

## Stewards' Report

**Inquiry Date:** Tuesday, 23 February 2021  
**Stewards:** A. Kitching, A. Spence, D. Broxham  
**Person:** Mr Grant Franklin  
**Rules:** GAR 127(6) and LR24(2)(j)  
**Charges:** (1) Mr Grant Franklin did use Abby Boom for breeding purposes when not registered on 30 November 2020.  
(2) Mr Grant Franklin did not hold the appropriate licences when using Abby Boom for breeding purposes on 30 November 2020.  
**Penalty:** \$500 for charge 1 and \$500 for charge 2 (both wholly suspended for two years)

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On Tuesday, 23 February 2021 the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards conducted an inquiry into the breeding registration of the greyhound Abby Boom and Mr Grant Franklin's breeder's licence application.

During the inquiry it was established that Mr Franklin had lodged the appropriate paperwork to register the greyhound, Abby Boom, for the purposes of breeding and a subsequent breeder's licence application on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Mr Franklin then proceeded to schedule the artificial insemination of Abby Boom on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020, prior to receiving confirmation of the breeding registration and breeder's licence from the QRIC Licensing and Registrations department.

After considering all available material, the QRIC Stewards charged Mr Franklin with one breach of the Greyhound Australasian Rules of Racing and one breach of the Queensland Local Rules of Racing.

**Charge 1** – GAR127(6). That Mr Grant Franklin did use Abby Boom for breeding purposes when not registered on 30 November 2020.

**Charge 2** – LR24(2)(j). That Mr Grant Franklin did not hold the appropriate licences when using Abby Boom for breeding purposes on 30 November 2020.

Mr Franklin admitted to both charges.

Stewards considered the following in determining penalty:

- Mr Franklin's time in the industry, being approximately 25 years with no prior breaches.
- The nature of both breaches and Mr Franklin's remorse.
- Mr Franklin's good character throughout the inquiry.
- Mr Franklin's admission to both charges.

Accordingly, the QRIC Stewards issued the following penalties:

**Charge 1** – a \$500 fine wholly suspended for 2 years, pending no further breaches of a similar rule.

**Charge 2** – a \$500 fine wholly suspended for 2 years, pending no further breaches of a similar rule.

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