

## Stewards' Report

### Stewards Report: Max Hay

**Date: 12 February 2020**

**Panel: A Kitching, A Spence & D Broxham**

On Wednesday, 12th February 2020, the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards conducted an inquiry into analyst's findings, which stated the prohibited substance, Salbutamol, was present in a post-race urine sample collected from the greyhound Slick Raven, after placing first in Race 4 at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club on 20th July 2019.

Mr Hay was unable to attend the inquiry due to his current health. Acting under LR19A, Stewards proceeded with the inquiry in Mr Hay's absence.

After considering the evidence, the Stewards issued a charge under GAR83(2)(a) which reads;

The owner, trainer or person in charge of a greyhound, nominated to compete in an event, shall present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance.

Specifics of the charge:

That when Slick Raven, of which Mr Max Hay, was the registered trainer at the relevant time, was on the 20th July 2019, presented at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club to compete in race 4 and a post-race urine sample collected from Slick Raven was found upon analysis to contain the prohibited substance, Salbutamol.

Stewards formally found Mr Hay guilty of the charge.

The QRIC Stewards considered the following on penalty:

- Mr Hay's time in the industry, being approximately 60 years, with one prior breach approx. 3 years ago and one breach in July for the same substance;
- Mr Hay's personal circumstances;
- Relevant penalty precedents;
- The nature of the prohibited substance;
- The need to maintain integrity of greyhound racing and ensure a level playing field for all participants.

Accordingly, the QRIC Stewards issued the following penalty:

A 6 month suspension of Mr Hay's licence with 3 months suspended for a period of 12 months pending no further breaches of a similar rule.

Stewards took into account that Mr Hay had served a suspension for a prior breach to this substance in August 2019. Given both breaches occurred within a short period of time and that Mr Hay was not notified of the first breach prior to the second, Stewards ordered that this breach be backdated to 26<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

Acting under the provisions of GAR 83(4), Stewards ordered that Slick Raven be disqualified from the event with the placings amended accordingly and prizemoney to be returned to Racing Queensland.

Mr Hay was advised of his right to an Internal Review.