



GUIDELINES for PREFERRED BOX DRAWS

As of 1 August 2023, Preferred Box Draw (PBD) events will commence at selected NSW greyhound racing tracks as part of GWIC and GRNSW's commitment to create a safer racing environment for greyhounds.

Preferred Box Draw events will be conducted at Dapto for 5th Grade events, and also at Wentworth Park for 5th Grade 520m and Non-Graded 280m events.

The purpose of this document is to provide industry awareness as to how both GWIC and GRNSW intend to facilitate and manage Preferred Box Draw events from nomination stage through to the review process of greyhound traits subsequent to an event.

This will include:

- How and where to declare a greyhound's trait at nomination stage?
- Who will be responsible for conducting and overseeing the box draws?
- How will greyhounds traits be assessed during an event?
- Who will be responsible for reviewing the greyhound's trait post-race?

Please note that these guidelines may be modified by GWIC or GRNSW should they deem it appropriate or necessary however any changes/updates will be communicated through various avenues to ensure complete awareness.

How and where to declare a greyhound's trait at nomination stage?

At the time of nominating a greyhound for a Preferred Box Draw event, trainers are required to declare the trait of their greyhound. These traits are categorised into three different groups: Rail (R), Straight (S) and Wide (W). The trainer must provide GWIC by way of email (PBD@gwic.nsw.gov.au) the trait of their greyhound(s). Once received, and prior to the box draw commencing, a designated Steward will review the trait that has been declared to ensure it is indicative of the greyhound's actual trait. If it is not, the Steward will contact you by telephone to discuss and determine an appropriate trait. If a trait can not be agreed upon, consideration may be given to permitting the withdrawal of the greyhound(s) from the event.

Who will be responsible for conducting and overseeing the box draws?

GRNSW will be responsible for conducting the box draws however it will be overseen by a Steward who will attend the GRNSW Offices.

How will greyhounds traits be assessed during an event?

To ensure that the traits of greyhounds are being assessed accurately and consistently, the Stewards, when conducting a review of Preferred Box Draw events, will be assessing the greyhound's mannerisms in the early stages of the event and consideration will also be given to its racing trait thereafter.

Who will be responsible for reviewing the greyhound's trait post-race?

The panel of Stewards officiating at the race meeting will be responsible for conducting a review of the Preferred Box Draw events. If they are of the view that the greyhound's trait should be changed, a formal notification will be sent to the trainer.

When can a greyhound's trait be changed?

A greyhound's trait cannot be changed until after it has had 3 PBD starts. Following its third start, the Stewards may then alter its trait to reflect a different racing trait. In the event that a trainer declares a different trait subsequent to the greyhound's third start, the greyhound's trait will be reviewed by the Stewards.

If you require clarification on the above guidelines, please do not hesitate to contact GWIC.