

Stewards' Report

Date: Thursday, 8 October 2020
Panel: D.Broxham (Chair), A.Spence
Person: Mr Kim Shedden
Rule: GAR 83(2)(a)
Charge: Presented the greyhound Turanza Tiger to compete in race 9 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 16 July 2020 when it was not free of a prohibited substance.
Substance: Arsenic
Penalty: \$1000 fine and additionally a 3 month suspension wholly suspended for 12 months.

On Thursday, 8 October 2020 the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards conducted an inquiry into analyst's findings, which stated the prohibited substance Arsenic, above the prescribed threshold, was present in a pre-race sample taken from Turanza Tiger on 16 July 2020 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club before competing in race 9.

Submissions were made by Mr Shedden, the trainer of Turanza Tiger.

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 Kim Shedden did fail to present the greyhound Turanza Tiger free of a prohibited substance when it competed at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club in race 9 on 16 July 2020 and a pre-race sample taken from that greyhound was found upon analysis to contain the prohibited substance Arsenic above the prescribed threshold.

Mr Shedden 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 Shedden has been a trainer for approximately 25 years.
- Mr Shedden has an exemplary record with no prior breaches.
- The nature of the prohibited substance.
- 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 \$1000 fine and additionally a 3 month suspension to be wholly suspended for 12 months pending no further breaches of a similar rule.

Acting under the provisions of GAR 83(4), Turanza Tiger was disqualified from race 9 on 16 July 2020 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club with the placings amended accordingly. Stewards advised Mr Shedden that all prizemoney received from this event be returned.

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