

Stewards' Report

Date: Wednesday, 2 September 2020
Panel: M. Braunberger (Chair), D. Griffiths, A. Spence
Person: Robert Reid
Rule: GAR 83(2)(a)
Charge: Presented the greyhound Ron Zacapa to compete in race 10 at the Townsville Greyhound Racing Club on 19 May 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 Wednesday, 2 September 2020 the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards conducted an inquiry into analyst's findings, which stated that prohibited substances, Caffeine, Theophylline, Para xanthine and Theobromine were present in a post-race sample taken from Ron Zacapa on 19 May 2020 at the Townsville Greyhound Racing Club after competing in Race 10.

Submissions were made by Mr Reid, the trainer of Ron Zacapa.

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 Robert Reid did fail to present the greyhound Ron Zacapa free of a prohibited substance when it competed at the Townsville Greyhound Racing Club in race 10 on 19 May 2020 and a post-race sample taken from that greyhound was found upon analysis to contain the prohibited substances Caffeine, Theophylline, Paraxanthine, and Theobromine.

Mr Reid 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 Reid's involvement in the industry for approximately 45 years.
- Mr Reid has no prior breaches of this rule.
- The nature of the prohibited substances and prior penalty precedents.
- 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 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), Ron Zacapa was disqualified from race 10 on 19 May 2020 at the Townsville Greyhound Racing Club with the placings amended accordingly. Stewards advised Mr Reid that all prizemoney received from this event be returned.

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