

## 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 **Grade 1, Grade 2, Mixed Grades 1/2, Mixed Grades 2/3, Invitation or Free-to-All** races, shall be scheduled to be conducted unless there are at least 8 eligible nominations.
- 2.2 **No Mid Distance race, Distance race or Grade 1, Grade 2, Mixed Grades 1/2, Mixed Grades 2/3, Invitation or Free-to-All 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, Grade 3, Mixed 3/4 and then Mixed 1/2, Mixed 2/3 or Invitation.

- 2.6 The programming of a Mixed Maiden/Grade 6 sprint 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 Grade 6 greyhounds nominated for a Grade 6 race and any Maiden greyhounds nominated for a Maiden event over the sprint distance (excluding any Maidens nominated "No Higher").
- 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. At this point, those Grade 3 greyhounds not listed as starters will be considered for inclusion in the race or as a reserve for the race to fill any vacancies based on their order of choice. Please note that the original field selected will not be altered.
- 2.8 If a Free-to-All Reverse Order of Grade and Reverse Order of Choice race is divided, then such division shall be made with the highest grades (and then Order of Choice) in one division with the lowest grades in another division.
- 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.



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## 1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 The objective of this policy is to document the procedure (except in extraordinary circumstances determined by Tasracing) for the programming of races of specific grades and or distances when formulating the Forthcoming Programmes.

## 2. POLICY

- 2.1 Qualifying Trials will be conducted at one track each week at Devonport Launceston and Hobart on rotation on the following basis:
- 2.1.1 Devonport trials will held over the Sprint distance
  - 2.1.2 Launceston trials will be over both the Sprint and Short Sprint distances with every third rotation being over the Sprint.
  - 2.1.3 Hobart trials will be over both the Sprint and Short Sprint distances with every third rotation being over the Short Sprint.
  - 2.1.4 Qualifying Trials will be restricted to Mixed 4/5 or Mixed 5/6 grades
  - 2.1.5 Where possible Short Sprint qualifying trials shall be scheduled when a Grade 5 Short Sprint race is programmed.
  - 2.1.6 Qualifying Trials shall not be scheduled at meetings where designated Feature Events are programmed and shall be reduced to 3 heats if 11 races are programmed.
- 2.2 One race, at every meeting wherever possible, restricted to greyhounds over the age of 42 months shall be programmed as detailed in clause 2.3. These races shall be known as Masters Races.
- 2.3 Masters Races shall be programmed, where possible, on the following basis:
- 2.3.1 Hobart and Launceston:
    - Mixed 4/5 Sprint
    - Mixed 4/5 Sprint Reverse Order of Choice
    - Mixed 4/5 Short Sprint
    - Mixed 4/5 Short Sprint Reverse Order of Choice
    - Free-to-All Reverse Order of Grade and Reverse Order of Choice Sprint
    - Free-to-All Reverse Order of Grade and Reverse Order of Choice Short Sprint
  - 2.3.2 Devonport
    - Mixed 4/5 Sprint
    - Mixed 4/5 Sprint Reverse Order of Choice
    - Free-to-All Reverse Order of Grade and Reverse Order of Choice Sprint
- 2.4 Mid Distance races will be scheduled for Mixed Maiden/6, Grade 5 or Mixed 4/5 with a Free-to-All race once per month rotating between each track.
- 2.5 Long Distance races will be scheduled as per the Feature Events Calendar and any other guidelines adopted.

- 2.6 The following shall apply to Short Sprint races:
- 2.6.1 A maximum of three races over the Short Sprint distance, excluding Masters Races, shall be programmed at any meeting.
  - 2.6.2 Short Sprint races will be programmed on a rotation basis (where possible) of Grade 6, Grade 5, Grade 4, Grade 6, Free-to-All and Maiden.
  - 2.6.3 The number of Short Sprint races programmed shall be three for Grades 6 & Grade 5, two for Grade 4 and one for Free-to-All and Maiden.
  - 2.6.4 The frequency of the programming of Short Sprint races and the rotation of grades shall always be subject to other races scheduled.
- 2.7 Specific races will be programmed at each meeting with reference to the number of races to be scheduled if sufficient nominations are received.
- 2.8 A Maiden race, either over the sprint or short sprint, will be programmed where practical each fortnight on a rotation basis between tracks.
- 2.9 The grade 6 races at one meeting per month over the sprint, rotating between tracks, will be restricted to Tasbred greyhounds only.
- 2.10 Tasracing retains the right to amend any of the above conditions in special circumstances to maximise the number or quality of races being programmed.



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## **1. OBJECTIVE**

- 1.1. The objective of this policy is to prescribe the parameters to enable Clubs to conduct an additional race at a meeting when excessive nominations are received for a meeting.

## **2. POLICY**

- 2.1. When there are sufficient nominations for a meeting, 11 races shall be programmed subject to the restrictions and conditions of Clause 3 below.
- 2.2. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, there will be no opportunity to conduct an additional race at combined (dual code) meetings.

## **3. CONDITIONS**

- 3.1. After the closing of nominations, the person appointed as the Grader by the Office of Racing Integrity shall review the nominations received and use best endeavours to draw 11 races for the meeting in accordance with Clause 2.5 of the Minimum Nominations policy.
- 3.2. The option to conduct an additional race at the meeting where the Hobart Thousand Final, the Devonport Cup Final or the Launceston Cup Final is scheduled shall be subject to the approval of The Director of Racing, together with the availability of race times from Sky Racing, which will still allow presentations for the final to be conducted.
- 3.3. Approval for the additional race will only be granted if there are funds available to cover the stakes for the additional race at the time the additional race is being considered.
- 3.4. The scheduling of an additional race shall be subject to the availability of Stewards and Sky Racing coverage of the additional race being secured either prior to or following the last scheduled event with, in the case of Hobart meetings, the last race not being scheduled after 10:50 pm.
- 3.5. If eleven races are programmed the maximum number of heats for qualifying trials shall be three.