

G-SIX TO MOVE FORWARD FROM AUGUST

In early May, GRSA embarked upon a trial of six-dog fields under the banner of G-SIX racing. As we draw towards the end of the initial 3 months of that format, it can be observed that overall wagering has improved sufficiently to cover the additional stake money required by G-SIX by virtue of the fact that it enables additional races and one extra meeting to be scheduled each week. The format also appears to have contributed to greyhounds being able to find more space in the run, as a general observation. The number of individual weekly race starts in South Australia has also risen by about 5% since the start of May.

It's also clear at this point that whilst G-SIX appears to be uniquely suited to the SA racing model for a variety of reasons – including the spread of weekly nominations, the geographical location of tracks, and the structure of the wagering model under which it operates – we are still very much in a learning phase about the outcomes from this type of racing. It must also be noted that the G-SIX model requires additional racing to be scheduled to make it a viable exercise. In GRSA's case, the trial of reduced fields coincided with the scheduling of an additional weekly race meeting at Mount Gambier in the Thursday afternoon timeslot.

GRSA has identified some potential for the format to be modified to combine the G-SIX and G-EIGHT (8 dog field) formats at selected meetings with a view to maximising the balance and flow of nominations across the weekly Sky schedule, commencing with the two meetings scheduled for August 1. On that basis, GRSA will apply a hybrid approach to its race meeting programming from that date as per the table below. Under the new framework, the more traditional G-EIGHT format will operate across the four legs of the Quadrella (typically the best four races on the card) for selected meetings, with the remainder of the meeting being graded as G-SIX.

Additionally, the heats and finals of all feature events, as advised by the Racing Department, will run under the G-EIGHT (or 'full field') format. As a result of this approach, up to 40 additional racing opportunities will be created on a weekly basis in South Australia, with 32 of those being distributed across Gawler, Angle Park and Murray Bridge.

	VENUE	TRIAL PERIOD (MAY – JULY)	FORMAT (FROM AUGUST 1)
MONDAY	ANGLE PARK – Sky 1	G-SIX	G-SIX + 8-DOG QUAD
TUESDAY	GAWLER – Sky 1	G-SIX	G-SIX + 8-DOG QUAD IN WEEKS OF APK WED
WEDNESDAY	ANGLE PARK – Sky 1/2	G-SIX	G-SIX + 8-DOG QUAD
	ALTERNATING MB STRAIGHT – Sky 1/2	8-DOG	8-DOG
THURSDAY	MOUNT GAMBIER – Sky 2	G-SIX	G-SIX + 8-DOG QUAD
	ANGLE PARK – Sky 1	G-SIX	G-SIX + 8-DOG QUAD
FRIDAY	GAWLER – Sky 2	G-SIX	G-SIX + 8-DOG QUAD
SATURDAY	N/A	N/A	N/A
SUNDAY	MOUNT GAMBIER – Sky 2	G-SIX	G-SIX
	MURRAY BRIDGE – Sky 1	8-DOG	8-DOG

For more information, please contact:

Cathy McHugh
E: cathy@grayspr.com.au
M: 0412 515 819