

Stewards' Report

Date: Tuesday, 14 July 2020.

Panel: Mr S. Kearney (Chair), Mr A. Kitching, Mr A. Spence, Mr R. Doss

Person: Mr Mathew Card.

Rule: GAR 83(2)(a).

Charge: Presented the greyhound Muchachos to compete in race 3 at the Bundaberg Greyhound Racing Club on 13 April 2020 when it was not free of a prohibited substance.

Substance: 6a-hydroxystanozolol.

Penalty: 9 months disqualification with 3 months suspended for 24 months.

On Tuesday, 14 July 2020 the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards conducted an inquiry into analyst's findings, which stated the prohibited substance 6a-hydroxystanozolol was present in a post-race sample taken from Muchachos on Monday 13 April 2020 at the Bundaberg Greyhound Racing Club after winning race 3.

Submissions were made by Mr Card, the trainer of Muchachos, and Mr Shawn Stanley, Director of Analytical Services at the Racing Science Centre.

After considering all the evidence, Stewards issued a charge under GAR 83(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:

Mr Mathew Card did fail to present the greyhound Muchachos free of a prohibited substance when it competed at the Bundaberg Greyhound Racing Club in Race 3 on 13 April 2020 and a post-race sample taken from that greyhound was found upon analysis to contain the prohibited substance 6a-hydroxystanozolol.

Mr Card pleaded guilty to the charge and made submissions to the panel regarding penalty.

QRIC Stewards considered the following in relation to penalty:

- A plea of guilty to the charge.
- The nature of the prohibited substance.
- Prior penalty precedents for the substance.
- Mr Card's history in the industry.

- 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 disqualification period of 9 months with 3 months suspended for 24 months.

The start of this disqualification period was backdated to 7 July 2020, the date which Mr Card was placed under an interim suspension. His disqualification period is to expire on 2 January 2021.

Acting under the provisions of GAR 83(4), Muchachos was disqualified from race 3 on 13 April 2020 at the Bundaberg Greyhound Racing Club with the placings amended accordingly. Stewards advised Mr Card that all prizemoney received from this event be returned to Racing Queensland.

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