

Date: Tuesday, 15 December 2020
Panel: A. Spence (Chair), A. Kitching, K. Adams
Person: Brett Hazelgrove
Rule: GAR 83(2)(a)
Charge: Presented the greyhound My Movie Star to compete in race 2 at the Townsville Greyhound Racing Club on 1 September 2020 when it was not free of a prohibited substance.
Substance: Procaine
Penalty: \$1500 (\$1000 suspended for 12 months)

On Tuesday, 15 December 2020 the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards conducted an inquiry into analyst's findings, which stated that the prohibited substance procaine was present in a post-race sample taken from My Movie Star when competing at the Townsville Greyhound Racing Club on 1 September 2020.

Submissions were made by Mr Brett Hazelgrove, the trainer of My Movie Star.

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:

Mr Brett Hazelgrove did fail to present the greyhound My Movie Star free of a prohibited substance when it competed at the Townsville Greyhound Racing Club in Race 2 on 1 September 2020 and a post-race urine sample taken from that greyhound was found upon analysis to contain the prohibited substance procaine.

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

Stewards carefully considered Mr Hazelgrove's guilty plea, his cooperation throughout the investigation and inquiry, has been involved in the industry for approximately 50 years, that he has no prior breaches of a similar rule, that the rule is one of strict liability, the nature of the prohibited substance, and the need to maintain the integrity of greyhound racing.

Accordingly, the Stewards issued the following penalty:

A \$1500 fine with \$1000 to be wholly suspended for 12 months pending no further breach of a similar rule.

Acting under the provisions of GAR 83(4), My Movie Star was disqualified from race 2 at the Townsville Greyhound Racing Club on 1 September 2020 and placings amended accordingly. Stewards advised Mr Hazelgrove that all prizemoney received must be returned.

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