Time Based Grading

Time based grading utilises a methodology that assesses each greyhound's raw ability (speed /time) and provides a Time Rating, which can be used to assist in the grading of race fields. The objective of this methodology is to ultimately place greyhounds of similar ability in a field together, something which can't always be achieved using information such as number of wins, age or stakemoney.

Conditions of Entry

Every greyhound is eligible to receive a Time Rating, however GRSA will provide varied guidelines for each meeting which will impact eligibility to compete. Examples of these conditions are contained below, however trainers should refer to the up to date GRSA calendars for the conditions that specifically relate to each meeting:

- Maiden, Grade 6 or Grade 5 ONLY, no mixed grades, bottom up grading
- All grades, greyhounds grouped based on race wins (Maiden 0 wins, Novice 1-4 wins, Open 5+ wins), bottom up grading
- Other variants of time grading may be used, such as top down grading

All time graded races will be non-penalty.

How will it work?

Each greyhound has an individual Time Rating, which is calculated based on an average of their actual run time over the past few starts (based on the following table).

STARTS	TIME RATING CALCULATION
6 or more starts	Average of 4 fastest runs of last 6 starts
5 starts	Average of 4 fastest runs of all 5 starts
4 starts	Average of 3 fastest runs of all 4 starts
3 starts	Average of 2 fastest runs of all 3 starts
2 starts	Average of 2 fastest runs (including Base Time Rating)
1 start	Average of only start and Base Time Rating
Debutant	Base Time Rating of 10.00

The Time Rating allocated to each individual start will be based on the Time Bands table (refer separate PDF table). This table includes all tracks and distances nationally.

The following provides examples of how the Time Rating would be calculated for an individual greyhound:

RHYNSTONE JETTA

Date	Trk	Dist	Grade	Place	Time	Time Rating
21/04/2016	APK	515	6	1	29.69	2
25/04/2016	APK	515	5	1	29.54	1
5/05/2016	APK	515	5H	4	30.18	5
12/05/2016	APK	515	5	4	30.06	5
16/05/2016	APK	515	FFANP	1	29.92	4
23/05/2016	APK	515	5	6	30.07	5
				TIME RATING TOTAL		3.00

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Date	Trk	Dist	Grade	Place	Time	Time Rating
25/04/2016	APK	515	X45	3	30.26	6
5/05/2016	APK	515	FFANP	6	30.15	5
10/05/2016	GAW	400	5	1	23.04	5
16/05/2016	APK	515	FFANP	2	29.93	4
19/05/2016	APK	515	FFANP	4	30.16	5
26/05/2016	GAW	400	5	7	23.35	8
				TIME RATING TOTAL		4.75

Once every greyhound has been allocated a *Time Rating*, the meeting will then be graded according to the following rules:

- Fields will consist of Maiden, Grade 6 and Grade 5 events, there will be no mixing of Grades
- Greyhound will be selected for the meeting from worst *Time Rating* to the best
- In the event greyhounds have the same Time Rating, the greyhound with the least amount of starts will be selected to compete at the meeting
- Greyhounds will be grouped together in races based on their *Time Rating* (of similar ability)
- In the event greyhounds have the same Time Rating, the greyhound with the most prizemoney will be moved into the 'faster' race
- There will be no guarding of trainers or owners for the meeting
- For a greyhound to compete in any given race, its Time Rating must not be 50%+ less than the Time Rating of worst greyhound selected in that race (i.e. a greyhound with a time rating of 4.0 cannot be drawn into a race where there is a greyhound with a Time Rating of 8.0 or greater)
- Reserves will be determined by the Grader, taking into account the suitability of remaining greyhounds for the fields drawn. This is likely to result in many fields having no reserves
- Graders discretion will remain at all times

Stakemoney

Stakemoney will be as per the Pathway Racing schedule below:

Grade	Total	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Unplaced
Maiden	$1,200	$500	$170	$140	$110	$70
Grade 6, 1-4 Win Events	$1,240	$510	$180	$150	$120	$70
Grade 5, 5+ Win Events	$1,300	$520	$190	$160	$130	$75