

Stewards' Report

Date: Tuesday, 4 August 2020
Panel: Mr A. Spence (Chair), Mr A. Kitching
Person: Mr Phil Shaxson
Rule: GAR 83(2)(a)
Charge: Presented the greyhound Hint Of Magic to compete in race 1 at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club on 8 May 2020 when it was not free of a prohibited substance.
Substance: ethynylestradiol
Penalty: \$1500 with \$750 suspended for 12 months.

On Tuesday, 4 August 2020 the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards conducted an inquiry into analyst's findings, which stated the prohibited substance ethynylestradiol was present in a post-race sample taken from Hint Of Magic on 8 May 2020 at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club after winning race 1.

Submissions were made by Mr Shaxson the trainer of Hint Of Magic.

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 Phil Shaxson did fail to present the greyhound Hint Of Magic free of a prohibited substance when it competed at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club in race 1 on 8 May 2020 and a post-race sample taken from that greyhound was found upon analysis to contain the prohibited substance ethynylestradiol.

Mr Shaxson 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.
- Mr Shaxson has no prior breaches.
- Mr Shaxson has been a trainer for approximately 50 years.
- The nature of the prohibited substance.

- Prior penalty precedents for the 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 monetary fine of \$1500 with \$750 suspended for 12 months.

Acting under the provisions of GAR 83(4), Hint Of Magic was disqualified from race 1 on 8 May 2020 at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club with the placings amended accordingly. Stewards advised Mr Shaxson that all prizemoney received from this event be returned.

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