



Group 1 - 515 metres

Heats – Saturday 22 November 2025

Melbourne Cup Final Saturday 29th November 2025

WINNER \$500,000

Second \$150,000

Third \$75,000

Fourth \$37,500

**FOR COMPLETE DETAILS SEE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS OF
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The 2025 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 19 November 2025**.

Nominations can **ONLY** be accepted by Greyhound Racing Victoria by phone (03) 8329 1100 or online at 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 Friday 14 November 2025 will gain exemption into the **Eight Heats** of the Melbourne Cup to be held on **Saturday 22 November 2025**, provided a nomination is submitted.

Group 1 Melbourne Cup (2024) - Explicit
Group 1 Hobart Thousand (2024) – Bernie Burrow
Group 1 Silver Chief (2024) - Epitomize
Group 1 The Phoenix (2024) - Explicit
Group 1 Paul Wheeler Simply The Best (2024) – Blue Kermaro
Group 1 Gold Bullion (2025) – Good Odds Cobber
Group 1 Temlee (2025) – Tim Zoo
Group 1 Australian Cup (2025) – Mepunga Tully
Group 1 Perth Cup (2025) – Deadly Avenger
Group 1 Golden Easter Egg (2025) – Power And Glory
Group 1 Sapphire Crown (2025) – Bourne Model
Group 1 Harrison-Dawson (2025) – Flying Zulu
Group 1 Flying Amy (2025) – Sooty Keeping
Group 1 Peter Mosman Opal (2025)
Group 1 Vic Peters (2025)
Group 1 Brisbane Cup (2025)
Group 1 Maturity Classic (2025)
Group 1 National Sprint Championship (2025)
Group 1 The Megastar (2025)
Group 1 Adelaide Cup (2025)
Group 1 Topgun (2025)
Group 2 Warragul Cup (2025) – Pass The Buck
Group 2 Shepparton Cup (2025) – Lakeview Emily
Group 2 Horsham Cup (2025) – Flying Zulu
Group 2 Geelong Cup (2025) – Matt Loch
Group 2 Warrnambool Cup (2025) – Matt Loch
Group 2 Ballarat Cup (2025) - Explicit
Group 2 Bendigo Cup (2025)
Group 2 Cranbourne Cup (2025)
Group 2 Laurels Classic (2025)
Group 3 Launching Pad (2025) – Dashing Slay
Group 3 Shootout (ALL RUNNERS) (2025)
Million Dollar Chase (2025)
ALL finalists of the 2024 English Derby
ALL finalists of the 2024 Irish Derby
ALL 2025 Melbourne Cup Prelude Winners

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 2025. 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 16 October 2025 (Cranbourne Cup @ Sandown Heats)

Series 2 Thursday 30 October 2025

Series 3 Friday 14 November 2025

The 2025 Laurels Classic Final will be classified as being part of Series 3 of the Melbourne Cup Prelude Series. All greyhounds competing in the Laurels Final will be deemed to have competed in a set of preludes, with the winner exempt for The Melbourne Cup Heats.

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 2025 Melbourne Cup series.

SGRC and GRV reserves the right to alter and/or add to these conditions. The final field for the 2025 Melbourne Cup final shall be determined in accordance with Greyhound Racing Victoria Rules and the Greyhounds Australasia Rules.

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