

Wednesday, 28 February 2024

Stewards' Notice

Integrity Hearings Panel

Inquiry Determination of the Integrity Hearings Panel

Greyhound Racing SA Limited v A Griffiths

On 2nd February 2024, the Integrity Hearings Panel ("IHP") determined the Stewards' Inquiry relating to a prohibited substance found in a registered greyhound, Gel Blaster, trained by A Griffiths.

Members:	T McGrath (Chair), T Johnston (Member)
Registered greyhound:	Gel Blaster (537574)
Racetrack:	Murray Bridge
Date:	16 th August 2022
Event:	@thedogssa Stake
Race No.:	9
Placing:	1 st
Type of sample:	Urine
Substance:	Tranexamic Acid
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:	Not applicable (pre-5 th April 2023 amendments to Local Rules)
Nature of substance:	Prohibited
Effect on performance:	No evidence to substantiate that substance directly affected performance
Plea:	Guilty
Antecedents:	25 th July 2022, Present greyhound at event not free of prohibited substance (then penalty 2-months 14-days suspended, fully suspended for 12-months)
Circumstances:	Ms Griffiths, a trainer, nominated Gel Blaster in the event that was @thedogssa Stake, race 9, conducted by the Murray Bridge Greyhound Racing Club on 16 th August 2022. Gel Blaster 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 Tranexamic Acid. Ms Griffiths did not admit to intentional administration of the substance and could only proffer the explanation it came from contaminated meat. The Members considered the matter and penalty on the basis Ms Griffiths could not substantiate a reason for the presence of the substance
Winnings:	\$650.00, ordered to be returned
Degree of remorse:	Noted
Penalty:	Fine \$400.00, suspended for 4-months, reduced to 3-months to take into account guilty plea; suspended sentence from 25 th July 2022 revoked and 2-months 14-days suspension activated, to be served concurrently (total 3-months suspension); Gel Blaster disqualified from event

The above penalty follows the rules of racing on penalties, specifically R169(4), 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.