

Stewards' Report

- Inquiry Date:** Tuesday, 6 April 2021
- Stewards:** A. Kitching, A. Spence & P. McLean
- Person:** Mr Tony PARRY
- Rules:** GAR 86(d)
- Charges:**
- (1) Mr Tony Parry provided false and misleading evidence to Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Integrity Investigation Team (IIT) members on 7th January 2021 regarding the location and retirement of Credit Wise.
 - (2) Mr Tony Parry provided false and misleading evidence to QRIC IIT members on 7th January 2021 regarding a reported injury to Credit Wise on 18th August 2020.
 - (3) Mr Tony Parry provided false and misleading evidence to QRIC Stewards officiating at the Bundaberg Greyhound Racing Club on 22nd March 2021 regarding the transportation and subsequent late scratchings of Radiant Raccoon and Gelnite Gim.
 - (4) Mr Tony Parry provided false and misleading evidence to QRIC Stewards during an inquiry on 6th April 2021 regarding the transportation and subsequent late scratchings of Radiant Raccoon and Gelnite Gim.
- Penalty:**
- Charge 1 – 3 months Suspension
 - Charge 2 – 3 months Suspension
 - Charge 3 – 3 months Suspension
 - Charge 4 – 3 months Suspension

Charges 1, 2 and 3 to be served concurrently with charge 4 being served cumulatively to charge 3.

On Tuesday, 6 April 2021 the QRIC Stewards concluded an inquiry into evidence provided to the QRIC IIT and Stewards regarding an alleged injury on 18 August 2020 and the location/retirement of the greyhound, Credit Wise, between 4 December 2020 and 3 January 2021. QRIC Stewards also inquired into the events leading to the subsequent late scratching of both Radiant Raccoon and Gelnite Gem from the Bundaberg Greyhound Racing Club meeting on 22 March 2021.

On 7 January 2021, QRIC IIT members conducted a kennel inspection of Mr Tony Parry's registered address. During the inspection, Body Worn Camera (BWC) footage was captured and provided to QRIC Stewards for review.

After reviewing the BWC footage, QRIC Stewards questioned Mr Parry regarding statements made to the IIT of an alleged injury to Credit Wise. QRIC Stewards found that Mr Parry had provided false and misleading evidence to the QRIC IIT on 7 January 2021. Mr Parry was also questioned regarding the location of Credit Wise between 4 December 2020 to 3 January 2021 and the subsequent retirement of the greyhound. QRIC Stewards found that Mr Parry provided the QRIC IIT and Stewards false and misleading evidence as to the location and subsequent retirement of Credit Wise.

Mr Parry was also questioned regarding the transportation and subsequent late scratching of both Radiant Raccoon and Gelnite Gem from the Bundaberg Greyhound Racing Club meeting on 22 March 2021. Stewards found that Mr Parry had fabricated events to the Stewards officiating at the Bundaberg race meeting and to the Stewards panel throughout the hearing.

After considering all available material, the QRIC Stewards charged Mr Parry with four breaches of the Greyhound Australasian Rules of Racing.

Charge 1 – GAR86(d). That on 7th January 2021, Mr Tony Parry provided false and misleading evidence to the QRIC IIT in that the greyhound Credit Wise, was not domiciled at Mr Parry’s registered address between 4 December 2020 and 3 January 2021.

Charge 2 – GAR86(d).

That on 7th January 2021, Mr Tony PARRY provided false and misleading evidence to the QRIC IIT on 7th January 2021 regarding a reported injury to Credit Wise on 18th August 2020.

Charge 3 – GAR86(d).

That on 22nd March 2021, Mr Tony PARRY provided false and misleading evidence to QRIC Stewards officiating at the Bundaberg Greyhound Racing Club on 22.3.21, regarding the transportation and subsequent late scratchings of Radiant Raccoon and Gelnite Gim.

Charge 4 – GAR86(d).

That on 6th April 2021, Mr Tony PARRY provided false and misleading evidence to QRIC Stewards throughout the inquiry, regarding the transportation and subsequent late scratchings of Radiant Raccoon & Gelnite Gim.

Mr Parry pleaded guilty to all 4 charges.

The Stewards when assessing an appropriate penalty considered the serious nature of the offences that occurred and the need for both a specific deterrent to Mr Parry and a general deterrent to the wider industry to reiterate that any false and/or misleading evidence, particularly regarding animal welfare, will attract a significant penalty as it undermines the integrity of racing which is critical for the proper conduct and administration of the industry. Stewards also took into consideration Mr Parry’s 16 years as a registered participant, no prior breaches of a similar rule and relevant penalty precedents.

Accordingly, the QRIC Stewards issued the following penalties to commence immediately.

Charge 1 – 3 month suspension.

Charge 2 – 3 month suspension.

Charge 3 – 3 month suspension.

Charge 4 – 3 month suspension.

QRIC Stewards ordered that charges 1, 2 and 3 be served concurrently with charge 4 being served cumulatively to charge 3. The period of suspension being from 6th April 2021 up to and including 5th October 2021.

Mr Parry was advised of his right to an internal review.