

2024 LAUNCHING PAD SWEEP STAKES

CONDITIONS

Eligibility

1. Shall only be open to a holder of a slot.
2. The holder may use the ticket to nominate a greyhound for the sweep stakes series.
3. The greyhound nominated under the slot will only be eligible to participate in the series if it has not had more than thirty starts and has not won more than six races. Maidens are ineligible.
4. A slot can only be used to nominate one greyhound for the series.

Tickets

5. Slots may be purchased by any registered person, syndicate, registered Club or Association. The maximum slots to be purchased by any one registered person, syndicate, registered Club or association shall be eight (8).
6. SGRC may purchase entry forms. However, no director of SGRC, whether as an individual or as a manager of a syndicate, may purchase or become the registered owner of a slot.
7. 64 slots will be issued for the series.
8. Slots will go on sale from 10am on Monday 22 January 2024.
9. No slots may be purchased after 12.00noon on Monday 11 March 2024.
10. The cost of each slot is \$2,500.00 (plus \$50.00 transaction fee).
11. The slots are totally transferrable between registered persons, syndicates, registered Clubs or associations upon approval from SGRC. Where a transfer has occurred the transferor and the transferee shall notify SGRC of the transfer so that it can be recorded in the series register.
12. SGRC shall maintain the register of slots and the holders of the issued slots.
13. Only persons recorded on the register shall be recognised as being the holder of the slot. GRV LR 49 applies.
14. In the event that the slot holder's nominated greyhound is scratched from the heats, semi-final or the final no refund of the slot fee shall be given.

Format and prize money

15. The series final will be worth prize money of \$220,000, the first prize will be \$150,000, the second prize will be \$40,000, the third prize will be \$20,000, the fourth prize will be \$10,000 and will be run on Thursday 28 March 2024.

16. Semi-finals will be run on Thursday 21 March 2024. Each semi-final will be worth \$22,000 being first place \$15,000, second place \$4,000, third place \$2,000 and fourth place \$1,000.

17. Heats will be run on Thursday 14 March 2024. Each heat will be worth \$15,250 being first place \$10,000, second place \$3,000, third place \$1,500 and fourth place \$750.

18. Greyhounds that compete in the Launching Pad semi-finals but do not progress to the final shall also be eligible for the Launching Pad Consolation. The Consolation shall be based on their finishing position in the Launching Pad semi-finals. Nominations for the Consolation shall be automatic.

19. The Launching Pad Consolation shall be run on Thursday 28 March 2024 and will be worth \$36,500, the first prize being \$25,000, second place \$7,000, third place \$3,000 and fourth place \$1,500.

20. Greyhounds that compete in the Launching Pad heats but do not progress to the semi-finals shall be eligible for the 'Runway'. The 'Runway' shall be based on their finishing position in the Launching Pad heats. A maximum of three heats will be run. Nominations for the 'Runway' shall be automatic.

21. The 'Runway' series final will be run on Thursday 28 March 2024 and will be worth \$22,000, the first prize being \$15,000, second place \$4,000, third place \$2,000 and fourth place \$1,000.

22. Three heats of the 'Runway' will be run on Thursday 21 March 2024. Each heat will be worth \$15,250 being first place \$10,000, second place \$3,000, third place \$1,500 and fourth \$750.

23. The funds raised from the issuing of the slots shall be contributed in full to the prize money for the series.

24. Where there is a shortfall between the funds raised from the issuing of the slots and the prize money SGRC will contribute the difference to ensure that the series final is worth the prize money as set out in condition 15.

25. Subject to the number of slots sold and the greyhounds nominated there will be eight heats and four semi-finals conducted.

26. The heats of both the Launching Pad and Runway will be graded as Random/Guarded.

27. The semi-finals of the Launching Pad and Runway, and the final of the Consolation shall be determined in accordance with GRV LR 44. Semi-finals of the Launching Pad are not guarded and compiled based on finishing positions and times.

Key Dates for the 2024 Launching Pad series

28. Slots will go on sale at 10am on Monday 22 January 2024.

29. Slots may not be purchased after 12pm on Monday 11 March 2024.

30. SGRC will forward the nominations to GRV in the days preceding Tuesday 12 March 2024 to ensure eligibility. Nominations will close with the Club only at 8.00am Tuesday 12 March 2024.

31. Launching Pad heats Thursday 14 March 2024.

32. Launching Pad semi-finals Thursday 21 March 2024.

33. Launching Pad final Thursday 28 April 2024.

34. Trainers wanting to withdraw a nomination for the 'Runway' series must do so with GRV by 9am on Monday 18 March 2024.

35. 'Runway' series heats (maximum of three heats) will be held on Thursday 21 March 2024.

36. 'Runway' series final Thursday 28 March 2024.

37. The reserves for the 'Runway' heats will be randomly drawn at the time of grading and randomly allocated if required.