

STEWARDS INQUIRY DECISION

Date of Decision: 12.05.2020

Stewards Panel: L Lord (Chair), H Edgecombe

Name: ESCALATED QUICK & FRAMPTON

Track/Race: Race 6: Custom Resources & Recruitment Grade 3, 452 M – NWGRC

Race 6: Ladbrokes Back Your Self Mixed ¾, 461 M - HGRC

Date: 18.02.2020 & 12.03.2020

Rule no: GAR83(2)(a) & GAR83(2)(a)

Charge(s): The particulars of charge 1 were:

1. You, Mr. Patrick Hall are, and were at all relevant times, a trainer licenced by the Office of Racing Integrity Tasmania and are a person bound by the Greyhound Australasia Rules (GAR).
2. You were, at all relevant times, the trainer of the Greyhound 'ESCALATED QUICK'.
3. 'ESCALATED QUICK' was nominated to compete in Race 6, the CUSTOM RESOURCES & RECRUITMENT Grade 3, 452 metres, conducted by the North West Greyhound Racing Club on 18th February 2020 (the **Event**).
4. On 18th February 2020 you presented 'ESCALATED QUICK' at the Event not free of any prohibited substance, given that;
 - a. A post-race sample of urine was taken from 'ESCALATED QUICK' at the event (the sample).
 - b. Heptaminol was detected in the sample.

The particulars of charge 2 were:

1. You, Mr. Patrick Hall are, and were at all relevant times, a trainer licenced by the Office of Racing Integrity Tasmania and are a person bound by the Greyhound Australasia Rules (GAR).
2. You were, at all relevant times, the trainer of the Greyhound 'FRAMPTON'.
3. 'FRAMPTON' was nominated to compete in Race 6, the LADBROKES BACK YOURSELF Grade 3/4, 461 metres, conducted by the Hobart Greyhound Racing Club on 12th March 2020 (the **Event**).
4. On 12th March 2020 you presented 'FRAMPTON' at the Event not free of any prohibited substance, given that;
 - a. A post-race sample of urine was taken from 'FRAMPTON' at the Event (the sample).
 - b. Heptaminol was detected in the sample.

Prohibited Substance: HEPTAMINOL

Inquiry Decision: Mr. Hall was fined the sum of \$1,500 for the breach GAR83(2)(a) for the first offence with \$750 of the fine suspended for a period of 12 months unless he offends in a similar manner.

Mr. Hall was fined the sum of \$1,500 for the breach GAR83(2)(a) for the second offence with \$750 of the fine suspended for a period of 12 months unless he offends in a similar manner.

FACTS: Heptaminol above the permitted threshold has been detected in a post-race urine sample collected from ESCALATED QUICK after it competed in and won the CUSTOM RESOURCES & RECRUITMENT Grade 3, 452M event at the NWGRC 18th February 2020.

Heptaminol above the permitted threshold has been detected in a post-race urine sample collected from FRAMPTON after it competed in and won the CUSTOM RESOURCES & RECRUITMENT Grade 3, 452M event at the NWGRC 12th March 2020.

INQUIRY: Office of Racing Integrity Stewards inquired into reports from the analyst that Heptaminol in excess of the prescribed allowable threshold had been detected in a post-race urine sample taken from ESCALATED QUICK at the North West Greyhound Racing Club on 18th February 2020.

Office of Racing Integrity Stewards inquired into reports from the analyst that Heptaminol in excess of the prescribed allowable threshold had been detected in a post-race urine sample taken from FRAMPTON at the North Hobart Greyhound Racing Club on 12th March 2020.

Stewards considered evidence tendered by trainer Mr. Patrick Hall as to his feeding and husbandry practices, and evidence from Dr. Adam Richardson in relation to personal medications.

After giving the evidence tendered due consideration, Mr. Hall was charged pursuant to GAR83(2)(a) for presenting ESCALATED QUICK to race when not free of the prohibited substance Heptaminol.

After giving the evidence tendered due consideration, Mr. Hall was charged pursuant to GAR83(2)(a) for presenting FRAMPTON to race when not free of the prohibited substance Heptaminol.

Stewards took into consideration Mr. Hall's guilty pleas; his relevant personal circumstances; his good record; his extensive (25 years +) length of time in the industry; the impact that each penalty would have on Mr. Hall both personally; the need for any penalty to act as a deterrent, both specific and general; the negative impact on the image of the racing industry a positive urine sample brings; the seriousness of the offences; the current COVID-19 crisis and the current stand down on racing in Tasmania.

DECISION: Mr. Hall pleaded guilty to the charges,

Mr. Hall was fined the sum of \$1,500 for the breach GAR83(2)(a) for the first offence with \$750 of the fine fully suspended for a period of 12 months unless he offends in a similar manner.

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Mr. Hall was advised of his rights of appeal.

Acting under the provisions of GAR83(4) Stewards ordered that ESCALATED QUICK be disqualified from the subject race and the placings will be amended accordingly.

Acting under the provisions of GAR83(4) Stewards ordered that FRAMPTON be disqualified from the subject race and the placings will be amended accordingly.

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