

# 2016 AGRA NATIONAL SPRINT AND DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

## NATIONAL ACCEPTANCES CLOSE ON FRIDAY JULY 22 @ 12 NOON

### CONDITIONS OF NOMINATION

For 2016 National Championship series conducted under the auspices of the Australian Greyhound Racing Association

#### 1. THE RACE

Subject to the conditions set out herein, and to the Rules under which greyhound racing is conducted by each of them, the following Clubs/Authorities which have formed the Association known as the "AUSTRALIAN GREYHOUND RACING ASSOCIATION" ("the Association") shall conduct such races as are necessary and agreed among the Members of the Association to determine the greyhounds qualifying for a race to be known as "THE GRAND FINALS OF THE NATIONAL SPRINT AND DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP".

SOUTH AUSTRALIA	Greyhound Racing SA Ltd (Angle Park);
NORTHERN TERRITORY	Darwin Greyhound Association of Northern Territory Inc (Winnellie Park)
QUEENSLAND	Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club Inc (Albion Park)
TASMANIA	Launceston Greyhound Racing Club (UBET Racing Centre) Hobart Greyhound Racing Club (UBET Park)
VICTORIA	Melbourne Greyhound Racing Association (The Meadows) 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)

and such other Clubs/Authorities as may be admitted to the Association from time to time.

#### 2. ELIGIBILITY

- (i) Where a greyhound was domiciled in any State or Territory in which a qualifying race is to be conducted for a period of not less than 76 days out of the 150 days **immediately prior** to the National Acceptance Closing Date, then the greyhound is eligible to be nominated for a qualifying race in that State or Territory and is not eligible to be nominated for a qualifying race in any other State or Territory.
- (ii) For the purpose of Clause 2(i) and Clause (iv) a greyhound shall be deemed to be domiciled in a particular State or Territory commencing on the date on which the change of kennel 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.
- (iii) 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 National Acceptance 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 (iv) applies.
- (iv) 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 National Acceptance Closing Date, that being the only period and the only State or Territory in which the greyhound had been trained, then the greyhound is eligible to be nominated for a qualifying race in that State or Territory.
- (v) Notwithstanding that a greyhound may be eligible to be nominated for or to compete in a qualifying race, it shall not be obligatory for the club conducting that qualifying race to accept the nomination for the greyhound to compete in the qualifying race.

#### 3. NOMINATIONS

Notwithstanding there being a time fixed for the closing of nominations for the initial race meeting at which State or Territory representation will be determined, there shall be a National Acceptance nomination date which shall be determined by the Association, and any nomination lodged after this date shall be ineligible to be considered by the Club/Authority conducting the races as referred to in Clause 1 above. Up to and including the date determined as the National Acceptance nomination date, any greyhound, whether it be eligible to contest this event at that time or not, shall be eligible to be nominated and **MUST** be nominated to be available for consideration at the time fixed for the closing of nominations for the initial qualifying race or races where State or Territory representation is to be determined. As it is mandatory to lodge nominations prior to or on the date as set as the day for National Acceptance nominations, all greyhounds must be nominated with the Club/Authority where they desire to compete, and as the conditions of the event do not apply at this date, greyhounds which are maidens or those which are ineligible to compete for any reason, may be nominated. However, maiden greyhounds will not be drawn to compete in any event.

**N.B. Nominations are to be lodged with the Club/Authority conducting the qualifying races in accordance with normal nomination procedures. A nomination received after the close of the National Acceptance nominations will be automatically deemed to have been received after the close of nomination for this event.**

The Club/Authority forthwith after the close of National Acceptance nominations is to determine eligibility in accordance with Clause 2. ELIGIBILITY and the Club/Authority shall notify such connections if a greyhound is ineligible to compete in that qualifying race. Should a greyhound be declared ineligible, the Club/Authority and the owner and/or trainer shall agree on such alternative venue where the greyhound would be eligible and shall forthwith notify the Club/Authority concerned and refer to it the nomination of the said greyhound. The onus is on the registered owner and/or trainer of the greyhound to notify the Club/Authority referred to above whether it is his/her intention to have that greyhound considered for the qualifying race or races where it is deemed eligible, which should be done prior to the time fixed for the normal closing of nominations for that race referred to in Clause 1.

The Club/Authority conducting the qualifying races shall in accordance with the conditions of the event as listed herein, those applicable to their Club/Authority, and such other lists or records as circulated from time to time by the State's controlling authorities, determine whether the greyhound is eligible to be drawn only after the normal closing time fixed for the particular race meeting as referred to in Clause 1.

#### **4. THE GRAND FINALS**

The Grand Final of the National Championships shall, subject to Clause 1, be conducted by the Club/Authority selected by the Association (i.e. 2016 National Championship Grand Finals to be conducted by Greyhound Racing SA, Angle Park).

The field for the 2016 Grand Finals will comprise:

- i. One greyhound which qualified for the race in each of the States of NSW, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania and WA.
- ii. Two greyhounds from the Club/Authority, as referred to in Clause 1, conducting the Grand Finals (ie. 2016 Greyhound Racing SA, Angle Park).
- iii. One Greyhound ranked the highest greyhound from the AGRA National rankings Group Race as at July 30, 2016 that competed in its respective State Final but did not qualify through its State Final.
- iv. Two greyhounds to be classified as reserves to be selected by the Club/Authority conducting the Grand Finals from greyhounds which ran in qualifying races conducted by that Club/Authority as referred to in Clause 1. (ie. 2016 Greyhound Racing SA, Angle Park).
- v. In the event of two greyhounds being equal highest ranked in (iii), a ballot will be used to determine the representative.
- vi. Should the wildcard come from the host state and qualify as a reserve, it shall be promoted into the field and the next host state greyhound in state final race finishing order will be promoted as second reserve, with the original reserve becoming the first reserve.

#### **5. DISQUALIFICATION AND PROHIBITION**

- (i) Notwithstanding anything else where herein contained, there shall be no obligation on the Club/Authority conducting the Grand Finals to include any greyhound in the Grand Finals which has been disqualified by a greyhound racing club or State authority controlling greyhound racing or which has been prohibited from racing or which has in any other manner become ineligible if such disqualification, prohibition or ineligibility, is current at the time the draw is made for the meeting at which the Grand Finals are to be held.
- (ii) In the event of a greyhound which qualified for a Grand Final being currently disqualified or prohibited or for any other reason ineligible to race prior to the Club/Authority conducting the Grand Finals issuing the draw for the race meeting of which the Grand Final forms a part, that greyhound shall be excluded from the draw for the race and may be replaced by another greyhound to be selected by the Committee/Board of the Club/Authority which conducted the race through which the first mentioned greyhound qualified.
- (iii) If subsequent to the Club/Authority conducting the Grand Finals publishing the draw for the race meeting of which the Grand Finals form a part, one of the greyhounds drawn in a Grand Final is in any State or Territory of Australia disqualified or prohibited from racing or becomes otherwise ineligible to race, it shall be withdrawn from the Grand Final and its place taken by one of the reserves in accordance with the Rules of the Club/Authority conducting the Grand Finals.

#### **6. DISTANCES**

The distance over which the Grand Finals shall be contested shall be determined by the Association from time to time at its discretion having regard to the venue for the race and the Rules under which the Club/Authority conducting the race operates.

#### **7. 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 shall determine the greyhound(s) which has/have qualified to progress to the Grand Final in accordance with GAR Rule 67(1) which reads:

##### **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.

#### **8. SELECTION OF QUALIFIER**

If for any reason a No Race is conducted from which State representation is determined, the Committee/Board of the Association Member Clubs/Authority in that state shall select a representative greyhound of representative greyhounds.

#### **9. POSTPONEMENT, TRANSFER OR CANCELLATION**

The Committee/Board of the Club/Authority conducting any qualifying race or the Committee/Board of the Club/Authority selected to conduct the Grand Finals may postpone, transfer to another venue or cancel any race under the control of the Club/Authority and shall be under no liability for doing so.

#### **10. LATE WITHDRAWAL**

In the event of any greyhound being withdrawn after publication of the draw for any race forming part of the National Championship Series' without a valid reason, the owner and/or trainer shall be liable to be penalised in accordance with the Rules under which the Club/Authority publishing the draw operates.

#### **11. RULES**

Any race being a race which is a qualifying race, State Final or Grand Final of the National Championships shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules under which the Club/Authority conducting the race operates and in the event that any matter arising is not provided for in the said Rules or in these conditions, that matter shall be determined by the Committee/Board or the Stewards of the Club/Authority, whichever shall have jurisdiction when the matter arises.

#### **12. PRIZES**

Subject to the Rules under which the race is conducted all prizemoney and trophies will be distributed in accordance with the result of the race(s) and neither the Association nor the Club/Authority conducting the qualifying races (if any), the State Final or Grand Final, shall be under any liability should any subsequent alteration to the result be made for any reason whatsoever at any time after such prizemoney and/or trophies have been distributed.

#### **13. PROMOTION**

Connections of greyhounds qualifying for the Grand Finals may be required to assist the Association, host organisation and/or sponsors of this event by way of publicity and promotion. It is an essential requirement of these conditions that your co-operation is forthcoming to any reasonable request in this regard.