

## **2026 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. Sandown Greyhound Racing Club may purchase entry forms.
7. 40 slots will be issued for the series.
8. Slots will go on sale from 10am on Tuesday 27 January 2026.
9. No slots may be purchased after 11am on Monday 16 March 2026.
10. The cost of each slot is \$2500.00
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 27 (1)(c) 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 2 April 2026.
16. Semi-finals will be run on Thursday 26 March 2026. Each semi-final will be worth \$21,750 being first place \$15,000, second place \$4,000, third place \$2,000 and fourth place \$750.
17. Heats will be run on Thursday 19 March 2026. 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 2 April 2026 and will be worth \$37,000, the first prize being \$25,000, second place \$7,000, third place \$3,500 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 2 April 2026 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 26 March 2026. 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 five heats and two 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, 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 2026 Launching Pad series**

28. Slots will go on sale at 10am on Tuesday 27 January 2026. **Contact Sandown Greyhound Racing Club on (03) 9546- 9511 or for further information contact r.matthews@grv.org.au.**

29. Slots may not be purchased after 11am on Monday 16 March 2026.

30. SGRC will forward the nominations to GRV in the days preceding Tuesday 17 March 2026 to ensure eligibility. Nominations will close with the Club at 8.00am Tuesday 17 March 2026.

### 31. Launching Pad heats Thursday 19 March 2026.

32. Launching Pad semi-finals Thursday 26 March 2026.

### 33. Launching Pad final Thursday 2 April 2026.

34. Trainers wanting to withdraw a nomination for the 'Runway' series must do so with GRV by 9am on Monday 23 March 2026.

35. 'Runway' series heats (maximum of three heats) will be held on Thursday 26 March 2026.

36. 'Runway' series final Thursday 2 April 2026.

## Launching Pad Prizemoney & Event Structure

## Launching Pad 2026 Prizemoney Allocation - 40 Slots

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