

NATIONALS STRAIGHT TRACK CONDITIONS

1. QUALIFYING RACES

Subject to the following conditions, and to the relevant Rules of Racing, the following Clubs will conduct races to determine the greyhounds who qualify for the Grand Final of the National Straight Track Championship:

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

MURRAY BRIDGE 350M

- » Heats: Tuesday August 1
- » State Final: Tuesday August 8
- » Nomination closing date: Thursday July 27 at 9:00AM (SA time)

NEW SOUTH WALES

RICHMOND 324M

- » Heats: Saturday August 5
- » State Final: Saturday August 12
- » Nomination closing date: Wednesday August 2 at 9:00AM (AEST)

QUEENSLAND

CAPALABA 366M

- » Heats: Sunday August 6
- » Final: Sunday August 13
- » Nomination closing date: Thursday August 3 at 9:00AM (QLD time)

VICTORIA

HEALESVILLE 350M

- » Heats: Sunday August 13
- » State Final: August 20
- » Nomination closing date: Thursday August 10 at 10:00AM (AEST).

STATE FINALS WILL PAY MINIMUM PRIZEMONEY OF \$10,000 TO THE WINNER.

2. ELIGIBILITY TO NOMINATE

- i. 'Nomination Closing Date' will be determined by individual state and jurisdictional authorities.
- ii. The Owner/Trainer is responsible for nominating the greyhound to compete in a qualifying race in all circumstances. Nominations must be lodged with the Club/Authority conducting the qualifying races in accordance with normal nomination procedures.
- iii. Nominations must comply with the Rules of Racing that apply within the relevant jurisdiction.
- iv. A greyhound is eligible to be nominated for a qualifying race in a state or territory if it has domiciled in that state or territory for at least 76 of the 150 days immediately preceding the Nomination Closing Date. The greyhound is not eligible to be nominated for a qualifying race in any other state or territory or jurisdiction.
- v. For the purposes of clauses 2(iv), 2(vi) and 2(vii), a greyhound shall be deemed to be domiciled in a particular State or Territory or jurisdiction commencing on the date on which the change of kennel notification form (or equivalent evidence produced) is received by the approved

registration authority in that State or Territory or jurisdiction up to but excluding the date upon which that form is subsequently received by the approved registration authority of another State or Territory or jurisdiction.

vi. If a greyhound is not domiciled in any State or Territory or jurisdiction for a period of at least 76 days out of the 150 days immediately prior to the Nomination Closing Date, then the greyhound will be eligible to be nominated for a qualifying race held in the State or Territory or jurisdiction in which the greyhound was first named and registered.

vii. Where a greyhound was domiciled in any State or Territory or jurisdiction in which a qualifying race is to be conducted for a period of less than 76 days immediately prior to the Nomination Closing Date, it will be eligible to be nominated for a qualifying race in that State or Territory or jurisdiction only where its total length of career is less than 76 days. That is, the greyhound cannot ever have been trained or raced in any location other than the state or territory or jurisdiction in which it has been nominated.

viii. Even though a greyhound may be eligible to be nominated for, or to compete in a qualifying race, the club conducting the qualifying race is not obliged to accept a nomination for the greyhound to compete in the qualifying race.

ix. It is the responsibility of the owner/trainer to ensure eligibility of the greyhound to compete in the National Straight Track Championships. Nominations must be made before the normal closing time and date for nominations.

x. Maidens are ineligible to nominate.

3. THE GRAND FINAL

The 2023 Grand Final will be conducted by the Healesville Greyhound Racing Club in Victoria on Saturday August 26, 2023.

The field for the 2023 Grand Final will comprise:

i. Two greyhounds who qualified for the race in each of the states of Victoria, Queensland, New South Wales and South Australia.

ii. Two greyhounds who are classified as reserves, drawn from the greyhounds who ran in the Victorian qualifying state final at Healesville.

iii. The box draw for the Grand Final will be conducted by GRV Stewards.

v. Prizemoney for the Grand Final is as follows:

1st Prize: \$28,000

2nd Prize: \$8,500

3rd Prize: \$4,250

4th Prize: \$2,125

Unplaced: \$500

Total: \$44,875

4. DISQUALIFICATION AND PROHIBITION

- i. The club or authority conducting the Grand Final is not obliged to include a greyhound in the Grand Final if the greyhound has been disqualified or prohibited from racing or has become in any other way ineligible as at the time and date on which the draw is conducted for the meeting at which the Grand Final will be held. If a greyhound who qualified for the Grand Final is disqualified or prohibited or for any other reason deemed ineligible to race before the draw is undertaken, the greyhound will be excluded from the draw. The greyhound may be replaced by another greyhound selected by the committee or board of the club or authority that conducted the qualifying race.
- ii. If one of the greyhounds drawn in the Grand Final is disqualified or prohibited from racing, or becomes otherwise ineligible to race after the draw for the Grand Final has been published, it will be withdrawn from the Grand Final and replaced by one of the available reserves.
- iii. For the purpose of any inquiry, the Grand Final will be deemed as a part of a total series, including the relevant State qualification events. Disqualification in a particular State qualifier or the Championship may therefore result in subsequent disqualification/s.

5. DISTANCES

The Club/Authority conducting the Grand Final will determine the distance over which the Grand Final will be contested, taking into account the race venue and the rules which apply to that venue.

6. DEAD HEATS

If a dead heat occurs in a qualifying race referred to in Clause 1, the Committee/Board of the Club/Authority conducting that race will determine which greyhound(s) has/have qualified to progress to the Grand Final in accordance with GAR 67(1):

Local Rule 44.2 Dead Heat

1. Where a dead heat is adjudged in a heat and as a result provides a number in excess of eight and two reserves for the final, the determination shall be made first on the basis of finishing order, and then based on the measurement of finishing time for each subsequent placegetter. The greyhound/s that qualifies faster shall be considered ahead of the slower greyhound/s.

7. SELECTION OF QUALIFIER

If a No Race is declared for a race in which state representation is determined, that state will select a representative greyhound or representative greyhounds under the provisions of GAR 57.

8. POSTPONEMENT, TRANSFER OR CANCELLATION

The Club/Authority conducting any qualifying race or Grand Final, may postpone, transfer to another venue or cancel any race under its control. No liability will arise from postponing, transferring or cancelling a race.

9. LATE WITHDRAWAL

In the event of any greyhound being withdrawn without a valid reason after the draw has been published for any race that forms part of the National Straight Track Championship, the greyhound may be liable for a penalty, in accordance with the Rules that apply at the Club/ Authority which is publishing the draw.

10. RULES

Qualifying races, State Finals and the Grand Final of the National Straight Track Championship will be conducted in accordance with the Rules under which the Club/Authority conducting the race operates. In the event that any matter arising is not provided for in the relevant Rules or in these conditions, the matter will be determined by the Committee/Board or the Stewards of the Club/Authority, according to whichever party has jurisdiction when the matter arises.

11. PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Connections of greyhounds qualifying for the Grand Final may be required to assist the Association, host organisation and/or sponsors of the event with publicity and promotional activities. Connections are expected to participate co-operatively in any publicity and promotional activities as required.