

Thursday, 29 February 2024

Stewards' Notice

Integrity Hearings Panel

Inquiry Determination of the Integrity Hearings Panel

Greyhound Racing SA Limited v S Gesler

On 9th February 2024, the Integrity Hearings Panel ("IHP") determined the Stewards' Inquiry relating to a prohibited substance found in a registered greyhound, Manifestor, trained by S Gesler.

Members:	T McGrath (Chair), T Johnston (Member)
Registered greyhound:	Manifestor
Racetrack:	Gawler
Date:	14 th June 2023
Event:	Gawler Dry Cleaners Maiden Stake PR 2 Division 1
Race No.:	1
Placing:	1 st
Type of sample:	Urine
Substance:	Metformin
Concentration/mass:	Not available
Offence:	Present greyhound at event not free of prohibited substance
Rule:	R141(1)(b) & (3), <i>Greyhounds Australasia Rules</i>
Penalty category:	3
Nature of substance:	Prohibited
Effect on performance:	No evidence to substantiate that substance directly affected performance
Plea:	Guilty
Antecedents:	No similar
Circumstances:	Mr Gesler, a trainer, nominated Manifestor in the event that was the Gawler Dry Cleaners Maiden Stake PR 2 Division 1, Race 1, conducted by the Gawler Greyhound Racing Club on 14 th June 2023. Manifestor 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 Metformin. Mr Gesler did not admit to intentional administration of the substance and accepted that it could have been human diabetes medication that, by unidentified cross-contamination, was ingested by Manifestor.
Winnings:	\$610.00, ordered to be returned
Degree of remorse:	Noted. Mr Gesler accepted to be more diligent in future.
Penalty:	Suspended for 6-weeks (to take into account guilty plea), fully suspended for 12-months. Manifestor disqualified from event

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.