

Stewards Hearing Report

Date: Friday 12 May 2023
Venue of Hearing: Telephone - Head Office
Greyhound Name: Oreó's Portrait
Rule: GAR 117 and GAR 135

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

Officiating Stewards: Mr Paul Searle (Chief Steward)

REPORT

On 12 May 2023, GRV Stewards conducted an eligibility check on the greyhound Oreó's Portrait that competed at Longwood Coursing on Sunday 7 May 2023, with particular reference to GAR 135.

It was established that Oreó's Portrait last start in an Event was at Longwood Coursing on 31 July 2022, and this Longwood Course was held on 7 May 2023, being over nine calendar months between the two, 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 Chris Kaczocha confirmed that no Vet Certificate of Clearance or Satisfactory Trial had been completed by Oreó's Portrait prior to the Longwood Coursing on 7 May 2023, 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 Oreó's Portrait 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 Kaczocha was advised of the requirements (that now need to be undertaken) pursuant to GAR 135 with Oreó's Portrait, and the eligibility check for nominations under GAR 135 within FastTrack will be reviewed.



Paul Searle

Chief Steward - **GREYHOUND RACING VICTORIA**