

Qld Grading System

Grading Guidelines

(updated 1 November 2003)

All tracks are divided into five classes, made up as follows:

**Please see attachment for interstate tracks

Class 1: City class

(a) Brisbane Monday (b) Brisbane Thursday (c) All

interstate city tracks **

Class 2:

(a) Ipswich Tuesday. (b) Gold Coast Wednesday (c)

Selected Interstate Tracks. **

Class 3:

(a) Gold Coast Tuesday (b)

Ipswich Wednesday (c)

Brisbane Friday

(d) Selected Interstate Tracks. **

Class 4:

(a) Bundaberg (b) Rockhampton

(c) Townsville (d) Mackay

(e) Cairns

Class 5:

(a) Capalaba (b) All Interstate

Straight tracks **

General Information

A maiden can be won at any track within a Class.

A greyhound winning outside a maiden qualifying series is automatically scratched from that series.

To be eligible to nominate for a sprint event or juvenile at Brisbane Monday & Thursday, a greyhound must have won one (1) circle event on either a Class 2, 3 or 4 track.

To be eligible to nominate for a distance event 710m at Brisbane Monday or Thursday a greyhound must have won or been placed in a race of 600m or more.

In graded events which are not regarded as non-penalty, a greyhound winning a heat, semi-

final and final (or any two of those) will be penalised only one (1) Grade.

Greyhounds that have been pre-graded into two (2) races of a similar Grade within a Class and are successful in both will be penalised only one Grade.

Alternatively greyhounds that have been pre-graded into two (2) races of a similar Grade within a Class and have their third unplaced performance at the first of the pre-graded races and then win at the second of the pre-graded races will be elevated to the next grade. Alternatively greyhounds running a place will remain in the same grade. Heats and normal graded events will be blind drawn.

Best Of Events

Where best of events are programmed by a club the order of choice will not apply. These races will still be graded in the opinion of the Grading Panel.

Mixed Graded Events

Events which are combined by two grades the higher of the two grades will be included first followed by the lower grade regardless of form. This will apply to the following races, 5th/ Maiden, 4th/5th, 3rd/4th, 2nd/3rd & 1st/2nd grade.

Consolation Events

Where a club programs a consolation event, greyhounds will be graded on their placings in the heats of the particular event.

Blind Draw/Seeding

Where a club programs a series consisting of qualifying trials or heats these races will be blind drawn with trainers being guarded. On a program if there are 2 or

more races of the same grade and distance these races will be blind drawn with trainers still being guarded.

Special Events

Trainers with 4th and 5th grade greyhounds wishing to nominate for "Best of Races" are required to indicate the name of the event on the nomination form. There was a case recently with the Kedron-Wavell Services Club Cup, some trainers believed the 4th and 5th grade greyhounds should have been used to fill up the fields. This is not the case, unless the trainer had specifically nominated for the event.

Absence From Racing

Greyhounds that have not started for a period of six (6) months or longer at the date of the meeting will Automatically be dropped a grade on their return to the racetrack.

Greyhounds will only be dropped a grade at the first class of track for which they are nominated. The greyhound will remain the same grade at all other classes of track. Greyhounds that have not started for a period of (12) months must perform a satisfactory Steward's trial over the distance at which you intend to nominate.

Non penalty events

All those events conducted in QUEENSLAND ONLY that are restricted by age (eg Derby, Futurity, Young Star Classic, Puppy Stakes etc) will remain non-penalty.

Nominating for Best 8

If a nominated greyhound has attained Grade 3 on any class of track the nominee cannot stipulate no best 8.

Reserves

When a greyhound is classified as a reserve and does not gain a start, although eligible to compete, the Grader shall include it in the original draw of the same GRADE and DISTANCE for the next meeting of the club, provided that a fresh nomination form is furnished.

If a fresh nomination is not provided and there is a race available the Reserve right will be lost. Greyhounds drawn as reserves in races in which they had to qualify and also drawn as reserves in Best of events in any grade will carry NO reserve right. Finally, Graders do have discretionary powers.

CLASS 1 CITY GRADING Sprint Racing 520/600m

As at November 1, 2003 greyhounds will be permitted to win two (2) fifth grades and one (1) fourth grade at Class 1, 2 and 3 tracks before progressing to 3rd grade.

5th Grade - For winners of at least one Class 2, 3 or 4 circle event or greyhounds returning from 4th Grade.

4th Grade - For winners of 5th Grade or greyhounds returning from 3rd Grade.

3rd Grade - For winners of 4th Grade or greyhounds returning from 2nd Grade.

2nd Grade - For winners of 3rd Grade or greyhounds returning from 1st Grade.

1st Grade - For winners of 2nd Grade.

* To drop in grade a greyhound must have run three (3) consecutive unplaced performances in Sprint distance events on a Class 1 track (race over a distance of 600 metres or less).

* Upon dropping in Grade a greyhound will only be eligible to win one (1) fifth and one.

Transition Rule:

In the event of a greyhound having raced as a 4th grade and having won one (1) 4th grade before 1/11/03 the greyhound will be re-graded as a 3rd grade for it's first start from 1/11/03.

Distance Grading 710m

As at November 1, 2003 greyhounds will be permitted to win two (2) fifth grades and one (1) fourth grade at Class 1, 2 and 3 tracks before progressing to 3rd grade.

5th Grade - For greyhounds who have won or been placed in a race of 600m or more and greyhounds returning from 4th Grade.

4th Grade - For winners of Class 1 distance 5th Grade and greyhounds returning from 3rd Grade.

3rd Grade - For winners of Class 1 distance 4th Grade and greyhounds returning from 2nd Grade.

2nd Grade - For winners of Class 1 distance 3rd Grade and greyhounds returning from 1st Grade.

1st Grade - For winners of Class 1 distance 2nd Grade.

* To drop in grade a greyhound must run three (3) consecutive unplaced performances in Class 1 distance events (races over a distance greater than 600m on city class tracks)

* Upon dropping in Grade a greyhound will only be eligible to win one (1) fifth.

Transition Rule:

In the event of a greyhound having raced as a 4th grade and having won one (1) 4th grade before 1/11/03 the greyhound will be re-graded as a 3rd grade for it's first start from 1/11/03.

CLASS 2 GRADING

Sprint Events

As at November 1, 2003 greyhounds will be permitted to win two (2) fifth grades and one (1) fourth grade at Class 1, 2 and 3

tracks before progressing to 3rd grade. Normal penalties apply if greyhound wins on higher Class of track first.

* A greyhound having its first start on a Class 2 track in a graded Sprint event (races over 600 metres or less) will be graded as 5th Grade providing it hasn't forfeited its grades by winning Sprint events on Class 1 city tracks.

In such a case a greyhound will forfeit its grade up to 3rd Grade but will be locked in at that Grade for its initial start on a Class 2 track.

* Winning performances in Sprint events will not attract a penalty in Distance events (races longer than 600m).

* To drop in grade a greyhound must run three (3) consecutive unplaced performances in Class 2 Sprint races.

* Upon dropping in Grade a greyhound will only be eligible to win one (1) fifth.

Transition Rule:

In the event of a greyhound having raced as a 4th grade and having won one (1) 4th grade before 1/11/03 the greyhound will be re-graded as a 3rd grade for it's first start from 1/11/03. Distance Events As at November 1, 2003 greyhounds will be permitted to win two (2) fifth grades and one (1) fourth grade at Class 1, 2 and 3 tracks before progressing to 3rd grade. Normal penalties apply if greyhound wins on higher Class of track first.

* A greyhound having its first start in a graded race on a Class 2 track over a distance greater than 600m will be graded as 5th Grade providing it has not forfeited its grades by winning distance events on Class 1 city tracks.

In such case a greyhound will forfeit its grade up to 3rd Grade but will be locked in at that Grade for its initial start on a Class 2 track.

* Winning performances in races

over a distance greater than 600 metres will not attract a penalty in races over shorter distances.

* To drop in grade a greyhound must run three (3) consecutive unplaced performances in Class 2 distance events.

* Upon dropping in Grade a greyhound will only be eligible to win one (1) fifth.

Transtion Rule:

In the event of a greyhound having raced as a 4th grade and having won one (1) 4th grade before 1/11/03 the greyhound will be re-graded as a 3rd grade for it's first start from 1/11/03.

CLASS 3 GRADING

Sprint Events

As at November 1, 2003 greyhounds will be permitted to win two (2) fifth grades and one (1) fourth grade at Class 1, 2 and 3 tracks before progressing to 3rd grade. Normal penalties apply if greyhound wins on higher Class of track first.

* A greyhound having its first start on a Class 3 track in a graded Sprint event (races over 600 metres or less) will be graded as 5th Grade providing it hasn't forfeited its grades by winning Sprint events on Class 1 or 2 tracks.

In such a case a greyhound will forfeit its grade up to 3rd Grade but will be locked in at that Grade for its initial start on a Class 3 track.

* Winning performances in Sprint events will not attract a penalty in Distance events (races longer than 600m).

* To drop in grade a greyhound must run three (3) consecutive unplaced performances in Class 3 Sprint races.

* Upon dropping in Grade a greyhound will only be eligible to win one (1) fifth.

Transtion Rule:

In the event of a greyhound having raced as a 4th grade and having won one (1) 4th grade before

1/11/03 the greyhound will be re-graded as a 3rd grade for it's first start from 1/11/03.

Distance Events

As at November 1, 2003 greyhounds will be permitted to win two (2) fifth grades and one (1) fourth grade at Class 1, 2 and 3 tracks before progressing to 3rd grade. Normal penalties apply if greyhound wins on higher Class of track first.

* A greyhound having its first start in a graded race on a Class 3 track over a distance greater than 600m will be graded as 5th Grade providing it has not forfeited its grades by winning distance events on Class 1 or 2 tracks.

In such cases a greyhound will forfeit its grade up to 3rd Grade but will be locked in at that Grade for its initial start on a Class 3 track.

* Winning performances in races over a distance greater than 600 metres will not attract a penalty in races over shorter distances.

* To drop in grade a greyhound must run three (3) consecutive unplaced performances in Class 3 distance events.

* Upon dropping in Grade a greyhound will only be eligible to win one (1) fifth.

Transtion Rule:

In the event of a greyhound having raced as a 4th grade and having won one (1) 4th grade before 1/11/03 the greyhound will be re-graded as a 3rd grade for it's first start from 1/11/03.

CLASS 4 GRADING

Sprint Events

* As of the 1st September, 1997 greyhounds which are Maidens and or who have won a Maiden or Juvenile only will be eligible to win two (2) fifths and two (2) fourths on Class 4 Tracks only before progressing to 3rd grade. Normal penalties apply if

greyhound wins on higher Class of track first. Others only eligible to win one (1) fifth and one (1)

fourth before progressing to 3rd grade.

* A greyhound having its first start on a Class 4 track in a graded sprint event (races over 600m or less) will be graded as 5th Grade providing it hasn't forfeited its grades by winning Sprint events on Class 1, 2 or 3 tracks.

* In such case a greyhound will forfeit its grade up to 3rd Grade but will be locked in at that Grade for its initial start on a Class 4 track.

* Winning performances in Sprint events will not attract a penalty in Distance events (races longer than 600m).

* To drop in grade a greyhound must run three (3) consecutive unplaced performances in Class 4 distance events.

* Upon dropping in Grade a greyhound will only be eligible to win one (1) fifth and one (1) fourth.

Distance Grading

* As of the 1st September, 1997 greyhounds which are Maidens and or who have won a Maiden or Juvenile only will be eligible to win two (2) fifths and two (2) fourths on Class 4 Tracks only before progressing to 3rd grade. Normal penalties apply if greyhound wins on higher Class of track first. Others only eligible to win one (1) fifth and one (1) fourth before progressing to 3rd grade.

* A greyhound having its first start in a graded race on a Class 4 track over a distance greater than 600m will be graded as 5th Grade providing it has not forfeited its grade by winning distance events on Class 1, 2, or 3 tracks.

* In such case a greyhound will forfeit its grade up to 3rd Grade but will be locked in at that Grade for its initial start on a Class 4 track.

* Winning performances in races over a distance greater than 600m will not attract a penalty in races over shorter distances.

* To drop in grade a greyhound must run three (3) consecutive unplaced performances in Class 4 distance events.

* Upon dropping in Grade a greyhound will only be eligible to win one (1) fifth and one (1) fourth.

Capalaba Grading

A greyhound is eligible to win two (2) fifth and two (2) fourth grades before progressing to 3rd grade provided the greyhound is a maiden and has won a maiden of juvenile only as at 1 May, 2000.

Others only eligible to win one (1) fifth and one (1) fourth before progressing to 3rd grade. Upon dropping in grade a greyhound will only be eligible win one (1) fifth and one (1) fourth grade. To drop a grade a greyhound must run three (3) consecutive unplaced performances on a class 5 track.

A greyhound not previously establishing a grade (e.g. starting in a graded race or juvenile) at the Capalaba Club or an interstate straight track but having up to: Five (5) wins at a circle track will

be a Fifth Grade; Six to ten (6-10) wins at a circle track will be a Fourth Grade.

11 wins or more at a circle track will be Third Grade.

A greyhound winning a race on a class 5 track will not be penalised on circle tracks excepting a maiden winner.

A greyhound which has already established its grade at Capalaba will not be further penalised there for winning on circle tracks e.g. must have started in a juvenile or graded event, not a maiden.

Juvenile Stake

1 For greyhounds 24 months or younger (at the date of the meeting) who have not won a graded event at the closing time of nominations.

2 Maidens ineligible.

3 A greyhound can win only one Juvenile race in each Class (Class 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5) and in any order.

4 Heats and finals within a Class are classified as one win.

5 Juvenile wins in any Class will

not affect the grade of the greyhound.

6 Should there be sufficient nominations for two normal Juvenile races on a programme then the races will be blind drawn. Heats of Juveniles will continue to be blind drawn.

7 Winners of a non-penalty event are still eligible for Juvenile class.

8 Greyhounds pre-graded into more than one Juvenile event within a class are eligible to win all events.

9 Winning a graded race disqualifies eligibility for a juvenile from there on, unless already pre-graded into a juvenile event.

10 Nominations must indicate if you want/do not want to be considered for a Juvenile. e.g. Indicate by writing Juvenile only or Juvenile or 5th Grade. OR 5th Grade only.

If a nomination is left open greyhound will be considered for a Juvenile or Graded Race.