



MEDIA RELEASE

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2020 Speed Star set for The Meadows

The Melbourne Greyhound Racing Association (MGRA) in conjunction with Greyhound Racing Victoria (GRV) are excited to announce that the 2020 Speed Star will be run at The Meadows on Wednesday 16 September.

To be run in a twilight timeslot, the event will encompass three Speed Star races to be run over 525m, 600m & 725m as well as six standard metropolitan races (subject to nominations).

Each \$35,000 Speed Star event will consist of four match races, with two greyhounds going head to head in each.

Match winners take home \$5,000 each. The overall winners of the three Speed Star events will be the fastest individual time recorded over each distance, with connections pocketing a further \$10,000 each.

Nominations will close with GRV (FastTrack) at 8am on Monday 14 September, with the qualifying period to include times run at The Meadows from 1 June 2020 - 12 September 2020 inclusive.

For trainers wanting the chance to qualify for the series, exhibition trials will be available during the race meetings at The Meadows on Wednesday 2 September, Saturday 5 September and Wednesday 9 September.

Exhibition trials will be limited so trainers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the full conditions overleaf.

MGRA Chair Eddie Caruana acknowledged the work Sandown Greyhounds has done over the years to implement the Speed Star concept and make it as successful as it is.

“The Speed Star is an exciting event that is different from any other and provides a unique point of difference for our sport.

Sandown have done a terrific job promoting the event over the years and I’m pleased that The Meadows could step in to assist with running the 2020 event while their track is undergoing maintenance works.

Everyone is doing it tough at the moment so it is more important than ever that we have these exciting events and earning opportunities for participants and punters to look forward to.

I also extend my thanks to GRV for their assistance in orchestrating the last-minute change of venues and ongoing support of The Meadows.”



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2020 Speed Star at The Meadows - Conditions

3 Events ▪ 24 Dogs ▪ 12 Match Races

- Speed Star Events to be held on Wednesday 16th September at The Meadows (Twilight).
- Nominations for the meeting will close at 8am on Monday 14th September via Fast Track.
- Qualifying by times run at The Meadows from 1st June 2020 – 12th September inclusive.
- Exhibition trials available during the race meetings held on Wednesday 2nd September, Saturday 5th September and Wednesday 9th September. No further exhibition trials will be approved for the series.
- Trials must be booked with the Melbourne Greyhound Racing Association (MGRA) by 4pm the day prior to the exhibition trial.
- A maximum of seven (7) greyhounds will be permitted to trial per race meeting.
- If the number of greyhounds electing to trial exceeds seven (7), preference will be given to greyhounds with a lower individual rank (closer to 100) as per the weighted points table.
- Should a trainer wish to compete in a subsequent trial, preference will be given to those greyhounds that have not previously trialled
- Greyhounds trialling on Wednesday 2nd September, Saturday 5th September and Wednesday 9th September will be kennelled and trial under normal race conditions
- Each event will consist of four match races, with two greyhounds per match
- Matches will run as per the box draw, ie 1 v 2, 3 v 4, 5 v 6, 7 v 8
- Greyhounds will jump from boxes 1 or 3 (odd numbered greyhounds from box 1, even numbered greyhounds from box 3)
- Reserves will be randomly allocated reserve #9 and #10. If a scratching does occur, reserves will again be randomly allocated.
- Six standard Metropolitan races will also be conducted at this meeting, subject to nominations.
- Melbourne Greyhound Racing Association and Greyhound Racing Victoria reserve the right to alter and/or add to these conditions at any time

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Speed Star (525m)

Open to: Fastest 8 times over 525m at The Meadows during qualifying period, plus reserves.

Total prize money: \$35,000

Each match winner: \$5,000

Finishing positions:

1st - \$10,000

2nd - \$3,500

3rd - \$1,500

Speed Star Middle Distance (600m)

Open to: Fastest 8 times over 600m at The Meadows during qualifying period, plus reserves.

Total prizemoney: \$35,000

Each match winner: \$5,000

Finishing positions:

1st - \$10,000

2nd - \$3,500

3rd - \$1,500

Speed Star Stayers (725m)

Open to: Fastest 8 times over 725m at The Meadows during qualifying period, plus reserves.

Total prizemoney: \$35,000

Each match winner: \$5,000

Finishing positions:

1st - \$10,000

2nd - \$3,500

3rd - \$1,500



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Speed Star Leaderboard (525m)

Rank	Track	Date	Dog Name	Finish Time
1	MEA	25-Jul-20	SIMON TOLD HELEN	29.596
2	MEA	18-Jul-20	HARD STYLE RICO	29.669
3	MEA	06-Jun-20	CHRISTO BALE	29.719
4	MEA	27-Jun-20	WEBLEC ACE	29.763
5	MEP	20-Aug-20	LAST HURRAH	29.774
6	MEA	25-Jul-20	BLACK OPIUM	29.818
7	MEA	25-Jul-20	TIGGERLONG TONK	29.821
8	MEA	15-Aug-20	YOU TELL ME	29.842
9	MEA	13-Jun-20	LEON BALE	29.851
10	MEA	22-Aug-20	SHIMA SHINE	29.852
11	MEA	06-Jun-20	SQUIGGLE KEEPING	29.867
12	MEP	08-Jul-20	ENTER THE SON	29.885
13	MEA	13-Jun-20	YOZO BALE	29.901
14	MEP	03-Jun-20	WHODAT OPAL	29.922
15	MEP	17-Jun-20	ROCK AND ROLL	29.924
16	MEA	20-Jun-20	WEBLEC JACK	29.932
17	MEP	08-Jul-20	PROVIDENCE BALE	29.934
18	MEA	08-Aug-20	ROUTE SIXTY SIX	29.948
19	MEP	15-Jul-20	KENNY THE BRUTE	29.95
20	MEA	06-Jun-20	LUCY'S MILO	29.953
21	MEP	17-Jun-20	JUNK FOOD JUNKIE	29.963
22	MEA	25-Jul-20	DRUMROLL PLEASE	29.963
23	MEA	06-Jun-20	FAITHY BALE	29.964
24	MEA	15-Aug-20	ZIPPING BENSON	29.972
25	MEA	25-Jul-20	MEPUNGA KATIE	29.976
26	MEA	08-Aug-20	LIGHTS ACTION	29.986
27	MEA	25-Jul-20	WINLOCK THOR	29.991
28	MEA	01-Aug-20	KEEPER OF KEYS	30.002
29	MEA	15-Aug-20	JAVI	30.009
30	MEA	08-Aug-20	ROCKSTAR GATELY	30.011

*Rankings as at 25 August 2020



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Speed Star Leaderboard (600m)

Rank	Track	Date	Dog Name	Finish Time
1	MEA	11-Jul-20	WEBLEC HAZE	34.238
2	MEA	08-Aug-20	CAPTAIN JAKE	34.298
3	MEP	20-Aug-20	MEPUNGA FELIX	34.339
4	MEA	01-Aug-20	RUN LIKE JESS	34.37
5	MEA	13-Jun-20	LAST HURRAH	34.386
6	MEA	15-Aug-20	HARD STYLE RICO	34.391
7	MEA	22-Aug-20	CHRISTO BALE	34.395
8	MEA	13-Jun-20	THRIVING	34.408
9	MEP	03-Jun-20	EASY CHOICE	34.411
10	MEA	15-Aug-20	HOUDINI BOY	34.425
11	MEA	22-Aug-20	HERE'S TEARS	34.428
12	MEA	13-Jun-20	KEEPER OF KEYS	34.46
13	MEP	20-Aug-20	ROUTE SIXTY SIX	34.501
14	MEA	15-Aug-20	MEPUNGA PEGASUS	34.506
15	MEA	25-Jul-20	WALLBANGER	34.521
16	MEA	25-Jul-20	MIDNIGHT MYSTERY	34.523
17	MEP	03-Jun-20	SIXTIES ROCKER	34.526
18	MEA	11-Jul-20	RAJASTHAN	34.528
19	MEP	22-Jul-20	MOTOR CITY TIGER	34.539
20	MEA	08-Aug-20	I'M EASY BOYS	34.564
21	MEA	01-Aug-20	SIR TRUCULENT	34.567
22	MEA	25-Jul-20	ASTON GWEN	34.584
23	MEA	15-Aug-20	EURO BRO	34.618
24	MEA	25-Jul-20	TORNADO TEARS	34.62
25	MEA	06-Jun-20	RED ROCHELLE	34.622
26	MEA	13-Jun-20	TAUWITCHERE	34.623
27	MEP	03-Jun-20	DRUMROLL PLEASE	34.639
28	MEP	20-Aug-20	ROAD TO SUCCESS	34.642
29	MEA	06-Jun-20	JAYVILLE SLICK	34.656
30	MEA	01-Aug-20	KEENANDO	34.663

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Speed Star Leaderboard (725m)

Rank	Track	Date	Dog Name	Finish Time
1	MEA	15-Aug-20	SUNSET BOURBSKI	42.407
2	MEA	15-Aug-20	KEEFE	42.671
3	MEA	25-Jul-20	TRUE DETECTIVE	42.701
4	MEA	27-Jun-20	HERE'S TEARS	42.707
5	MEA	15-Aug-20	LOOK FANCY NANCY	42.726
6	MEA	15-Aug-20	MOTOR CITY TIGER	42.755
7	MEA	18-Jul-20	HE SHALL POWER	42.816
8	MEA	18-Jul-20	THRIVING	43.01
9	MEA	25-Jul-20	ROCKSTAR BEAV	43.042
10	MEA	25-Jul-20	SIR TRUCULENT	43.074
11	MEA	04-Jul-20	BRONSKI BEAT	43.11
12	MEA	18-Jul-20	BLAZING CARTIER	43.115
13	MEA	04-Jul-20	RAJASTHAN	43.18
14	MEA	04-Jul-20	DEWANA CLASSIC	43.236
15	MEA	20-Jun-20	RED ROCHELLE	43.291
16	MEA	20-Jun-20	BRAVERY	43.398
17	MEA	18-Jul-20	MY FATHER'S SON	43.419
18	MEA	18-Jul-20	EASY CHOICE	43.46
19	MEA	04-Jul-20	CAPTAIN DYNAMITE	43.612
20	MEA	04-Jul-20	CHEROKEE FAWN	43.755
21	MEP	08-Jul-20	SMOOTH TALKER	43.761
22	MEA	27-Jun-20	JAYVILLE SLICK	43.77
23	MEA	27-Jun-20	ZIPPING CLIFFORD	43.782
24	MEP	08-Jul-20	CLOSE YOUR EYES	43.794
25	MEP	08-Jul-20	SPYGLASS	43.802
26	MEP	08-Jul-20	MEPUNGA HOLLY	43.825
27	MEP	08-Jul-20	I'M A KRAKOUER	43.826
28	MEA	18-Jul-20	HAVANA MISS	43.833
29	MEA	18-Jul-20	ROCK ON JIMMY	44.665
30	MEA	01-Aug-20	KEENANDO	34.663

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