

## Stewards' Report

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, 15 February 2023
<b>Panel:</b>	Mr P McLean (Chairperson), Mr W Hadley, Ms A Turner, Mr C Ferguson
<b>Person:</b>	Mr Christopher Broadrick
<b>Rule:</b>	GAR 141(1)(a)
<b>Charges:</b>	Mr Christopher Broadrick presented the greyhound Battlefield to compete in Race 10 at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club on 25 October 2022 when it was not free of a prohibited substance
<b>Substance:</b>	Caffeine
<b>Penalty:</b>	Four (4) month licence suspension

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On 15 February 2023, the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards concluded an inquiry into analysts' findings that the prohibited substance Caffeine was detected in a pre-race urine sample collected from the greyhound Battlefield when it competed in Race 10 at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club on 25 October 2022.

Submissions were made by Mr Christopher Broadrick during the inquiry as the licensed trainer of Battlefield at the relevant time.

After considering all of the evidence, Stewards issued a charge pursuant to Greyhounds Australasia Rule 141(1)(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 the charge were as follows:

That Mr Christopher Broadrick, as the trainer of the greyhound Battlefield, did present that greyhound to compete in Race 10 at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club on 25 October 2022 with a prohibited substance in its system, namely Caffeine, as detected by the Racing Science Centre and confirmed by Racing Analytical Services Limited in the pre-race urine sample collected from the greyhound on 25 October 2022.

Mr Broadrick entered a plea of guilty to the charge and made further submissions in respect of penalty.

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

- Mr Broadrick's plea of guilty to the charge at the earliest available opportunity;
- Mr Broadrick's time in the greyhound racing industry as a trainer, being approximately thirty (30) years;
- Mr Broadrick's forthright evidence and cooperation throughout the inquiry;
- Mr Broadrick's disciplinary history, noting one (1) prior breach of the same rule in 2019;
- the nature of the prohibited substance, being Caffeine, and the various industry notices issued to racing participants regarding products containing Caffeine;

- the need to maintain the integrity of greyhound racing and to ensure a level playing field for all participants;
- the need for both specific deterrence to Mr Broadrick and general deterrence to the wider industry; and
- relevant penalty precedents.

Accordingly, Stewards determined that the appropriate penalty was a four (4) month licence suspension.

Stewards, acting under Greyhounds Australasia Rules 174(5), deferred the commencement of the penalty to 18 February 2023.

Further, Stewards permitted Mr Broadrick fourteen (14) days from 18 February 2023 to transfer all greyhounds from his care and custody, with Stewards permission being required for each transfer.

Acting under the provisions of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 141(4), Stewards directed that Battlefield be disqualified from Race 10 at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club on 25 October 2022 (7<sup>th</sup> place).

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

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