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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 or as follows, no race shall be scheduled to be conducted unless there are at least 8 eligible first preference nominations.
- 2.1.1 Unless otherwise stipulated, no Grade 1, Grade 2, Mixed Grades 1/2, Mixed Grades 2/3, Invitation or Free-to-All races over the Sprint and Short Sprint distances shall be scheduled to be conducted unless there are at least 7 eligible first preference nominations. In respect to Short Sprint races, this clause applies only to races specifically called for.
- 2.1.2 Unless otherwise stipulated, no Mid Distance race or Distance race shall be scheduled to be conducted unless there are at least 6 eligible first preference nominations.
- 2.1.3 Unless otherwise stipulated, the first race at a meeting for Grade 6 (sprint) greyhounds shall be scheduled to be conducted provided there are 6 or more eligible first preference nominations.
- 2.1.4 It is permissible for a race with less nominations than stipulated in Clauses 2.1.1, 2.1.2 or 2.1.3 to be scheduled if, after the closing of nominations, which have been extended, it is required to provide 10 races at a meeting.
- 2.2 When a Feature Event or the heats of a feature event are called for and there are insufficient nominations to conduct the race or the minimum number of heats, as defined in the Feature Events policy, then nominations for the Feature Event/heats only (not the entire meeting) will be extended until 11am.
- 2.3 First preference nominations only shall be considered when determining the events to be conducted at a meeting except when:
- 2.3.1 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.

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- 2.3.2 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.
- 2.3.3 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.
- 2.4 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.
- 2.5 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:
- Grade 6 (sprint)
 - Mixed Grades 1 & 2 (sprint)
 - Grade 3 (sprint)
 - Invitation or Mixed Grade 2 & 3 (sprint)
 - One additional Maiden race (if called for)
 - Mixed Maiden & Grade 6 (sprint)
 - An additional mid-distance race (for the grade called for)
 - An additional Masters races (on the conditions called for)
 - Mid Distance Race
 - Grade 4 (sprint)
 - Mixed Grades 3 & 4 (sprint)
 - Grade 5 (sprint)
 - Mixed Grades 5 & 6 (sprint)
 - Mixed Grades 4 & 5 (sprint)
 - Short Sprint races:
 - Firstly - Races with 8 or more nominations – one race in rotation of the order of:
 - Any Race Called for
 - Grade 6
 - Mixed 1/2
 - Grade 3 (or Invitation or Mixed 2/3)
 - Grade 5
 - Grade 4until no more races are able to be programmed.
 - Secondly, mixed grade races in the order of:
 - Mixed 5/6
 - Mixed 3/4
 - Mixed 4/5

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- 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 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.
- 2.8 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.

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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:

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- 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.