

## **GRADING GUIDELINES/GRADING & HANDICAPPING RULES OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

### **ELIGIBILITY effective 16.6.23**

#### **MAIDEN**

For greyhounds that have not won any flat race, heat or final of same, where greyhounds race behind an artificial lure, except where such meeting is held under the coursing ties method by clubs registered with the Authority for the purpose of conducting Coursing meetings otherwise than by way of a "walkover".

#### **JUVENILE**

A greyhound is a Juvenile until and including the last day of the month corresponding to its whelping in the second year thereafter and shall remain a Juvenile for any race which was programmed to be run within that period, but was postponed to a subsequent date after that period and, where a greyhound is a Juvenile for a heat of any event, it shall remain a Juvenile after that period for all races leading to and including the final of that event.

Greyhounds classified as Juveniles shall be eligible to win two (2) such events, or in the case of 'Beat the Grader', a greyhound may win three (3). The exception is SA Bred greyhounds classified as Juveniles shall be eligible to win six (6) events, or in the case of 'Beat the Grader' a greyhound may win seven (7). Upon winning their maximum Juvenile's greyhounds remain eligible to complete their future engagements.

A Maiden can be nominated for these events, provided it has competed in an official qualifying trial or race. If a Maiden greyhound were to win a Juvenile event, that win would count as its Maiden win and it would still be eligible to win a further two (2) Juvenile events (3 with 'Beat the Grader' win) or if SA Bred a further six (6) Juvenile events (7 with 'Beat the Grader' win).

#### **GRADE 6**

All Grade 6 greyhounds remain eligible to complete their future engagements.

For greyhounds that have not won a Grade 5 or above at the track at the time of nomination.

A greyhound will remain eligible for Grade 6 events even if it wins an APK City A Grade 5 or above event over 530m. (effective 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023).

#### **Non-SA Bred Greyhounds:**

Non-SA Bred Greyhounds are eligible to win two (2) Grade 6 (3 with a 'Beat The Grader' win) at all tracks including APK City A in South Australia over different distances. There will be no retrospective grading for meetings graded from 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Once a greyhound wins its fourth Grade 6 (5 with a 'Beat the Grader' win/s), at any tracks where it is still eligible for Grade 6 grade, it will revert to a Grade 5. Once a greyhound wins at total of 12 races at any tracks where it is still eligible for Grade 6 grade, it will revert to a Grade 5.

#### **SA Bred Greyhound**

For City A (APK only) track, SA Bred greyhounds are eligible to win one (1) Grade 6 (2 with a 'Beat the Grader' win) over 2 different distances at that track. At City B & Provincial Tracks (APM, APD, Gawler, Murray Bridge & Mount Gambier) SA Bred greyhounds can win one (1) Grade 6 (2 with a 'Beat the Grader' win) over 2 different distances at that track. There will be no retrospective grading for meetings graded from 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

At Country Tracks, SA Bred greyhounds can win one (1) Grade 6 (2 with a 'Beat the Grader' win) over each distance at that track. Once a greyhound wins at total of 12 races at any tracks where it is still eligible for Grade 6 grade, it will revert to a Grade 5.

For the purposes of this Grading Rule, the change in distances for the newly developed Angle Park result in it being considered a different track. Angle Park City A, City B and Provincial 1 & 2 are also considered as "different tracks" the same as Gawler Provincial 1 & Gawler Provincial 2 along with Mt Gambier Provincial 1 and Mt Gambier Provincial 2. Winning a Heat and Final are considered as one (1) Grade 6 win.

#### **GRADE 5**

For greyhounds that have won a Maiden and greyhounds returning from Grade 4.

#### **GRADE 4**

For greyhounds that have won a Grade 5 and greyhounds returning from Grade 3.

#### **GRADE 3**

For greyhounds that have won a Grade 4 and greyhounds returning from Grade 2.

#### **GRADE 2**

For greyhounds that have won a Grade 3 and greyhounds returning from Grade 1.

#### **GRADE 1**

For greyhounds that have won a Grade 2.

#### **MIXED**

For greyhounds that are Grade 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5.

Grades are mixed in consecutive order (E.g. 2/3, 2/3/4).

#### **OPEN & FREE FOR ALL**

For greyhounds that are Grade 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5.

### **PENALTIES & AWARDS**

#### **PENALTIES**

Winners advance one (1) grade.

#### **AWARDS (All Distances)**

All tracks – Two (2) times unplaced drop to next lower grade.

#### **BEAT THE GRADER**

A greyhound that is dually nominated under the 'Beat the Grader' system and wins at the first meeting, shall not be eligible for a drop back in grade if unplaced at the second meeting.

## **OPEN & MIXED EVENTS**

Penalties and awards apply.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Winners – Not penalised.

Unplaced greyhounds – Awards apply.

## **FREE FOR ALL EVENTS**

Winners – Not penalised.

Unplaced greyhounds – Awards apply.

## **FEATURE EVENTS**

Where heats and finals are run, a greyhound winning a heat and/or final is penalised only one (1) grade.

Unplaced runs in these events count as only one (1) run towards a drop back in grade.

## **RE-GRADING**

Re-grading will occur for short course, middle and staying events at these tracks for Grade 3 or higher greyhounds. At Angle Park over 342, 595m and 730m a trainer can apply for a re-grade after two unsuccessful nominations over the corresponding distance. At Gawler over 400m & 643m a trainer can apply for a re-grade after two unsuccessful nominations over the corresponding distance. The same applies for Murray Bridge & Mt Gambier. If having met these criteria the responsibility is on the trainer to apply for a re-grade prior to the close of nominations. Only one distance will be considered for a re-grade per meeting.

For the purposes of this Grading Rule, Angle Park City A, City B and Provincial 2 are considered as “different tracks” the same as Gawler Provincial 1 and Gawler Provincial 2.

## **INTERSTATE GREYHOUNDS**

### **GRADING OF INTERSTATE GREYHOUNDS**

Interstate greyhounds racing in SA for the first time will be Grade 5 at all tracks and distances, unless they meet the following criteria, which would then see them, being upgraded to Grade 4 at all tracks and distances:

- 5+ metropolitan full stakes wins
- \$75,000 in prizemoney

Interstate greyhounds racing in SA for the first time and meet the following criteria, will be upgraded to Grade 3 at all tracks and distances:

- Group 1 & 2 winners over a similar distance in the past 6 months

The grader has ultimate discretion in applying the above upgrade rule, and may choose to keep a greyhound at Grade 5 level if one or more of the following apply:

- The form of the greyhound is poor enough to warrant it remaining at Grade 5

- The greyhound is a masters greyhound (4yo+)
- The distance the greyhound is nominating for is outside the greyhound's normal distance range

Greyhounds that have left SA to race interstate to race for 3 months or more, will be subject to the above upgrade rules upon their return. However any grade that was established at a particular track and distance prior to their departure from SA will be retained in the last 6 months. Effective from nominations closing on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

### **PURCHASING OF INTERSTATE GREYHOUNDS**

Greyhounds purchased from Interstate into 100% South Australia Ownership which are currently higher than a Grade 5 Interstate (over any distance) on a Metropolitan track will initially be graded into Grade 5 events, provided that the Transfer of Ownership together with the proof of purchase is lodged with GRSA prior to close of nominations. There will be no retrospective grading once the Transfer of Ownership has been approved.

### **GRADE 6 ELIGIBILITY**

Non- SA Bred greyhounds from interstate that have won five or more races at any track are not eligible for Grade 6 Grade. However if a greyhound has won a Metropolitan Grade 5 or above between (460m – 590m) they are not eligible.

SA Bred greyhounds that have been trained interstate and are transferred back to an SA trainer, will revert to their eligible grade at each track in SA however if they have won a Grade 5 or above event at any Metropolitan meeting (460m – 590m) they will be ineligible for Grade 6 events.