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## 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. SHORT SPRINT AND SPRINT RACES

#### 2.1.1. SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR A SERIES CONDUCTED IN HEATS, SEMI FINALS AND A FINAL

- 2.1.1.1. 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

- 2.1.1.2. 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. In this case two Semi Finals and a Final will be conducted on the dates advertised provided there are at least 7 eligible first preference heat nominations for each Semi Final. The fields for the Semi Finals shall be selected from those greyhounds with a first preference nomination for the Heats with eligibility and field selection on the grade and order of choice at the time the fields for the Semi Finals are drawn.
- 2.1.1.3. If there are insufficient eligible first preference nominations to conduct Heats or Semi Finals then a Final only will be conducted on the date advertised for the Final. Provided there are 8 or more eligible first preference nominations for the Heats, the field for the "Final Only" shall be selected from those greyhounds with eligibility and field selection on the grade and order of choice at the time the fields for the final are drawn. If there are less than 8 eligible first preference nominations for the Heats, then new nominations shall be called for the "Final Only" and connections must re-nominate for the "Final Only" and the field shall be selected from the nominations received with selection preference going to those greyhounds that had an eligible first preference nomination for the heats.
- 2.1.1.4. 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 first preference nominations received as per the Heats/Nominations table.

- 2.1.1.5. A greyhound must contest and finish in a race in a series or in the case of an abandoned or No Race have been entitled to contest the race at the time the race was abandoned or was declared a “No Race”, before being eligible for and/or listed in the field of a further race in the series.

**2.1.2. SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR A SERIES CONDUCTED IN HEATS AND A FINAL**

- 2.1.2.1. 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 first preference nominations to conduct at least 2 Heats with at least 7 eligible nominations in each heat then no Heats shall be conducted.
- 2.1.2.2. If Heats are not conducted, then a Final only will be conducted on the date advertised for the Final. If there are 8 or more eligible first preference nominations for the heats, then the field for the “Final Only” shall be selected from those greyhounds with eligibility and field selection on the grade and order of choice at the time the fields for the final are drawn. If there are less than 8 eligible first preference nominations for the heats, then new nominations shall be called for the “Final Only” and connections must re-nominate for the “Final Only” and the field shall be selected from the nominations received with selection preference going to those greyhounds that had an eligible first preference nomination for the heats.
- 2.1.2.3. 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 first preference nominations received as per the Heats/Nominations table.
- 2.1.2.4. A greyhound must contest and finish in a heat or in the case of an abandoned or No Race have been entitled to contest the heat at the time the heat was abandoned or was declared a “No Race”, before being eligible for and/or listed in the field to contest the Final.

**2.1.3. SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR A SERIES CONDUCTED IN TWO SETS OF HEATS AND FINAL**

- 2.1.3.1. 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 first preference 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.

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- 2.1.3.2. 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" only series. The Special Conditions for a Series conducted in Heats and a Final as defined in Clause 2.1.2 then apply to the new series.
- 2.1.3.3. 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 to provide at least 8 eligible first preference nominations for each Heat.
- 2.1.3.4. A greyhound must contest both sets of heats or in the case of an abandoned or No Race have been entitled to contest the heat at the time the heat was abandoned or was declared a "No Race", to be eligible for and/or listed in the field to contest the Final.

#### **2.1.4 SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR A FEATURE EVENT CONDUCTED WITHOUT HEATS**

- 2.1.4.1 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.

## **2.2. MID DISTANCE AND DISTANCE RACES**

### **2.2.1. SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR A SERIES CONDUCTED IN HEATS AND A FINAL**

- 2.2.1.1. 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 first preference nominations to conduct at least 2 Heats with at least 6 eligible nominations in each heat then no Heats shall be conducted.
- 2.2.1.2. If Heats are not conducted for a Mid Distance or Distance series (not being Free-to-All heats) then an event for the same grade as the heats will be programmed provided there are at least 6 eligible nominations that have stipulated a second choice for the grade of the heats over that distance. Provided there are at least 6 eligible first preference nominations for the heats those greyhounds shall be deemed nominated for the Final only and the Final shall be selected from those nominations with eligibility and field selection on the grade and order of choice at the time the fields for the final are drawn. If there are less than 6 eligible first preference nominations for the heats, then new nominations shall be called for the "Final Only" and connections must re-nominate for the "Final Only" and the field shall be selected from the nominations received with selection preference going to those greyhounds that had an eligible first preference nomination for the heats.

- 2.2.1.3. If Heats are not conducted for a Free-to-All Mid Distance or Free-to-All Distance series then, provided there are 6 or more eligible nominations, those greyhounds shall be deemed nominated for a Free-to-All race over the distance of the Heats. If there are 6 or more eligible first preference nominations those greyhounds shall be deemed nominated for the Final only and the Final shall be selected from those nominations with eligibility and field selection on the grade and order of choice at the time the fields for the final are drawn. If there are less than 6 eligible first preference nominations for the heats, no race shall be scheduled on the day of the heats and new nominations shall be called for the "Final Only" and connections must re-nominate for the "Final Only" and the field shall be selected from the nominations received with selection preference going to those greyhounds that had an eligible first preference nomination for the heats.
- 2.2.1.4. 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 first preference nominations received as per the Heats/Nominations table.
- 2.2.1.5. A greyhound must contest and finish in a heat or in the case of an abandoned or No Race have been entitled to contest the heat at the time the heat was abandoned or was declared a "No Race", before being eligible for and/or listed in the field to contest the Final.

## **2.2.2. SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR A SERIES CONDUCTED IN TWO SETS OF HEATS AND FINAL**

- 2.2.2.1. 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 first preference 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.
- 2.2.2.2. 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" only series. The Special Conditions for a Series conducted in Heats and a Final as defined in Clause 2.2.1 then apply to the new series.
- 2.2.2.3. In the case of Mid Distance or Long Distance Heats (not being Free-to-All Heats) not being 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 6 eligible nominations that have stipulated a second choice for the grade of the heats over that distance.

- 2.2.2.4. In the case of Free-to-All Mid Distance or Free-to-All Distance heats not being conducted on the first day of the Series then, provided there are 6 or more eligible nominations, those greyhounds shall be deemed nominated for a Free-to-All race over the distance of the Heats at that meeting.
- 2.2.2.5. 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 to provide at least 8 eligible first preference nominations for each Heat.
- 2.2.2.6. A greyhound must contest both sets of heats or in the case of an abandoned or No Race have been entitled to contest the heat at the time the heat was abandoned or was declared a "No Race", to be eligible for and/or listed in the field to contest the Final.

### **2.3. HEATS/NOMINATIONS TABLE**

#### **2.3.1. Short Sprint & Sprint races:**

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

#### **2.3.2. Mid Distance & Distance races:**

Minimum Number of Eligible Nominations	Number of Heats
12	2
18	3
28	4
35	5
42	6
56	7
64	8

### **2.4. CONFLICT OF CONDITIONS**

- 2.4.1. In the event of a conflict between any provisions of this policy and the specified conditions of a race or series, the provisions of the specified conditions of a race or series shall prevail.