

Wednesday, 3 July 2024

Stewards' Notice

Integrity Hearings Panel

Inquiry Decision of the Integrity Hearings Panel

Greyhound Racing SA Limited v Don Turner (Montana Lace, 5 β -ANDROSTANE-3 α , 17 β -DIOL)

On 28 June 2024, the Integrity Hearings Panel ("IHP") decided the Stewards' Inquiry relating to a prohibited substance found in a registered greyhound.

Members:	T McGrath (Chair), N Healy (Deputy Chair), M van Heuven (Member), Dr C Doyle (Member)
Registered greyhound:	Montana Lace
Racetrack:	Angle Park
Event:	McQueens Tavern (N/P) Mixed series F CTA Division 1 (Grade TG1-4W 530m)
Race No.:	8
Placing:	1 st
Type of sample:	Urine
Substance:	5 β -Androstane-3 α , 17 β -Diol
Concentration/mass:	Above threshold level for testosterone
Offence:	Present greyhound at event not free of prohibited substance
Rule:	R141(1)(a) and (3), <i>Greyhounds Australasia Rules</i>
Penalty category:	1
Nature substance:	Prohibited
Effect on performance:	No evidence to substantiate that substance directly affected performance
Plea:	Guilty
Antecedents:	2017 prior matter, 4-month disqualification and fine imposed previously
Circumstances:	Mr Turner, a trainer, nominated Montana Lane in the event that was the McQueens Tavern (N/P) Mixed series F CTA Division 1 (Grade TG1-4W 530m), Race 8, conducted by the Adelaide Greyhound Racing Club on 4 th May 2023. Montana Lace placed 1 st . Stewards took a post-race sample of urine and caused its analysis, the result being the return of a positive result for 5 β -Androstane-3 α , 17 β -Diol (testosterone). Mr Turner did not admit to intentional administration of the substance and suggested the presence of the substance was as a result of a higher dose of ethyloestrenol administered to prevent greyhound from 'breaking through.' This was not supported by the veterinary evidence that identified testosterone as an entirely different substance and distinguishable analytically from ethyloestrenol, and thus no explanation for substance.
Winnings:	\$2455.00, ordered to be returned
Degree of remorse:	Noted.
Penalty:	Disqualified for 18 months, partially suspended after serving 12-months, with remaining 6-months to be suspended for 24 months; fine \$5000.00, partially suspended with \$2500.00 payable immediately and balance suspended for 12-months (to take into account guilty plea). Disqualification ordered to commence 7 July 2024.

The above penalty follows the rules of racing on penalties, specifically Part 10, *Greyhounds Australasia Rules* and L94, *Local Rules*, and reflects the need for personal and general deterrence as relevant to these offences.

The penalty can be appealed, subject to the rules of the Racing Appeals Tribunal.

Rules and policies of GRSA can be found [here](#).

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