

GPOL0015

1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 The objective of this policy is to document the Special Conditions (minimum number of nominations/heats to be programmed) for feature events.

2. POLICY

2.1 SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR A SERIES CONDUCTED IN HEATS, SEMI FINALS AND A FINAL

Any series conducted in Heats, Semi Finals and Finals (excluding Breeders Classics and Maiden Thousand) shall be conducted in accordance with the conditions defined in the Feature Race Conditions for the event, subject to the following:

Number of Heats	Semi Finals	Final
7 or more	4	1
5 or 6	3	1
3 or 4	2	1

In the event of insufficient nominations to conduct at least 3 Heats with at least 7 eligible nominations in each heat then no Heats will be conducted with 2 Semi Finals and a Final being conducted on the dates advertised for the Semi Finals and Final provided there are at least 7 eligible nominations for each Semi Final. The fields for the Semi Finals shall be selected from the nominations received for the Heats. If Semi Finals are not conducted then a Final only will be conducted on the date advertised for the Final provided there are at least 7 eligible nominations. In this case connections must renominate for the "Final Only" race. The selection process for the "Final Only" race shall be in accordance with the Grading Schedule but with the greyhounds which were nominated for the heats of the series and which are then nominated for the "Final Only" being the first considered for selection.

The number of Heats scheduled for each series shall be the maximum number of Heats to be conducted. The number of Heats to be conducted shall be reduced in accordance with the number of eligible nominations received as per the Heats/Nominations table.

2.2 SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR A SERIES CONDUCTED IN HEATS AND A FINAL

Any series conducted in Heats and Final shall be conducted in accordance with the conditions defined in the Feature Race Conditions for the event, subject to the ruling that if there are insufficient nominations to conduct at least 2 Heats with at least 7 eligible nominations in each heat then no Heats shall be conducted.

If Heats are not conducted then a Final only will be conducted on the date advertised for the Final provided there are at least 7 eligible nominations. In this case connections must re-nominate for the "Final Only" race. The selection process for the "Final Only" race shall be in accordance with the Grading Schedule but with the greyhounds which were nominated for the heats of the

series and which are then nominated for the “Final Only” being the first considered for selection.

If mid distance (580/599/600m) or long distance (709/720m) Heats are not conducted then an event for the same grade as the heats will be programmed provided there are at least 7 eligible nominations that have stipulated a second choice for the grade over that distance.

The number of Heats scheduled for each series shall be the maximum number of Heats to be conducted. The number of Heats to be conducted shall be reduced in accordance with the number of eligible nominations received as per the Heats/Nominations table.

2.3 SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR A SERIES CONDUCTED IN TWO SETS OF HEATS AND FINAL

Any series conducted in two sets of Heats and Final shall be conducted in accordance with the conditions defined in the Feature Race Conditions for the event, subject to the ruling that if there are insufficient nominations to conduct at least 2 Heats with at least 8 eligible nominations in each heat then no Heats shall be conducted on the first day of the series.

If Heats are not conducted on the first day of the Series, then the Series shall be conducted as a Heats and Final Series only under the grades and distances laid down for the second series of Heats and the Final and connections must re-nominate for the new “Heats and Final” series.

If mid distance (580/599/600m) or long distance (709/720m) Heats are not conducted on the first day of the Series then an event for the same grade as the heats will be programmed provided there are at least 7 eligible nominations that have stipulated a second choice for the grade over that distance.

If there are insufficient nominations to conduct at least 2 Heats with at least 7 eligible nominations in each heat for the new series then no Heats shall be conducted and a Final only will be conducted on the date advertised for the Final provided there are at least 7 eligible nominations. In this case connections must re-nominate for the “Final Only” race. The selection process for the “Final Only” race shall be in accordance with the Grading Schedule but with the greyhounds which were nominated for the heats of the “Heats and Final” series and which are then nominated for the “Final Only” being the first considered for selection.

If mid distance (580/599/600m) or long distance (709/720m) Heats are not conducted for the new Series then an event for the same grade as the heats will be programmed provided there are at least 7 eligible nominations that have stipulated a second choice for the grade over that distance.

The number of Heats scheduled for each series shall be the maximum number of Heats to be conducted. If two sets of Heats are held, the number of Heats to be conducted shall be reduced to provide at least 8 eligible nominations for each Heat. If the series is reduced to one set of Heats, the number of Heats to be conducted shall be reduced in accordance with the number of eligible nominations received as per the Heats/Nominations table.

2.4 SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR A FEATURE EVENT CONDUCTED WITHOUT HEATS

Any Feature Event scheduled to be conducted without Heats shall only be conducted provided there are at least 7 eligible nominations unless Tasracing, in exceptional circumstances, grants approval for the event to be conducted with fewer eligible nominations.

2.5 HEATS/NOMINATIONS TABLE

Minimum Number of Eligible Nominations	Number of Heats
14	2
21	3
32	4
40	5
48	6
56	7
64	8