



NOVEMBER 14

Stewards present: RJ Watkins (senior steward), B Huber (steward).

Stewards opened an inquiry in relation to the positive swab (dexamethazone) returned by Enchanted Tears in race 8 (placed 3rd) at Albion Park on September 26.

Stewards took evidence from Mrs Maureen Russell trainer of Enchanted Tears, and Mr Barry Russell.

Mrs Russell was subsequently charged under Rule 106 which states: "The owner, trainer or person in charge of a greyhound nominated to compete in an event, shall produce the greyhound for the event free of any drug."

Mrs Russell pleaded guilty and was suspended for three months and fined \$500.

Enchanted Tears was disqualified under Rule 108 and Mrs Russell directed to return prizemoney won.

Placings for the race now are: 1 Tantivity Kid, 2 Zip It Up, 3 Amigo Fast, 4 Max Rascal, 5 Daniel Brandon, 6 Mr Greengrass, 7 Noosa Title. Disqualified Enchanted Tears. Mrs Russell was read her rights of appeal

NOVEMBER 28

Stewards present: S McGrath (deputy chairman), B Huber. Stewards opened an inquiry in relation to an incident involving trainer Tony Handley, his greyhounds, and a member of the public and her domestic dogs on November 20.

Stewards took evidence from Handley of Hamilton, Ms J Bartholomeusz of Ascot and Ms R Snell of Ascot.

After hearing evidence, Handley was charged under Rule 109 (15) which states: "Any person (including an official) who: Has in relation to a greyhound or greyhound racing done a thing or omitted to do a thing which in the opinion of the stewards is negligent, dishonest or corrupt, fraudulent or improper, or constitutes misconduct;"

Handley pleaded guilty and was fined \$1250, with \$250 payable immediately and \$1000 suspended for two years on the following conditions:

- 1 Handley must ensure his greyhounds are wearing American muzzles at all times when in public;
- 2 Handley is not to lead any more than two greyhounds at any time.

Any breach of these conditions will result in the complete enforcement of this penalty. Stewards also made an order for Handley to pay \$316.45 restitution for costs involved. He was read his rights of appeal.

DECEMBER 4

Stewards present: S McGrath (deputy chairman), B Huber. Stewards opened an inquiry in relation to the late scratching of Blue Boy's on November 18 at the Gold Coast. Stewards took evidence from trainer Stephen Pearson of Hillcrest.

After hearing evidence Pearson was charged under Rule 109 (15) which starts: "Any person (including an official) who: Has in relation to a greyhound or greyhound racing done a thing or omitted to do a thing which in the opinion of the stewards is negligent, dishonest or corrupt, fraudulent or improper, or constitutes misconduct;"

And also Rule 34 (1) which states: "Where a trainer wishes a variation of more than two (2) kilograms from the weight recorded at the greyhound's last start after 28 days he shall cause the greyhound to run a satisfactory weight trial in the presence of a steward or an authorised person prior to nominating the greyhound for any event."

Pearson pleaded guilty to a breach of Rule 34 (1), but not guilty to a breach of Rule 109 (15). Stewards found Pearson guilty of a breach of both rules and he was fined \$500. He was read his rights of appeal.

DECEMBER 12

Stewards present: DM Ryan (chairman), S McGrath (deputy chairman).

Stewards opened an inquiry in relation to the positive swab (caffeine, theobromine, theophylline, paraxanthine) returned by Our Jazzy Girl in Race 4 (finished 6th) at Ipswich on November 4.

Stewards took evidence from Keiron Butler of Goodna, trainer of Our Jazzy Girl.

Butler was subsequently charged under Rule 106 which states: "The owner, trainer or person in charge of a greyhound nominated to compete in an event, shall produce the greyhound for the event free of any drug." Butler pleaded guilty, was suspended for three months and fined \$500.

Our Jazzy Girl was disqualified under rule 108.

Butler was read his rights of appeal.

DECEMBER 16

Stewards present: DM Ryan (chairman), W Hedrick (chief steward Mackay).

Stewards opened an inquiry in relation to the positive swab (dexamethazone) returned by Izy Fast in Race 5 (finished 4th) at Mackay on October 20.

Stewards took evidence from Mr Michael Boody of Palmyra trainer of Izy Fast.

Boody was subsequently charged under Rule 106 which states: "The owner, trainer or person in charge of a greyhound nominated to compete in an event, shall produce the greyhound for the event free of any drug."

He pleaded guilty, was suspended for three months and fined \$250.

Izy Fast was disqualified under Rule 108. Boody was directed to return the \$10 prizemoney won by Izy Fast. Boody was read his rights of appeal.

DECEMBER 19

Stewards present: DM Ryan (chairman), DM Kays (investigations).

Stewards opened an inquiry in relation to the positive swab (lignocaine, 3-hydroxylignocaine and monethylglycinexylidide) returned by Disco Belle in Race 9 (placed 3rd) at Brisbane on November 5.

Stewards took evidence from Mr Robert Thompson of Lismore the trainer of Disco Belle.

Thompson was subsequently charged under Rule 106 which states: "The owner, trainer or person in charge of a greyhound nominated to compete in an event, shall produce the greyhound for the event free of any drug."

He pleaded guilty and was fined \$250.

Stewards gave serious consideration to the exceptional circumstances that arose in evidence when considering the penalty.

Disco Belle was disqualified under Rule 108.

Placings now are: 1 Sun Liner Girl, 2 Runaway Havoc, 3 Commando Strike, 4 Running Gun, 5 Cascade Thunder, 6 Wicked Speed, 7 Baby Beaut, disqualified Disco Belle.

Thompson was directed to return prizemoney won.

He was read his rights of appeal.