

Wednesday, 3 July 2024

## Stewards' Notice

### Integrity Hearings Panel

#### Inquiry Decision of the Integrity Hearings Panel

##### Greyhound Racing SA Limited v Wade Hipwell (Zipping Elkie, AMPHETAMINE, 4-HYDROXY AMPHETAMINE, METHAMPHETAMINE, 4-HYDROXY METHAMPHETAMINE)

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:	Zipping Elkie
Racetrack:	Angle Park
Event:	Sky Racing Maiden Stake CTA Division 1 (Grade M 530m)
Race No.:	2
Placing:	1 <sup>st</sup>
Type of sample:	Urine
Substance:	Amphetamine, 4-Hydroxy Amphetamine, Methamphetamine and 4-Hydroxy Methamphetamine
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:	1
Nature substance:	Prohibited
Effect on performance:	No evidence to substantiate that substance directly affected performance
Plea:	Guilty
Antecedents:	Nil
Circumstances:	Mr Hipwell, a trainer, nominated Zipping Elkie in the event that was the Sky Racing Maiden Stake CTA Division 1 (Grade M 530m), Race 2, conducted by the Adelaide Greyhound Racing Club on 3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2023. Zipping Elkie 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 Amphetamine, 4-Hydroxy Amphetamine, Methamphetamine and 4-Hydroxy Methamphetamine. Mr Hipwell did not admit to intentional administration of the substance. IHP notes it is not possible to identify when greyhound ingested substance, and Stewards are not able to exclude possibility that it was inadvertent, rather than an intentional administration. IHP notes very serious matter.
Winnings:	\$1855.00, ordered to be returned
Degree of remorse:	Noted. Mr Hipwell has extricated himself from those who use substance.
Penalty:	Disqualified for 18 months, partially suspended after serving 12-months (commencing 28 June 2024), with remaining 6-months to be suspended for 12-months; fine \$3000.00, partially suspended with \$1000.00 payable and balance suspended for 12-months (to take into account guilty plea).

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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