



NSW Non-TAB Grading Policy

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1. A greyhound after winning one (1) race on any track or distance shall be promoted to 5th Grade. Each distance grade category shall be fully self-contained.

Sprint Grading (up to and including 599m)

2. A 5th Grade greyhound will be promoted to 4th Grade after
 - (a) Four (4) Category C sprint wins (excluding maiden) 1st Category B win to be regarded as equivalent to one (1) Category C sprint win.
Or
 - (b) Its second Category B 5th grade sprint win (excluding maiden).
Or
 - (c) Its first Category A 5th grade sprint win (excluding maiden).
3.
 - (a) Once achieving 4th grade a greyhound shall advance to 3rd grade after three (3) Category C sprint wins or two (2) Category B sprint wins or one (1) Category A sprint win.
 - (b) Once achieving 3rd grade a greyhound shall advance to 2nd grade after three (3) Category C sprint wins or two (2) Category B sprint wins or one (1) Category A sprint win.
 - (c) Once achieving 2nd grade a greyhound shall advance to 1st grade after two (2) Category C sprint wins or one (1) Category B sprint win or one (1) Category A sprint win.

Distance Grading (600m or more)

4. Greyhounds shall be allowed to win three (3) distance races in each grade subject to Clause 6 e.g. if a greyhound has won seven (7) races or more and has not contested a distance race it must commence racing in a 4th grade distance race.

Conditions of Sprint Grading (less than 599m) and Distance Grading (more 599m) are listed below

5. Greyhounds lowered in grade are allowed one (1) win in that grade before again advancing to the next higher grade e.g. if a greyhound wins one (1) 4th grade race and then complies with Clause 7 drops to 5th grade. On winning another 5th grade shall advance to 4th grade and can only win two (2) more 4th grades.
6. Greyhounds having won a total of seven (7) races (including maiden) over any distance shall not be graded 5th grade.
7. Category C
 - (a) If a 4th grade or above greyhound has not:
 - (i) won in its last six (6) starts at Category C Clubs, in a particular distance category; or

- (ii) finished first, second or third in its last four (4) starts at Category C Clubs, in a particular distance category,

that greyhound shall be regraded to the next lower grade in that distance category in Category C provided that for the purpose of subparagraph (i), the greyhound has not won a race at a Category A or Category B club since the commencement of the sequence of six (6) races and, for the purpose of subparagraph (ii), the greyhound has not finished first, second or third in a race at a Category A or Category B club since the commencement of the sequence of four (4).

- (b) Upon winning a race, in that distance category, the greyhound advances to the next higher grade in that distance category in Category C when it is next nominated.

8. Invitations and Free-For-All Races to comprise of 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades only. In the above grades, should there be four (4) or less runners, the greyhound running 3rd will be classified as an unplaced performance. Where the Club advises any event that has conditions outside this policy, this clause becomes void.

9. Mixed grade races cannot be conducted below 3rd grade with the exception of 3rd/4th grade or 4th/5th grade races over any distance category. Any mixed grade races must be drawn with fields which comprise the following:

- (a) In the case of 3rd/4th grade mixed race:
 - (i) at least two (2) eligible 3rd grade greyhounds; and
 - (ii) at least two (2) eligible 4th grade.

For the purpose of this clause a greyhound which wins a mixed 3rd/4th grade race shall have that win treated as follows:

- (iii) where the greyhound was nominated as a 3rd grade greyhound, such a win will be classified as a 3rd grade win; and
- (iv) where the greyhound was nominated as a 4th grade greyhound, such a win will be classified as a 4th grade win.

- (b) In the case of 4th/5th grade mixed race:
 - (i) at least two (2) eligible 4th grade greyhounds, and
 - (ii) at least two (2) eligible 5th grade greyhounds.

For the purpose of this clause a greyhound which wins a mixed 4th/5th grade race shall have that win treated as follows:

- (iii) where the greyhound was nominated as a 4th grade greyhounds, such a win will be classified as a 4th grade win; and
- (iv) where the greyhound was nominated as a 5th grade greyhound, such a win will be classified as a 5th grade win.

10. In mixed stake races, maiden greyhounds must only be drawn with 5th grade greyhounds which have not won more than one (1) race at close of nomination, with a minimum of two (2) 5th grade and two (2) maiden greyhounds to be drawn.

11. Graders shall indicate after the name the grade of each greyhound. Maidens shall be designated by the letter "M".

12. Graders shall clearly indicate the grade of each race graded by them. Mixed grade races, invitation, free-for-all and special events must show the grades of each greyhound and such grade or grades shall be clearly printed after the greyhound's name.
13. Greyhounds nominated for Category C tracks after last starting on Category B tracks/interstate tracks will be graded as per Category C Tracks Grading Policy.
14. Preference if possible should be given to last meeting reserves not required, winners and placegetters on the track if a greyhound is re-nominated for the Club's following meeting.
15. Twilight programs conducted on Category B tracks are to be classed as Category B meetings for the purpose of this Grading.
16. Race meetings where possible are to be graded from the higher grade down and Graders should use their discretion, but where possible, should grade those greyhounds of a similar experience or performance in the same race.
17. Races conducted by Category C Clubs of 4th grade and below may have up to two (2) greyhounds owned and/or trained by the same person if otherwise there are insufficient greyhounds available.

General

18. Greyhounds winning Heat and Final Races shall be counted as two (2) wins.
19. If a greyhound wins a race and has been nominated and drawn in the same grade at another meeting and also wins, that greyhound shall be deemed to have won at the higher grade subject to Clause 2.
20. When compiling maiden events a minimum of two (2) unraced maidens must be drawn at the close of nominated time for Category C track races that are covered by the TAB.

Conditions for Handicap Racing

21.
 - (a) Handicap marks range from 6 metres to 0 metres (scratch). A greyhound cannot be handicapped further back than 0 metres.
 - (b) Maidens may only be drawn when there is insufficient performed greyhound maidens to be handicapped on 6 metres.
 - (c) 5 metre mark is for performed greyhounds having their first start in a distance race (e.g. distance 600m or more).
 - (d) For each win over the distance greyhounds will be handicapped 1 metre.
 - (e) If a greyhound runs unplaced in four (4) consecutive starts over the distance that greyhound shall be elevated one metre.
 - (f) If a greyhound has thirteen (13) wins over the sprint distance (599m or less) and it has won one (1) race over the distance that greyhound will compete from the 4 metre mark providing it complies with Clause 7.

Categories of Race Meetings

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

Category A Race Meetings

Wentworth Park (NSW)	Monday & Saturday 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 races 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.

Category B Race Meetings

Bathurst (NSW) – TAB Meetings
Bulli (NSW) - TAB Meetings
Casino (NSW) - TAB Meetings
Cessnock (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)

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 (Hatrack) (NZ)
Otago (Dunedin) (NZ)
Invercargill (Ascot Park) (NZ)
Manawatu (Palmerston North) (NZ)

Category C Race Meetings

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

Canberra (ACT)

Healesville (VIC)

Albion Park (QLD) - All meetings except Thursday and Monday nights
Bundaberg (QLD)
Cairns (QLD)
Capalaba (QLD)
Mackay (QLD)
Rockhampton (QLD)
Townsville (QLD)

Angle Park (SA) - All meetings except Thursday and Monday nights
Barnera (SA)
Gawler (SA) - All meetings except Thursday and Monday nights
Kulpara (SA)
Mount Gambier (SA)
Port Augusta (SA)
Port Pirie (SA)
Strathalbyn (SA)
Whyalla (SA)

Northam (WA)

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

Darwin (NT)

Ashburton (NZ)
Taranaki (NZ)
Wairarapa (NZ)
Wellington (NZ)