

Stewards' Report

Date: Monday, 2 June 2025

Panel: Mr D Aurisch (Chairperson), Mr A Spence & Mr P McLean

Person: Mr Kim Shedden

Rule: GAR 141(1)(a)

Charges: Kim Shedden presented the greyhound Asawa Baby to compete in Race 3 at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club on 21 February 2025 when it was not free of a prohibited substance

Substance: Arsenic

Penalty: Four (4) months suspension with the period wholly suspended for (2) two years and \$1500 fine.

On 2 June 2025, Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards concluded an inquiry into analysts' findings that the prohibited substance Arsenic was detected in a post-race urine sample collected from the greyhound Asawa Baby when it competed in, and won, Race 3 at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club on 21 February 2025.

After considering all the relevant exhibits, 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:

That Mr Kim Shedden, as the trainer of the greyhound Asawa Baby, did present that greyhound to compete in Race 3 at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club on 21 February 2025 with a prohibited substance in its system, namely Arsenic above the prescribed threshold, as detected by the Racing Science Centre and confirmed by Racing Analytical Services Limited.

Mr Shedden entered a plea of guilty to the charge and he made some written submissions on the matter of penalty.

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

- Mr Shedden's time in the greyhound racing industry as a trainer, being approximately thirty (30) years;
- Mr Shedden's disciplinary history, noting one prior breach in 2020 to the same substance;
- 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 Shedden and general deterrence to the wider industry;
- the QRIC Greyhound Penalty Guidelines, particularly the Human Rights Act 2019 (HRA).

Accordingly, Stewards determined that the appropriate penalty was a four (4) month suspension with Stewards electing to wholly suspend that period pursuant to Greyhounds Australasia Rule 174(3) for a period of two (2) years conditional upon no further breach of a similar nature.

A fine of \$1500 was also imposed.

Acting under the provisions of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 141(4), Stewards directed that Asawa Baby be disqualified from Race 3 at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club on 21 February 2025 (1st place).

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

Mr Shedden was advised of his right to appeal.