

GREYHOUND RACING

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Attending and Training Greyhounds

Booklet 10 - Nominating



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Nominating

10.1 Nominating a greyhound for a race

Understanding the nomination process

Once you feel that your greyhound is ready to race it will be time to nominate it for its first race. It is important that considerable thought be given to the placement of your greyhound in a race. In this regard the Racing Calendar will be your best friend. The *Greyhound Monthly* and FastTrack publishes the Racing Calendar and lists all meetings and advertised events to be held at each club. This information can help you map out a race program and answer questions like 'is there a suitable race programmed for my greyhound?' or 'are heats to be held which could require my attendance the following week?'. Consideration must also be given to the race distance suitable for your greyhound. As a trainer it is important that you understand the GRV requirements associated with nominating a greyhound. These requirements are addressed below.

Clearance for racing

Before a greyhound can be nominated it must be 'cleared for racing'. This process can only be undertaken by a Clearance Officer.

Before your greyhound can be cleared for racing it must have a registered racing name. It must be:

- vaccinated to a C5 level;
- a minimum of 12 months old

Names are applied for via FastTrack and

must be a minimum 16 characters or less in length.



A list of Clearance Officers can be found on FastTrack under the Racing tab located at the top of the page. A greyhound can also be cleared at the track on a non-race day by contacting the club and organising a time. The Clearance Officer will check the details on the ID Card against the greyhound, and if all details are correct you will be issued with a Weight Card and be able to nominate that greyhound for racing. If there are any issues the Clearance Officer will be in contact with GRV to amend those details.

Kennel return

A 'Kennel Return' is the notification of the movement of a named greyhound in and out of trainers' kennels. It provides GRV with the opportunity to know where individual greyhounds are, so they know who is responsible for their care. It also means that you will be listed as the trainer of the greyhound within the FastTrack, allowing you to nominate the greyhound for races.

You are required to notify GRV of the names of all greyhounds living in, or removed from, your kennels within 72 hours of them arriving or departing (with the exception of retired greyhounds).

Every time a greyhound enters your kennel or leaves your kennel, you are required to submit a 'Kennel Return'.

The national rule GAR105 (4) stipulates that this notification must be given within 3 days of the greyhound's arrival or departure. Failure to comply is an offence.

To complete a Kennel Return you will need to;

1. Log into your FastTrack Account.
2. Click on 'MyDogs'.
3. Click the link 'Add Dog to Kennel' - located above the list of dogs.
4. Enter the Racing Name, earbrand and last four digits of the microchip number.
5. Select the Prize Money Distribution.
6. Agree to the declaration and click 'submit'.

You can also complete a Kennel Return by contacting Racing Services and Registrations Department on 03 8329 1100. You will be required to give the Racing Services and Registrations Officer your trainer number, the earbrand, Racing Name and the last four digits of the microchip number, and agree to the declaration.

Grading guidelines

Detailed grading guidelines are available at <https://fasttrack-static.grv.org.au/webcontent/documents/GradingGuidelines.pdf>. It is important trainers are aware of the guidelines to best understand the grading process and how to best place their greyhounds for potential success.

Greyhounds are 'graded' according to their ability. Races are listed as being for

greyhounds of a certain grade, so it is important that you nominate your greyhound for the correct event (both grade and distance).

- Maiden Races – for greyhounds who have not won a race
- Grade 7 – for greyhounds who have won one race
- Grade 6 – for greyhounds who have won two races
- Grade 5 – for greyhounds who have won at least three races and are considered grade 5 at a certain distance and a certain track
- Free For All – for greyhounds of Grade 4 or better up to Grade 1 (based on the guidelines)
- Mixed Grade – races for greyhounds of two consecutive grades

Rules relating to the grading of greyhounds

LR30 Hierarchy of Flat Events

LR31 Special Events

LR32 Advancing Grades

LR33 Events Conducted by way of Heats and Final

LR34 Re-grading

Completing an online nomination

The process for completing an online nomination is as follows:

1. Log into your FastTrack account.
2. Click on 'MyDogs'.
3. Find the greyhound you wish to

nominate and click on 'Actions' on the right-hand side of the page.

4. Select 'nominate'.
5. Select your desired meeting from the drop-down menu.
6. If you are wanting to nominate more than one greyhound for the same track, distance and grade you can select Show Dogs, which will bring up a list of all your eligible greyhounds. Click on the box next to each dog you wish to nominate and click confirm.
7. Select the distance and grade you desire. If you are wanting to nominate for multiple distances, click the box next to each desired distance in order of preference.
8. Click 'continue' in the bottom right corner.

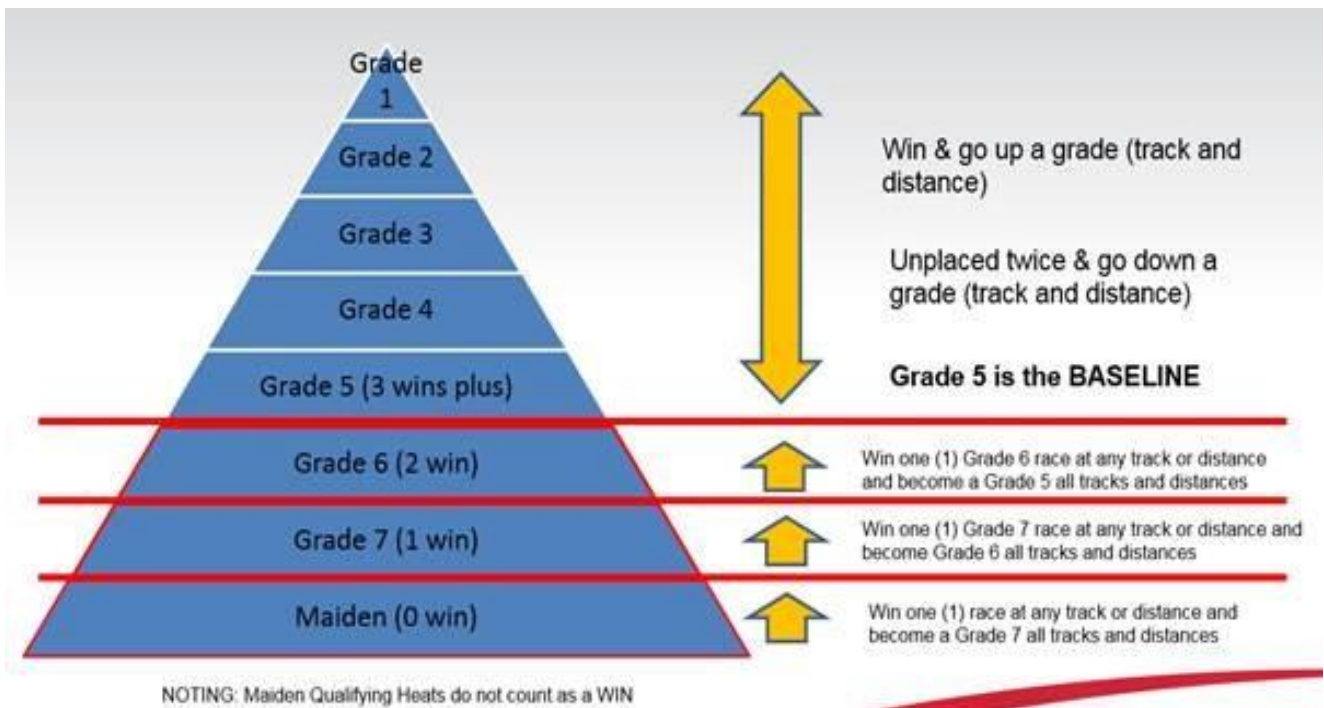
9. Review your nomination and click 'confirm' if all details are correct.

You will then receive a nomination confirmation receipt number.

If you have more greyhounds to nominate click 'More Nominations'.



The Grading system is outlined below:



Nominating your greyhound over the phone

When nominating your greyhound over the phone, you will be asked to provide the greyhound's ear brand and the racing name. You will then be asked to confirm your trainer's number and you will need to stipulate the meeting you are nominating for, along with the grade and distance.

Once all of the information has been entered into FastTrack, the Racing Services and Registrations Officer taking the nomination will then read all of the information back to you to ensure that it has been entered correctly.

It is important that you listen carefully to the Officer to ensure that your nomination has been taken correctly.

Rules relating to nominations

LR26 Requirements

LR27 Conditions of Acceptance of Nominations by the Board

LR29 Participation

How to withdraw a nomination

If you decide that you no longer want the greyhound you have nominated to race, it is possible to withdraw the nomination up to the time that nominations close for that event.

1. Log into your FastTrack account.
2. Click on 'MyDogs'
3. Find the greyhound you wish to withdraw.
4. Click on 'Action' on the right-hand side of the page'
5. Click 'Withdraw Nomination'.
6. Click on the desired nomination you

wish to withdraw and click 'submit'.

7. Click 'confirm' to withdraw it.

You will then receive a pop-up box stating the nomination has been withdrawn

You can also withdraw a nomination by calling Racing Services and Registrations Department on 03 839 1100. You will be asked to provide the ear brand, racing name, your trainer number, and the track, distance and grade that you have nominated for and wish to withdraw from.

Selecting the field

Once the nominations for a meeting have closed, the graders will then look at the greyhounds nominated for each race and distance and select the fields. There are generally more greyhounds nominated than there are places, so there is a selection process to determine which ones get a start, which ones are selected as reserves (those that will get a start if one of the selected eight withdraw), and which ones fail to get a start.

Rules relating to selection of fields

LR28 Grading

Order of entry

The following guidelines are used by GRV Graders for the grading of race fields at race meetings. These grading guidelines have been approved by the GRV Board and form the basis under which GRV Graders will grade race fields. While GRV Graders are required to adhere to the grading guidelines when preparing race fields, they have also been granted flexibility and ultimate discretion with the preparation of race fields.

Such circumstances may include the overall number of nominations received for the

meeting, the number of nominations received for different grades and distances for the meeting, the number of events to be conducted at the meeting for different grades and distances, the race form of greyhounds nominated for the meeting, and the events programmed by the club for the meeting. Please note that all race fields for all race meetings shall be graded in accordance with GRV rules.

The following is the order of entry that GRV Graders may use for the inclusion of greyhounds in fields for events:

- Recent last start winners at the track of nomination at the same distance.
- Recent last start placegetters at the track of nomination at the same distance.
- Greyhounds dropping in grade at the track of nomination from a recent win at the same distance.
- Greyhounds drawn as reserves, but had not gained a start, at the previous meeting of the same track of nomination providing the greyhound is nominated for the same grade and distance.

In the event of a reserve greyhound not being drawn for the succeeding meeting at the track, every endeavour shall be made to include the greyhound at the following meeting at the same track of nomination.

- Greyhounds with best recent race form from other tracks.

It is important to note that:

- Notwithstanding the above, GRV Graders discretion is applicable at all times.
- The word 'recent' for the purposes of these grading guidelines shall be defined as meaning 90 days.

- Any greyhound winning or being placed in a 'non penalty' race on the country circuit will not automatically be given preference in being selected for a start at a regular TAB meeting at the same country venue.
- A win at a country race meeting and/or a metropolitan non penalty race meeting does not automatically guarantee a start at a metropolitan race meeting.
- Where a greyhound wins a Group One or Group Two event anywhere in Australia within the past 180 days from the close of nominations for a country race meeting, such greyhound shall be graded as a Grade 4 or better greyhound, subject to the greyhound having already established its grade at the particular track, provided such win in a Group One or Group Two event was of similar distance. Where the grade of a greyhound is determined at Grade 4 or better in accordance with this grading guideline it shall thereafter be subject to movement within the various grades in accordance with the rules of Greyhound Racing Victoria. For the purposes of this grading guideline a similar distance to which the greyhound won a Group One or Group Two event shall be defined as a distance less than 601 metres, or a distance greater than 601 metres.

The GRV Graders may, where practicable and based on form and suitable races being available, separate greyhounds trained and/or owned in the same interest.

The box draw

Once the fields have been selected, the 'box draw' takes place. The box draw is where each dog is assigned a starting box for the race. There are eight starting boxes with the number 1 box being closest to the

running rail and lure, and number 8 box being the furthest from the running rail.

Most trainers consider box 1 to be the favoured starting box for most greyhounds, although box 8 would be considered advantageous if the greyhound likes to race wide. The box draw is a random draw, so no particular trainer or greyhound is favoured. The greyhounds are each assigned a number randomly, and these numbers are then entered into the computer, which in turn generates a random allocation of boxes. Once the box draw has taken place, the computer program locks this function so that a second draw cannot take place. The box draw process is regularly audited by independent auditors to ensure that it is truly random and fair.

The field is then published listing each greyhound according to the starting box that it will race from, along with the two reserves for the race (if applicable). The reserves do not get to race unless one or more of the dogs selected for the race are scratched. In the case of a single scratching, the replacement is drawn from the two reserves (randomly) and the reserve dog will take the box assigned to the greyhound that has been scratched. If the race is the final of an event and the field has been selected in order of performance in heats, then the 1st reserve takes priority if a scratching occurs.

If two greyhounds are scratched from an event, then both reserves will get a run, and a draw will occur to determine which dog starts from which box. Reserves are allocated at 8.30am on the day of race with the exception of 'morning' or 'day' meetings where they are allocated at 4.00pm the day prior.

Rules relating to the box draw

LR36 Box Draw

For a race meeting classified as Twilight or Night the close of scratching's is 8.30am the day of the meeting.

If the meeting is a day meeting, the scratchings will close at 4.00pm the day before the event.

Scratching's can be taken over the phone between 7.30am and 4.30pm during the week by the Racing Services and Registrations Department on 03 8329 1100.

On the weekend scratchings can be called in over the phone from 7.30 - 9.00am and 3.00 - 4.30pm with the Racing Services and Registrations Department.

When you contact the Racing Services and Registrations Department to scratch your greyhound, you will need to provide the Officer with the earbrand, Racing Name, your Trainer Number, the reason for scratching and the meeting details.

If you are a reserve for a meeting, GRV will inform you if your greyhound is required by text. However, you can also call the office or check the form guide for information.

Prize money and the tax compliance form

The relevant rule for the payment of prizemoney is:

LR25 Payment of Prize Money

The rule states the following:

25.1 *In all races conducted in Victoria, unless GRV approves otherwise, any prize money that a greyhound may*

win will be allocated to the Owner and Trainer as follows:

Recipient	Allocation
Owner	50.0%
Trainer	50.0%

25.2 *Any prize money of the Owner will be paid to the Trainer as agent for the Owner unless GRV decides otherwise.*

25.3 *All prize money will be paid by means of electronic funds transfer into the recipient's nominated account, unless GRV believes that special circumstances exist which justify a contrary payment method.*

It is important that a Tax Compliance form is completed and lodged with GRV so that payments can be made in full. It is a GRV requirement that both the Owner(s) or syndicate manager as well as the Trainer of each greyhound have submitted a completed Tax Compliance Form. Owners and Attendants are also required to submit a completed form.

It is important that you make sure all of the required people have lodged a Tax Compliance form prior to the greyhound racing, so as not to hold up the payment of any prize money.

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