

Stewards Investigation/Hearing Report

Date of Hearing: 6 February 2019
Venue of Hearing: Healesville Greyhound Association
Name: Neville Tait
Date of offence: 6 February 2019
Greyhound(s): Blazin' Bulla & Claretown Boris
Officiating Stewards: H. Harvey, C. Scott & R. Berkhout

REPORT

On 6 February 2019, GRV Stewards held an inquiry into the transport of Blazin' Bulla & Claretown Boris to the Healesville Greyhound Association Meeting on 6 February 2019.

Evidence was taken from Registered Trainer Mr Neville Tait.

After considering all the evidence tendered, the Stewards issued a charge to Mr Neville Tait under GAR 86 (ag) for failing to comply with a policy adopted by a Controlling Body with the specifics of the charge being that on Wednesday 6 February 2019, Mr. Tait transported Blazin' Bulla & Claretown Boris in a vehicle that was not air-conditioned, contrary to the requirements of the GRV Transport Policy for hot weather affected meetings.

Mr Tait pleaded not guilty to the charge; Stewards found Mr Tait guilty as charged and issued him a \$250.00 fine.

In determining penalty, Stewards took into consideration Mr Tait's good record in relation to this rule, his length of time in the industry, similar offences and the fact that Blazin' Bulla & Claretown Boris were passed fit to race by the on-course veterinarian. Stewards were also mindful of the potential for adverse welfare outcomes as a result of breaching the GRV Transport Policy

Further, the Stewards remind all participants that the requirements of the Hot Weather and Transport Policies are non-negotiable, and sanctions will apply for non-compliance issues.

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