

**DECISION ON AN INTERNAL REVIEW APPLICATION UNDER
SECTION 91 OF THE GREYHOUND RACING ACT 2017**

Matter for determination	Decision dated 9 th of February 2025 of Steward Dean Degan
Internal review decision date	05/03/2025
Internal review decision by	Chris Psillis Manager, Racing Integrity
Internal review decision summary	Uphold the decision to impose an unsatisfactory performance upon "Sin Rap Flyer" at Grafton on 9 th of February 2025

REASONS FOR DECISION

1. These are the reasons for decision following an application by Lynette Keep for internal review under the *Greyhound Racing Act 2017* ("**Act**") of a decision of Steward Dean Degan of the Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission ("**Commission**" or "**GWIC**"). That decision was to impose a penalty of unsatisfactory performance GAR 129 (a) upon "Sin Rap Flyer" ("**Greyhound**") at Grafton on 9th of February 2025.
2. This is a reviewable decision within the meaning of section 91(1) of the Act. As I was not substantially involved in making the reviewable decision, I have dealt with this application.
3. Under section 91(7) of the Act, an internal reviewer is empowered to:
 - Confirm the reviewable decision the subject of the application; or
 - Vary the reviewable decision; or
 - Revoke the reviewable decision.

Background

4. On 9th of February the greyhound competed in Grafton Race 11 for trainer Lynette Keep.
5. Following the event, the greyhound was subject to a veterinary examination when the Stewards had concerns with incidents in running, and the greyhound's actions in the home straight.
6. The veterinary examination revealed back soreness, and an incapacitation period of 5 days was issued.
7. Lynette Keep was subsequently interviewed by the stewards and she stated that the interference in running, the greyhound making contact with the rail and the greyhound's distance from the lure contributed to the greyhounds' actions in the home straight.

Findings

8. After viewing the patrol films and interviewing Ms Keep, the stewards were satisfied that during the home straight, the greyhound shifted outwards noticeably towards a runner to its outside coming together with that runner on more than one occasion.
9. Having regard to this, the stewards issued an endorsement for Unsatisfactory Performance under GAR 129 (a). The greyhound is now subject to a satisfactory steward's trial involving two other greyhounds under GAR 132 before being eligible to race.

The internal review application

10. On 28 of February 2025, Lynette Keep lodged an application for internal review. The internal review was conducted on the papers.
11. Ms Keep is seeking an internal review against the penalty imposed.
12. In the application, Ms Keep submitted that:
 - a. That the stewards report noted that the greyhound had been severely checked, was racing in restricted room and hit the running rail and lost valuable ground.
 - b. That the greyhounds' actions in the home straight were an attempt to get wide as shown in previous performances.
 - c. That the greyhounds' actions in the home straight, could be attributed to the veterinary findings of "back soreness" after making contact with the rail during the event.
 - d. That there was considerable distance between the greyhound and the lure following the interference.
 - e. That the greyhound finished ahead of other greyhounds engaged in the event.

Decision

13. In considering this internal review, I have had regard to the following:
 - a) The greyhound has had two previous offences relating to performance in its 27-start career.
 - b) After reviewing the films, I cannot be satisfied that the greyhounds' outward shifts and repeated contact with another runner were definitively caused by racing incidents, lure distance, or veterinary findings.
14. When considering whether the decision to impose an unsatisfactory performance was appropriate, I have had reference to:

- a. Internal review application from Ms Keep containing written submissions
- b. The Stewards Report
- c. The Patrol Films
- d. The greyhound's previous Penalty History

15. In accordance with section 91(7)(a) of the Act, having reviewed all of the material, I confirm the original decision made by Steward Dean Degan on 9th of February 2025.

16. The greyhound is subject to a satisfactory steward's trial involving two other greyhounds under GAR 132 before being eligible to race.

Chris Psillis

Manager, Racing Integrity

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