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## 1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 The objective of this policy is to document the minimum number of nominations when determining the races to be conducted at a meeting and define the criteria and circumstances for exceptions to this policy.

## 2. POLICY

- 2.1 Except as detailed in the Feature Events policy, no race, except for Mid Distance races, Distance races, or Mixed Grades 2/3, Mixed Grades 1/2 or Invitation races over the Sprint shall be scheduled to be conducted unless there are at least 8 eligible nominations.
- 2.2 No, Mid Distance race, Distance race or Mixed Grades 2/3, Mixed Grades 1/2 or Invitation races over the sprint shall be scheduled to be conducted unless there are at least 7 eligible nominations.
- 2.3 It is permissible for a race with less nominations than stipulated in Clauses 2.1 and 2.2 to be scheduled if, after the closing of nominations which have been extended, it is required to provide 10 races at a meeting.
- 2.4 Wherever possible, unless specifically called for in the Forthcoming Programmes Schedule, races for single grades shall be scheduled to be conducted except in the case of Grades 1, 2 & 3 greyhounds. This does not preclude the combining of any adjoining grades necessary to achieve the aim of 8 starters for a race.
- 2.5 For Grades 1, 2 & 3 Greyhounds it will be at the discretion of the Tasracing's Racing Operations Officer - Greyhounds to ensure all greyhounds in these grades are catered for on a regular basis, through the scheduling of Grade 3, Grades 2/3, Grades 1/2 or Invitation races.
- 2.6 278/340 metre races shall be subject to the following conditions:
  - 2.6.1 A race shall not be scheduled unless there are at least 8 nominations except when there are insufficient nominations to conduct a 10 event program after nominations for the meeting have been extended.
  - 2.6.2 Only one race shall be scheduled unless:
    - There are insufficient nominations to conduct 10 races and an extra race will provide 10 races on the programme.
    - An additional race is scheduled in accordance with the Additional Races policy.

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- 2.7 Maiden Races may be scheduled at any meeting subject to sufficient eligible nominations, after taking into account the overall nominations received and subject to the following conditions:
- 2.7.1 Only one race shall be scheduled unless:
- There are insufficient nominations to conduct 10 races and an extra race for that grade will provide 10 races on the programme.
  - An additional race is scheduled in accordance with the Additional Races policy.
- 2.8 The following conditions apply to scheduled non-penalty reverse Order of Choice races:
- 2.8.1 Two races will be conducted if there are 16 or more eligible nominations
- 2.8.2 If there are not sufficient nominations to conduct two races then one extra normal graded race will be scheduled resulting in 9 races for the meeting.
- 2.8.3 If the non-penalty races are not conducted the penalty bearing race the following week will not be conducted.
- 2.8.4 Tasracing at their discretion may determine to provide funding for an extra normal graded event to enable 10 races to be scheduled for a meeting if the non-penalty races are not conducted.
- 2.9 Tasracing retains the right to amend any of the above conditions in special circumstances to maximise the number or quality of races on the programme.