



2018 GREYHOUND CLUBS AUSTRALIA CONDITIONS OF NOMINATION NATIONAL SPRINT AND DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS SERIES

The 2018 National Championships series is conducted under the auspices of Greyhound Clubs Australia. The nominator understands and agrees to be bound by the following 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 races to be known as ‘the Grand Finals of the National Sprint and Distance Championship Series’ (the Grand Finals):

SOUTH AUSTRALIA	Greyhound Racing SA Ltd (Angle Park)
QUEENSLAND	Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club Inc (Albion Park)
TASMANIA	Launceston Greyhound Racing Club (TOTE Racing Centre)
VICTORIA	Sandown Greyhound Racing Club (Sandown Park)
NEW SOUTH WALES	New South Wales Greyhound Breeders, Owners and Trainers Association Ltd (Wentworth Park)
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	Greyhounds WA (Cannington)

2. ELIGIBILITY TO NOMINATE

- i.** ‘Nomination Closing Date’ will be determined by individual state 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 state.

- 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.
- v. For the purposes of clause 2(iv) and clause (vii), a greyhound shall be deemed to be domiciled in a particular State or Territory 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 up to but excluding the date upon which that form is subsequently received by the approved registration authority of another State or Territory.
- vi. If a greyhound is not domiciled in any State or Territory in which a qualifying race is to be conducted 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 in which the greyhound was first named and registered, except where clause (vii) applies.
- vii. Where a greyhound was domiciled in any State or Territory 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 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 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. If a greyhound is ineligible to compete in the qualifying race, the relevant club or authority must notify its connections prior to the Nomination Closing Date. If a greyhound is ineligible, the owner/trainer and the relevant club or authority will agree on an alternative venue where the greyhound would be eligible. The nomination must then be made to the club or authority responsible for the alternative venue. The owner/trainer is responsible for notifying the relevant club or authority that they intend to nominate their greyhound for a qualifying race. Nominations must be made before the normal closing time and date for nominations.
- x. Maidens are ineligible to nominate.

3. THE GRAND FINALS

The Grand Finals are conducted by the Club/Authority selected by Greyhound Cubs Australia. The 2018 Grand Finals will be conducted by the Sandown Greyhound Racing Club, Sandown Park.

The field for the 2018 Grand Finals will comprise:

- i. One greyhound who qualified for the race in each of the states of New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania and Western Australia; and
- ii. Two greyhounds from the Club/Authority who is conducting the Grand Finals. Two greyhounds from the Sandown Greyhound Racing Club, Sandown Park, will form part of the field in 2018; and
- iii. One Greyhound who ranked the highest from the GCA National rankings Group Race as at 31 July 2018 and who competed in its respective State Final, but did not qualify through its State Final; and
- iv. Two greyhounds who are classified as reserves, selected by the Club/Authority conducting the Grand Finals. Reserves may only be drawn from greyhounds who ran in qualifying races conducted by a Club/Authority as referred to in Clause 1.
- v. In the event of two greyhounds being equal highest ranked in (iii), a ballot will be used to determine the representative.
- vi. If the wildcard comes from the host state and qualifies as a reserve, it will be promoted into the field. The next host state greyhound in state final race finishing order will be promoted as second reserve, and the original reserve will become the first reserve.

4. DISQUALIFICATION AND PROHIBITION

- i. The club or authority conducting the Grand Finals is not obliged to include a greyhound in the Grand Finals 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 Finals will be held. In the event that a greyhound who qualified for a 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 a 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 Finals 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

Greyhound Clubs Australia will determine the distance over which the Grand Finals 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):

R67 Dead Heat

1. Where two or more greyhounds dead heat for first place or a minor placing in an Event comprising a leg of a series the right of a greyhound concerned to further participate in the Event shall, where necessary, be decided by ballot.

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 Committee/Board of the Club/Authority conducting any qualifying race or the Committee/Board of the Sandown Greyhound Racing Club, Sandown Park, 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 Championship Series, 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 Grand Finals of the National Championships 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 Finals 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.