

**STEWARDS INQUIRY DECISION**

- Date of Decision:** 20 November 2020
- Stewards Panel:** B Free (Chairman), M Hoyle
- Name:** Ms Rachael Moate
- Track/Race:** Hobart Greyhound Racing Club - Race 11: Crown Lager – Australia’s Best Maiden (2) 340M
- Date of Race:** 18 June 2020
- Rule no:** GAR83(2)(a)
- Charge(s):** The particulars of the charge were:
1. You, Ms. Rachael Moate are, and were at all relevant time, 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 ‘DYNAMIC DRIFTER’.
  3. ‘DYNAMIC DRIFTER’ was nominated to compete in Race 11, the CROWN LAGER – AUSTRALIA’S BEST MAIDEN (2), 340 metre, conducted by the Hobart Greyhound Racing Club on 18 June 2020 (the **Event**).
  4. On 18 June 2020 you presented ‘DYNAMIC DRIFTER’ at the Event not free of any prohibited substance, given that;
    - a. A pre-race sample of urine was taken from ‘DYNAMIC DRIFTER’ at the Event.
    - b. Cobalt at a level that exceeds the permitted threshold was present.
    - c. Heptaminol was also detected in the Sample.
- Prohibited Substance(s):** COBALT & HEPTAMINOL
- Inquiry Decision:** Trainer Ms Moate was disqualified for a period of 3 months for the breach of GAR83(2)(a).
- Greyhounds Australasia Rule (GAR) 83(2) states:
- The owner, trainer or person in charge of a greyhound-
- (a) nominated to compete in an Event;
  - (b) presented for a satisfactory, weight or whelping trial or such other trial as provided for pursuant to these Rules; or
  - (c) presented for any test or examination for the purpose of a period of incapacitation or prohibition being varied or revoked shall present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance.
- FACTS:** Cobalt above the permitted threshold and the prohibited substance Heptaminol was detected in a pre-race urine sample collected from DYNAMIC DRIFTER prior to competing in

the CROWN LAGER – AUSTRALIA'S BEST MAIDEN (2), 340 metre after it competed at the Hobart Greyhound Racing Club, 18 June 2020.

**INQUIRY:**

Office of Racing Integrity Stewards inquired into reports from the analyst that Cobalt in excess of the prescribed allowable threshold and the prohibited substance Heptaminol had been detected in a pre-race urine sample taken from DYNAMIC DRIFTER at the Hobart Greyhound Racing Club on 18 June, 2020.

Stewards considered evidence tendered by trainer Ms Moate as to her feeding and husbandry practices, and documented evidence from Dr. Adam Richardson in relation to the prohibited substances.

After giving the evidence tendered due consideration, Ms. Moate was charged pursuant to GAR83(2)(a) for presenting DYNAMIC DRIFTER to race when not free of the prohibited substances Cobalt and Heptaminol.

Stewards took into consideration Ms Moates guilty plea; her relevant personal circumstances; her time in the industry prior to becoming a trainer, her good record as a trainer (6 Years) and the co-operation of Ms Moate throughout the inquiry;

Stewards also took into account the greyhound finished last in the event and the substances didn't appear to play a part in enhancing the performance of the greyhound.

**DECISION:**

Ms Moate pleaded guilty to the charges,

Ms Moates licence was a disqualification for a period of three months, starting immediately, and to expire on 19 February 2020

Ms Rachael Moate was advised of her rights of appeal.

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

**ENDS**