

# Masters Grading Guidelines

## Grade Ladder

- Three Masters grades: M1, M2 and M3
- 2 Masters wins to go up a Masters grade
- 2 unplaced Masters starts to drop a Masters grade
- After being lowered one (1) Masters grade in accordance with the Masters Grading Guidelines a greyhound must, upon winning a Masters Event, be elevated one (1) Masters grade

## Calculation of Masters Grade

- Upon reaching the age of 45 months, a greyhound becomes eligible for Masters racing and will be allocated a grade in the Masters Category (This is at the close of nominations).
- A Masters Grade will be created by the following pre-determined set of conditions based on a greyhound's Performance History:
  - No greyhounds will commence Masters Racing as an M1
  - A greyhound shall commence Masters Racing as an M2 if:
    - It has won 2 or more Category A Events (excluding Maiden); or
    - It has won 6 or more Category B Events, or a total of 6 Category A and B events (excluding Maiden); or
    - It has a total of 12 wins (excluding Maiden)
  - All other greyhounds shall be M3
  - Maiden greyhounds are ineligible for Masters Events
- A greyhound's Masters grade will be assigned using the above criteria when first nominated for a Masters Event

## Mixing of Grades

- M1, M2 and M3 Grades can be mixed

## Weighted Points Score Calculation

In respect of placings in Masters Races, the table below outlines the points that will be added to a greyhounds weighted point score ranking.

### Masters Weighted Points Score Table

Masters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
M1	70	60	55	28	25	22	19	16
M2	60	50	45	22	19	16	14	12
M3	50	40	35	17	14	12	10	8

If a Masters event involves a mix of Masters Grades, then points will be awarded at the highest grade in the race. A greyhound's weighted point score will continue to be calculated on its last five starts, whether those starts are in Masters or Non Masters Events

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### Order of Entry

- Masters Racing – The following Order of Entry will apply to Masters Events:
  - 1) Last start winner in a Masters Event
  - 2) Last start placegetters in a Masters Event
  - 3) M1's will be drawn ahead of M2's and M2's will be drawn ahead of M3's
  - 4) Greyhound with the best form as determined by the Weighted Point Score Table
- All Masters wins will be classified as Penalty free when greyhounds return from Masters Events to Non Masters Graded events
- Divisions – In the case that multiple Divisions of the same grade of a Masters Event are conducted, greyhounds will be separated based on their Weighted Point Score and not Division or Total Wins.