

2012 Group 1 MTD Australian Cup – Event Conditions:

Group One – \$175,000 to the Winner

The 2012 MTD Australian Cup Event consists of a series of three weeks of racing which will be conducted under the Greyhound Racing Victoria - Rules of Greyhound Racing:

The dates for the series of the Event will (other than for unforeseen circumstances) be:

Night One	18th February	Preliminaries and Temlee Special Event
Night Two	25th February	Heats
Night Three	3rd March	Final

1. Nominations for the Event series close with GRV on Friday 10th February at 10.00am – **MAIDENS ARE INELIGIBLE**
 2. The GRV grader, in conjunction with a Melbourne Greyhound Racing Association representative will divide these nominations into two (2) categories -
 - (a) The top 56 greyhounds nominated, as adjudged by the GRV grader and MGRA representative, will be automatically entered in the Heats of the Australian Cup to be conducted on the 25th February, 2012 and
 - (b) The remaining nominations will be eligible to be drawn in the Preliminaries to be conducted on the 18th February, 2012.
 3. The number of Preliminaries to be conducted on February 18, 2012 will be determined subject to the number of nominations remaining after the top 56 greyhounds have been adjudged, however this number will not exceed eight (8).
 - 4(a) Greyhounds from the Preliminaries will be eligible to be drawn into the Heats to be held on February 25, 2012 to provide for 64 greyhounds, plus 16 reserves.
 - (b) Those drawn into the Heats shall notionally be winners of (8) Preliminaries, but in the case of a lower number than (8) Preliminaries being conducted; greyhounds finishing second in each of the preliminaries will, subject to their time recorded, become eligible for inclusion into the Heats.
 - (c) An additional 16 greyhounds from the Preliminaries will become eligible to be reserves for the Heats based on the accepted hierarchy of placing their time recorded in the Preliminaries for inclusion into the Heats.
 - (d) GRV Group Racing Grading Policy will apply to the Heats to be conducted on the 25 February, 2012 – that is
 - (i) *Top 25% of greyhounds to be seeded and distributed evenly amongst the number of heats – basically the top two greyhounds in each heat will be ‘seeded’*
 - (ii) *Bottom 75% of greyhounds to be randomly drawn into heats*
 - (iii) *Guarding of owners and trainers will apply for all greyhounds (where possible)*
 5. Eight (8) greyhounds from the Heats will be eligible to be drawn into the Final to be held on the 3rd March, 2012
 6. Greyhounds adjudged as included in the top 56 nominations will be considered to be engaged in the Heats and will incur the normal stand-down period if scratched after the close of nominations on the 10th February, 2012
 7. Greyhounds selected to compete in the ‘Temlee Special Event’ (an event to be conducted on February 18, 2012) will be placed directly into the Heats provided a nomination for the Australian Cup Event has been submitted at the closing time for nominations.
8. For the purposes of clarity, any greyhound placed directly into the Heats by virtue of their selection to compete in the ‘Temlee Special Event’ is deemed to be part of the Australian Cup Event series and the provisions of LR 44 (Vic) apply to the series comprising the Temlee Special Event, the Heat and the Final of the Australian Cup Event
- The provisions of the Greyhound Racing Victoria LR 44 (Vic) should be clearly noted by all participants nominating for series which includes the ‘Temlee Special Event’ and the Australian Cup Event
- LR 44.2 (Vic)**
- Where a specimen is taken from any greyhound and where upon preliminary analysis a Drug is found in the specimen, the following provisions shall apply:*
- (a) *the Stewards shall notify the Owner and Trainer of the greyhound that a Drug has been found in the specimen; and GAR124 shall apply*
 - (b) *where an Event is being, or has been conducted by way of a series of races and a final:*
 - (i) *the greyhound shall be disqualified from the race from which the specimen was taken and shall not be eligible to compete in any further race in the series or the final of the Event.*
 - (ii) *If the greyhound has competed in any further race in the series or the final of the Event, the greyhound is retrospectively disqualified from the race from which the specimen was taken and any further race in the series including that final and GAR85 and LR44(Vic) shall apply.*
- 44.3** *LR44.2 (b) (Vic) shall apply regardless of whether the greyhound had the drug in its system at the time it competed in any further race in the series, including the final.*
- 44.4** (a) *Where an Owner or Trainer (in this rule “the Second Owner/Trainer”) recovers any money or other prize under GAR85 from another Owner or Trainer, they must, as soon as is practicable, return any money or other prize that they originally received for the Event to GRV.*
- (b) *Upon receiving any money or other prize under LR44.4 (a) (Vic), GRV must make reasonable attempts to notify the Owner or Trainer (in this rule the “Third Owner/Trainer”) whose greyhound finished in the placing directly following the greyhound of the Second Owner/Trainer.*
 - (c) *The Third Owner/Trainer is entitled to collect the money or other prize returned under LR44.4 from GRV at their own expense.*