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GRADING SCHEDULE

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1) **DEFINITIONS**

AGE	the age of a greyhound shall be reckoned from the last day of the month of its whelping.
COMPULSORY CONSOLATION	is a race which greyhounds that do not qualify for the Final are required to contest.
CONSOLATION	is a race for greyhounds which contested Heats (in a Heats and Final Series) or Semi Finals of a Series, but which failed to qualify to contest the Final of such series.
DISTANCE RACE	is any race of 680 metres or more.
FREE-TO-ALL	is a race open to all greyhounds, including maidens.
INVITATION	is a combination of grades 1,2 and 3
JUVENILE	is a greyhound that is under two (2) years of age at the time of a race.
MAIDEN	is a greyhound that has not won or been awarded first place in a race.
MAIDEN RACE	is a race restricted to greyhounds that are over the age of two (2) years and that have not won or been awarded first place in a race on any track at any distance unless the conditions of the race specifically permit greyhounds under the age of 2 years that have not won or been awarded first place in a race on any track at any distance to participate (e.g. Hobart Maiden Thousand).
MID DISTANCE RACE	is any race of 570 metres or more but less than 680 metres.
MIXED	is a combination of any 2 adjoining grades. e.g. 1 and 2 2 and 3 3 and 4 4 and 5 Juvenile and 5 Juvenile and Maiden
OPEN BEST	is a race or series open to all greyhounds except maidens.
RESTRICTED BEST	is a race or series open to all greyhounds eligible under the restrictions of the race or series, in which maidens are eligible to compete.
SPECIAL EVENT	is a feature race or series approved by the Board.
SPRINT RACE	is any race of less than 570 metres.
STEPGRADING	means a greyhound can win on a track over a distance and such win does not affect the greyhound's grade on any other track or the grade at the other distances on that track.
TASMANIAN BRED	is a greyhound whelped in Tasmania.

2) NOMINATIONS

- 2.1 Nomination forms must be received by RST at least 24 hours prior to the close of nominations. RST shall refuse any nomination form not received by RST 24 hours prior to the close of nominations.
- 2.2 Nomination forms must be lodged under the following circumstances:
A greyhound's first start or first start in Tasmania.
A greyhound's last race start was not in Tasmania.
- 2.3 Nominations may be made online, via fax, or by telephone to the Racing Services office provided the following information is/ or has been provided:
- (a) Name of greyhound.
 - (b) The greyhound's earbrand.
 - (c) The trainers name and licence number.
 - (d) Club and date of meeting.
 - (e) Grade and distance of the race preferred.
 - (f) Second choices or Comments

Please Note: A nomination may be refused if incorrect or incomplete information is given.

3) RESERVES

- 3.1 Greyhounds named as reserves in the second round of heats of a series, semi finals, finals (including Qualifying Finals), consolations or compulsory consolations are eligible to be graded into another race on the same programme, however in such circumstances a greyhound will be required to contest such heat, semi final, final, consolation or compulsory consolation should the greyhound obtain a start in that heat, semi final, final, consolation or compulsory consolation and shall be withdrawn from the other race.
- 3.2 Except as provided for in Clause 3.1, under no other circumstances shall a reserve be eligible to be graded into another race in the same programme except as a reserve.

4) DEAD HEAT

- 4.1 Where the Stewards and/or Judges declare a dead-heat for first place, all greyhounds dead-heating shall incur the normal grading penalty applicable to such race.

5) SPRINT AND MID DISTANCE RACES

5.1) GRADES

- 5.1.1 JUVENILE** **Juvenile** - restricted to juvenile greyhounds, providing the greyhound has not won or been awarded first place in a race at the distance on that track.
- 5.1.2 GRADE FIVE (5)** **Graduation** - for winners of Juvenile events on that track, winners of Maiden events and greyhounds over the age of two (2) years that have not won or been awarded first place in a race over the distance at that track (excluding a maiden win).
- 5.1.3 GRADE FOUR (4)** **Trial** - for winners of grade five (5) races and greyhounds dropping from grade three (3).
- 5.1.4 GRADE THREE (3)** **Progressive** - for winners of grade four (4) races and greyhounds dropping from grade two (2).
- 5.1.5 GRADE TWO (2)** **Encourage** - for winners of grade three (3) races and greyhounds dropping from grade one (1).
- 5.1.6 GRADE ONE (1)** **Elite** - for winners of grade two (2) races.

5.1.7 Wins on Interstate tracks shall be classified as a win and be penalised as if those wins were on Tasmanian tracks as per the following examples:

- A. A greyhound that has won one race while under and is still under the age of 2 years shall be assessed Grade 5 on one track and Juvenile on the other 2 tracks
- B. A greyhound that has won 1 race since turning 2 years of age shall be assessed Grade 5 all tracks.
- C. A greyhound that has won 2 races since turning 2 years of age shall be assessed Grade 4 on 1 track and Grade 5 on the remaining 2 tracks.
- D. A greyhound that has won 3 races since turning 2 years of age shall be assessed Grade 4 on 2 tracks and Grade 5 on the remaining 1 track.

5.1.8 A trainer at the time of nominating shall stipulate in writing which track a greyhound will be classified the higher grade/s (if applicable). Should the Trainer fail to provide such advice at the time of nominating, the Grader shall apply the highest grade to the track with the least funded stake level for a top grade race and (if applicable) the other highest grade to the track furthestmost from the Trainer's normal place of residence

5.1.9 The allocation of grades in accordance with Clause 5.1.8 shall not be amended for any reason whatsoever once nominated by the Trainer or defined by the Grader at the time of nomination, unless to correct an error in the original calculation of the grade of the greyhound (not the application of the grades to the various tracks).

5.1.10 Any greyhound which is grade 1, grade 2 or grade 3 on any track will drop 1 grade for that distance on that track after 3 consecutive unplaced runs at that distance on that track.

5.1.11 A greyhound cannot contest a race for a grade above or below that greyhound's grade unless in a best event, mixed grade, invitation or free-to-all.

6) FIELD SELECTION

6.1.1 The Board shall adopt an order of choice upon which the selection of greyhounds for all graded races (except invitations, best races, free-to-all races and Claiming Races) shall be made.

6.1.2 In Invitation races the greyhounds shall be selected first on their grade and then on their Order of Choice.

6.1.3 The selection of greyhounds for free-to-all races and Claiming Races shall be as follows:-

- 1. Maidens shall be first excluded.
- 2. Greyhounds shall be selected first on their grade and then on their order of choice.
- 3. If Maidens are to be included in the field, then this shall be done on the Order of Choice except that Order of Choice "5" shall not apply to any greyhound.

6.1.4 Except for the Hobart Thousand, Launceston Cup and Devonport Cup, the selection of greyhounds for all best races shall be in accordance with the following order:

6.1.4.1 Restricted Best Races

A. Where the race/series is restricted by Grade as one of the conditions:

- (i) Maidens shall be first excluded.
- (ii) Order of Choice "5" shall not apply to any greyhound.
- (iii) The selection of other greyhounds shall be made on the Order Of Choice, irrespective of Grade.
- (iv) Should it be necessary to include maidens in the field then this shall be done on the Order of Choice

- B.** Where the race/series is not restricted by Grade as one of the conditions:
- (i) Maidens shall be first excluded.
 - (ii) Order of Choice "5" shall not apply to any greyhound
 - (iii) Other greyhounds shall be selected first on their grade and then on their Order of choice.
 - (iv) Should it be necessary to include maidens in the field then this shall be done on the Order of Choice

6.1.4.2 Open Best Races

- A.** In Open Best Races:
- (i) Maidens are not eligible to contest
 - (ii) Order of Choice "5" shall not apply to any greyhound
- B.** The Field for any Open Best Race/series shall be selected in accordance with the following order:
- (i) Order 1 - Grade 1 greyhounds
 - (ii) Order 2 - Grade 2 greyhounds with an Order of Choice between 1 & 9 (inclusive)
 - (iii) Order 3 - Grade 3 greyhounds with an Order of Choice between 1 & 9 (inclusive)
 - (iv) Order 4 - Grade 2 greyhounds with an Order of Choice between 10 & 12 (inclusive)
 - (v) Order 5 - Grade 3 greyhounds with an Order of Choice between 10 & 12 (inclusive)
 - (vi) Order 6 - Other greyhounds on the Order of Choice, irrespective of grade

6.1.5 The selection of greyhounds for the heats of the Hobart Thousand, Launceston Cup and Devonport Cup shall be as follows:

- Maidens are not eligible.
 Greyhounds winning the final of the last conducted following races shall be first included.
- A.** Hobart Thousand.
 - B.** Maiden Thousand.
 - C.** Tasmania Gold Cup.
 - D.** Hobart Breeders Classic.
 - E.** Devonport Breeders Classic.
 - F.** Devonport Cup.
 - G.** Tasmanian Oaks.
 - H.** Tasmanian Derby.
 - I.** Gold Collar.
 - J.** Launceston Cup.
 - K.** Illingworth Classic.
 - L.** Launceston Breeders Classic.
 - M.** State National Sprint Championship.
 - N.** State National Distance Championship.
- Grade 1 greyhounds
 Grade 2 greyhounds with an Order of Choice between 1 & 9 (inclusive)
 Grade 3 greyhounds with an Order of Choice between 1 & 9 (inclusive)
 Grade 2 greyhounds with an Order of Choice between 10 & 12 (inclusive)
 Grade 3 greyhounds with an Order of Choice between 10 & 12 (inclusive)
 All Other greyhounds shall be included on the Order of Choice, irrespective of grade except that Choice "5" on the Order of Choice shall not apply to any greyhound.

6.2) PENALTIES

- 6.2.1** Unless otherwise stipulated a greyhound will be penalised one grade for each win on each track at the respective distance (sprint or mid distance).
- 6.2.2** A juvenile is able to win one penalty bearing race at each distance on a track and on winning shall then be assessed as grade 5 on that track over that distance.
- 6.2.3** A maiden may win one penalty bearing race on any track before being assessed as grade 5 on all tracks.
- 6.2.4** A maiden may contest any maiden or grade 5 race unless the conditions of the race otherwise exclude the greyhound.

6.2.5	One grading penalty only will be imposed for one or more wins in a series.				
E.G.	HEAT	SEMI	FINAL/COMPULSORY CONSOLATION		
	1st	3rd	5th		1 penalty
	1st	1st	1st		1 penalty
	2nd	4th	1st		1 penalty

6.3) QUALIFYING TRIALS OVER 400 METRES OR MORE

- 6.3.1** Qualifying Trials shall be conducted on race nights as programmed by Clubs.
- 6.3.2** A nomination fee of \$5.00 shall be charged for qualifying trials.
- 6.3.3** The maximum number of trials that will be conducted on any one night shall be:-
If there are 10 or less races programmed - 6 trials
If there are more than 10 races programmed - 4 trials.
- 6.3.4** A minimum of 10 nominations are required before qualifying trials will be conducted.
- 6.3.5** If there are 10 or 11 nominations then a Final will be conducted at the Club's next meeting.
- 6.3.6** If there are 12 or more nominations then heats shall be conducted with a Final at the Club's next meeting.
- 6.3.7** Subject to Clauses 6.3.3, 6.3.4 and 6.4.5 all eligible greyhounds nominated shall be catered for in the heats.
- 6.3.8** Qualifying trials shall be conducted for Juvenile / Graduation and Graduation / Trial grades only with the final carrying normal graded stakes for the class of the race.
- 6.3.9** Qualifying trials are for greyhounds Choice 9 or worse on the Order of Choice or greyhounds balloted from the race meeting at which the trials are scheduled.
- 6.3.10** Balloted from the race meeting includes reserves for races over the same distances as the qualifying trials, but does not include reserves or greyhounds balloted from races over other distances unless the greyhound was nominated for a race over the same distance as the qualifying trial (excluding Maiden races unless a Maiden race is scheduled and programmed).
- 6.3.11** Should it be necessary to reduce the number of greyhounds to participate in the trials (or Final if a Final only is conducted) then the selection of greyhounds to participate shall be made in accordance with the Order of Choice on the following order:
 - a) Greyhounds balloted from the race meeting
 - b) Greyhounds not balloted from the race meeting.
- 6.3.12** Nominations close at 10.00a.m. Two working days prior to the day on which the trials are scheduled.
- 6.3.13** Greyhounds are required to be at the kennels at the following times:
If 4 trials are scheduled - 50 minutes prior to the first race on the night
If more than 4 trials are scheduled - 1 hour prior to the first race on the night.
- 6.3.14** Greyhounds participating in qualifying trials will not be kennelled and it is the responsibility of the Trainer to be at the kennels and present their greyhound in qualifying race order.
- 6.3.15** Should there be more greyhounds than can be catered for in the trials scheduled, a list of reserves, seeded in order of inclusion, shall be published with the fields. At the close of scratchings for the trials, the reserves, in the listed order, shall be placed into the fields in the boxes vacated by the scratchings. The placement of the greyhounds will be the first greyhound on the list of reserves into the first vacant box, the second greyhound into the next vacant box and so on until all reserves have been placed in the fields or there are no more vacant boxes, wherever is the case.

6.4) QUALIFYING TRIALS OVER LESS THAN 400 METRES

- 6.4.1 Qualifying Trials shall be conducted on race nights as programmed by Clubs.
- 6.4.2 A nomination fee of \$5.00 shall be charged for qualifying trials.
- 6.4.3 The maximum number of trials that will be conducted on any one night shall be:-
If there are 10 or less races programmed - 6 trials
If there are more than 10 races programmed - 4 trials.
- 6.4.4 A minimum of 10 nominations are required before qualifying trials will be conducted.
- 6.4.5 If there are 10 or 11 nominations then a Final will be conducted at the Club's next meeting.
- 6.4.6 If there are 12 or more nominations then heats shall be conducted with a Final at the Club's next meeting.
- 6.4.7 Subject to Clauses 6.4.3, 6.4.4 and 6.4.5 all eligible greyhounds nominated shall be catered for in the heats.
- 6.4.8 Qualifying trials shall be conducted for Maiden/Juvenile, Graduation/Trial and Trial/Progressive grades only with the final carrying normal graded stakes for the class of the race.
- 6.4.9 Should it be necessary to reduce the number of greyhounds to participate in the trials (or Final if a Final only is conducted) then the selection of greyhounds to participate shall be made in accordance with the Order of Choice.
- 6.4.10 Nominations close at 10.00a.m. Two working days prior to the day on which the trials are scheduled.
- 6.4.11 Greyhounds are required to be at the kennels at the following times:
If 4 trials are scheduled - 50 minutes prior to the first race on the night
If more than 4 trials are scheduled - 1 hour prior to the first race on the night.
- 6.4.12 Greyhounds participating in qualifying trials will not be kennelled and it is the responsibility of the Trainer to be at the kennels and present their greyhound in qualifying race order.
- 6.4.13 Should there be more greyhounds than can be catered for in the trials scheduled, a list of reserves, seeded in order of inclusion, shall be published with the fields. At the close of scratchings for the trials, the reserves, in the listed order, shall be placed into the fields in the boxes vacated by the scratchings. The placement of the greyhounds will be the first greyhound on the list of reserves into the first vacant box, the second greyhound into the next vacant box and so on until all reserves have been placed in the fields or there are no more vacant boxes, wherever is the case.

7) DISTANCE RACES

7.1) GRADES

- 7.1.1 **JUVENILE** **Juvenile** restricted to juvenile greyhounds, providing the greyhound has not won or been awarded first place in a race at the distance on that track.
- 7.1.2 **GRADE FIVE (5)** **Graduation** - for greyhounds over the age of two (2) years that have not won or been awarded first place in a race over the distance at that track.
- 7.1.3 **OPEN GRADE** **Open** for greyhounds that have won a race over the distance at that track.
- 7.1.4 Wins on Interstate tracks shall be classified as a win and be penalised as if those wins were on Tasmanian tracks as per the following examples:
- A. A greyhound that has won one race while under and is still under the age of 2 years shall be assessed Open Grade on one track and Juvenile on the other 2 tracks
 - B. A greyhound that has won 1 race since turning 2 years of age shall be assessed Open Grade on one track and Grade 5 on the other 2 tracks.
 - C. A greyhound that has won 2 races since turning 2 years of age shall be assessed Open Grade on 2 tracks and Grade 5 on 1 track.
 - D. A greyhound that has won 3 races since turning 2 years of age shall be assessed Open Grade on all tracks.

- 7.1.5** Any wins shall firstly be applied to the track at which distance racing is conducted.
- 7.1.6** Should distance racing be conducted at 2 or all 3 tracks then the Grader shall apply the highest grade to the track with the least funded stake level for an Open Grade race and (if applicable) the other highest grade to the track furthest from the Trainer's normal place of residence.
- 7.1.7** A trainer at the time of nominating shall stipulate in writing which track a greyhound will be classified the higher grade/s (if applicable) subject to Clause 7.1.5. Should the Trainer fail to provide such advice at the time of nominating, the Grader shall apply the grades as detailed.
- 7.1.8** The allocation of grades in accordance with these provisions shall not be amended for any reason whatsoever once nominated by the Trainer or defined by the Grader at the time of nomination, unless to correct an error in the original calculation of the grade of the greyhound (not the application of the grades to the various tracks).
- 7.1.9** A greyhound cannot contest a race for a grade above or below that greyhound's grade unless in a special event, mixed grade or free-to-all.

7.2) FIELD SELECTION

- 7.2.1** The Board shall adopt an order of choice upon which the selection of greyhounds for all graded races (except best races, free-to-all races and Claiming Races) shall be made.
- 7.2.2** The selection of greyhounds for free-to-all races and Claiming Races shall be as follows:-
- 1.** Maidens shall be first excluded.
 - 2.** Greyhounds shall be selected first on their grade and then on their order of choice.
 - 3.** If Maidens are to be included in the field, then this shall be done on the Order of Choice except that Order of Choice "5" shall not apply to any greyhound.

- 7.2.3** The selection of greyhounds for all best races shall be in accordance with the following order:

7.2.3.1 Restricted Best Races

A. Where the race/series is restricted by Grade as one of the conditions:

- (i) Maidens shall be first excluded.
- (ii) Order of Choice "5" shall not apply to any greyhound.
- (iii) The selection of other greyhounds shall be made on the Order Of Choice, irrespective of Grade.
- (iv) Should it be necessary to include maidens in the field then this shall be done on the Order of Choice

B. Where the race/series is not restricted by Grade as one of the conditions:

- (i) Maidens shall be first excluded.
- (ii) Order of Choice "5" shall not apply to any greyhound
- (iii) Other greyhounds shall be selected first on their grade and then on their Order of choice.
- (iv) Should it be necessary to include maidens in the field then this shall be done on the Order of Choice

7.2.3.2 Open Best Races

A. In Open Best Races:

- (i) Maidens are not eligible to contest.
- (ii) Order of Choice "5" shall not apply to any greyhound.

B. The Field for any Open Best Race/series shall be selected in accordance with the following order:

- Order 1 - Open Grade greyhounds with an Order of Choice between 1 & 9 (inclusive).
- Order 2 - Other greyhounds with an Order of Choice between 1 & 9 (inclusive).
- Order 3 - Open Grade greyhounds with an Order of Choice between 10 & 12 (inclusive)
- Order 4 - Other greyhounds on the Order of Choice, irrespective of grade

7.3) PENALTIES

7.3.1 Any greyhound winning a distance race will be elevated to Open Grade at that track over the distance.

7.3.2 A maiden winning a distance race will be Open Grade at that track over the distance and Grade 5 at all other tracks and distances.

7.3.3 A maiden may contest any maiden or grade 5 race unless the conditions of the race otherwise exclude the greyhound.

7.3.4 One grading penalty only will be imposed for one or more wins in a series.

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	1st	3rd	5th	1 penalty
	1st	1st	1st	1 penalty
	2nd	4th	1st	1 penalty

8) ORDER OF CHOICE

CHOICE 1: Last start winner this distance or any greyhound dropping down in Grade to a Grade 3 or lower grade.

CHOICE 2: Placed at their last start at distance on the track of nomination.

CHOICE 3: Placed last start at distance on any other track.

CHOICE 4: Won at last start at another distance (sprint/mid distance/distance) on any track.

CHOICE 5: The greyhound's first race start or first start on a track if it has had less than 3 race starts

CHOICE 6: Placed at its second last start at distance on the track of nomination.

CHOICE 7: Placed at its second last start at distance on any other track.

CHOICE 8: Placed at its third last start at distance on the track of nomination.

CHOICE 9: Placed at its third last start at distance on any other track.

CHOICE 10: First start this track and distance over the flat.

CHOICE 11: Reserve greyhound at previous nomination at distance on track of nomination.

CHOICE 12: Any greyhound that does not meet the criteria listed above.

For Choices 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9 preference will be given to winners as opposed to placegetters

9) ORDER OF CHOICE POLICIES

- 9.1** Sprint form does not count in assessing the "Order of Choice" for mid distance or distance racing and vice versa (except with the provision provided for in Choice 4).
- 9.2** Mid distance form does not count in assessing the "Order of Choice" for distance racing and vice versa (except with the provision provided for in Choice 4)
- 9.3** (a) A greyhound which finishes unplaced in any Final (other than a qualifying final) shall have that start disregarded. ***(This refers to "Order of Choice" Only)***
- (b) A greyhound that finishes second or third in any Final (other than a qualifying final) shall have that start disregarded if the greyhound's last start over the same distance prior to that Final was a win. ***(This refers to "Order of Choice" Only)***
- 9.4** For the purpose of the Order of Choice, a fall will be disregarded.
- 9.5** Any greyhound which is penalised in the "Order of Choice" by way of interference from another greyhound which is suspended for such interference shall have that start disregarded.
- 9.6** In selecting a field, where two or more greyhounds are on the same "Order of Choice" consideration will be given to the following matters - age of Juveniles (except in Best Races), previous performances -For Choices 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9. Preference will be given to winners as opposed to placegetters
- 9.7** The Order of Choice 1 for greyhounds dropping in grade only applies to the greyhound's next start on that track and distance, but does not apply and is forfeited if the greyhound's next start on the track after dropping in grade is in an Invitation race, Best race, Free-to-All race, Claiming Race, Mixed 1/2 race, Mixed 2/3 race, a Semi Final or a Final.

10) GRADING POLICIES

- 10.1** When sufficient nominations are received a single grade race will be conducted subject to the decision of the Club to programme a race for that grade. Sufficient nominations are deemed to be 2 reserves for all races.
- 10.2** Clause 10.1 does not over-ride any race/s advertised by the Club for mixed grades. The Club also has the right, if it so chooses, to conduct a race with less nominations than required by Clause 10.1.

11) GRADING - HIGHER GRADES

Persons when nominating must stipulate on each and every occasion should they not wish their greyhound to be included in any graded race above the greyhound's grade.

A greyhound will not be included in any best race/series or free-to-all race/series unless specifically nominated for such race (grade 1 and 2 greyhounds excepted).

12) GRADING - MIXED RACES

A greyhound must take its place in a race as is determined by its order of choice.

By adding the comment "**NO HIGHER GRADE**" when nominating, you will ensure that your greyhound will not be placed in a race with greyhounds from higher grades should a mixed grade race be programmed.

Listed below are several possible scenarios:

1. When there is to be (for example) a grade 4 and a mixed grade 3 and 4 on the programme, the single grade (grade 4) race shall be first selected. The greyhounds not selected will then be combined with the Grade 3 greyhounds for selection of the field for the higher (3/4) grade race. After that race has been selected the reserves for the single grade race (grade 4) shall be selected and then the reserves for the higher (3/4) grade race shall be selected.
- E.g. If a grade 4 greyhound is not selected for the grade 4, but will be selected for the 3/4 on its order of choice, however the connections have nominated "**No Higher Grade**", then such greyhound shall be deleted from the field and shall not be included for either race unless there are fewer than the maximum number of starters (including reserves) in the grade 4 race.
2. If a greyhound is nominated for a grade (3) race with the comment "**No Higher Grade**", and an Invitation or a Mixed grade 2/3 race is programmed, but there is no Grade (3) race on the programme, the greyhound will be deleted from the field and will not be considered for the Invitation or Mixed 2/3 race.
3. If an Invitation or Mixed 2/3 race and a Grade (3) race are programmed, the Grade 3 race will be the first race selected. If a greyhound with the comment "**No Higher Grade**" is NOT selected for the Grade (3) race it will be deleted from the field, and will **ONLY** be considered as a reserve in the Grade (3) race in the event that there are insufficient nominations to fill the reserve positions without that greyhound.
4. If an Invitation or Mixed 2/3 and a Mixed 3/4 race are programmed and there is no Grade (3) race programmed, the Invitation or Mixed 2/3 race will be selected first. If your greyhound would have been selected in the Invitation or Mixed 2/3 race on its order of choice but has been nominated with the comment "**No Higher Grade**", it will be deleted from the field and will **ONLY** be considered as a reserve for the Mixed 3/4 race should there be insufficient nominations to fill the reserves positions without your greyhound (*it will not be considered for selection in the Mixed 3/4 race as a starter*). If the greyhound would not have been selected in the higher-grade race due to its order of choice it will then be considered for selection in the Mixed 3/4 race.

It is important to remember that in scenarios similar to this, the reserves are not selected until after all the starters for both races have been selected.

13) DUAL ENGAGEMENTS

A greyhound which has been drawn as a reserve for a meeting may be nominated for a meeting on the same or the following day/night, however the greyhound must fulfil its engagement at the first meeting conducted if it is drawn in.

When both meetings are to be held at the same time on the same day/night (i.e. afternoon, twilight or night) the order of engagement shall be Hobart then Launceston then Devonport otherwise the order of engagement shall be afternoon then twilight then night.

In the case of a nomination on consecutive days, after having competed at the first meeting the greyhound may be withdrawn from the second meeting penalty free provided the scratching has been lodged by scratching time on the morning of the second meeting. This applies to consecutive days only and to greyhounds engaged in a Qualifying Final on the second day (having qualified for the Final after the closing of nominations for the first day) but does not apply to greyhounds nominated for and drawn in to compete at both venues.

Should a greyhound qualify for a Semi Final of a Series after having been drawn into a meeting to be held within 3 days prior to or following the Semi Final, then the greyhound may be scratched without penalty and take its place in the Semi Final providing application is made by scratching time on the day of the meeting.

Should a greyhound qualify for a Semi Final or a Final to be conducted on the same day as any other race for which the greyhound has already been drawn into, then the greyhound shall be withdrawn from such other race.

Should a greyhound qualify for a Final as a starter or a reserve (other than a Qualifying Final) after having been drawn into a meeting to be held within 3 days prior to or following the Final, then the greyhound may be scratched without penalty and take its place in the Final providing application is made by scratching time on the day of the meeting.

14) EARLY RACE REQUEST POLICY

A strict criteria is to be applied to those greyhounds for which an early race has been requested. This can only be requested when a greyhound is engaged in an event later than race six on the programme: -

- The Official Track Veterinarian (OTV) to have confirmed profuse salivation covering the floor of the kennel occupied by the greyhound in question when engaged in a race later than Race Six on the programme. –AND –
- The OTV to have confirmed clinical dehydration (using the customary “skin pinch test” along the dorsum of the trunk) in the greyhound when taken from the kennel later than Race Six on the programme. This may, if required be further confirmed by the greyhound being reweighed. – AND –
- The OTV to have confirmed hyperthermia in the greyhound when removed from their kennel, revealing a body temperature at or above 39.5°C. – AND –
- A clinical assessment of the greyhound by the OTV confirms a state of distress and agitation in the greyhound – AND –
- These examinations are to be witnessed by the Steward in charge of the meeting. – AND –
- Appropriate certification is supplied in writing signed by the OTV, Steward in charge and the trainer of the greyhound.

Once all these criteria have been met the Steward in charge shall grant an early race request.

Should a greyhound that has been flagged as an early race greyhound be drawn into a final or feature event (where the winners stakes are more than \$5000) that is programmed later than Race Six then the following will apply. The trainer/owner may, with permission of the Chairman of Stewards, either withdraw the greyhound from the event prior to the official scratching time (receiving a 10 day penalty), or, proceed with nomination into that event. In the latter situation, the Steward in charge of the meeting accompanied by the OTV will conduct an examination of the greyhound prior to competing in the event using the above criteria.

Providing the greyhound is passed fit to compete, the greyhound will then no longer be flagged as an early race greyhound. If the greyhound is passed unfit to run and becomes a late scratching this greyhound will be unable to nominate for heats of feature events (where the winners stakes are more than \$5000.) where the final will be conducted after Race Six for a period of six months. Following this six-month period the Trainer with the permission of the Chairman of Stewards may apply in writing to have his/her greyhound re-assessed.

15) EXTENDED NOMINATIONS

Nominations will only be extended until 11.30am on the day scheduled for the closing of nominations. The Club may contact trainers, or trainers may contact the Club or Racing Services to lodge nominations prior to the closing of the extension.

16) NOMINATIONS – INTERSTATE GREYHOUNDS

Trainers nominating greyhounds from Interstate that are having their first start in Tasmania are advised that the nomination will be refused unless the nomination form is received no later than 10 am one working day prior to the closing of nominations.

17) REDRAWS

No redraw shall be granted by Racing Services Tasmania for any race after final information has been sent to the printer for publication of the Form guide.