



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	20 April 2022
Decision-makers:	Director Race Day Operations & Integrity, Wade Birch and Senior Steward, Kevin Adams
Name of relevant person:	Mr Charlie Lamb
Track:	The Gardens
Date:	22 January 2022
Rule no.:	83(2)(a)
Charge(s):	Mr Lamb presented the greyhound 'You Know Hill' (" Greyhound ") for the purposes of competing in race 10 at the The Gardens meeting on 22 January 2022 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
Prohibited Substance(s):	Cobalt at or in excess of the threshold of 100 nanograms per millilitre
Disciplinary action taken:	To suspend Mr Lamb's registration for a period of ten (10) weeks.

Investigation

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 1 March 2022, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a pre-Event urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'You Know Hill' ("**Greyhound**") at the The Gardens meeting on 22 January 2022.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Racing Chemistry Laboratory, confirming the presence of cobalt at or in excess of the threshold of 100 nanograms per millilitre.

DECISION:

1. Mr Lamb is a registered greyhound trainer and the trainer of the Greyhound. The Greyhound competed in race 10 of the The Gardens meeting on 22 January 2022. Prior to the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The pre-Event swab revealed the presence of cobalt at or in excess of the threshold of 100 nanograms per millilitre. Cobalt at or in excess of the threshold of 100 nanograms per millilitre is a prohibited substance under Rule 83(10) of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules ("**Rules**").

3. On 13 April 2022 Mr Lamb was issued with a notice of charge proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”) in relation to the charge, setting out the proposed disciplinary action to be taken and the grounds in support of that proposed disciplinary action. The Notice also provided a brief of evidence for the charge.

4. In the Notice issued on 13 April 2022 the decision makers charged Mr Lamb with the offence under Rule 83(2)(a), which reads:

(2) The owner, trainer or person in charge of a greyhound-
(a) nominated to compete in an Event;
...
shall present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance.

5. The Notice proposed a penalty of a sixteen (16) week suspension and invited Mr Lamb to attend a scheduled hearing to enter a plea in relation to the charge and to make submissions in relation to the charge and the proposed penalty.

6. On 20 April 2022 Mr Lamb attended the scheduled hearing with the decision makers and entered a plea of guilty. Mr Lamb made the following verbal submissions:

- Mr Lamb confirmed that he has been involved in the greyhound industry since 1987, being a total of 35 years;
- Mr Lamb stated that he has no previous breaches of this Rule 83(2)(a) in his 35 year history of being in the greyhound industry; and
- Mr Lamb noted his contribution to the greyhound industry over his 35 year participation in the greyhound industry.

7. The decision makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Lamb:

Charge (83(2)(a)): To suspend Mr Lamb’s registrations for a period of ten (10) weeks.

8. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:

- Greyhound racing penalty precedents in NSW;
- The length of time Mr Lamb has held a trainer registration, being since 1987, a period of approximately 35 years;
- Mr Lamb’s disciplinary history –he does not have any like matters on his record. This is his first breach of Rule 83(2)(a) in 35 years; and
- Mr Lamb’s plea of guilty and his verbal submissions at the hearing.

9. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 10 at the The Gardens meeting on 22 January 2022 pursuant to Rule 83(4) of the Rules.

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