

Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board

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Date of Hearing: Wednesday, 18 November 2015
Venue of Hearing: RADB Hearing Room, 46-50 Chetwynd St, West Melbourne
Panel: John Wardle (Chairman), Mr. Terry O'Connor (Deputy Chairman),
and Mr. Barry Toner
Name of Person Charged: Mr. Justin Perkins
Suburb: Romsey
Track: Bendigo Greyhound Racing Association.
Date: Friday, 7 August 2015
GAR No: 83 (2)(3)

Offence Charged: Mr. Justin Perkins failed to present the greyhound 'Hotshot Booker' free of any prohibited substance for an event at Bendigo on Friday, 7 August 2015.

REPORT:

Following advice from Racing Analytical Services Laboratory, the Stewards of Greyhound Racing Victoria conducted an investigation into the results of post-race urine sample taken from the greyhound 'Hotshot Booker' at Bendigo meeting held on Friday, 7 August 2015.

During the investigation, Stewards received evidence from registered trainer Mr. Justin Perkins, Mr. Paul Zahra (Racing Analytical Services Laboratory) and Dr. Steven Karamatic (Greyhound Racing Industry Veterinary Officer).

After considering the evidence, Stewards charged Mr. Perkins with a breach of Greyhounds Australasia Rules 83(2) and (3) in that he did fail to present the greyhound 'Hotshot Booker' free of any prohibited substance for an event at the Bendigo meeting held on Friday, 7 August 2015 given that the post-race urine sample taken from the greyhound indicated the presence of the prohibited substances Salbutamol and Atenolol.

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 Wednesday, 18 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.

The Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board (RADB) is established under section 83B of the Racing Act (1958). The RADB is an independent Board established to hear and determine appeals in relation to decisions made under the rules to impose penalties on persons and to hear and determine charges made against persons for serious offences.

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Mr. Justin Perkins was represented by Mrs. Natalie Perkins.

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

Mr. Justin Perkins pleaded guilty to the charge.

After hearing all the evidence tendered and having regard to GAR83 (2) and (3), the RADB determined that Mr. Justin Perkins was guilty as charged and disqualified him for 3 months (with 1 month of this penalty suspended for 12 months pending no further breaches of GAR83 during the 12 month period), effective from midnight Wednesday, 25 November 2015, plus a fine of \$500 payable within the next 28 days.

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

- (a) Mr. Justin Perkins' guilty plea and his clean history in the greyhound industry;
- (b) The nature of the prohibited substances Salbutamol and Atenolol, and how and when the offences occurred;
- (c) The need to maintain the integrity of greyhound racing and ensure a level playing field for all participants; and
- (d) Prior penalties for similar prohibited substance offences.

Acting under GAR83(4), the RADB also disqualified 'Hotshot Booker' from Event 3 – 3BO 93.5FM – Mixed 6/7 – at the Bendigo meeting held on Friday, 7 August 2015 and amended the placings as follows:

1 st	Flying Opal	5 th	Casanova
2 nd	Nuggy Burger	6 th	Washington
3 rd	Snow Hawke	7 th	Lara's Gem
4 th	Aston Dawn	Disqualified	Hotshot Booker

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