

Wednesday, 3 July 2024

Stewards' Notice

Integrity Hearings Panel

Inquiry Decision of the Integrity Hearings Panel

Greyhound Racing SA Limited v Noel Perry (Rough Boy Russ, THEOBROMINE)

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:	Rough Boy Russ
Racetrack:	Mount Gambier
Event:	Winning Post Supplies Maiden Stake PR1 Division 1 (305m)
Race No.:	2
Placing:	1 st
Type of sample:	Urine
Substance:	Theobromine
Concentration/mass:	Not available
Offence:	Present greyhound at event not free of prohibited substance
Rule:	R141(1)(a) and (3), <i>Greyhounds Australasia Rules</i>
Penalty category:	2
Nature substance:	Prohibited
Effect on performance:	No evidence to substantiate that substance directly affected performance
Plea:	Guilty
Antecedents:	Nil
Circumstances:	Mr Perry, a trainer, nominated Rough Boy Russ in the event that was the Winning Post Supplies Maiden Stake PR1 Division 1 (305m), conducted by the Mount Gambier Greyhound Racing Club at Mount Gambier on 10 th March 2024. Rough Boy Russ placed 1 st . Stewards took a post-race sample of urine and caused its analysis, the result being the return of a positive result of Theobromine. Mr Perry did not admit to intentional administration of the substance and submitted that it could have been on account of a coffee cup being rinsed in the warm water that was subsequently mixed in with the greyhound's food. Stewards do not speak against submission.
Winnings:	\$1000.00, ordered to be returned
Degree of remorse:	Noted.
Penalty:	Suspended for 3-months, fully suspended for 12-months and fine \$500.00, suspended for 12-months (to take into account both guilty plea and the fact Mr Perry has been registered as a trainer for more than 10 years without any breaches relating to prohibited substances).

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](#).

For further advice, contact the Chief Steward via 08 8243 7100 or admin@grsa.com.au.