



Group 1 - 515 metres

**Heats – Saturday 25 November 2023**

**\$1,000,000 Melbourne Cup Final  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023**

**WINNER \$650,000**

**Second \$200,000**

**Third \$100,000**

**Fourth \$50,000**

**(5th - 8th \$2000)**

**FOR COMPLETE DETAILS SEE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS OF  
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# The 2023 Group 1 Melbourne Cup

## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Nominations for all greyhounds (including exempted runners) must be received by Greyhound Racing Victoria (GRV) by 10:30am on **WEDNESDAY 22 November 2023**.

Nominations can **ONLY** be accepted by Greyhound Racing Victoria by phone (03) 8329 1100 or on-line at [fasttrack.grv.org.au](http://fasttrack.grv.org.au). **The Nominator must advise Greyhound Racing Victoria that their nomination is for the Melbourne Cup.**

**INTERSTATE ENTRIES PLEASE NOTE:** GRV recommends that all interstate greyhounds that are racing in Victoria for the first time are nominated early. This is to ensure that there is enough time to validate trainer and owner details prior to the close of nominations.

The greyhounds that win the following races **OR** compete in the SHOOTOUT at Sandown Park on Saturday 18 November 2023 will gain exemption into the **Eight Heats** of the Melbourne Cup to be held on **Saturday 25 November 2023**, provided a nomination is submitted.

Group 1 Melbourne Cup (2022)  
Group 1 Silver Chief (2023)  
Group 1 Paws of Thunder (2023)  
Group 1 Gold Bullion (2023)  
Group 1 Temlee (2023)  
Group 1 Australian Cup (2023)  
Group 1 Perth Cup (2023)  
Group 1 Golden Easter Egg (2023)  
Group 1 Sapphire Crown (2023)  
Group 1 Harrison-Dawson (2023)  
Group 1 Peter Mosman Opal (2023)  
Group 1 Vic Peters (2023)  
Group 1 Brisbane Cup (2023)  
Group 1 NZ Waterloo Cup (2023)  
Group 2 Laurels Classic (2022)  
Group 2 Warragul Cup (2023)  
Group 2 Shepparton Cup (2023)  
Group 2 Horsham Cup (2023)  
Group 2 Geelong Cup (2023)  
Group 2 Ballarat Cup (2023)  
Group 2 Warrnambool Cup (2023)  
Group 2 Cranbourne Cup (2023)  
Group 2 Cranbourne Cup Heats (2023)  
Group 3 Launching Pad (2023)  
Group 3 Shootout (ALL RUNNERS) (2023)  
The winner of The Phoenix (2022)  
ALL finalists of the 2023 English Derby  
ALL finalists of the 2023 Irish Derby

Any nominated greyhound that is not exempted under these conditions will **ONLY** be eligible for any remaining positions in the eight heats (plus reserves) by having competed (regardless of finishing position) in at least ONE Melbourne Cup Prelude Series during 2023. These remaining positions will be allocated based on the greyhounds ranking from lowest to highest.

Order of entry:

1. Exempt race winners
2. Prelude 2nd placed runners sorted by ranking
3. Remaining Prelude runners sorted by ranking

GRV Local Rule 50.2 Graders discretion shall also apply.

### **Melbourne Cup Preludes series**

Series 1 Thursday 19 October 2023 (Cranbourne Cup @ Sandown Heats)

Series 2 Thursday 2 November 2023

Series 3 Saturday 18 November 2023

Please be advised that the Cranbourne Cup Heats will be classified as Series 1 of the Melbourne Cup Prelude Series. All greyhounds competing in the Cranbourne Cup Heats will be deemed to have competed in a set of preludes with the winners exempt for the Melbourne Cup Heats.

Greyhounds may compete in any number of Preludes to enhance selection chances.

Composition of the heats will be subject to the top 25% of nominated greyhounds being seeded and distributed evenly amongst the heats, with the remaining 75% of greyhounds being drawn randomly into the heats. Guarding of owners and trainers in heats will apply where possible.

In the event of a dead heat in a Melbourne Cup heat GRV Local Rule 44.2 shall apply.

The connections agree to the use of their greyhound's name and photograph for promotional and/or advertising purposes by SGRC, or any firm, business or organisation approved by SGRC, arising from it competing in the 2023 Melbourne Cup series.

SGRC and GRV reserves the right to alter and/or add to these conditions. The final field for the 2023 Melbourne Cup final shall be determined in accordance with Greyhound Racing Victoria Rules and the Greyhounds Australasia Rules.

**SandownPark**