



2021 TAB AUSTRALIAN CUP EVENT CONDITIONS

Group 1 Event \$300,000 to the Winner of the Final

The 2021 TAB 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:
Saturday February 13 (Preliminaries & Invitationals)
Saturday February 20 (Heats)
Saturday February 27 (Final)

1. Nominations for the Event series close with GRV on Wednesday 10 February 2021 at 10:30am – **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 determined by the Special Event Ranking System (Grading Guideline 5.8), will be automatically entered in the Heats of the Australian Cup to be conducted on the 20th of February 2021 and
 - (b) The remaining nominations will be eligible to be drawn in the Preliminaries to be conducted on the 13th of February 2021.
3. The number of Preliminaries to be conducted on Saturday 13 February 2021 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 Saturday 20 February 2021 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 20th of February 2021 – 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 27th of February 2021.
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 of February 2021.

7. Greyhounds selected to compete in the 'Temlee' or the 'Rookie Rebel' Special Events (Events to be conducted on Saturday the 13th of February 2021) will be placed directly into the Heats provided a nomination for the Australian Cup Event has been submitted at the closing time for nominations.

For the purposes of clarity, any greyhound placed directly into the Heats by virtue of their selection to compete in the 'Temlee' or 'Rookie Rebel' 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 and Rookie Rebel Special Event, the Heat and the Final of the Australian Cup Event.

8. A greyhound under any order of prohibition that will not allow it to compete at The Meadows, at the time of nominations closing for the Preliminaries and Heats will be deemed ineligible and not drawn into the fields.
9. The provisions of the Greyhound Racing Victoria LR 44 (Vic) should be clearly noted by all participants nominating for the series.

LR 44.2 (Vic)

Where a specimen is taken from any greyhound and where upon preliminary analysis a prohibited substance is found in the specimen, the following provisions shall apply:

- (a) *the Stewards shall notify the Owner and Trainer of the greyhound that a prohibited substance has been found in the specimen; and GAR 83 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 GAR 64 and LR44(Vic) shall apply.*
 - (iii) *this rule is to have effect and to be conclusive irrespective of whether further testing procedures or other circumstances establish that the greyhound was presented for the race from which the sample was taken free of any prohibited substances. (added 01/07/2011)*

44.3 *LR44.2(b)(Vic) shall apply regardless of whether the greyhound had the prohibited substance in its system at the time it competed in any further race in the series, including the final.*

44.4 (a) *Where a registered person is paid stake money or any other money for an Event, and the greyhound is subsequently disqualified for returning a positive swab result or for any other reason, the Board is entitled to seek the return of all money paid.*

(b) *The Board will specify the time period (days) in which the stake money is to be repaid to GRV. The Board may elect to default a registered person for the failure to repay money by the due date.*

(c) *Where the Board determines that a registered person must repay stake money and other money to GRV, the Board may advise the amended placegetters: 1) that GRV will pay the amended place getters their full entitlement, adjusted for any payments previously received for the Event, and 2) that the Board has assumed responsibility for the recovery of amounts under GAR64. (amended 01/01/2014)*