

# Greyhound Racing Victoria

## Hall of Fame Charter

2022



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## 1. Hall of Fame Selection Committee History

The Committee initially selected and inducted 6 Pioneers, 15 persons and 15 greyhounds into the Hall of Fame (HoF).

The Committee ensured that the initial inductees are relatively evenly spread throughout the history of the Victorian greyhound industry from 1956 to 2008.

The initial inductees were researched, and the committee was provided with profiles on the 6 pioneers, 15 persons and 15 greyhounds. The initial inductees were drawn from:

- a). Candidates provided by the researcher who developed a list of potential HoF inductees and Pioneers of Greyhound Racing Victoria (GRV).
- b). Nominations received from GRV clubs, The National Coursing Association of Victoria, the Greyhound Owners Trainers and Breeders Association, the media and GRV industry participants.
- c). Life Members, previous industry award winners (people and greyhounds), persons recognised via State and Federal Government awards.

## 2. Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

The function of the Hall of Fame (HoF) Selection Committee (The Committee) is to select and recommend potential inductees for Greyhound Racing Victoria (GRV) Board approval

Recommendations for induction will be drawn from:

- a). Current and former industry participants (which are not only limited to owners, trainers, breeders, attendants), current and former club committee members or club volunteers, media representatives and administrators in the greyhound racing industry in Victoria
- b). Retired greyhounds in the greyhound racing industry in Victoria.

The committee will be approved for three years and will undertake the following responsibilities:

- On an annual basis between January and June, the Committee shall meet to nominate people and greyhounds for recommendation to the GRV Board.

### **3. Membership of Hall of Fame Selection Committee.**

a). Membership of the HoF Selection Committee shall consist of

- i. Chair - GRV CEO or their nominated representative
- ii. Employee of GRV to act as Executive Officer of the Committee.;
- iii. Melbourne Greyhound Racing Association (MGRA) representative.
- iv. Sandown Greyhound Racing Club (SGRC) representative
- v. Greyhound Owners, Trainers and Breeders Association (GOTBA) representative.
- vi. Greyhound Racing Victoria Related Media representative
- vii. Provincial Club representative
- viii. Greyhound Racing Victoria Racing Department representative.
- ix. Greyhound Racing Victoria Content Manager.

Representative from the above categories may delegate an alternate person to sit on their behalf on the committee. If the nominated person also falls into the categories listed above.

Any member of the HoF committee that receives a disqualification or brings the racing code into disrepute during their time sitting on the committee will be disallowed to continue their position on the committee. The GRV Board will appoint a new member who will sit on the committee until the end of the three-year period.

b). Appointment and Removal of Members.

Any person appointed to the Committee, other than the Chair and the EO, shall be appointed for a term of 3 years from 2019-2022.

GRV Board may require a member of the committee to resign and that member shall resign where the opinion of the GRV Board, the member is unwilling or unable to effectively perform the duties required of a committee member

#### **4. Purpose of the Hall of Fame Committee.**

The Committee is established for the purpose of;

- a) Considering all eligible candidates for induction into the HoF;
- b) Selecting candidates for induction into the HoF as the Committee considers appropriate having regard to the guidelines set out in this Charter;
- c) Regulating the procedures of the Committee for the holding of meetings, voting, membership, appointment and the like;
- d) Recommend policies regarding the induction of members and format of recognition and other aspects of the HoF;
- e) carrying out such other duties and functions as the GRV Board may determine from time to time.

The Committee shall at all times act in accordance with and subject to the terms of this Charter, except where expressly authorised by the GRV Board to the contrary.

## **5. Role of the Hall of Fame.**

The role of the HoF is to recognise and induct people and greyhounds that have made a most significant contribution to the Victorian Greyhound Industry since the commencement of Non-Proprietary racing in 1956.

The HoF will recognise a small number of individuals and greyhounds who made an outstanding contribution to the sport of greyhound racing prior to 1956 and this category will be known as 'The Pioneers of Greyhound Racing'.

The Hall of Fame shall be a virtual site providing an atmosphere that is conducive to the appropriate recognition and memory of the inductees.

The Committee shall recommend the format of recognition to be devoted to Hall of Fame inductees to the GRV Board.

## 6. Selection Criteria for Induction into the Hall of Fame.

The selection criteria for the HoF was developed by the selection committee and subsequently endorsed by the GRV Board. The selection criteria will be available to the general public and the GRV Board from time to time may see fit to make amendments to the selection criteria.

The selection criteria will be used by the committee in deciding if a person or greyhound shall be included in the HoF.

The following categories shall apply for the HoF:

- Greyhound (Racetrack Performance , Sire, Broodbitch).
- Participant (Trainer, Breeder).
- Club Official (Committee, Volunteer).
- Administrator (Board Member, Management, Club Administrator).
- Media (Print, Race-callers).
- Professional (Veterinary, Canine Chiropractor, Racing Equipment).
- Other (Bookmakers, Identities).
- Animal Welfare (Greyhound Adoption Program volunteers or staff)

The Committee shall consider a candidate's outstanding service and overall contribution to the Victorian greyhound industry in determining eligibility for induction into the HoF.

The Committee may also consider a candidate's individual record, ability, integrity, sportsmanship and character when considering new inductees.

For people, the number of years of service provided shall only be a consideration and shall not be determinative in assessing a candidate's eligibility.

Candidates shall be assessed on the basis of their overall contribution to Victorian greyhound racing industry as opposed to one specific aspect.

The Committee shall consider candidates from all parts of greyhound racing industry in Victoria.

A greyhound may only be eligible for induction into the GRV HoF if that greyhound has been retired from racing for at least 3 years.

A person may not be a candidate for induction into the HoF while a member of the Committee.

There shall be no special order of precedence given to HoF inductees.



## **7. Procedure for Selection of Inductees.**

The HoF Committee will elect a maximum of Two inductees to the HoF in any given year with the make up as follows:

- up to 2 persons
- up to 2 greyhounds that have been retired for at least 3 years
- 1 person and 1 greyhound (that has been retired for 3 years)

Along with the names of potential inductees contained in the HoF nominee profiles, the members of the selection committee will provide a brief summary of any new nominee's contribution to greyhound racing in Victoria or the performance of the greyhound to allow the committee to determine if they should be inducted into the HoF.

At the annual HoF meetings the committee will discuss nominations in the HoF charter, as well as present new nominees that should be considered for induction. All new nominees must fit the categories listed above (Section 5).

All inductee recommendations will be integrity checked by the Greyhound Racing Integrity unity (GRIU) before being submitted to the GRV Board for endorsement. If any recommended inductee has an integrity issue associated with their time in the greyhound racing industry in Victoria, the nomination will not be presented to the GRV Board as a recommendation for induction into the HoF.

After recommended inductees have been integrity checked by the GRIU a board paper to the GRV Board with recommendations and preferred candidates for induction will be prepared.

The GRV Board will have the overarching power to endorse or reject the list of preferred and recommended inductees into the HoF.

## **8. Meetings.**

The minimum number of representatives required for the committee meetings shall not be less than five members present including the Chair.

The formal period of notice for meetings shall be a minimum of 14 days.

All determinations of the committee shall be evidenced by minutes signed by the Chair and copies shall, as soon as practicable, be placed and kept on file at the Offices of GRV at 46-50 Chetwynd Street, West Melbourne 3003.

All resolutions of the committee requiring an affirmative vote must be passed by 65% of the committee members present at the meeting.



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## **9. Services Provided by GRV.**

GRV shall provide office accommodation, communication and administration facilities and other facilities as may be reasonably necessary for the management and discharge by the committee of its functions.

The initial office and principal place of business of the committee shall be at the GRV office, 46-50 Chetwynd Street, West Melbourne 3003.

All expenses associated with the operation of the committee shall be borne and paid for by GRV, provided that GRV shall first have approved any such item of expenditure.

This shall include

- a) Room booking fees
- b) Catering (if meetings are to be held over lunch)
- c) Travel allowance for all non GRV full time employees that sit on the committee

The Committee shall report to the GRV Board from time to time and not less than annually in relation to its activities and at such a time as is sufficient for the GRV Board a report on the operation and activities from the Committee in the GRV Board Annual Report.

## **10. Hof Charter.**

The HoF Charter will be reviewed and updated every 3 years. The current HoF Charter is current for 2019 – 2022

2019-2022 HoF charter is scheduled for review and updating in January 2022

The committee may from time to time make recommendations to the GRV Board for amendments to the HoF Charter.

Charter may be amended from time to time by the GRV Board.

No amendment to this Charter shall be made without the prior written approval of the GRV Board.

The HoF Charter will sit with, be managed and updated by the Strategic Communication and Marketing Department in the first instance. Any changes will be presented to the GRV Board for final approval before being implemented.

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## Appendix I – Current HoF Committee

a). Hall of Fame committee 2022

**i. Chair - GRV CEO or their nominated representative** - GRV General Manager, Strategic Communication and Marketing - Louise Martin

**ii. Executive Officer of the Committee** - GRV Promotions, Events & Clubs Manager – Shona Smith

**iii. Melbourne Greyhound Racing Association (MGRA) representative** - MGRA Chair Edwin Caruana

**iv. Sandown Greyhound Racing Club (SGRC) representative** - SGRC Chair Neil Brown

**v. Greyhound Owners, Trainers and Breeders Association (GOTBA) representative** – Lisa Delbridge (GOBTA member)

**vi. Greyhound Racing Victoria Related Media representative** – Gareth Hall

**vii. Provincial Club representative** – GCV representative – Steve Clarke

**viii. Greyhound Racing Victoria Racing Department representative** - GRV Racing Department – Blake Reed

**ix. Greyhound Racing Victoria Content Manager** - GRV Racing Communication Manager – Andrew Copley

**x. Executive Officer** – GRV Senior Event Manager – Leanne Waller