



# NSW Grading Policy

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## 1. Purpose

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- 1.1 The NSW Grading Policy aims to:
- a) Create a fair, equitable and transparent system for participants to compete that ensures greyhounds with the most appropriate form secure starts and are grouped with greyhounds of like ability; and
  - b) Ensure the viability of the Industry by promoting the highest standard of racing possible that maximizes the racing career of greyhounds in NSW.

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## 2. Scope

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- 2.1 This Policy is applicable to the grading of all Category A (metropolitan), Category B (TAB), Category C (TAB C) and Category D (Non-TAB) race meetings conducted at NSW racetracks.
- 2.2 The Policy is applicable at the closing time of nominations for an Event or series of Events or a qualifying trial.

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## 3. Eligibility for Events

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- 3.1 The eligibility of a greyhound to compete in an Event shall be determined in accordance with the following hierarchy of events:
- a) A greyhound shall be deemed to be eligible for a Maiden Event if the greyhound at the time of starting, has never won an Event.
  - b) Upon winning a Maiden Event a greyhound will be classified as a 5<sup>th</sup> Grade greyhound at all tracks and distances.

### *Category D*

- c)
  - i. Upon winning three (3) Grade 5 Events at a particular track and distance, that greyhound will be classified as a 4th Grade greyhound when it next competes in an Event at that particular track and distance; or
  - ii. Upon winning one (1) Event at a Category A or Category B meeting in a particular distance category, that greyhound will be classified as a 4th Grade greyhound when it competes in an Event at a Category D meeting in that particular distance category unless it is already a higher Grade at that particular track and distance;
  - iii. Upon winning a total of two (2) Events at either Category A or Category B meetings in a particular distance category, that greyhound will be classified as a 3rd Grade greyhound when it competes in an Event at a Category D meeting in that particular distance category unless it is already a higher Grade at that particular track and distance;

- d) Upon winning one (1) Grade 4 Event at a particular track, distance and category of meeting, that greyhound will be classified as a 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade greyhound when it next competes in an Event at that particular category of meeting, track and distance.
- e) Upon winning one (1) Grade 3 Event at a particular track, distance and category of meeting, that greyhound will be classified as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade greyhound when it next competes in an Event at that particular category of meeting, track and distance.
- f) Upon winning one (1) Grade 2 Event at a particular track, distance and category of meeting, that greyhound will be classified as a 1<sup>st</sup> Grade greyhound when it next competes in an Event at that particular category of meeting, track and distance.

*Category C*

- g)
  - i. Upon winning two (2) Grade 5 Events at a particular track and distance, that greyhound will be classified as a 4th Grade greyhound when it next competes in an Event at that particular track and distance; or
  - ii. Upon winning one (1) Event at a Category A meeting in a particular distance category, that greyhound will be classified as a 4th Grade greyhound when it competes in an Event at a Category C meeting in that particular distance category unless it is already a higher Grade at that particular track and distance;
  - iii. Upon winning two (2) Events at a Category A meeting in a particular distance category, that greyhound will be classified as a 3rd Grade greyhound when it competes in an Event at a Category C meeting in that particular distance category unless it is already a higher Grade at that particular track and distance;
- h) Upon winning one (1) Grade 4 Event at a particular track, distance and category of meeting, that greyhound will be classified as a 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade greyhound when it next competes in an Event at that particular category of meeting, track and distance.
- i) Upon winning one (1) Grade 3 Event at a particular track, distance and category of meeting, that greyhound will be classified as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade greyhound when it next competes in an Event at that particular category of meeting, track and distance.
- j) Upon winning one (1) Grade 2 Event at a particular track, distance and category of meeting, that greyhound will be classified as a 1<sup>st</sup> Grade greyhound when it next competes in an Event at that particular category of meeting, track and distance.

*Category B*

- k)
  - i. Upon winning two (2) Grade 5 Events at a particular track and distance, that greyhound will be classified as a 4th Grade greyhound when it next competes in an Event at that particular track and distance; or
  - ii. Upon winning two (2) Events at a Category A meeting in a particular distance category, that greyhound will be classified as a 4th Grade greyhound when it

competes in an Event at a Category B meeting in that particular distance category unless it is already a higher Grade at that particular track and distance;

- l) Upon winning one (1) Grade 4 Event at a particular track, distance and category of meeting, that greyhound will be classified as a 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade greyhound when it next competes in an Event at that particular category of meeting, track and distance.
- m) Upon winning one (1) Grade 3 Event at a particular track, distance and category of meeting, that greyhound will be classified as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade greyhound when it next competes in an Event at that particular category of meeting, track and distance.
- n) Upon winning one (1) Grade 2 Event at a particular track, distance and category of meeting, that greyhound will be classified as a 1<sup>st</sup> Grade greyhound when it next competes in an Event at that particular category of meeting, track and distance.

*Category A2 – Wentworth Park*

- o) Upon winning one (1) Grade 5 Event at a Wentworth Park Category A2 meeting that greyhound will be classified as a 4<sup>th</sup> Grade greyhound when it next competes in a Wentworth Park Category A2 Event at that distance.
- p) Upon winning one (1) Grade 4 Event at a Wentworth Park Category A2 meeting that greyhound will be classified as a 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade greyhound when it next competes in a Wentworth Park Category A2 Event at that distance.
- q) Upon winning one (1) Grade 3 Event at a Wentworth Park Category A2 meeting that greyhound will be classified as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade greyhound when it next competes in a Wentworth Park Category A2 Event at that distance.
- r) Upon winning one (1) Grade 2 Event at a Wentworth Park Category A2 meeting that greyhound will be classified as a 1<sup>st</sup> Grade greyhound when it next competes in a Wentworth Park Category A2 Event at that distance.

*Category A1 – Wentworth Park*

- s) Upon winning one (1) Grade 5 Event at a Wentworth Park Category A1 meeting that greyhound will be classified as a 4<sup>th</sup> Grade greyhound when it next competes in a Wentworth Park Category A1 Event at that distance.
- t) Upon winning one (1) Grade 4 Event at a Wentworth Park Category A1 meeting that greyhound will be classified as a 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade greyhound when it next competes in a Wentworth Park Category A1 Event at that distance.
- u) Upon winning one (1) Grade 3 Event at a Wentworth Park Category A1 meeting that greyhound will be classified as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade greyhound when it next competes in a Wentworth Park Category A1 Event at that distance.
- v) Upon winning one (1) Grade 2 Event at a Wentworth Park Category A1 meeting that greyhound will be classified as a 1<sup>st</sup> Grade greyhound when it next competes in a Wentworth Park Category A1 Event at that distance.

- 3.2 Where a Maiden Event is conducted by way of heats, semi-finals and a final or heats and a final at a particular track, a greyhound that wins a heat and/or semi-final and/or the final shall at the conclusion of the series be deemed to have won one (1) Event for the purposes of determining the greyhound's grade under this Policy.
- 3.3 Where a greyhound is adjudged to have dead-heated for first place, the greyhound shall be deemed to have won the Event.
- 3.4 In order to be eligible to compete in an Event other than a Maiden Event at a Category A meeting, a greyhound must have won a Maiden Event and one (1) other Event over a distance of at least 400m unless the conditions of the Event state otherwise.
- 3.5 A greyhound with a Wentworth Park Category A1 grade of Grade 1, Grade 2 or Grade 3 is not eligible to compete in a Grade 5 Event at the same distance at a Wentworth Park Category A2 meeting.
- 3.6 Where a greyhound is nominated for an event at a Category D meeting that greyhound cannot be classified at a grade lower than its actual grade at a Category C or Category B meeting at the same track and distance, and where a greyhound is nominated for an event at a Category C meeting that greyhound cannot be classified at a grade lower than its actual grade at a Category B meeting at the same track and distance.
- 3.7 In order to be eligible to compete in a maiden event at a Category A, Category B or Category C meeting, a first start greyhound with no previous qualifying trial form, must first compete in a performance qualifying trial.
- 3.8 Any greyhound which competes satisfactorily in a performance qualifying trial at a distance of less than 440m shall not be nominated for a distance of greater than 440m for its first Category A, Category B or Category C race start.
- 3.9 Any greyhound which competes satisfactorily in Category D race start at a distance of less than 440m shall not be nominated for a Category A, Category B or Category C maiden race at a distance of greater than 440m at its next start.
- 3.10 An unraced greyhound shall not be nominated for a race at a Category A, Category B or Category C meeting if such a race is to be run more than 42 days after that greyhound has performed satisfactorily in a performance trial. The provisions of GAR39 (2) shall not be available to any greyhound permitted to compete under this clause.

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## 4. Mixing of Grades

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- 4.1 GRNSW, upon application being made to it in writing, may grant permission to a Club to conduct an Event the conditions of which differ from this Policy, and such Event shall be known as a Special Event. A club must apply to GRNSW in order for a Group Race to be treated as a Special Event under this Policy. Advertised Non-Graded Events will be considered to be Special Events under this policy.
- 4.2 Group Races may consist of greyhounds of any grade subject to the eligibility requirements of the particular Group Event.
- 4.3 A greyhound is eligible for a Free For All Event if the greyhound is eligible for a Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 3 or Grade 4 Event, however a Grade 4 greyhound shall not be eligible for a Free For All Event if it has not won a minimum of five (5) Events including a minimum of two (2) Events in the Category of Race Meeting in which the Free For All Event is to be conducted.
- 4.4 The following Mixed Grade Events may be conducted with at least two (2) eligible greyhounds in the lower grade and at least one (1) eligible greyhound in the higher grade:-
- i) 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> Grade
    - a) A Grade 4 greyhound shall not be eligible for a 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> Mixed Grade Event if it has not won a minimum of four (4) Events including a minimum of two (2) Events in the Category of Race Meeting in which the Event is to be conducted or a higher Category of Race Meeting.
  - ii) 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
    - a) A Grade 5 greyhound shall not be eligible for a 4/5<sup>th</sup> Mixed Grade Event if it has not won a minimum of two (2) Events.
    - b) Notwithstanding Part (a) of this clause, a greyhound having won one (1) event shall be exempted from the provisions of this clause when nominating for an advertised feature Mixed Grade Event.
- 4.5 Where a greyhound wins an Event consisting of multiple grades, that win shall be classified as a win in the lowest grade for which the greyhound was eligible to compete at that track, distance and category of meeting.

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## 5. Re-Grade

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5.1 After winning a Maiden Event at any track, a greyhound having its first start at a particular track, distance and category of meeting shall be eligible to contest a 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Event at that particular track, distance and category of meeting except in the following circumstances:-

### 5.1.1 Category A meetings

- a) Where a greyhound is nominated for an Event at a distance of up to 564m, and that greyhound has won two (2) Events at a Category A meeting at a track other than Wentworth Park and at distances up to 564m, the greyhound will be classified as a 4th Grade greyhound. Thereafter, it will progress up and down the Grades in accordance with clauses 3.1 and 6.1.
- b) Where a greyhound is nominated for an Event at a distance of 565m or above, and that greyhound has won two (2) Events at a Category A meeting at a track other than Wentworth Park and at distances of 565m or above, the greyhound will be classified as a 4th Grade greyhound. Thereafter, it will progress up and down the Grades in accordance with clauses 3.1 and 6.1

### 5.1.2 Category B meetings

- a) Where a greyhound is nominated for an Event at a distance of up to 564m, and that greyhound has won two (2) Events at a Category A meeting or a total of ten (10) Events at either a Category A or Category B meeting at distances up to 564m, the greyhound will be classified as a 4<sup>th</sup> Grade greyhound. Thereafter, it will progress up and down the Grades in accordance with clauses 3.1 and 6.1.
- b) Where a greyhound is nominated for an Event at a distance of 565m or above, and that greyhound has won two (2) Events at a Category A meeting or a total of ten (10) Events at either a Category A or Category B meeting at distances of 565m or above, the greyhound will be classified as a 4<sup>th</sup> Grade greyhound. Thereafter, it will progress up and down the Grades in accordance with clauses 3.1 and 6.1.

### 5.1.3 Category C meetings

- a) Where a greyhound is nominated for an Event at a distance of up to 564m, and that greyhound has won two (2) Events at a Category A meeting or a total of ten (10) Events at either a Category A or Category B meeting at distances up to 564m, the greyhound will be classified as a 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade greyhound. Thereafter, it will progress up and down the Grades in accordance with clauses 3.1 and 6.1.
- b) Where a greyhound is nominated for an Event at a distance of 565m or above, and that greyhound has won two (2) Events at a Category A meeting or a total of ten (10) Events at either a Category A or Category B meeting at distances of 565m or above, the greyhound will be classified as a 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade greyhound. Thereafter, it will progress up and down the Grades in accordance with clauses 3.1 and 6.1.

- c) Where a greyhound is nominated for an Event at a distance of up to 564m, and that greyhound has won one (1) Event at a Category A meeting or a total of six (6) Events at either a Category B or Category C meeting at distances up to 564m, the greyhound will be classified as a 4<sup>th</sup> Grade greyhound. Thereafter, it will progress up and down the Grades in accordance with clauses 3.1 and 6.1.
- d) Where a greyhound is nominated for an Event at a distance of 565m or above, and that greyhound has won one (1) Event at a Category A meeting or a total of six (6) Events at a Category B or Category C meeting at distances of 565m or above, the greyhound will be classified as a 4<sup>th</sup> Grade greyhound. Thereafter, it will progress up and down the Grades in accordance with clauses 3.1 and 6.1.

#### 5.1.4 Category D meetings

- a) Where a greyhound is nominated for an Event at a distance of up to 564m, and that greyhound has won two (2) Events at a Category A meeting, or a total of four (4) Events at either Category A or Category B meetings, or a total of twelve (12) Events at either Category A, Category B or Category C meetings at distances up to 564m, the greyhound will be classified as a 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade greyhound. Thereafter, it will progress up and down the Grades in accordance with clauses 3.1 and 6.1.
- b) Where a greyhound is nominated for an Event at a distance of 565m or above, and that greyhound has won two (2) Events at a Category A meeting, or a total of four (4) Events at either Category A or Category B meetings, or a total of twelve (12) Events at either Category A, Category B or Category C meetings at distances of 565m or above, the greyhound will be classified as a 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade greyhound. Thereafter, it will progress up and down the Grades in accordance with clauses 3.1 and 6.1.
- c) Where a greyhound is nominated for an Event at a distance of up to 564m, and that greyhound has won one (1) Event at a Category A meeting, or two (2) Events at a Category B meeting or a total of ten (10) Events at either Category B, Category C or Category D meetings at distances up to 564m, the greyhound will be classified as a 4<sup>th</sup> Grade greyhound. Thereafter, it will progress up and down the Grades in accordance with clauses 3.1 and 6.1.
- d) Where a greyhound is nominated for an Event at a distance of 565m or above, and that greyhound has won one (1) Event at a Category A meeting, or two (2) Events at a Category B meeting or a total of ten (10) Events at either Category B, Category C or Category D meetings at distances of 565m or above, the greyhound will be classified as a 4<sup>th</sup> Grade greyhound. Thereafter, it will progress up and down the Grades in accordance with clauses 3.1 and 6.1.



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## **6. Drop-Back Rule**

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- 6.1 a) Where a Grade 4 greyhound or higher, is unplaced at the same category of meeting, at the same particular track and distance in two (2) Events after its last win at that particular category of meeting, track and distance, or after being graded in accordance with clause 5.1 that greyhound shall be lowered one (1) grade when it next competes in an Event at that particular track, distance and category of meeting.
- b) After being lowered one (1) grade in accordance with clause 6.1(a) a greyhound shall, upon winning an Event at that particular category of meeting, track and distance, be elevated one (1) grade at that particular category of meeting, track and distance.
- 6.2 In accordance with clause 8.1, Wentworth Park Saturday and Wentworth Park Friday are to be considered different tracks for the purpose of this policy.

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## 7. Grading Guidelines

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7.1 The following is the order of entry that the Grader shall use for the inclusion of greyhounds in fields for graded Events :

- i) Last start winners at the category of meeting, track and distance of nomination;
- ii) Last start placegetters at the category of meeting, track and distance of nomination;
- iii) Last start winners at a Category A race meeting when nominating at an alternative Category A race meeting or at a different distance at the track of nomination;
- iv) Last start winners at a Category B race meeting when nominating at an alternative Category B race meeting or at a different distance at the track of nomination;
- v) Last start winners at a Category C race meeting when nominating at an alternative Category C race meeting or at a different distance at the track of nomination;
- vi) Last start winners at a Category D race meeting when nominating at an alternative Category D race meeting or at a different distance at the track of nomination;
- vii) Greyhounds that were reserves at the previous meeting at the category of meeting, track and distance of nomination that had not gained a start at that meeting;
- viii) Greyhounds dropping in grade at the category of meeting, track and distance of nomination;
- ix) Greyhounds with the best race form amongst the remainder as determined by the Grader. For the purposes of Category A, Category B, Category C and Category D race meetings, the Grader shall determine best race form using the Weighted Points Score Table. (See Appendix A)

7.2 For the purposes of Category A, Category B, Category C and Category D race meetings, once the Order of Entry has determined the pool of greyhounds to be drawn, the 'top-down' grading principle will be applied in the following order:

- i) Greyhounds graded 1<sup>st</sup> grade will be drawn to race ahead of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade ahead of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade ahead of 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 4<sup>th</sup> grade ahead of 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade ahead of maiden greyhounds;
- ii) Greyhounds of the same grade shall be drawn in the following order:
  - a) Greyhounds with the highest number of meeting category wins in the distance category;
  - b) Greyhounds with the highest number of total wins.
  - c) Greyhounds with the highest number of points under the Weighted Points Score Table (See Appendix A);
- iii) For the purposes of 7.2(ii)(a), there are two distance categories:
  - a) Sprint: all distances up to and including 564m
  - b) Distance: 565m and longer

- 7.3 The Order of Entry shall not apply when grading Special Events, Events conducted by way of heats and final or Events open to the 'Best' greyhounds nominated as determined by the Grader. For the purposes of such Events at a Category A, Category B, Category C or Category D race meeting, unless the conditions of the Event determined by the Race Club state otherwise, greyhounds shall be drawn in the following manner:
- i) Greyhounds graded 1<sup>st</sup> grade will be drawn to race ahead of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade ahead of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade ahead of 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 4<sup>th</sup> grade ahead of 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade ahead of maiden greyhounds;
  - ii) The Weighted Points Score Table (See Appendix A) will determine the order of entry for greyhounds of the same grade;
  - iii) Greyhounds of equal grade and Point Score will be drawn at random.
- 7.4 An eligible greyhound may be drawn in any programmed Special Event, Heats or Race Series to be staged at the meeting for which it has been nominated unless the nominator states NO to special event at the time of nomination.
- 7.5 The following is the order of entry that the Grader shall use for the inclusion of greyhounds in fields for Maiden Events conducted at Category A, Category B, Category C or Category D race meetings:
- i) Last start placegetters at the category of meeting, track and distance of nomination;
  - ii) Greyhounds placed in two (2) of their last three (3) race starts;
  - iii) Greyhounds placed in one (1) of their last three (3) race starts;
  - iv) First start greyhounds having satisfactorily competed in a performance qualifying trial at the track at which the greyhound is nominated as determined by the Weighted Points Score Table;
  - v) First start greyhounds having satisfactorily competed in a performance qualifying trial or qualifying trial at any track as determined by the Weighted Points Score Table;
  - vi) Greyhounds having their first start at Category D meetings only;
  - vii) Greyhounds that were reserves at the previous meeting at the category of meeting, track and distance of nomination that had not gained a start at that meeting;
  - viii) Greyhounds unplaced after having one (1) race start;
  - ix) Greyhounds unplaced as determined by the Weighted Point Score Table.
- 7.6
- i) Guarding implies that greyhounds owned and/or trained by the same person will be separated into different divisions of an Event whenever and wherever possible. Guarding will be applied as follows:-
    - a) in all maiden Events;
    - b) in all Events consisting of heats and/or semi-finals;
    - c) in all Grade 5 Events containing greyhounds that have all won four (4) Events or less;
    - d) in all Category D Grade 5 Events.
  - ii) Race fields for Grade 4 Events and higher, as well as race fields for Category A, Category B and Category C Grade 5 Events with greyhounds that have won five (5) Events or more, will not be guarded.

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## 8. Categories of Race Meetings

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For the purposes of this Grading Policy, race meetings conducted at greyhound racing tracks throughout Australasia are categorised as follows:

### 8.1 Category A Race Meetings

Wentworth Park Saturday (NSW)	Saturday night meetings only
Wentworth Park Friday (NSW)	Friday night meetings only
Meadows (VIC)	Saturday night meetings only
Sandown (VIC)	Thursday night meetings only
Albion Park (QLD)	Thursday night meetings only
Cannington (WA)	Saturday night meetings only

Note that all Group races as set out in the Australian Greyhound Racing Association Group Race Calendar conducted interstate will be classified as Category A Events regardless of the classification of the track at which the Group race is held for the purposes of determining a greyhound's grade under this Policy.

### 8.2 Category B Race Meetings

Bathurst (NSW) – TAB Meetings  
Bulli (NSW) - TAB Meetings  
Casino (NSW) - TAB Meetings  
Dapto (NSW) - TAB Meetings  
Gosford (NSW) - TAB Meetings  
Lismore (NSW) - TAB Meetings  
Maitland (NSW) - TAB Meetings  
Nowra (NSW) - TAB Meetings  
Richmond (NSW) - TAB Meetings  
The Gardens (NSW) - TAB Meetings

Ballarat (VIC)  
Bendigo (VIC)  
Cranbourne (VIC)  
Geelong (VIC)  
Horsham (VIC)  
Meadows (VIC) – All meetings except Saturday night  
Sale (VIC)  
Sandown (VIC) – All meetings except Thursday night  
Shepparton (VIC)  
Traralgon (VIC)  
Wangaratta (VIC)  
Warragul (VIC)  
Warrnambool (VIC)

Albion Park (QLD) – Monday nights only  
Gold Coast (QLD)  
Ipswich (QLD) – Wednesdays

Angle Park (SA) – Thursday & Mondays only  
Gawler (SA) – Thursday & Mondays only

Cannington (WA) – All meetings except Saturday night  
Mandurah (WA)

Hobart (TAS) – Thursday & Mondays only  
Launceston (TAS) – Thursday & Monday only

Addington (Christchurch) (NZ)  
Manukau (Auckland) (NZ)  
Waikato (Cambridge) (NZ)  
Wanganui (Hatrick) (NZ)  
Otago (Dunedin) (NZ)  
Invercargill (Ascot Park) (NZ)  
Manawatu (Palmerston North) (NZ)

### **8.3 Category C Race Meetings**

Appin (NSW) TAB C Meetings  
Armidale (NSW) TAB C Meetings  
Bathurst (NSW) TAB C Meetings  
Broken Hill (NSW) TAB C Meetings  
Bulli (NSW) TAB C Meetings  
Casino (NSW) TAB C Meetings  
Coonabarabran (NSW) TAB C Meetings  
Coonamble (NSW) TAB C Meetings  
Cowra (NSW) TAB C Meetings  
Dapto (NSW) TAB C Meetings  
Dubbo (NSW) TAB C Meetings  
Forbes (NSW) TAB C Meetings  
Gosford (NSW) TAB C Meetings  
Goulburn (NSW) TAB C Meetings  
Grafton (NSW) TAB C Meetings  
Gunnedah (NSW) TAB C Meetings  
Kempsey (NSW) TAB C Meetings  
Lismore (NSW) TAB C Meetings  
Lithgow (NSW) TAB C Meetings  
Maitland (NSW) TAB C Meetings  
Moree (NSW) TAB C Meetings  
Mudgee (NSW) TAB C Meetings  
Muswellbrook (NSW) TAB C Meetings  
Nowra (NSW) TAB C Meetings  
Potts Park (NSW) TAB C Meetings  
Richmond (NSW) TAB C Meetings  
Tamworth (NSW) TAB C Meetings  
Taree (NSW) TAB C Meetings  
The Gardens (NSW) TAB C Meetings  
Temora (NSW) TAB C Meetings  
Tweed Heads (NSW) TAB C Meetings  
Wagga (NSW) TAB C Meetings  
Wauchope (NSW) TAB C Meetings  
Wentworth Park (NSW) TAB C Meetings  
Young (NSW) TAB C Meetings

Canberra (ACT)

Healesville (VIC)

Albion Park (QLD) - All meetings except Thursday and Monday nights  
Ipswich (QLD) - Tuesdays  
Cairns (QLD)  
Townsville (QLD)

Angle Park (SA) - All meetings except Thursday and Monday nights

Gawler (SA) - All meetings except Thursday and Monday nights

Northam (WA)

Hobart (TAS) - All meetings except Thursday and Monday nights

Devonport (TAS)

Launceston (TAS) - All meetings except Thursday and Monday nights

Ashburton (NZ)

Taranaki (NZ)

Wairarapa (NZ)

Wellington (NZ)

## **8.4 Category D Race Meetings**

Appin (NSW) Non-TAB Meetings

Armidale (NSW) Non-TAB Meetings

Bathurst (NSW) Non-TAB Meetings

Broken Hill (NSW) Non-TAB Meetings

Bulli (NSW) Non-TAB Meetings

Casino (NSW) Non-TAB Meetings

Coonabarabran (NSW) Non-TAB Meetings

Coonamble (NSW) Non-TAB Meetings

Cowra (NSW) Non-TAB Meetings

Dapto (NSW) Non-TAB Meetings

Dubbo (NSW) Non-TAB Meetings

Forbes (NSW) Non-TAB Meetings

Gosford (NSW) Non-TAB Meetings

Goulburn (NSW) Non-TAB Meetings

Grafton (NSW) Non-TAB Meetings

Gunnedah (NSW) Non-TAB Meetings

Kempsey (NSW) Non-TAB Meetings

Lismore (NSW) Non-TAB Meetings

Lithgow (NSW) Non-TAB Meetings

Maitland (NSW) Non-TAB Meetings

Moree (NSW) Non-TAB Meetings

Mudgee (NSW) Non-TAB Meetings

Muswellbrook (NSW) Non-TAB Meetings

Nowra (NSW) Non-TAB Meetings

Potts Park (NSW) Non-TAB Meetings

Richmond (NSW) Non-TAB Meetings

Tamworth (NSW) Non-TAB Meetings

Taree (NSW) Non-TAB Meetings

The Gardens (NSW) Non-TAB Meetings

Temora (NSW) Non-TAB Meetings

Tweed Heads (NSW) Non-TAB Meetings

Wagga (NSW) Non-TAB Meetings

Wauchope (NSW) Non-TAB Meetings

Wentworth Park (NSW) Non-TAB Meetings

Young (NSW) Non-TAB Meetings

Bundaberg (QLD)

Capalaba (QLD)

Mackay (QLD)

Rockhampton (QLD)

Barmera (SA)

Kulpara (SA)  
Mount Gambier (SA)  
Port Augusta (SA)  
Port Pirie (SA)  
Strathalbyn (SA)  
Whyalla (SA)

Darwin (NT)

## Appendix A: Weighted Points Score & Pro Rata

Weighted Point Score for the purpose of determining order of entry in accordance with clause 7.								
<b>Category A</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>8th</b>
Grade 1	112	96	88	44	40	36	32	28
Grade 2	104	88	80	40	36	32	28	24
Grade 3	96	80	72	36	32	28	24	20
Grade 4	88	72	64	32	28	24	20	16
Grade 5	80	64	56	28	24	20	16	12
Maiden	36	32	28	14	12	10	8	6
<b>Category B</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>8th</b>
Grade 1	84	72	66	33	30	27	24	21
Grade 2	78	66	60	30	27	24	21	18
Grade 3	72	60	54	27	24	21	18	15
Grade 4	66	54	48	24	21	18	15	12
Grade 5	60	48	42	21	18	15	12	9
Maiden	36	32	28	14	12	10	8	6
<b>Category C</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>8th</b>
Grade 1	70	60	55	28	25	22	19	16
Grade 2	65	55	50	25	22	19	16	14
Grade 3	60	50	45	22	19	16	14	12
Grade 4	55	45	40	19	16	14	12	10
Grade 5	50	40	35	17	14	12	10	8
Maiden	36	32	28	14	12	10	8	6
<b>Category D</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>
Grade 1	56	48	44	22	20	18	16	14
Grade 2	52	44	40	20	18	16	14	12
Grade 3	48	40	36	18	16	14	12	10
Grade 4	44	36	32	16	14	12	10	8
Grade 5	40	32	28	14	12	10	8	6
Maiden	36	32	28	14	12	10	8	6
<b>Perf &amp; Qual Trial</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>				
	17	13	8	4				

**Note:** The points quoted for Performance Trials and Qualifying Trials is used as an order of merit and only applies to unraced maidens when nominating for their first official race start.

### Pro Rata

Greyhounds that have not yet competed in five (5) starts are allocated points on a pro-rata or an average over five (5) starts with a weighting of 80% applied to the "pro-rata" points. To calculate the points of a greyhound that has not competed in five (5) starts you divide the greyhound's total points by the amount of starts it has competed in, then you multiply the new average by the difference between 5 and the number of actual starts and after applying the 80% discount weighting add the result to the actual points earned from the greyhound's starts.

### Examples for working out the points of greyhounds using this method:

**One Start** = 36 points  $36 / 1 = 36$   $36 \times 4 = 144$   $144 \times 0.8 = 115$   $115 + 36 = 151$  points

**Two Starts** = 46 points  $46 / 2 = 23$   $23 \times 3 = 69$   $69 \times 0.8 = 55$   $55 + 46 = 101$  points

**Four Starts** = 84 points  $84 / 4 = 21$   $21 \times 1 = 21$   $21 \times 0.8 = 16$   $16 + 84 = 100$  points



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## Grading Department Contact

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### a. Grading Queries:

Owners and Trainers are advised that, subject to the provisions of GAR 22 and LR21A, no alterations to published box draws will be made unless the Grading Department is notified about a problem within three hours of the box draw being published on thedogs.com.au website. Please note that races will only be re-drawn in the following circumstances:

- The omission of an eligible greyhound that was correctly nominated;
- Incorrect grading allocation of a greyhound in a field;
- The incorrect allocation of a reserve greyhound(s);
- Ignorance of special conditions that have not been applied to an event by the grading department; and
- The inclusion of a greyhound in a feature race when advised that it was not to be considered for the event.

Please note that if your enquiry does not relate to any of the above points, it **will not** be considered by the Grading Department outside of the allocated daily phone enquiry period of 10am-2pm.

Prior to contacting the Grading Department regarding any grading issue, participants are encouraged to view the Order of Choice Report for the meeting in question. The Order of Choice Report can be found on thedogs.com.au website and is attached to all published NSW race fields. Participants should also read and make themselves familiar with the Frequently Asked Grading Questions, which are also available on the thedogs.com.au website under the “Grading Section”.

General grading enquiries, for example, on the grade of a greyhound at a particular track or eligibility to compete in certain events, can be submitted to GRNSW for response via the online Grading Enquiry Form or facsimile - the GRNSW Grading Department will respond to these enquiries within 48 hours of receipt.

Alternatively, participants without access to the internet or email can contact the Grading Department via phone on Mondays to Fridays between the hours of 10am-2pm with any general grading queries. Please note that the Member Services team will not answer grading enquiries and that, as outlined above, unless the enquiry relates to an urgent problem that requires a box re-draw, grading phone calls will not be taken outside of the 10am-2pm allocated grading enquiry time slot.

b. **Nominations:**

i) **TAB A and B Meetings:**

Nominations for TAB A and B meetings can be made online at [www.thedogs.com.au](http://www.thedogs.com.au) or via fax on (02) 8580 5301 and close at the time set by GRNSW. Limited phone nominations will be taken between 8- 9am on weekdays only.

ii) **TAB C and Non-TAB Meetings:**

Nominations for all TAB C and Non-TAB meetings must be made online at [www.thedogs.com.au](http://www.thedogs.com.au) or via fax on (02) 8580 5301 and close at the time set by GRNSW. No phone nominations will be taken for TAB C or Non-TAB meetings.

c. **Closing Time of Nominations:**

Closing times for nominations are determined by GRNSW and are subject to change from time to time. Closing times for nominations for all race meetings can be found under the “Calendar” section of [thedogs.com.au](http://thedogs.com.au) website.

d. **Scratchings**

i. **TAB Meetings**

The deadline for notification of a scratching at all TAB meetings is 9am on the day of the meeting. Scratchings can be made online at [www.thedogs.com.au](http://www.thedogs.com.au) through the nominations portal using your log-in details or by phoning GRNSW on 1300 797 538.

ii. **Non-TAB Meetings**

To scratch a greyhound at a Non-TAB meeting you must contact the Club concerned. Scratchings at Non-TAB meetings can be made right up until the close of kennels on the day of the meeting. Contact details for all Clubs can be found on [thedogs.com.au](http://thedogs.com.au) website under the “Tracks” section.

**Contacting us:**

- **Online:** Go to [www.thedogs.com.au](http://www.thedogs.com.au) to nominate, scratch and find information on grading - 24 hours a day 7 days a week.
- **Facsimile:** (02) 8580 5301 – 24 hours a day 7 days a week.
- **Phone Nominations:** 1300 664 565 between 8-9am on weekdays for TAB Category A and B meetings only.
- **Scratchings:** 1300 797 538 between 8-9am 7 days a week for TAB meetings only.
- **Grading Enquiries:** 1300 664 565 between 10am-2pm Mondays to Fridays or online via the Grading Enquiry Form under the Grading Information Section.