15 December 2020

**DECISION**

**GREYHOUND RACING VICTORIA**

**and**

**DAVID JENSEN**

**Date of hearing:** 5 December 2020

**Panel:** Judge John Bowman (Chairperson) and Justice Shane Marshall (Deputy Chairperson).

**Appearances:** Mr Marwan El-Asmar appeared on behalf of the Stewards.

 Mr David Jensen represented himself.

**Stay application:** 2 month suspension of Mr Jenson’s Greyhound Racing Victoria licence from 4 December 2020 under Greyhounds Australasia Rule 86 (q).

**DECISION**

We accept that there has been a delay in the Stewards’ handing down the penalty in this matter and there has been a suggestion of an electronic problem from Mr Jensen’s end.

The purpose of Mr Jensen seeking a Stay was to allow his greyhounds to race on Sunday 6 December and on Tuesday 8 December. We are not satisfied on the information that has been provided that the transfer to another trainer could be carried out by 4pm today (Saturday 5 December 2020), which is the deadline in relation to Sunday’s racing. We see no reason why it could not be done by Tuesday.

The bottom line is we will grant the Stay to 12.01am on Monday 7 December. The dogs can race with Mr Jenson as the trainer on Sunday, but there will need to be a transfer before the Tuesday event if the greyhounds are going to race.

The date for the appeal will be confirmed by the Registrar during the week.

Mark Howard
Registrar, Victorian Racing Tribunal