

Stewards Decision

Tasracing Integrity Unit

and

Lynden Nichols

Date of Decision	26 October 2026
Decision Makers	J W Marsh (Chair), A D Hyde, B Scott
Rule	<i>GAR 141(1)(a)</i>
Charge	Greyhound to be free of prohibited substances (1) The owner, trainer or other person in charge of a greyhound: (a) Nominated to compete in an event; Must present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance
Prohibited Substance	Tranexamic Acid
Plea	Guilty
Penalty	Fine \$2000
Summary of Facts	- Mr. Nichols was at all relevant times a Tasracing Licensed Public Greyhound trainer and as such a person bound by the Greyhound Australasia Rules and the trainer of Little Dan. - On Thursday 21st May 2026 Little Dan competed in and won Race 7, The Brighton Hair and Beauty Grade 4 conducted at the Hobart Greyhound Racing Club. - In July 2026 Racing Analytical Services Ltd advised the Tasracing Integrity Unit that the post-race urine sample taken from Little Dan after his win on 21st May 2026 contained the presence of Tranexamic Acid, a race day prohibited substance under the Greyhound Australasia Rules. - At an inquiry on 26th October 2026, Mr. Nichols made submissions that another greyhound at his property, "Reschedule" had been prescribed a course of Tranexamic Acid prior to and after being desexed which coincided with the lead up to Little Dan racing on 21st May 2026. Mr. Nichols further submitted that the likely cause of the positive sample was either due to cross contamination or an accidental dosage through his feeding regime. Mr. Nichols explained that he has made adjustments to his husbandry practices to ensure risk of any cross contamination is mitigated.

5. Mr. Nichols pleaded guilty to charge issued pursuant to GAR 141(1)(a), the specifics being that he did present Little Dan to race at the Hobart Greyhound Racing Club meeting held on 21st May 2026 whilst not free of any prohibited substance.
6. Pursuant to GAR 141(4), Little Dan is to be disqualified from Race 7, The Brighton Hair and Beauty Grade 4 on the 21st May 2026 with placings to be amended accordingly and all prize money to be returned to Tasracing.
7. Mr. Nichols was fined \$2000 for the breach of GAR 141(a).

Penalty Discussion

In determining penalty, the Decision Makers carefully considered all available evidence including but not limited to:

- Mr. Nichols guilty plea.
- His disciplinary history including a previous breach of GAR 141(a).
- Penalty precedents for similar breaches.
- The objective seriousness of the offence.
- The principles of general deterrence.

Mr. Nichols was advised of his rights to appeal the Stewards decision to the Tasmanian Racing Appeals Board.