

Stewards' Report

Date:	Tuesday, 18 February 2025
Panel:	Mr A Spence (Chair), Mr P Mclean & Mr M Fernholz
Person:	Mr Leith Mchugh
Rule:	GAR 169(5)(c)
Decision:	Trainer and owners licenses to be suspended effective immediately pending the outcome of steward's inquiry.

The Queensland Racing Integrity Commission steward's have commenced an inquiry in respect of a post-race sample collected from What's The Price when that greyhound competed in race 7 at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club on 30 January 2025.

The certified 'A Portion' of this sample was shown to contain amphetamine and methamphetamine, being permanently banned prohibited substances pursuant to Greyhound Australasia Rule (GAR) 139.

The reserve 'B Portion' and control solution have been sent for referee analysis.

What's The Price is now ineligible to compete in an event pursuant to GAR 139(4)(b). A clearance sample was obtained today.

Mr Leith Mchugh was the licensed trainer of What's The Price at the relevant time.

During today's inquiry steward's considered all available evidence, including oral submissions from Mr Mchugh, with the steward's determining the following:

Mr Leith Mchugh's Trainer Class 2 and Owner licenses be suspended effective immediately on 18 February 2025 pending the outcome of the steward's inquiry, pursuant to GAR 169(5)(c) due to the serious nature of the permanently banned prohibited substances amphetamine and methamphetamine.

For clarity, Greyhounds Australasia Rule 169(5)(c) provides:

Pending the decision or outcome of an inquiry or other disciplinary process, a Controlling Body or the Stewards may direct that:

(c) a registration, licence, or other type of authority or permission be suspended.

A direction was given to Mr Mchugh that steward's permission would be required prior to the transfer of any greyhounds from Mr Mchugh's care and custody.

Mr Mchugh was advised of his right to a review of the decision.

Steward's have adjourned the inquiry and will recommence at a date and time to be fixed.