

## GRV Stewards Inquiry on Wednesday 17 April 2019

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**Date of Hearing:** Wednesday 17 April 2019  
**Venue of Hearing:** GRV Head Office  
**Name:** Mr Justin Hetherton (Trainer)  
**Greyhound:** BAD ONES  
**Rule:** GAR 64 (1)

**Inquiry:** Eligibility of BAD ONES to race at Ballarat on 13 April 2019.

**Officiating Stewards:** Mr Paul Searle – Chief Steward  
Mr Cam Day – Racing Steward

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### REPORT

GRV Stewards today concluded an inquiry into the eligibility of **BAD ONES** to race since incurring a marring offence under GAR 69 at Muswellbrook NSW on 24 March 2019.

Evidence was taken from Victorian Trainer Mr Justin Hetherton and information supplied by NSW Greyhound Racing Officials.

It was established and is not in dispute, that BAD ONES marred at Muswellbrook on 24 March 2019 and was penalised under GAR 69 by NSW Stewards. The mandatory penalty for such offence was issued on a first offence basis; that being a 28-day suspension at Muswellbrook and one (1) satisfactory trial before racing again. There was no such evidence of the completion of any satisfactory trial by BAD ONES either before leaving NSW or since coming to Victoria.

#### ***GAR 69 Marring***

***(1) Where, in the opinion of the Stewards, a greyhound is found to have marred another greyhound during an Event, the Stewards shall impose a period of suspension in respect of the greyhound pursuant to sub-rule (2), and the specifics shall be recorded in the relevant Controlling Body Register, or where applicable, the Certificate of Registration or Weight Card of the greyhound.***

***(2) The period of suspension imposed pursuant to sub-rule (1) shall be-***

***(a) in the case of a first offence, at the track where the offence occurred, 28 days and until the completion of a satisfactory trial; or***

Due to an administrative error in NSW, the penalty from 24 March 2019 was not recorded into racing systems (Oz Chase) and as such, BAD ONES was not prevented from being nominated and raced in Victoria as follows:

- Placed 4<sup>th</sup> at Ballarat on 13 April 2019

***GAR 64 Greyhound disqualified from event***

***(1) Where a greyhound was ineligible to compete in an Event or started from an incorrect box position, it shall be disqualified from the Event and the finishing positions amended accordingly.***

***(2) Where a greyhound is disqualified or as the result of the correction of an error another eligible greyhound thereby becomes the winner or a place-getter in the Event, the owner or trainer of the replacement greyhound is entitled to recover from the owner or trainer of the disqualified or other greyhound any prize money awarded for the Event.***

***(3) If the owner or trainer of the disqualified or other greyhound fails to return any prize money in relation to the Event for more than 14 days after the disqualification of the greyhound, or the correction of an error, the owner or trainer shall be declared a defaulter.***

***(4) The Controlling Body or a club is not responsible for the recovery of any prize money by the owner or trainer of the replacement greyhound but rather the owner or trainer of the replacement greyhound may bring civil proceedings and shall not include the Controlling Body or a club to those civil proceedings.***

The penalty from Muswellbrook under GAR 69 was not appealed and is an undisputed fact, irrespective of any recording issues into Oz Chase.

By virtue of **BAD ONES** not completing the satisfactory trial component of GAR 69, the Stewards of GRV deem that **BAD ONES** was ineligible to compete at Ballarat on 13 April 2019.

As a result, **BAD ONES** has been disqualified from Ballarat as tabled above and the results, placings and prizemoney have been amended accordingly, in accordance with GAR 64.

**BAD ONES** must trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing.

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**PAUL SEARLE**  
CHIEF STEWARD  
GREYHOUND RACING VICTORIA