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## INTRODUCTION OF NEW TRACK RATING SYSTEM AND REVISED GRADING BANDS

From and including Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 the following changes will take place to Track Ratings and Greyhound Grading Bands. The figures shown are for 525 yards but similar adjustments apply to other distances. The attached charts show the new ratings at Licensed Stadia and Grading Bands.

Bord na gCon has trialled a rating system across all tracks for over a year. The relative ratings have worked well and phase two will be implemented shortly. This involves setting the fastest tracks as the reference or zero rating (Normal/Sand). This will be the basis for allowances at all other Licensed Stadia. It will give time improvements of 30 spots across the board. To balance this and spread dogs across grades bands the Board has also approved a change in Grading Bands. AAO dogs will now have times of 28.49 or better. From this the standard bands of 20 spots (Middle Distance) will apply to each grade with a new A10 grade added. Appropriate adjustments will also be made for the Sprint and long distance Grading Bands. Analysis has show that in a repeat of existing performance, some greyhounds will move up a grade but most will remain in present grade. The change will mean an increase in the number of AAO greyhounds

All greyhounds will run their initial race in their current grades. Results will be under the new bands. All advertised multi-round races (sweepstakes) will be run under the grades at the time of entry. All cards finalised before March 31<sup>st</sup> 2014 will be run under the old grading bands. Results of races from and including March 31<sup>st</sup> 2014 will be under the new Track Ratings and Grading Bands.

### CHANGE IN TRACK RATING

The ratings are to address the anomalies that produce performance variations at tracks. There are many factors that contribute to these variations.

- Distances vary slightly from track to track. The reality is that race distances are nominal.
- Track surfaces including their presentation and maintenance.
- Track bends and cambers.
- Track circuits.
- Traps and measuring technology.

All field sports encounter similar inconsistencies.

The Regulation Committee set about developing a rating system that, as far a possible, would equate results across Licensed Stadia. The objective was that same performance should be awarded an equal time irrespective of the venue.

The system being implemented is based entirely on statistical analysis of results from racing. It has been tested at all stadia for over a year. To avoid disruption to racing parameters and structures the trials were conducted with a middle reference point. The full implementation will use the faster stadia as the anchor point. The permanent introduction will be in conjunction with the reviewed grading standards shown.

The new Track Ratings effective from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 will be re-assessed annually and do not affect the ability of the Stewards of a Meeting to rate a track according to weather and surface conditions experienced at a particular meeting.

### NEW TRACK RATINGS

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5
Sprint Distance	Normal	-0.05 Slow	-0.15 Slow	-0.20 Slow	-0.40 Slow
Middle Distance	Normal	-0.10 Slow	-0.30 Slow	-0.40 Slow	-0.80 Slow
Long Distance	Normal	-0.20 Slow	-0.60 Slow	-0.80 Slow	-1.6 Slow

Waterford	Tralee	Clonmel	Thurles	Mullingar
Shelbourne	Longford	Dundalk	Enniscorthy	Derry
Cork		Lifford	Kilkenny	
Limerick		Newbridge	Youghal	
		Galway		
		Harolds Cross		
		Drumbo		

### MIDDLE DISTANCE (525 YARDS) TABLES

[CURRENT 525 GRADING TABLE](#)[NEW 525 GRADING TABLE](#)[\(EFFECTIVE FROM 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2014\)](#)

AA0	≤28.69	AA0	≤28.49
A0	28.70-28.89	A0	28.50-28.69
A1	28.90-29.09	A1	28.70-28.89
A2	29.10-29.29	A2	28.90-29.09
A3	29.30-29.49	A3	29.10-29.29
A4	29.50-29.69	A4	29.30-29.49
A5	29.70-29.89	A5	29.50-29.69
A6	29.90-30.09	A6	29.70-29.89
A7	30.10-30.29	A7	29.90-30.09
A8	30.30-30.49	A8	30.10-30.29
A9	30.50-30.70	A9	30.30-30.49
N0	<29.80	A10	30.50-30.70
N1	29.80-30.09	N0	<29.80
N2	30.10-30.49	N1	29.80-30.09
N3	30.50-30.70	N2	30.10-30.49
		N3	30.50-30.70

#### MIDDLE DISTANCE GRADING BANDS

	525	500	550	570	575	600	620
AA0	≤28.49	≤27.14	≤29.84	≤30.92	≤31.19	≤32.54	≤33.62
A0	28.50-28.69	27.15-27.34	29.85-30.04	30.93-31.12	31.20-31.39	32.55-32.74	33.63-33.82
A1	28.70-28.89	27.35-27.54	30.05-30.24	31.13-31.32	31.40-31.59	32.75-32.94	33.83-34.02
A2	28.90-29.09	27.55-27.74	30.25-30.44	31.33-31.52	31.60-31.79	32.95-33.14	34.03-34.22
A3	29.10-29.29	27.75-27.94	30.45-30.64	31.53-31.72	31.80-31.99	33.15-33.34	34.23-34.42
A4	29.30-29.49	27.95-28.14	30.65-30.84	31.73-31.92	32.00-32.19	33.35-33.54	34.43-34.62
A5	29.50-29.69	28.15-28.34	30.85-31.04	31.93-32.12	32.20-32.39	33.55-33.74	34.63-34.82
A6	29.70-29.89	28.35-28.54	31.05-31.24	32.13-32.32	32.40-32.59	33.75-33.94	34.83-35.02
A7	29.90-30.09	28.55-28.74	31.25-31.44	32.33-32.52	32.60-32.79	33.95-34.14	35.03-35.22
A8	30.10-30.29	28.75-28.94	31.45-31.64	32.53-32.72	32.80-32.99	34.15-34.34	35.23-35.42
A9	30.30-30.49	28.95-29.14	31.65-31.84	32.73-32.92	33.00-33.19	34.35-34.54	35.43-35.62
A10	30.50-30.70	29.15-29.35	31.85-32.05	32.93-33.13	33.20-33.40	34.55-34.75	35.63-35.83

#### SPRINT DISTANCE GRADING BANDS

	300	325	330	335	350	360	375	400	410
SSO	≤16.20	≤17.49	≤17.75	≤18.01	≤18.79	≤19.31	≤20.09	≤21.39	≤21.91
S0	16.20-16.29	17.50-17.59	17.76-17.85	18.02-18.11	18.80-18.89	19.32-19.41	20.10-20.19	21.40-21.49	21.92-22.01
S1	16.30-16.39	17.60-17.69	17.86-17.95	18.12-18.21	18.90-18.99	19.42-19.51	20.20-20.29	21.50-21.59	22.02-22.11
S2	16.40-16.49	17.70-17.79	17.96-18.05	18.22-18.31	19.00-19.09	19.52-19.61	20.30-20.39	21.60-21.69	22.12-22.21
S3	16.50-16.59	17.80-17.89	18.06-18.15	18.32-18.41	19.10-19.19	19.62-19.71	20.40-20.49	21.70-21.79	22.22-22.31
S4	16.60-16.69	17.90-17.99	18.16-18.25	18.42-18.51	19.20-19.29	19.72-19.81	20.50-20.59	21.80-21.89	22.32-22.41
S5	16.70-16.79	18.00-18.09	18.26-18.35	18.52-18.61	19.30-19.39	19.82-19.91	20.60-20.69	21.90-21.99	22.42-22.51
S6	16.80-16.89	18.10-18.19	18.36-18.45	18.62-18.71	19.40-19.49	19.92-20.01	20.70-20.79	22.00-22.09	22.52-22.61
S7	16.90-16.99	18.20-18.29	18.46-18.55	18.72-18.81	19.50-19.59	20.02-20.11	20.80-20.89	22.10-22.19	22.62-22.71

	16.99	18.29	18.55	18.81	19.59	20.11	20.89	22.19	22.71
S8	17.00-17.09	18.30-18.39	18.56-18.65	18.82-18.91	19.60-19.69	20.12-20.21	20.90-20.99	22.20-22.29	22.72-22.81
S9	17.10-17.29	18.40-18.59	18.66-18.85	18.92-19.11	19.70-19.89	20.22-20.41	21.00-21.19	22.30-22.49	22.82-23.01
S10	17.30-17.50	18.60-18.80	18.86-19.06	19.12-19.32	19.90-20.10	20.42-20.62	21.20-21.40	22.50-22.70	23.02-23.22

LONG DISTANCE GRADING BANDS

	700	750	805	810	830	845	850	1010
DDO<=38.99	<=41.99	<=45.29	<=45.59	<=46.79	<=47.69	<=47.99	<=57.59	
D0	39.00-39.19	42.00-42.19	45.30-45.49	45.60-45.79	46.80-46.99	47.70-47.89	48.00-48.19	57.79
D1	39.20-39.39	42.20-42.39	45.50-45.69	45.80-45.99	47.00-47.19	47.90-48.09	48.20-48.39	57.99
D2	39.40-39.59	42.40-42.59	45.70-45.89	46.00-46.19	47.20-47.39	48.10-48.29	48.40-48.59	58.29
D3	39.70-39.89	42.70-42.89	46.00-46.19	46.30-46.49	47.50-47.69	48.40-48.59	48.70-48.89	58.59
D4	40.00-40.19	43.00-43.19	46.30-46.49	46.60-46.79	47.80-47.99	48.70-48.89	49.00-49.19	58.89
D5	40.30-40.49	43.30-43.49	46.60-46.79	46.90-47.09	48.10-48.29	49.00-49.19	49.30-49.49	59.19
D6	40.60-40.79	43.60-43.79	46.90-47.09	47.20-47.39	48.40-48.59	49.30-49.49	49.60-49.79	59.49
D7	40.90-41.09	43.90-44.09	47.20-47.39	47.50-47.69	48.70-48.89	49.60-49.79	50.00-50.19	59.79
D8	41.20-41.39	44.20-44.39	47.50-47.69	47.80-47.99	49.00-49.19	49.90-50.09	50.20-50.39	60.10

HURDLE GRADING BANDS

	300	525	550	575
H0	<16.70	<29.50	<30.80	<32.10
H1	16.70-16.89	29.50-29.89	30.80-31.19	32.10-32.49
H2	16.90-16.99	29.90-30.19	31.20-31.49	32.50-32.79
H3	17.00-17.29	30.20-30.49	31.50-31.79	32.80-33.09
H4	17.30-18.70	30.50-32.00	31.80-33.30	33.10-34.60

NOVICE GRADING BANDS

	525	300	325	330	350	360	375	400
OPEN	<29.80	<16.80	<18.10	<18.36	<19.40	<19.92	<20.70	<22.00
N1	29.80-30.09	16.80-16.99	18.10-18.29	18.36-18.55	19.40-19.59	19.92-20.11	20.70-20.89	22.00-22.19
N2	30.10-30.49	17.00-17.29	18.30-18.59	18.56-18.85	19.60-19.89	20.12-20.41	20.90-21.19	22.20-22.49
N3	30.50-30.70	17.30-17.50	18.60-18.80	18.86-19.06	19.90-20.10	20.42-20.62	21.20-21.40	22.50-22.70

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