

New Qualification & Grading Times



Owners and trainers are advised that as and from Aug 1st qualification times for novice greyhounds will be set at 30.70 for the 525 yards, or its equivalent over any other distance (including sprint). There will be no change to hurdle or long distance grading tables.

The new qualifying tables read as follows

| | 525 | 300 | 325 | 330 | 350 | 360 | 375 | 400 |
|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Open | <29.80 | <16.80 | <18.10 | <18.36 | <19.40 | <19.92 | <20.70 | <22.00 |
| N1 | 29.80-30.09 | 16.80-16.99 | 18.10-18.29 | 18.36-18.55 | 19.40-19.59 | 19.92-20.11 | 20.70-20.89 | 22.00-22.19 |
| N2 | 30.10-30.50 | 17.00-17.29 | 18.30-18.59 | 18.56-18.85 | 19.60-19.89 | 20.12-20.41 | 20.90-21.19 | 22.20-22.49 |
| N3 | 30.50-30.70 | 17.30-17.50 | 18.60-18.80 | 18.86-19.06 | 19.90-20.10 | 20.42-20.62 | 21.20-21.40 | 22.50-22.70 |

The new qualifying tables effectively remove the old A10 grade with A9 now being the lower limit for qualifying and racing.

New A9 grade bands for the middle distance categories are as follows (all other “A” grading bands remain unchanged)

| | 525 | 500 | 550 | 570 | 575 | 600 | 620 |
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| A9 | 30.50-30.70 | 29.15-29.35 | 31.85-32.04 | 32.93-33.13 | 33.20-33.40 | 34.55-34.75 | 35.63-35.83 |

New A9 grade bands for the sprint distance categories are as follows (all other “S” grading bands remain unchanged)

| | 300 | 325 | 330 | 350 | 360 | 375 | 400 |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| S9 | 17.30-17.50 | 18.60-18.80 | 18.86-19.06 | 19.90-20.10 | 20.42-20.62 | 21.20-21.40 | 22.50-22.70 |

To facilitate owners and trainers who have previously qualified novice greyhounds, and/or are currently racing A10 greyhounds, there will be a six week transition period from Aug 1st whereby

- Novice greyhounds qualified under the old grading times will be afforded the opportunity of being raced in the usual manner (within 42 days from trial) whereby they must achieve A9 time or better to be accepted for further racing. Any greyhound at this stage who has not achieved 30.70 or better for 525 yards, or its equivalent over middle and sprint distances will have to re-qualify.
- Raced greyhounds of grade A10 and having never bettered 30.70 for 525, or its equivalent over middle and sprint distance will be afforded the opportunity of racing in the usual manner (42 days from last race/trial) whereby they must achieve A9 time or better to be accepted for further racing. Any raced greyhound at this stage who has not achieved 30.70 or better for 525 yards, or its equivalent over middle and sprint distances will have to re-qualify.