

Stewards' Report

Date: Tuesday, 11 August 2020
Panel: A. Spence (Chair), A. Kitching, K. Adams
Person: Mr Reg Gardoll
Rule: GAR 83(2)(a)
Charge: Presented the greyhound Release Rodger to compete in race 2 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 20 February 2020 when it was not free of a prohibited substance.
Substance: Caffeine, Theophylline, Paraxanthine, and Theobromine.
Penalty: 3 months suspension with 1 month suspended for 12 months.

On Tuesday, 11 August 2020 the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards conducted an inquiry into analyst's findings, which stated the prohibited substances Caffeine, Theophylline, Paraxanthine, and Theobromine were present in a pre-race sample taken from Release Rodger on 20 February 2020 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club before competing in race 2.

Submissions were made by Mr Gardoll, the trainer of Release Rodger.

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 Reg Gardoll did fail to present the greyhound Release Rodger free of a prohibited substance when it competed at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club in race 2 on 20 February 2020 and a pre-race sample taken from that greyhound was found upon analysis to contain the prohibited substance Caffeine, Theophylline, Paraxanthine, and Theobromine.

Mr Gardoll 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 Gardoll has been a trainer for approximately 50 years.
- Mr Gardoll had prior breaches in 2015.
- The nature of the prohibited substances.
- The need to maintain integrity of greyhound racing and ensure a level playing field for all participants.
- Prior penalty precedents in recent similar cases.

Accordingly, the QRIC Stewards issued the following penalty:

A 3 month suspension with 1 month to be suspended for 12 months pending no further breaches of a similar rule.

Acting under the provisions of GAR 83(4), Release Rodger was disqualified from race 2 on 20 February 2020 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club with the placings amended accordingly. Stewards advised Mr Gardoll that all prizemoney received from this event be returned.

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