

To Board

30th May 2016



NOTIFICATION OF POSITIVE SWAB

On 20th November 2015 Mr. Steven Coates was informed that the greyhound FONIC JAX had shown the presence of COBALT from the urine sample taken at the SA Greyhound Racing race meeting held at Angle Park on Wednesday 23rd September 2015, and that he would be advised of the date, time and place of an inquiry.

The reserve portion of the urine sample was tested and the presence of COBALT was confirmed in excess of the threshold of 100ng/mL, according to Rule 83(10).

Mr. Coates attended a steward's inquiry on Wednesday 4th May 2016. After taking evidence from Mr. Paul Zahra (Scientific Manager RASL), Dr. Steven Karamatic (Veterinary Surgeon GA), GRSA Staff and Mr. Steven Coates, stewards were of the opinion that there was sufficient evidence to charge Mr. Steven Coates with a breach of the GRSA Rules of Greyhound Racing R83 in that he presented the greyhound FONIC JAX for racing at the Greyhound Racing SA race meeting held at Angle Park on Wednesday 23rd September 2015 and the greyhound was found to have the prohibited substance COBALT in its urine at a mass concentration of 144ng/ML.

R83 Racing greyhound to be free of prohibited substances

(2) 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.

(3) The owner, trainer or person in charge of a greyhound presented contrary to sub-rule (2) shall be guilty of an offence.

(4) A greyhound presented for an Event contrary to sub-rule (1) or (2) shall be disqualified from the Event or any benefit derived from a trial or test.

Mr. Coates pleaded not guilty to the charge. Stewards then adjourned the inquiry to a date to be fixed to consider the matter.

On Monday 30th May 2016 the inquiry resumed at which time Mr. Coates made an application to the stewards to change his plea to guilty. Stewards accepted his application.

Stewards then took submissions on penalty and handed down their reasons and imposed the following penalty:

Charge, to impose a penalty of 12 months disqualification; and a fine of \$1,000.

This disqualification effective midnight Sunday 5 June 2016.

Furthermore stewards acting Under Rule 83(4) disqualified FONIC JAX from winning Race 10 on Wednesday 23 September 2015.

Mr. Coates was advised of his rights of appeal.

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