 time standards and Maidens must have had a minimum of 2 starts including Qualifying trials

Selection for a race is then reliant on just three factors:

1. The greyhound's most recent start (last start winners and placegetters have priority),
2. The greyhound was drawn as a Reserve and didn't gain a start,
3. How many times has this greyhound been previously nominated, and didn't gain a run, (the more unsuccessful nominations the higher the greyhound goes up the order of entry)

Provincial – all greyhounds are eligible to race, however order of entry for selection is determined by many factors including, but not limited to:

- The greyhound was a last start winner at the track and distance,
- The greyhound was last start placed at the track and distance,
- The greyhound is dropping in grade at the track and distance,
- The greyhound last competed in a Tier 3 event and broke the time standard.

Race Programming

Each race meeting program generally follows the same method to determine the race order.

Maidens or lower win grade events are conducted as early as possible (given their lack of race experience and possible exposure to the kennelling environment) giving preference to the longer distance events.

Then the best four races on the program are selected for Race 5, 6, 7, and 8 (Quaddie legs), and then the remaining four races are usually for the short course greyhounds with the less experienced greyhounds going first.

The race program can also be affected by greyhounds that are veterinary endorsed as 'early race' dogs (which can only compete in Races 1 to 6) or multiple advertised events of the same grade.

Aged Prize Money (APM)

A common query is how is my Aged Prize Money calculated?

Selection methods are based on AGED PRIZE MONEY. A greyhound's aged prize money is defined as:

0-30 days ago,	100% of the value of the prize money is counted
31-60 days ago,	80% of the value of the prize money is counted
61-120 days ago,	60% of the value of the prize money is counted
121-180 days ago,	40% of the value of the prize money is counted
181-360 days ago,	20% of the value of the prize money is counted
361-540 days ago,	2% of the value of the prize money is counted
541 days' plus	1% of the value of the prize money is counted
TOTAL	The total AGED prize money is the sum of the values above

Guarding

The concept of guarding owners and trainers has in recent times been given more restricted application as greyhounds are selected for each individual race by applying their current 'aged prize money' (APM) value. When two or more greyhounds are selected for an event of the same grade and distance, and are in the same interests (Owner/Trainer) and have a similar APM value – then these greyhounds are more likely to be drawn against each other.

An example sorted by APM – *Sale 16th June 2017 - Restricted Win (1-3 Wins) 250+ Rank 440m*

Grade	Rank	APM	Race	Dog	Win	$	CW	Trainer
Grade 5	292	3333	11	BANJO BOLT	3	5230	0	Wayne Boreland
Grade 5	287	2827	11	ANY OTHER UNION	3	3760	0	NICOLE LUND
Grade 6	300	2397	11	COME TO PLAY	2	4890	0	GRAHAM HALL
Grade 6	261	2337	11	WADELOCK VENUS	2	3455	0	MICHAEL CLOHESY
Grade 5	298	2246	11	KILMANY FLYER	3	5290	0	STEVEN SPOLJARIC
Grade 5	280	2238	11	CLASSY GUN	3	3335	0	MARK BRAITHWAITE
Grade 5	4	2202	11	KEPT IN SUSPENSE	3	4580	0	STEVEN SPOLJARIC
Grade 5	273	2114	11	WADELOCK MINDY	3	4250	0	DONALD HAY
Grade 6	333	2087	12	MISS TARYN	2	3165	0	YVONNE ANDREWS
Grade 5	278	2068	12	VANILLA KISS	3	2765	0	BRONWYN PULIS
Grade 6	280	1978	12	LAURENTIDE ICE	2	2260	0	BRONWYN PULIS
Grade 5	332	1802	12	JESSE'S TYPHOON	3	4090	0	MARIA MUSSELWHITE
Grade 5	2	1794	12	MANDELA SUN	3	6355	0	PHILLIP POLLUTRO
Grade 6	2	1727	12	TARSIER	2	2595	0	GREGORY MINNE
Grade 6	273	1613	12	ALLEN SIMON	2	3135	0	DEBORAH COLEMAN
Grade 6	325	1551	12	RIVAL SCAR	2	2600	0	BRAYDEN KLEMKE
Grade 5	2	1401	4	SHACKLETON	3	5675	0	TERRY PROCTOR
Grade 7	307	1298	4	TEMUJIN	1	3485	0	VICTOR GAY
Grade 6	2	1295	4	TIME BANDIT	2	2315	0	KERRY MINNE
Grade 5	2	1290	4	OMEGA BONNER	3	4115	0	BARRY HARPER
Grade 6	312	1238	4	CAN'T BELIEVE IT	2	2885	0	KERRIE SMYTH
Grade 5	343	1232	4	HELLO SLICK	3	3575	0	AARON FARLEY
Grade 7	270	1218	4	FIERY STARLET	1	1275	0	GEOFFREY HOWELL
Grade 7	250	1172	4	JOE'S DOLLY	1	1370	0	VICKI WISENER
Grade 5	322	1143	3	BOGIE TIARA	3	3055	0	JAMES HARRINGTON
Grade 6	327	1108	3	BERNMAR TERRY	2	1825	0	PETER BORRADALE
Grade 6	333	1072	3	MIDNIGHT MINX	2	2395	0	GEOFFREY DALTON
Grade 7	1	990	3	MOOD SWINGS	1	990	0	LYN SMITH
Grade 7	317	990	3	MAGIC SHIANNE	1	990	0	MICHAEL CHILCOTT
Grade 7	308	860	3	ALLEN UNTHER	1	1235	0	PETER BORRADALE
Grade 7	267	850	3	JETYRA ERUPTION	1	1290	0	TODD CHATWIN
Grade 7	290	792	3	JEBRYNAH ROMA	1	990	0	VICKI WISENER
Grade 5	268	661	2	CRUELLA DEVILLE	3	4385	0	STEPHEN CREIGHTON
Grade 7	282	660	2	RUSTA	1	1650	0	STEPHEN CREIGHTON
Grade 5	255	606	2	ASTON GRACE	3	3480	0	EDDIE LIESHOUT
Grade 7	325	575	2	SERIOUS MAGIC	1	1355	0	GREGORY MINNE
Grade 7	332	568	2	AMAROO BAZINGA	1	780	0	SHANE SCHEMBRI
Grade 6	317	463	2	TAABINGA SWIFT	2	1815	0	JOHN CONNOR
Grade 7	310	396	2	LAKEVIEW GRACE	1	990	0	HARLEY WHELAN
Grade 7	264	236	2	BENNY'S LEGEND	1	1180	0	ROBERT WHITFORD
Grade 6	367	1095	3,4,11	CORROBOREE	2	2175	0	PETER BORRADALE
Grade 7	346	314	2,3,12	BLACK THIRTY ONE	1	690	0	KENNETH HEIGHT
Grade 7	365	584	11,12	MARVELLOUS MIDGE	1	640	0	STEVEN SPOLJARIC
Grade 7	366	500	2,4	DINNER PLAIN	1	500	0	GREGORY KERR

The grader will attempt to guard connections where possible considering the difference of APM values and the impacts of swapping a greyhound either up or down in APM value order.

Veterans Races

Veterans Races are programmed at various meetings from time to time across the state. To be eligible for selection in a Veteran's race, the greyhound must be four (4) years of age or older on the date of the race meeting. All Veteran's races are non-penalty.