

# **GREYHOUND RACING VICTORIA**

## 2023 - 2024 VICTORIAN METROPOLITAN TRAINER'S PREMIERSHIP

## **CRITERIA GUIDELINES**

- 1. The Victorian Metropolitan Trainer's Premiership (Premiership) will be awarded to the Victorian registered trainer who trained the highest number of first place wins in a full metropolitan stake money race, conducted at Victorian metropolitan tracks, during the racing year (1 July to 30 June).
- 2. A trainer is not eligible for the Premiership, regardless of the number of winners of stake money races if the trainer has, during the racing year of the award:
  - a. been found guilty of a serious offence
  - b. had a greyhound return a positive swab to a prohibited substance
  - c. found by the Board to not be a fit and proper person
- 3. The GRV Board may, in its ultimate discretion, deem a Victorian registered trainer ineligible for the Premiership, regardless of the number of winners of stake money races, if the trainer:
  - a. has been found guilty of a serious offence, or
  - b. has been charged with a serious offence that may, if substantiated, bring the sport of greyhound racing into disrepute, or
  - c. or has been found guilty of an animal welfare offence and/or is subject of an animal welfare related investigation (such as an investigation into cruelty, abuse, or death) that may, if the investigation results in a charge being laid, bring the sport of greyhound racing into disrepute, or
  - d. has had a greyhound return a positive swab to a prohibited substance or
  - e. Found by the Board not to be a fit and proper person.
- 4. Criteria 2 and 3 apply irrespective of whether an inquiry or appeal has been completed or is pending at the date of the determination of eligibility or the announcement of the Premiership.

### Presentation of Award

5. The Premiership recipient will be announced, and the award will be presented at the Greyhound of the Year Award event or as otherwise determined by the Board.



## Revocation

- 6. The Premiership is awarded at the complete discretion of the Greyhound Racing Victoria Board and may be revoked by the Board.
- 7. The Board may, at its discretion, revoke a Premiership if the Board forms the belief that a recipient has engaged in conduct that may bring discredit to the Premiership, Greyhound Racing Victoria, the sport of Greyhound racing or is found by the Board not to be a fit and proper person.

The Greyhound of the Year voting Panel may also request that the Board revoke a Premiership award if the majority of the panel, consider that the recipient has engaged in conduct which may bring discredit to the Premiership.

- 8. In making its decision, the Board may consider any information, including recommendations of the Panel, if any, and any information provided by the recipient. The decision of the Board is final.
- If the Board revokes an award of the Premiership, the affected recipient will be notified and must return the Premiership (including all components) as soon as practicable and not more than 30 days after receiving the notification.