

GREYHOUND RACING VICTORIA

**2023 - 2024 VICTORIAN METROPOLITAN STRIKE RATE AWARD
CRITERIA GUIDELINES**

1. The Victorian Metropolitan Strike Rate Award will be presented to the Victorian registered trainer who:
 - a. Has the highest percentage of total winners compared to total starters who raced at full metropolitan stake money races, conducted at Victorian metropolitan tracks, during the racing year (1 July to 30 June)
 - b. Has finished the racing year with a minimum of 52 starters at full metropolitan stake money races, conducted at Victorian metropolitan tracks, during the racing year (1 July to 30 June)
2. A trainer is not eligible for the Strike Rate Award if during the racing year of the award the trainer has:
 - a. been found guilty of a serious offence
 - b. had a greyhound return a positive swab to a prohibited substance,
3. The GRV Board may, in its ultimate discretion, deem a Victorian registered trainer ineligible for the Strike Rate Award, if the trainer:
 - a. has been charged with a serious offence that may, if substantiated, bring the sport of greyhound racing into disrepute, or
 - b. 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.
4. Criteria 2 and 3 apply irrespective of whether an inquiry or appeal has been completed or is pending at the date of the announcement of the Premiership.
5. An ineligible trainer cannot with the Metropolitan Strike Rate Award

Presentation of Award

6. The award recipient will be announced, and the award will be presented at the Greyhound of the Year Award event.

Revocation

7. The Victorian Metropolitan Strike Rate Award is presented at the complete discretion of the Greyhound Racing Victoria Board and may be revoked by the Board.
8. The Board will automatically consider revocation of an award if the Board forms the belief that a recipient has engaged in conduct that may bring discredit to the award, Greyhound Racing Victoria, or the sport of greyhound racing.
9. The Greyhound of the Year voting Panel may also seek revocation of the award by the Board if most of the Panel believe that the recipient has engaged in conduct which may bring discredit to the award. The Panel will form its own view and make a recommendation to the Board as to whether the Panel believes the award should be revoked.
10. Where the Board or Panel is considering revocation, the Chief Executive Officer of Greyhound Racing Victoria will notify the recipient. That person will be offered an opportunity to make a written or oral presentation to the Panel or Board, whichever is relevant, as to why the award should not be revoked.
11. 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.
12. If the Board revokes an award of the Victorian Metropolitan Strike Rate Award, the recipient will be notified and must return the award (including all components) as soon as practicable and not more than 30 days after receiving the notification.