



Race Programming Policy

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Commencement Date

Greyhound Racing NSW (GRNSW) will assume responsibility for the coordination of race programming for all races at TAB meetings from 1 July 2014 onwards.

Purpose

This Policy outlines the guiding principles and processes that will govern TAB race programming in New South Wales.

Background

This Policy was developed in consultation with a working group of TAB Clubs. The genesis of the Policy was discussion between all TAB clubs and GRNSW management at a regular meeting of Club Chairmen and Chief Executives around the merits of transferring the responsibility for race programming to GRNSW.

Goals

The goal of centralised programming is to create the best possible mix of racing state-wide, taking into consideration the competing priorities of feature racing and the regional proximity of greyhound racing Clubs.

Specifically, the goals of centralised programming are:

1. To guide a critical mass of greyhounds towards major feature events;
2. To avoid scheduling conflicts with 'like' greyhounds; and
3. To provide opportunities for greyhounds of all distance / grade / meeting class combinations, in all regions, as often as possible.

Responsibilities and Guiding Principles

With the support of TAB Clubs, GRNSW will manage TAB race programming across the State to ensure a consistent and coordinated approach to racing and to provide increased racing opportunities for industry participants and greyhounds.

This Policy outlines the agreed processes and responsibilities that will be utilised by GRNSW and TAB Clubs to ensure the best possible outcome with regard to race programming. Club input and participation in the race programming process is integral to achieving the goals of this Policy.

Guiding Principles

To achieve the best mix of racing, consideration will be given to the following areas in order to develop the annual TAB racing program:

1. The Australian Greyhound Racing Association (AGRA) group racing calendar;
2. Other major Club feature races;
3. Blue Paws Super Series events;
4. Other 'series' such as 'XXX to Wenty', Distance Challenge Events, GBOTA Challenge Series etc;
5. Major Non-TAB feature events (e.g. Coonamble carnival, Tweed Heads Galaxy etc); and
6. What has been successful historically at specific TAB Clubs.

Programming Regions

To facilitate the race programming and consultation processes, Clubs have been placed into the following regional groups:

Northern Rivers:	Casino, Grafton, Lismore
Hunter:	Gosford, Maitland, The Gardens
Western/Riverina:	Bathurst, Dubbo, Wagga
Southern:	Bulli, Dapto, Goulburn, Nowra
Metropolitan:	Richmond, Wentworth Park

Process

GRNSW will hold quarterly planning meetings / teleconferences with each regional group to discuss programming and with a view to discussing and agreeing on the forward three month racing program. Every quarterly meeting will include a review of the previous racing period and a planning session on the upcoming period, providing an opportunity to identify the programming techniques and options that deliver the best mix of racing.

Following each planning meeting the GRNSW Grading department will develop three month forward race programs for each region and seek final input from Clubs via email on the draft program, before finalising and entering it into the race calendar on thedogs.com.au website.

Once finalised and uploaded to thedogs.com.au website, race programs will only be changed in exceptional circumstances. It should be noted that some race events may not go ahead due to a lack of nominations, however, such a scenario will not represent a modification of the advertised race program.

Responsibilities

GRNSW

- Facilitating and organising meetings of the regional Club programming groups;
- Development of race programs for each region and Club on a quarterly basis;
- Entering race programs for TAB clubs into the calendar on Thedogs.com.au website; and
- Grading and formation of race meetings.

Clubs

- In April of each year, Clubs must provide GRNSW with a list of the feature events they wish to run in the forward racing calendar year;
- Assist GRNSW to obtain additional nominations for a meeting when necessary;
- Determining race names and advising of any additional prizemoney to be paid;
- Determining race order in consultation with GRNSW graders;
- Advertising of race programs outside of the race calendar on thedogs.com.au website and eChaser publication.
- Actively participate in regional programming meetings by way of review of previous programming and contribution to the upcoming program.

Review

This Policy will be reviewed by GRNSW on a biennial basis in consultation with TAB Clubs.