

Stewards' Report

Date: Monday, 11 January 2021
Panel: D. Broxham (Chair), A. Spence
Person: Pamela Field
Rule: GAR 83(2)(a)
Charge: Presented the greyhound Hard Marker to compete in race 2 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 17 September 2020 when it was not free of a prohibited substance.
Substance: Pholcodine
Penalty: \$1500 (\$500 suspended for 2 years)

On Monday, 11 January 2021 the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards conducted an inquiry into analyst's findings, which stated that the prohibited substance pholcodine was present in a pre-race sample taken from Hard Marker when competing at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 17 September 2020.

Submissions were made by Ms Pamela Field, the trainer of Hard Marker.

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:

Ms Pamela Field did fail to present the greyhound Hard Marker free of a prohibited substance when it competed at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club in Race 2 on 17 September 2020 and a pre-race urine sample taken from that greyhound was found upon analysis to contain the prohibited substance pholcodine.

Ms Field pleaded guilty to the charge and made submissions to the panel regarding penalty.

Stewards carefully considered Ms Field's guilty plea, her cooperation throughout the investigation and inquiry, has been involved in the industry for approximately 50 years, that she has one prior breach 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 \$500 to be wholly suspended for 2 years pending no further breach of a similar rule.

Acting under the provisions of GAR 83(4), Hard Marker was disqualified from race 2 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 17 September 2020 and placings amended accordingly. Stewards advised Ms Field that all prizemoney received must be returned.

Ms Field was advised of her right to an Internal Review.