

Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board

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Date of Hearing: Monday, 16 November 2015
Venue of Hearing: RADB Hearing Room, 46-50 Chetwynd St, West Melbourne
Panel: Mr. John Wardle (Chairman), Mr. Terry O'Connor (Chairman) and Mr. Phillip Pryor
Name of Person Charged: Ms. Deborah Coleman
Suburb: Lara
Track: Warrnambool
Date: Sunday, 21 June 2015
GAR No: 83 (2)(3)

Offence Charged: Ms. Deborah Coleman failed to present the greyhound 'Hanging In There' free of any prohibited substance for an event at Warrnambool on Sunday, 21 June 2015.

REPORT:

Following advice from Racing Analytical Services Laboratory, the Stewards of Greyhound Racing Victoria conducted an investigation into the results of pre-race urine sample taken from the greyhound 'Hanging In There' at the Warrnambool meeting held on Sunday, 21 June 2015.

During the investigation, Stewards received evidence from registered trainer Ms. Deborah Coleman, Mr. Robert Camilleri, Ms. Anita Courts, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Michael Mitchell, Mrs. Jacinta Mitchell, Mr. Paul Zahra (Racing Analytical Services Laboratory) and Dr. Steven Karamatic (Greyhound Racing Industry Veterinary Officer).

After considering the evidence, Stewards charged Ms. Coleman with a breach of Greyhounds Australasia Rules 83(2) and (3) in that she did fail to present the greyhound 'Hanging In There' free of any prohibited substance for an event at the Warrnambool meeting held on Sunday, 21 June 2015 given that the pre-race urine sample taken from the greyhound indicated the presence of the prohibited substance Caffeine and its metabolites, Theophylline Paraxanthine and Theobromine.

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Under Rule 47.1 of the Greyhound Racing Victoria Local Rules a breach of GAR83 (2) and (3) constitutes a Serious Offence. As a result, on Monday, 16 November 2015 this matter was heard before the Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board in the first instance under Greyhound Local Racing Rule 47.3 and Sections 83C(b) and 83M(1) of the Racing Act.

Ms. Deborah Coleman represented herself.

Mr. Glenn Fish (GRV Steward) represented the Stewards Panel.

Ms. Deborah Coleman pleaded guilty to the charge.

After hearing all the evidence tendered and having regard to GAR83 (2) and (3), the RADB determined that Ms. Coleman was guilty as charged and disqualified her for 3 months, with one month suspended pending no further breaches of GAR83 during the next 12 months, effective from midnight Monday, 23 November 2015.

In assessing penalty, the Board took into account all the evidence and submissions, including the following matters:

- (a) Ms. Deborah Coleman’s guilty plea and her clean history over 35 years in the greyhound industry;
- (b) The nature of the prohibited substance Caffeine and its metabolites, Theophylline Paraxanthine and Theobromine (category 3 substance under GRV’s prohibited substance penalty guidelines and the “mystery” how and when the offence occurred;
- (c) The need to maintain the integrity of greyhound racing and ensure a level playing field for all participants;
- (d) Prior penalties for similar category 3 prohibited substance offences; and
- (e) Ms. Deborah Coleman’s presentation before the Board including two positive character references.

Acting under GAR83(4), the RADB also disqualified ‘Hanging In There’ from Event 8 – The Macey’s Bistro – Grade 5 T3 – at the Warrnambool meeting held on Sunday, 21 June 2015 and amended the placings as follows:

1 st	Hurricane Ash	5 th	Bazzagrey
2 nd	Elite Stress	6 th	Bet Bet Ryan
3 rd	Hero To Zero	7 th	Molly’s Silver
4 th	Lots Of Yap	Disqualified	Hanging In There

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