

Introducing our newest handicapping tool:

The Composite Speed Rating (CSR)

The Daytona program will now feature Composite Speed Ratings (CSR) on every greyhound in order to provide handicappers with a quick and easy way to determine which greyhounds have turned in the fastest adjusted running times during their last three starts.

What is the CSR?

The composite speed rating is the average of the latest three adjusted speed ratings for each greyhound. If a greyhound has just two starts at Daytona, it will be the average of those two starts. If a greyhound has just one start, the CSR will be the adjusted speed rating for that single start. The CSR appears at the far right of the past performance of each greyhound.

How is a speed rating calculated?

The average Grade A 550 yard winning time of 2008 is set as a 100-speed rating benchmark. For each .03 seconds over or under the average, one point is added or subtracted from the speed rating. For example if the average is 30.75 and a greyhound runs a time of 30.78 then his speed rating will be 99. A race time of 30.72 will produce a speed rating of 101. The speed rating for each individual performance line appears just to the right of the greyhound's actual running time (ART).

How is the speed rating adjusted for track conditions?

So that all speed ratings are comparable from performance to performance, the speed rating calculated above is adjusted according to the average winning time of all 550 yard races for each performance. For example if the track condition was "Muddy" and the average winning time for Saturday, January 31 was 31.10 seconds. The speed ratings, as calculated above, would be adjusted by $(31.10 - 30.75)/.03$ or $.35/.03 = 11.66$. 11.66 is rounded down to the nearest whole number to +11, and this becomes the track condition variant for this performance. This number would be added to the speed rating calculated above. A greyhound that runs a 30.78 on this night, for example, would have a speed rating of $99 + 11$ or 110 for an adjusted speed rating.

Speed rating rules:

- 1) An "OOP" or out of picture results in an automatic 25 speed rating for that race.
- 2) Speed ratings from schooling races will be adjusted by the track variant for that evening's performance.