

DATE: Effective 1st June 2014

SUBJECT: Group Race Grading Policy

GRV GROUP RACE GRADING POLICY

Standardised Conditions – Provincial Cups

- Open to the best 64 greyhounds, plus 16 reserves
- Maiden greyhounds ineligible

The selection method for all Group races will default to the **Seeded/Random/Guarded** selection method. GRV Clubs must submit a 'Non standard conditions' application form should they wish to use the alternative **Random/Guarded** selection method.

NB. Conditions for all Group race events must be approved by the Racing Department prior to application being made to AGRA.

Special Event Ranking Method (Order of Entry):

All greyhounds nominated will be ranked based on ordering by their Part A number, and then their Part B number.

Part A number:

1. Greyhounds that are Grade 1 at that track and distance;
2. Greyhounds that are Grade 2 at that track and distance;
3. Greyhounds that are Grade 3 at that track and distance;
4. Greyhounds with the best race form amongst the remainder of nominations as determined by the Chief Grader using the Weighted Points Score Table (see Part B number)

Part B number

Each greyhound is allocated a number from the average, based on the assessment table below by applying the number of starts and awarding the corresponding points contained within the Weighted Points Score Table.

Total Starts	Remove worst Starts	Total Assessed starts
1	0	1
2	1	1
3	1	2
4	1	3
5	2	3
6	2	4
7	2	5
8	2	6

Each greyhound that is placed in an event is allocated points. How many points are determined by the placing in the event; the Grade of the race (Race type) and the Track it competed at (Track category) in accordance with the Weighted Points Score Table. Only placings of numerical nature will be assessed ignoring greyhounds that are placed – F, T, P, B or D in an event.

There are three (3) categories of Tracks which determines which 'level' is applied and these Track categories are found within the 'Track & Category Table'.

Selection Method:

In applying the **Seeded/Random/Guarded** Grading Method – All Group Race Heats and Semi-Finals:

- Top 25% of greyhounds to be seeded (as determined by each greyhounds Aged Prize Money total) and those seeded greyhounds distributed amongst the number of heats being conducted – basically the top two greyhounds in each heat will be 'seeded' (refer table below)
- The top 25% of greyhounds from Heats to Semi Finals will be seeded based on the results from the Heats.
- Bottom 75% of greyhounds to be randomly drawn into heats
- Guarding of Owners and Trainers will apply to the bottom 75% of greyhounds (where possible)

Number of Heats/Semi Finals	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Total numbers of greyhounds seeded into Heats (top 25%) and distribution of these seedings.	4 (1 v 4) (2 v 3)	6 (1 v 6) (2 v 5) (3 v 4)	8 (1 v 8) (2 v 7) (3 v 6) (4 v 5)	10 (1 v 10) (2 v 9) (3 v 8) (4 v 7) (5 v 6)	12 (1 v 12) (2 v 11) (3 v 10) (4 v 9) (5 v 8) (6 v 7)	14 (1 v 14) (2 v 13) (3 v 12) (4 v 11) (5 v 10) (6 v 9) (7 v 8)	16 (1 v 16) (2 v 15) (3 v 14) (4 v 13) (5 v 12) (6 v 11) (7 v 10) (8 v 9)
Total number of greyhounds randomly drawn into Heats (bottom 75%)	12	18	24	30	36	42	48
Total Runners	16	24	32	40	48	56	64

In applying the **Random/Guarded** Grading Method:

- The top 64 greyhounds will be included based on their Grade (Grade 1, 2, and 3 greyhounds shall be selected first), with the remainder determined by their Part B number.
- All 64 greyhounds shall be randomly allocated to each heat, with the guarding of Owners and Trainers applied where possible.

Note: The word "recent" for the purposes of the order of entry, shall be defined as meaning 90 days.

Note: Greyhounds tied on points shall be drawn by random (which is only ever drawn once).