

2023 AUSTRALIAN CUP

EVENT CONDITIONS

Group 1 Event

\$458,500 Total Prizemoney

The 2023 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 11 (Preliminaries & Invitationals)
Saturday February 18 (Heats)
Saturday February 25 (Final)**

1. Nominations for the 2023 Australian Cup (Event) series close with GRV on Monday 6 February 2023 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 18th of February 2023 *and*
 - (b) The remaining nominations will be eligible to be drawn in the Preliminaries to be conducted on the 11th of February 2023.
3. The number of Preliminaries to be conducted on Saturday 11 February 2023 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 18 February 2023 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) Seeded/Guarded selection method will apply to the Heats to be conducted on the 18th of February 2023 – 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, including the top 25% where possible.*
- 5 Eight (8) greyhounds from the Heats will progress into the Final to be held on the 25th of February 2023. Eight (8) greyhounds who finished in second place in the heats will be automatically drawn into the Australian Cup Consolation on Saturday February 25, 2023
LR44.1. will apply to the heats: Where an Event is conducted by way of heats and a final, the hierarchy of eligibility of a greyhound to compete in the final, being no more than eight in number plus reserves (if any), shall be determined from the heats in accordance with their finishing order as determined by the judge pursuant to GAR 114.
- 6 Eight (8) greyhounds who finished in second place in the heats will be automatically drawn into the Australian Cup Consolation on Saturday February 25, 2023, with the second eight qualifiers being drawn first. If there are not eight heats of the event, the fastest third placegetters will be automatically drawn into the Australian Cup Consolation.
- 7 By nominating for the Australian Cup, all trainers agree to participate in the Australian Cup Consolation if their greyhound finished second in a heat.
- 8 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 8th of February 2022.
- 9 Greyhounds selected to compete in the ‘Temlee’ or the ‘Rookie Rebel’ Special Events (Events to be conducted on Saturday the 11th of February 2022) will be placed directly into the Heats provided a nomination for the Australian Cup Event has been submitted at the closing time for nominations.
- 10 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.
- 11 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.
- 12 The provisions of Greyhound Racing Victoria LR 44 (Vic) should be clearly noted by all participants nominating for the series.