

## CONTROL APPEAL COMMITTEE PUBLICATION

APPELLANT	Mr. John Browne
ADDRESS	Ballinvreena, Martinstown, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick
MATTER	<p>Appeal of Control Committee decision dated 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015</p> <p><u>Control Committee Decision:</u> Fine of €2,500 imposed on the Appellant and prize money of €250 won by the greyhound was forfeited in respect of a positive sample of hydroxystanozolol obtained from the greyhound Uptown Rumble at Longford Greyhound Stadium on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2015. A Testing Order was also imposed and directed that all greyhounds in the ownership or under the care of Mr. Browne be subjected to sampling when presented for racing for a period of six months</p>
FINDINGS	<p>The Control Appeal Committee, having carefully considered in detail all of the submissions made by the Appellant, his Solicitor Mr. Robin Lee and Mr. Pat Herbert, Head of Regulation Bord na gCon, was satisfied that the Appellant had presented the greyhound for racing at Longford Greyhound Stadium on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2015 and that the Appellant accepted full responsibility for the greyhound under the Greyhound Industry (Racing) Regulations 2007.</p> <p>The Control Appeal Committee was satisfied that the sample was properly taken and analysed and the presence of the anabolic steroid, hydroxystanozolol was found. The Control Appeal Committee were also satisfied that the Appellant knew exactly what was happening at the investigation which was being carried out by the Control Committee when he participated in the same.</p> <p>In all of the circumstances, the Control Appeal Committee was satisfied that the fine imposed by the Control Committee was appropriate and that the prize money should be forfeited. The Testing Order was also appropriate in the circumstances.</p> <p>The Control Appeal Committee, therefore, dismissed the Appeal and the decision of the Control Committee dated 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015 was affirmed and pursuant to the Greyhound Industry (Control Committee and Control Appeal Committee (Amendment) Regulations 2015 this decision is to be published.</p>