

Stewards' Report

Date: Wednesday, 18 September 2025

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

Person: Ms Sandra Hunt

Rule: GAR 141(1)(a)

Charges: Ms Sandra Hunt presented the greyhound Shamrock Hayze to compete in Race 7 at the Queensland Greyhound Racing Club on 19 May 2025 when it was not free of a prohibited substance

Substance: Atenolol

Penalty: A two (2) month suspension, with that penalty being wholly suspended for two (2) years under the provisions of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 174 (3) conditional on no further breaches of a similar nature. Additionally, a fine of \$2000.

On 18 September 2025, Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards concluded an inquiry into analysts' findings that the prohibited substance Atenolol was detected in a post-race urine sample collected from the greyhound Shamrock Hayze when it competed in Race 7 at the Q2 Parklands on 19 May 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:

As the trainer of Shamrock Hayze, Ms Hunt did present that greyhound to compete in race 7 at the Queensland Greyhound Racing Club on 19 May 2025 with a prohibited substance in its system, namely Atenolol as detected by the Racing Science Centre and confirmed by Racing Analytical Services Limited in the post -race urine sample taken after winning on 19 May 2025.

Ms Hunt entered a plea of guilty to the charge and she made some detailed written submissions on the matter of penalty, including the potential for cross-contamination from a brush that was used on retired greyhounds by a person on medication that contained Atenolol.

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

- Ms Hunt's time in the greyhound racing industry as a trainer;
- Ms Hunt's disciplinary history, having one (1) prior breach in 2017;
- 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 Ms Hunt and general deterrence to the wider industry;
- the QRIC Greyhound Penalty Guidelines, particularly the Human Rights Act 2019 (HRA) and the impact the penalty will have on the relevant participant.

Accordingly, Stewards determined to issue Ms Hunt a two (2) month suspension of her licence, with that penalty being wholly suspended for two (2) years under the provisions of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 174 (3) conditional on no further breaches of a similar nature. Additionally, the Stewards issued a fine of \$2000.

Acting under the provisions of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 141(4), Stewards directed that Shamrock Hayze be disqualified from winning Race 7 at the Queensland Greyhound Racing Club on 19 May 2025. Stewards ordered that the placings be amended accordingly, and Ms Hunt was advised that all prizemoney associated with this event must be returned to Racing Queensland.

Ms Hunt was advised of his right to appeal.