

Stewards' Report

Date: Thursday, 20 March, 2024
Panel: Mr D Aurisch (Chairperson), Mr A Spence & Mr S Larkins
Person: Mr Ken Boody
Rule: GAR 141(1)(a)
Charge: Mr Ken Boody presented the greyhound Court Model to compete in Race 11 at the Rockhampton Greyhound Racing Club on 14 October 2024 when it was not free of a prohibited substance.
Substance: Gabapentin
Penalty: 3 months suspension, wholly suspended for two (2) years, and a \$5000 fine.

On 20 March 2024, Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards concluded an inquiry into analysts' findings that the prohibited substance Gabapentin was detected in a urine sample collected from the greyhound Court Model when it competed in, and won, Race 11 on 14 October 2024.

After considering all the evidence, Stewards issued a written 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:

Mr Ken Boody, as the trainer of the greyhound Court Model, did present that greyhound to compete in Race 11 at the Rockhampton Greyhound Racing Club on 14 October 2024 with a prohibited substance in its system, namely Gabapentin, 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 14 October 2024.

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

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

- Mr Boody's plea of guilty to the to the charge;
- Mr Boody's contribution to the greyhound racing industry as a trainer, (2048) starters and (487) winners;
- Mr Boody's disciplinary history, noting two (2) prior breach of a similar rule being in 2022 and 2020;
- Consideration of the QRIC Greyhound Racing Penalty Guidelines;
- Human Rights Act 2019;
- Mr Boody's personal circumstances;
- and, the need for both a specific deterrent and general deterrent to maintain the integrity of greyhound racing and to ensure a level playing field for all participants.

Accordingly, Stewards issued the following penalties:

Three (3) month licence suspension, with Stewards electing to wholly suspend the penalty for a period of two (2) years acting under the provisions of Greyhound Australasia Rule 174(3) conditional upon no further breach of a prohibited substance rule. The wholly suspended portion of the rule took effect on 13 November 2024, when Mr Boody was first notified of the discrepancy.

A fine of \$5000 was also imposed.

Acting under the provisions of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 141(4), Stewards directed that Court Model be disqualified from winning Race 11 at the Rockhampton Greyhound Racing Club on 14 October 2024.

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

Mr Boody was advised of his right to appeal to the Racing Appeals Panel.