

Wednesday, 3 July 2024

## Stewards' Notice

### Integrity Hearings Panel

#### Inquiry Decision of the Integrity Hearings Panel

##### Greyhound Racing SA Limited v Patricia Bouchier (Skye Made Me, METFORMIN)

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:	Skye Made Me
Racetrack:	Mount Gambier
Event:	Todd's Photographic Maiden Stake (400m)
Race No.:	2
Placing:	1 <sup>st</sup>
Type of sample:	Urine
Substance:	Metformin
Concentration/mass:	Not available
Offence:	Present greyhound at event not free from prohibited substance
Rule:	R141(1)(a) and (3), <i>Greyhounds Australasia Rules</i>
Penalty category:	3
Nature substance:	Prohibited
Effect on performance:	No evidence to substantiate that substance directly affected performance
Plea:	Guilty
Antecedents:	Nil
Circumstances:	Ms Bouchier, a trainer, nominated Skye Made Me in the event that was the Todd's Photographic Maiden Stake (400m), conducted by the Mount Gambier Greyhound Racing Club at Mount Gambier on 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2023. Skye Made Me placed 1 <sup>st</sup> . Stewards took a post-race sample of urine and caused its analysis, the result being the return of a positive result for Metformin. Ms Bouchier did not admit to intentional administration of the substance and submitted it was accidental on account of her husband's diabetes medication. Explanation accepted by Stewards.
Winnings:	\$945.00, ordered to be returned
Degree of remorse:	Noted. Ms Bouchier has ensured medication stored securely in future.
Penalty:	Fine \$375.00, suspended for 12-months (to take into account both guilty plea and the fact Ms Bouchier has been registered as a trainer for more than 10 years without any breaches of the rules).

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.

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

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