

Stewards Hearing Report

Date: Monday 3 June 2024
Venue of Hearing: Via Telephone
Name: Mr Jack Clarke (Trainer)
Rule: GAR 117 Greyhound disqualified from an Event after All Clear

Decision: Project Mayhem disqualified from Race 1 at the Ballarat Greyhound Racing Club meeting held on 26 February 2024, due to being ineligible.

Officiating Stewards: Ms Roslyn Fazulla and Mr Paul Searle

REPORT

On Monday 3 June 2024 the Greyhound Racing Integrity Unit (GRIU) Stewards finalised an inquiry into the eligibility of Project Mayhem to compete in Race 1 at the Ballarat Greyhound Racing Club on 26 February 2024.

The trainer and owner of Project Mayhem, Mr Jack Clarke was called to the inquiry following scrutiny of a penalty imposed on the greyhound at the Bendigo Greyhound Racing Club on 31 January 2024 whereby it appeared that whilst the correct penalty for a second offence for failing to pursue the lure with due commitment under GAR 127 (b) - (28 days at all tracks) was applied, the penalty reflected within FastTrack was of a first offence under GAR 127 (a) - being 28 days at the venue (which was Bendigo only).

127 Period of suspension to be imposed for marring or failing to pursue

Subject to rule 125, where, in the opinion of the Stewards, a greyhound is found to have marred or failed to pursue the lure during an Event the Stewards must impose a period of suspension in respect of the greyhound, which is to be recorded as part of the identification record as follows:

- (a) in the case of a first offence, 28 days at the track where the offence occurred and until the completion of a satisfactory trial; or
- (b) subject to rule 128, in the case of a second offence, 28 days at all tracks and until completion of a satisfactory trial; or

The inquiry established that when Project Mayhem raced at Ballarat on 26 February 2024, the greyhound was ineligible to participate and was (at the time) under a 28-day suspension all-tracks suspension from Bendigo on 31 January 2024. As such, and in accordance with GAR 117, Project Mayhem was deemed ineligible and was disqualified from Ballarat on 26 February 2024, with the placings to be amended accordingly and prize money returned.

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(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.



Paul Searle
Chief Steward - GREYHOUND RACING VICTORIA