

Stewards' Report

Date:	Wednesday, 5 April 2023
Panel:	Mr J Philp (Chairperson), Mr W Hadley, Mr D Aurisch
Person:	Mr Cecil Druery
Rule:	GAR 141(1)(a)
Charges:	Mr Cecil Druery presented the greyhound Tuta Mimosa to compete in Race 9 at the Capalaba Greyhound Racing Club on 28 December 2022 when it was not free of a prohibited substance
Substance:	Salbutamol
Penalty:	\$1500.00 fine with \$750.00 wholly suspended for twelve (12) months

On 5th April 2023, Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards conducted an inquiry into analysts' findings that the prohibited substance Salbutamol was detected in a post-race urine sample collected from the greyhound Tuta Mimosa when it competed in, and won, Race 9 at the Capalaba Greyhound Racing Club on 28 December 2022.

Submissions were made by Mr Cecil Druery during the inquiry as the licensed trainer of Tuta Mimosa 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 other person in charge of a greyhound, nominated to compete in an Event, must present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance.

The specifics of the charge were as follows:

That Mr Cecil Druery, as the trainer of the greyhound Tuta Mimosa, did present that greyhound to compete in Race 9 at the Capalaba Greyhound Racing Club on 28 December 2022 with a prohibited substance in its system, namely Salbutamol 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 28 December 2022.

Mr Druery 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 Druery's plea of guilty to the charge at the earliest available opportunity;
- Mr Druery's time in the greyhound racing industry as a trainer, being approximately eight (8) years;
- Mr Druery's forthright evidence and cooperation throughout the inquiry;
- Mr Druery's explanation as to the likely source of the prohibited substance, being inadvertent contamination as a result of Mr Druery's medical condition which requires the daily use of a Ventolin inhaler.

- Mr Druery's immediate review of, and amendment to, his animal husbandry practices upon being notified of the positive swab;
- Mr Druery's disciplinary history, noting no prior breaches of a similar rule.
- 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 Druery and general deterrence to the wider industry; and
- relevant penalty precedents.

Accordingly, Stewards determined that the appropriate penalty was a fine in the amount of \$1,500.00 with Stewards electing to wholly suspend \$750.00 pursuant to Greyhounds Australasia Rule 174(3) for a period of twelve (12) months conditional upon no further breach of a similar nature.

Acting under the provisions of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 141(4), Stewards directed that Tuta Mimosa be disqualified from Race 9 at the Capalaba Greyhound Racing Club on 28th December 2022 (1st place).

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

Mr Druery was advised of his right to appeal.