

Stewards Hearing Report

Date: Wednesday 10 May 2023
Venue of Hearing: Telephone - Head Office
Greyhound Name: Code Cracker
Rule: GAR 117 and GAR 135

Issue/Offence: Code Cracker's eligibility at Longwood Coursing on Sunday 7 May 2023.

Officiating Stewards: Mr Paul Searle (Chief Steward)

REPORT

On 10 May 2023, GRV Stewards conducted an eligibility check on the greyhound Code Cracker that competed at Longwood Coursing on 7 May 2023, with particular reference to GAR 135.

It was established that Code Cracker's last start in an Event was at Healesville on 30 October 2022, and the Longwood Event was held on 7 May 2023, which is six calendar months and seven days apart, and greater than the six month standard required by GAR 135 which reads:

GAR 135 - Restriction on racing if unraced for more than six months

A greyhound which has not competed in an Event for greater than six months cannot be nominated for an Event until:

(a) it passes an approved examination conducted by a veterinarian; and

(b) it completes a satisfactory trial pursuant to rule 132.

[Note: The return of a greyhound from retirement is dealt with in subrule 22(4).]

Trainer Mr Malcolm Davis confirmed that no Vet Certificate of Clearance or Satisfactory Trial had been completed by Code Cracker prior to the Coursing, and as such the provisions of GAR 135 had not been satisfied. Which takes Stewards to the application of GAR 117 and its provisions:

GAR - 117 Greyhound disqualified from an Event after All Clear

(1) If a greyhound was ineligible to compete in an Event but competed, or started from an incorrect box position, it must be disqualified from the Event and the finishing placings amended accordingly

Acting under the provisions of GAR 117 (1), the Stewards deemed that Code Cracker was ineligible to complete at Longwood Coursing on 7 May 2023 pursuant to GAR 135, and therefore must be disqualified from the Longwood Coursing Event; with the results of the Course amended accordingly.

Mr Davis was advised of the need to now undertake the provisions of GAR 135 with Code Cracker, and the eligibility check for nominations under GAR 135 within FastTrack will be tested and checked.



Paul Searle
Chief Steward - GREYHOUND RACING VICTORIA