

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 **First preference nominations only shall be considered when determining the events to be conducted at a meeting except when:**
- 2.5.1 **A Feature Event without heats, after nominations have been extended, does not have sufficient nominations to proceed in which case the greyhounds nominated for the feature event shall be transferred to their second preference and the events to be conducted shall then be determined.**
 - 2.5.2 **Heats of a Feature Event, after nominations have been extended, do not have sufficient nominations to conduct at least two heats in which case the greyhounds nominated for the heats shall be transferred to their second preference and the events to be conducted shall then be determined.**
 - 2.5.3 **An event with special conditions (including Masters races) does not have sufficient nominations to proceed in which case the greyhounds nominated for that event shall be transferred to their second preference and the events to be conducted shall then be determined.**

- 2.6 If, after extending nominations, there are insufficient first preference nominations to conduct a 10 event program, then the second and (if necessary) subsequent nomination preferences shall be considered and the events to be conducted shall then be determined.
- 2.7 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 Any Race Called For, 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.
- 2.8 The programming of a Mixed Maiden/Grade 6 sprint race in clause 2.7 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”).
- 2.9 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 2.7 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 and those Grade 3 greyhounds not listed as starters will be considered for inclusion in the race or as a reserve to fill any vacancies based on their order of choice. Please note that the original field selected will not be altered and this clause shall not apply if there is a Mixed 1/2 race and an Invitation race scheduled to be conducted.
- 2.10 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.