

GREYHOUND RACING VICTORIA

2025 - 2026 NED BRYANT 'SILVER FOX' AWARD

CRITERIA GUIDELINES

1. The Greyhound Racing Victoria Board awards the Ned Bryant 'Silver Fox' Award for outstanding achievement in the training, breeding or promotion of greyhound racing in the racing year (1 July to 30 June) by a person under the age of 30 years as of 30 June 2026.
2. The Ned Bryant 'Silver Fox' Award can only be attained once by the same person.
3. Any person living in Victoria, under the age of 30 years as of 30 June 2026, is eligible to be nominated for this Award (the person must have their permanent home or 'domicile' in Victoria).
4. Nominations for the Ned Bryant 'Silver Fox' Award may be submitted by the GRV Board, any Victorian greyhound racing club or the GOTY panel. The GRV Board, club or the GOTY panel must unanimously vote in favour of the nomination, prior to it being submitted.
5. Nominations should be made in writing, marked confidential, and submitted to the Chair, 2026 VGA GOTY Committee, via email to breed2@grv.org.au
6. The nomination must include:
 - a. details of the body submitting the nomination
 - b. confirmation that the body has unanimously agreed in favour of the nomination
 - c. the name and address of the nominee, and
 - d. detailed reasons for the nomination.
7. All nominations will be treated as, and shall remain, confidential.
8. The GRV Board may, in its ultimate discretion, deem a person ineligible to receive the Ned Bryant Award, including -
 - a. if the nominated person during the year:
 - i. has been found guilty of a serious offence during the year, or
 - ii. has been charged with a serious offence that may, if substantiated, bring the sport of greyhound racing into disrepute, or
 - iii. is subject of a serious 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

- iv. has had a greyhound return a positive swab to a prohibited substance, irrespective of whether an inquiry or appeal has been completed or is pending at the date of the GOTY voting panel's decision or the announcement of the Victorian Greyhound of the Year Award event.

Presentation of Award

9. The Ned Bryant 'Silver Fox' Award recipient will be announced and presented at the Greyhound of the Year Award event.

Revocation

10. The Ned Bryant 'Silver Fox' Award is presented at the complete discretion of the Greyhound Racing Victoria Board and may be revoked by the Board.
11. The Board will automatically consider revocation of the Ned Bryant 'Silver Fox' 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.
12. The Greyhound of the Year Panel may also seek revocation of the Ned Bryant 'Silver Fox' 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 Panel will form its own view and make a recommendation to the Board as to whether the Panel believes the Award should be revoked.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. If the Board revokes an award of the Ned Bryant 'Silver Fox', 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.