

DECISION IN RELATION TO PENALTY

Presentation of a greyhound other than free of any prohibited substance in breach of rule 83(2) of the GRNSW Greyhound Racing Rules

INQUIRY NUMBER:	17S069
PERSON:	Ms Leonie Bown (Participant)
REGISTRATION:	Trainer
GRNSW INQUIRY PANEL MEMBER(S):	Mr Grant Carroll
DATE OF DECISION:	14 November 2017

CHARGE

1. On 2 November 2017 the GRNSW Inquiry Panel (**Inquiry Panel**) charged the Participant under rule 83(2) as follows:

That you, Leonie Bown, a registered trainer, while in charge of the greyhound 'In Like Flint' (**Greyhound**), presented the Greyhound for the purpose of competing in Race six at Nowra on 26 August 2017 (**Event**) in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance (**Charge**).

2. The prohibited substance was arsenic. This is identified as a category 5 prohibited substance under the GRNSW Penalty System (**Penalty System**).

ADMISSION

3. The Participant, by letter, admitted to the Charge.

PENALTY

4. The starting point for the determination of penalty for a category 5 substance under the Penalty System is 12 weeks disqualification.
5. In accordance with the Penalty System, the Inquiry Panel considers that there are no aggravating factors present.
6. In accordance with the Penalty System, the Inquiry Panel considers that the following mitigating factors are present:
 - (a) The Participant's early admission to the Charge; and
 - (b) The low level of the prohibited substance detected.
7. Having regard to the totality of the facts, the Inquiry Panel determines that a fine of \$750 is the appropriate penalty in the circumstances.
8. As the Greyhound was presented for the Race contrary to Rule 83(2), the Inquiry Panel also determines to disqualify the Greyhound from the Race pursuant to Rule 83(4). As the Race was part of a series, the Greyhound pursuant to Rule 83(5)(b) is disqualified from the heat and final of that series.

Grant Carroll
Senior Inquiry Steward
GRNSW Inquiry Panel

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Internal review by:
Manager Integrity and Inquiries