

Stewards' Report

Date: Friday, 02 October 2020
Panel: S. Kearney (Chair), A. Kitching, A. Spence
Person: Christopher Gear
Rules: GAR 83(2)(a)
Charges: Presented the greyhound Swift Eyes to compete in race 3 at the Bundaberg Greyhound Racing Club on 04 May 2020 when it was not free of a prohibited substance.
Substance: Chlorpromazine
Penalty: 3 months suspension

On Friday, 02 October 2020 the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards conducted an inquiry into analyst's findings, which stated Chlorpromazine was detected in a post-race sample taken from Swift Eyes on 04 May 2020 at the Bundaberg Greyhound Racing Club after competing in race 3.

Submissions were made by Mr Gear, the trainer of Swift Eyes.

After considering all the evidence, Stewards issued the following charge under GAR 83(2)(a), which reads:

GAR 83(2)(a) - 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.

The specifics of the charge are that, Mr Chris Gear did fail to present the greyhound Swift Eyes free of a prohibited substance when it competed at the Bundaberg Greyhound Racing Club in race 3 on 04 May 2020 and a post-race sample taken from that greyhound was found upon analysis to contain the prohibited substance Chlorpromazine

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

Stewards considered the following in relation to penalty: Mr Gear's guilty plea's at the earliest convenience, Mr Gear's forthright evidence, honesty and co-operation throughout the inquiry, Mr Gear has 1 prior breach under a similar rule, Mr Gear has been licensed for approximately 14 years, that a penalty must act as both a specific and general deterrent, the need to maintain the integrity of greyhound racing, and relevant penalty precedents.

Accordingly, the QRIC Stewards issued the following penalty:

3 month suspension effective immediately.

Acting under the provisions of GAR 83(4), Swift Eyes was disqualified from race 3 on 04 May 2020 at the Bundaberg Greyhound Racing Club with the placings amended accordingly. Stewards advised Mr Gear that all prizemoney received from this event be returned.

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