

GREYHOUND RACING VICTORIA

2023 – 2024 CLUB INITIATIVE OF THE YEAR AWARD

CRITERIA GUIDELINES

1. Greyhound Racing Victoria (GRV) awards “Club Initiative of The Year’ in recognition of outstanding initiative and/or promotion by a Victorian greyhound race club during the racing year (1 July to 30 June).
2. The initiative can be either non-race meeting initiative or an initiative run in conjunction with a race meeting, race meetings or racing activity.
3. The Award will assess outcomes based on the type of initiative and success in areas such as but not limited to:
 - i. Media engagement (social media and traditional)
 - ii. Community engagement
 - iii. Charitable and/or fund raising component
 - iv. Welfare component
4. A Club is not eligible for consideration for this Award if it is under Administration or has received non-compliance notice in relation to Governance, OHS or Operating Standards requirements.

The Club focused awards Voting Panel

5. The Club focused awards (Provincial Club Event and Club Initiative Awards) voting panel will comprise up to five selected by GRV from the following sections of the greyhound industry:
 - GRV Executive General Manager, Operations
 - Greyhound Clubs Victoria CEO
 - GRV Head of Customer & Growth (or person nominated by)
 - GRV Regional Events & Promotions Advisor
 - A member of the GRV media team
6. If any member of the voting panel resigns or is unable to continue their role during the voting year, then GRV will select another person to fill such role.

7. Having a voting panel of less than five members does not invalidate a decision of the voting panel.
8. Voting will be conducted via a confidential online medium with back-end details available only to the Chair of the GOTY Committee and Executive Officer of the GOTY Committee.
9. Eligible voting committee members have three days to cast their vote from the time that the voting link is communicated.

In the event that the Committee's vote is tied and is unable to come to a consensus, both nominations will be submitted for the GRV Board to make a final decision.

Selecting the winners of the Club focused Awards

10. Nominations for this Award go through a three-stage process with the voting panel:
 - a. Confirmation of nomination
 - b. Short listing
 - c. Voting by the individual voting panel members.

Confirmation of nomination

11. The voting panel will meet as required to propose nominees for the awards.

Short listing

12. After the end of the year, the voting panel will meet to shortlist the confirmed nominations.
13. The Panel will discuss and if required vote on the confirmed nominations until they have shortlisted three final contenders.

Voting

14. The voting panel will meet to each cast a vote for one of the shortlisted nominations
15. Voting panel members will cast their votes by way of a secret ballot. Each member will cast a vote for one event and place each of their votes in a separate sealed envelope or secure online link
16. For the avoidance of doubt, 'Year' means the racing calendar year (1 July to 30 June).

Presentation of Award

- 17.** The Greyhound Club Initiative Award recipient will be announced, and the award will be presented at the Greyhound of the Year Award event.

Revocation

- 18.** The Awards are awarded at the complete discretion of the Greyhound Racing Victoria Board and may be revoked by the Board.
- 19.** The Board will automatically consider revocation of an Award if the Board forms the belief that the Club has engaged in conduct that may bring discredit to the Award, Greyhound Racing Victoria, or the sport of Greyhound racing.
- 20.** The voting panel may also seek revocation of an Award by the Board, if the majority of the Panel believe that the recipient has engaged in conduct which may bring discredit to the Award. The voting panel will form its own view and make a recommendation to the Board as to whether the panel believes the Award should be revoked.
- 21.** Where the Board or voting panel is considering revocation, the Chief Executive Officer of Greyhound Racing Victoria will notify the recipient. That Club 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.
- 22.** In making its decision the Board may consider any information including recommendations of the voting panel, if any, and any information provided by the recipient. The decision of the Board is final.
- 23.** If the Board revokes an 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.