

1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 The objective of this policy is to document the minimum number of nominations required 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 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 shall be scheduled to be conducted unless there are at least 7 eligible nominations.
- 2.3 When heats of a feature event are called for and there are insufficient nominations to conduct the minimum number of heats as defined in the Feature Events policy, then nominations for the heats only (not the entire meeting) will be extended until 11am.
- 2.4 It is permissible for a race with less nominations than stipulated in Clauses 2.1 or 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.
- 2.5 If the races called for are not conducted due to a lack of nominations, then the races to be scheduled to provide 10 races on the programme shall be selected in the following order:
- An additional mid-distance race (for the grade called for)
 - An additional Masters races (on the conditions called for)
 - Mixed Grades 1 & 2 (sprint)
 - Grade 3 (sprint)
 - Invitation or Mixed Grade 2 & 3 (sprint)
 - Grade 6 – sprint
 - One additional Maiden race (if called for)
 - Mid Distance Race
 - Grade 4 (sprint)
 - Mixed Grades 3 & 4 (sprint)
 - Mixed Maiden & Grade 6 (sprint)
 - Grade 5 (sprint)
 - Mixed Grades 5 & 6 (sprint)
 - Mixed Grades 4 & 5 (sprint)
 - Short Sprint Races in the order of Grade 6, Grade 5, Grade 4, Mixed 5/6, Mixed 4/5 and then Mixed 1/2, Mixed 2/3, Grade 3 or Invitation.

- 2.6 The programming of a Mixed Maiden/Grade 6 race in clause 2.5 is subject to there being five or more eligible Grade 6 nominations. The race will be selected on the Order of Choice from those greyhounds nominated for a Grade 6 race and any Maiden greyhounds nominated for an event over the Sprint distance (excluding any Maidens nominated "No Higher") which have not obtained a start in another race.
- 2.7 If there is a Mixed 1/2 or Grade 2 race with less than 8 starters plus 2 reserves and, after the allocation of races detailed in clause 2.5 has been implemented, there are Grade 3 greyhounds not listed as starters, then the Mixed 1/2 or Grade 2 race will be amended to an Invitation race or a Mixed 2/3 race, as the case may be, and those Grade 3 greyhounds will be considered for selection in the race or as a reserve for the race.
- 2.8 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.