

Stewards' Report

Date:	Friday, 15 July 2022
Panel:	Ms Aleisha Turner (Chairperson), Mr C Ferguson
Person:	Mr Andrew Bobak
Rule:	GAR 83(2)(a)
Charges:	Mr Andrew Bobak presented the greyhound: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Supreme Machine to compete in Race 5 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 2 February 2022 when it was not free of a prohibited substance2. Supreme Machine to compete in Race 6 at the Capalaba Greyhound Racing Club on 23 February 2022 when it was not free of a prohibited substance
Substance:	Oxycodone and Naloxone
Penalty:	Twelve (12) month suspension wholly suspended for twelve (12) months and a \$1,500.00 fine

On 15 July 2022, the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards concluded an inquiry into analysts' findings that the prohibited substances Oxycodone and Naloxone were detected in a post-race urine sample collected from the greyhound Supreme Machine when it competed in, and won, Race 5 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 2 February 2022 and Race 6 at the Capalaba Greyhound Racing Club on 23 February 2022 respectively.

Submissions were made by Mr Andrew Bobak as the licensed trainer of Supreme Machine at the relevant time.

After considering all of the evidence, Stewards issued two (2) charges pursuant to Greyhounds Australasia Rule 83(2)(a), which provides:

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.

The specifics of Charge 1 were as follows:

That Mr Andrew Bobak, as the trainer of the greyhound Supreme Machine, did present that greyhound to compete in Race 5 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 2 February 2022 with prohibited substances in its system, namely Oxycodone and Naloxone, as detected by the Racing Science Centre and confirmed by Racing Analytical Services Limited in the post-race urine sample collected from the greyhound on 2 February 2022.

The specifics of Charge 2 were as follows:

That Mr Andrew Bobak, as the trainer of the greyhound Supreme Machine, did present that greyhound to compete in Race 6 at the Capalaba Greyhound Racing Club on 23 February 2022 with prohibited substances in its system, namely Oxycodone and Naloxone, as detected by the Racing Science Centre and confirmed by Racing Analytical Services Limited in the post-race urine sample collected from the greyhound on 23 February 2022.

Mr Bobak entered a plea of guilty to both Charge 1 and Charge 2 and made brief submissions in respect of penalty.

In determining the matter of penalty, Stewards considered the following:

- Mr Bobak's plea of guilty to both charges at the earliest available opportunity;
- Mr Bobak's frank and forthright evidence throughout the inquiry;
- Mr Bobak's time in the greyhound racing industry as a trainer, being approximately twenty (20) years;
- Mr Bobak's exemplary disciplinary history, noting Mr Bobak has no prior breaches of a similar nature;
- Mr Bobak's personal circumstances;
- Mr Bobak's explanation as to how the substances most likely came to be present in the greyhound's system;
- that Mr Bobak was not provided an opportunity to review and amend his animal husbandry practices prior to the second positive result as he was notified of the first positive result after 23 February 2022 (being the date of the second positive result);
- Mr Bobak's immediate review of, and amendment to, his animal husbandry practices upon being notified of the positive samples;
- the nature of the prohibited substances, being Oxycodone and Naloxone;
- the need to maintain the integrity of greyhound racing and to ensure a level playing field for all participants;
- the need for both specific and general deterrence; and
- relevant penalty precedents.

Accordingly, the Stewards imposed the following penalties:

Charge 1: Twelve (12) month licence suspension, with Stewards electing to wholly suspend the penalty for a period of twelve (12) months acting under Greyhounds Australasia Rule 174(3) conditional upon no similar breach of the rules and a \$1,500.00 fine.

Charge 2: Twelve (12) month licence suspension, with Stewards electing to wholly suspend the penalty for a period of twelve (12) months acting under Greyhounds Australasia Rule 174(3) conditional upon no similar breach of the rules, to be served concurrently with the penalty in respect of Charge 1.

Acting under the provisions of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 141(4), Stewards directed that Supreme Machine be disqualified from:

1. Race 5 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 2 February 2022 (1st place); and
2. Race 6 at the Capalaba Greyhound Racing Club on 23 February 2022 (1st place).

Stewards ordered that the placings be amended accordingly and Mr Bobak was advised that all prizemoney associated with this event must be returned to Racing Queensland.

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