

31 October 2018

NOTICE OF INQUIRY RESULT

STEWARDS: D. Jonas, J. Jones

On Wednesday 31 October, 2018, Greyhound Racing South Australia (GRSA) Stewards completed an inquiry into Trainer Mr. Robert Barclay allegedly using a syringe in the vicinity of the mouth of greyhound GUNNADOO DRIVER prior to its event at the Gawler race meeting on Tuesday 21 August, 2018.

Evidence was taken from two registered Trainers and Mr. Barclay. CCTV footage of the venue was also considered.

Mr. Barclay gave evidence that the syringe contained water and that he administered this to the greyhound. Stewards were unable to locate the syringe and as a result could not confirm the contents. A post-race urine sample taken from the greyhound returned negative.

After considering the matter and all the evidence before them, Stewards issued a charge against Mr. Barclay under GAR 84B which reads:

- (1) No person, unless he or she has obtained the permission of the Stewards, shall have in his or her possession, either on a racecourse or in any motor vehicle or trailer being used for the purpose of travelling to or from a racecourse, any prohibited substance or a syringe, needle or other instrument which could be used to administer a prohibited substance to a greyhound.*
- (3) A person who fails to comply with sub rule (1) or with a term or condition imposed under sub rule (2) is guilty of an offence.*

Stewards deemed Mr. Barclay had been in possession of a syringe whilst on course without the permission of the Stewards.

Mr. Barclay pleaded guilty to the charge and was disqualified for six (6) months; with three (3) months suspended for 24 months on the condition he does not re-offend under the same rule. The disqualification period will commence on Saturday 10 November, 2018.

In assessing penalty, Stewards took into consideration Mr. Barclay's guilty plea and his level of remorse. However, there should be a deterrent for himself and others in relation to this type of offence.

Mr. Barclay was advised of his rights of appeal.

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