

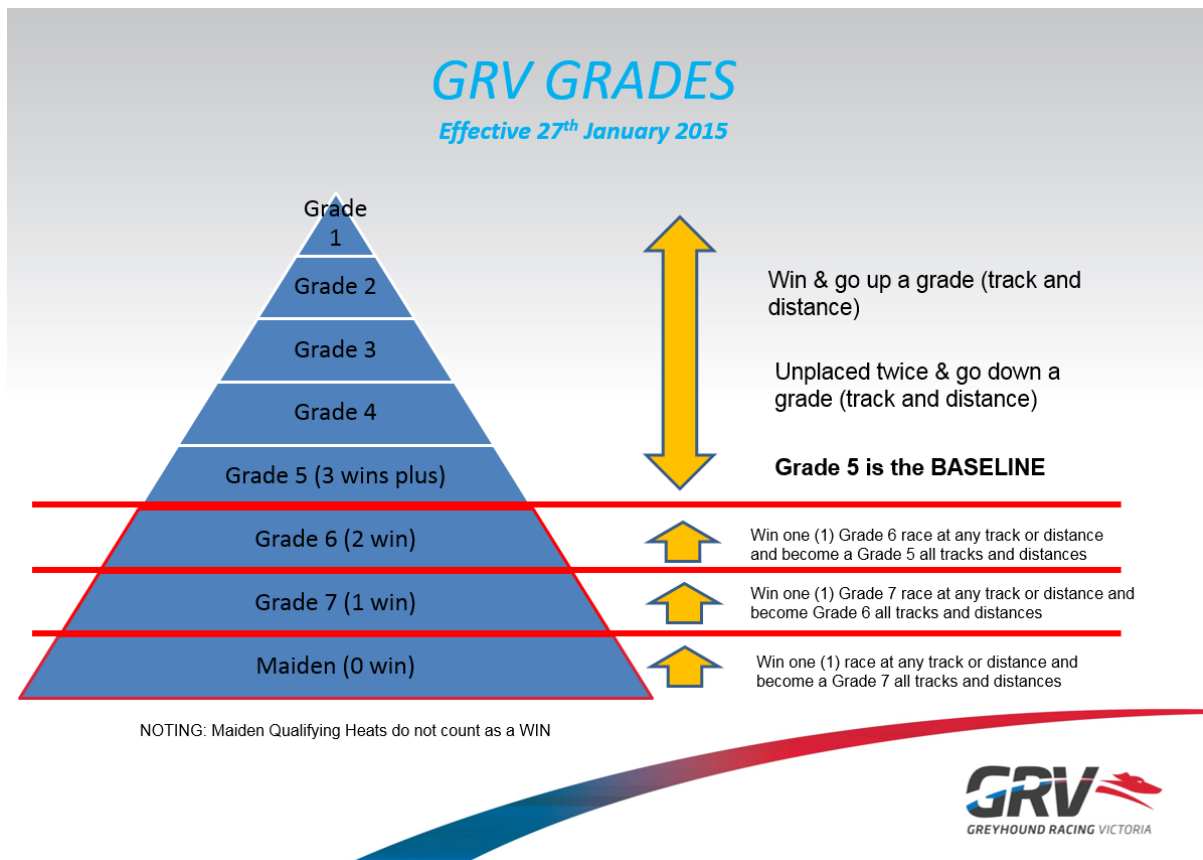
FAQ's - GRV Grading and Race Selection

The GRV Racing and Grading department receive approximately ten (10) grading or race selection queries each week. A majority of these have a common theme, with the top six (6) being:

- **Grading** – what grade am I and how do I progress through the grades?
- **Ranking** – my dog's rank hasn't changed in the last 3 starts?
- **Meeting Types** -Tier 3 vs Provincial and what is the difference?
- **Race programming** - Why am I always in the last few races?
- **Aged Prizemoney** – How is this calculated?
- **Guarding** - Why are my dogs not guarded?
- **Veterans Racing** – When is my dog eligible and how does it work?

Grading

All greyhounds commence their racing career as a Maiden greyhound and progress through the grades as outlined in the illustration below.



Ranking

With regards to ranking, the key driver for a greyhound's rank to change is due to its performances in its last eight (8) starts. This means each of the eight (8) starts are allocated points based on the grade of the race and which track it raced at.

Of these eight (8) starts the two (2) worst scores are removed from the calculation. As a greyhound continues to race, the points continue to re-calculate with the ninth start dropping off.

This means that a greyhound that was placed 7th in a Grade 5 race at Bendigo (350 points) now nine (9) starts ago and wins its most recent start at Bendigo in a Tier 3 event (70 points) has reduced its ranking from 258 to 223 – see below. Likewise replacing a similar point value of a now excluded start

can mean little or no change in the greyhounds ranking. The ranking points tables are published in full in the Grading Guidelines.

Example:

Pl	Trk	Date	Grade	Points	Rank	Calculation
1	BEN	14/06/2017	T3-5	70	223	70
2	BEN	7/06/2017	5	100	258	100
2	SHP	1/06/2017	T3-5	140	300	140
2	SHP	25/05/2017	5	100		100
4	SHP	20/04/2017	T3-5	280		280
4	BEN	29/03/2017	T3-5	280		280
6=	BEN	8/03/2017	T3-5	350		350
1	BEN	1/03/2017	5	50		50
7	BEN	16/02/2017	5	350		
7	BEN	13/01/2017	RWH	350		
Total less 2 worst						740
AVG.						123
Plus 100						223

Meeting Types: Tier 3 vs Provincial

Each meeting type or event has different rules for selection and this can cause some confusion. The current meeting or event types are:

1. Metro meetings
2. Provincial meetings
3. Tier 3 meetings
4. Maiden events
5. Qualifying Meetings
6. Final events
7. All Maiden meetings
8. Special Events

The most common queried differences between these meeting or event types are Tier 3 vs Provincial, noting Rank Limit meetings apply the Provincial selection method.

Tier 3 - greyhounds must first be eligible to race in Tier 3 - i.e. ranked 250 or higher and have not broken the Tier 3 time standards and Maidens must have had a minimum of 2 starts including Qualifying trials

Selection for a race is then reliant on just three factors:

1. The greyhound's most recent start (last start winners and placegetters have priority),
2. The greyhound was drawn as a Reserve and didn't gain a start,
3. How many times has this greyhound been previously nominated, and didn't gain a run, (the more unsuccessful nominations the higher the greyhound goes up the order of entry)

Provincial – all greyhounds are eligible to race, however order of entry for selection is determined by many factors including, but not limited to:

- The greyhound was a last start winner at the track and distance,
- The greyhound was last start placed at the track and distance,
- The greyhound is dropping in grade at the track and distance,
- The greyhound last competed in a Tier 3 event and broke the time standard.

Race Programming

Each race meeting program generally follows the same method to determine the race order.

Maidens or lower win grade events are conducted as early as possible (given their lack of race experience and possible exposure to the kennelling environment) giving preference to the longer distance events.

Then the best four races on the program are selected for Race 5, 6, 7, and 8 (Quaddie legs), and then the remaining four races are usually for the short course greyhounds with the less experienced greyhounds going first.

The race program can also be affected by greyhounds that are veterinary endorsed as 'early race' dogs (which can only compete in Races 1 to 6) or multiple advertised events of the same grade.

Aged Prize Money (APM)

A common query is how is my Aged Prize Money calculated?

Selection methods are based on AGED PRIZE MONEY. A greyhound's aged prize money is defined as:

0-30 days ago,	100% of the value of the prize money is counted
31-60 days ago,	80% of the value of the prize money is counted
61-120 days ago,	60% of the value of the prize money is counted
121-180 days ago,	40% of the value of the prize money is counted
181-360 days ago,	20% of the value of the prize money is counted
361-540 days ago,	2% of the value of the prize money is counted
541 days' plus	1% of the value of the prize money is counted
TOTAL	The total AGED prize money is the sum of the values above

Guarding

The concept of guarding owners and trainers has in recent times been given more restricted application as greyhounds are selected for each individual race by applying their current 'aged prize money' (APM) value. When two or more greyhounds are selected for an event of the same grade and distance, and are in the same interests (Owner/Trainer) and have a similar APM value – then these greyhounds are more likely to be drawn against each other.

A recent example sorted by APM – *Sale 16th June - Restricted Win (1-3 Wins) 250+ rank 440m*

Grade	Rank	APM	Race	Dog	Win	\$	CW	Trainer
Grade 5	292	3333	11	BANJO BOLT	3	5230	0	Wayne Boreland
Grade 5	287	2827	11	ANY OTHER UNION	3	3760	0	NICOLE LUND
Grade 6	300	2397	11	COME TO PLAY	2	4890	0	GRAHAM HALL
Grade 6	261	2337	11	WADELOCK VENUS	2	3455	0	MICHAEL CLOHESY
Grade 5	298	2246	11	KILMANY FLYER	3	5290	0	STEVEN SPOLJARIC
Grade 5	280	2238	11	CLASSY GUN	3	3335	0	MARK BRAITHWAITE
Grade 5	4	2202	11	KEPT IN SUSPENSE	3	4580	0	STEVEN SPOLJARIC

Grade 5	273	2114	11	WADELOCK MINDY	3	4250	0	DONALD HAY
Grade 6	333	2087	12	MISS TARYN	2	3165	0	YVONNE ANDREWS
Grade 5	278	2068	12	VANILLA KISS	3	2765	0	BRONWYN PULIS
Grade 6	280	1978	12	LAURENTIDE ICE	2	2260	0	BRONWYN PULIS
Grade 5	332	1802	12	JESSE'S TYPHOON	3	4090	0	MARIA MUSSELWHITE
Grade 5	2	1794	12	MANDELA SUN	3	6355	0	PHILLIP POLLUTRO
Grade 6	2	1727	12	TARSIER	2	2595	0	GREGORY MINNE
Grade 6	273	1613	12	ALLEN SIMON	2	3135	0	DEBORAH COLEMAN
Grade 6	325	1551	12	RIVAL SCAR	2	2600	0	BRAYDEN KLEMKE
Grade 5	2	1401	4	SHACKLETON	3	5675	0	TERRY PROCTOR
Grade 7	307	1298	4	TEMUJIN	1	3485	0	VICTOR GAY
Grade 6	2	1295	4	TIME BANDIT	2	2315	0	KERRY MINNE
Grade 5	2	1290	4	OMEGA BONNER	3	4115	0	BARRY HARPER
Grade 6	312	1238	4	CAN'T BELIEVE IT	2	2885	0	KERRIE SMYTH
Grade 5	343	1232	4	HELLO SLICK	3	3575	0	AARON FARLEY
Grade 7	270	1218	4	FIERY STARLET	1	1275	0	GEOFFREY HOWELL
Grade 7	250	1172	4	JOE'S DOLLY	1	1370	0	VICKI WISENER
Grade 5	322	1143	3	BOGIE TIARA	3	3055	0	JAMES HARRINGTON
Grade 6	327	1108	3	BERNMAR TERRY	2	1825	0	PETER BORRADALE
Grade 6	333	1072	3	MIDNIGHT MINX	2	2395	0	GEOFFREY DALTON
Grade 7	1	990	3	MOOD SWINGS	1	990	0	LYN SMITH
Grade 7	317	990	3	MAGIC SHIANNE	1	990	0	MICHAEL CHILCOTT
Grade 7	308	860	3	ALLEN UNTHER	1	1235	0	PETER BORRADALE
Grade 7	267	850	3	JETYRA ERUPTION	1	1290	0	TODD CHATWIN
Grade 7	290	792	3	JEBRYNAH ROMA	1	990	0	VICKI WISENER
Grade 5	268	661	2	CRUELLA DEVILLE	3	4385	0	STEPHEN CREIGHTON
Grade 7	282	660	2	RUSTA	1	1650	0	STEPHEN CREIGHTON
Grade 5	255	606	2	ASTON GRACE	3	3480	0	EDDIE LIESHOUT
Grade 7	325	575	2	SERIOUS MAGIC	1	1355	0	GREGORY MINNE
Grade 7	332	568	2	AMAROO BAZINGA	1	780	0	SHANE SCHEMBRI
Grade 6	317	463	2	TAABINGA SWIFT	2	1815	0	JOHN CONNOR
Grade 7	310	396	2	LAKEVIEW GRACE	1	990	0	HARLEY WHELAN
Grade 7	264	236	2	BENNY'S LEGEND	1	1180	0	ROBERT WHITFORD
Grade 6	367	1095	3,4,11	CORROBOREE	2	2175	0	PETER BORRADALE
Grade 7	346	314	2,3,12	BLACK THIRTY ONE	1	690	0	KENNETH HEIGHT
Grade 7	365	584	11,12	MARVELLOUS MIDGE	1	640	0	STEVEN SPOLJARIC
Grade 7	366	500	2,4	DINNER PLAIN	1	500	0	GREGORY KERR

The grader will attempt to guard connections where possible considering the difference of APM values and the impacts of swapping a greyhound either up or down in APM value order.

Veterans Races

Veterans Races are programmed at various meetings from time to time across the state. To be eligible for selection in a veterans race, the greyhound must be four (4) years of age or older on the date of the race meeting. All veterans races are non penalty.

For further information in relation to GRV Grading and Race Selection methods please see the Grading Guidelines at:

<https://fasttrack-static.grv.org.au/webcontent/documents/GradingGuidelines.pdf>

(Weighted Points Table – Pages 24, 25 and 28, Selection Methods – Section 5 – Pages 13 to 21) or contact the Grading department via email at graders@grv.org.au