



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	22 April 2022
Decision-makers:	Director Race Day Operations & Integrity, Wade Birch and Senior Steward, Dean Degan
Name of relevant person:	Mr Craig Gardoll
Track:	Casino
Date:	20 January 2022
Rule no.:	83(2)(a)
Charge(s):	Mr Gardoll presented the greyhound 'Tucabia' (" Greyhound ") for the purposes of competing in race 7 at the Casino meeting on 20 January 2022 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance.
Prohibited Substance(s):	Heptaminol
Disciplinary action taken:	To issue Mr Gardoll a fine in the sum of \$1,500.00.

Investigation

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 24 February 2022, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-Event urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'Tucabia' ("**Greyhound**") at the Casino meeting on 20 January 2022.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory, confirming the presence of heptaminol.

DECISION:

1. Mr Gardoll is a registered greyhound trainer and the trainer of the Greyhound. The Greyhound competed in race 7 of the Casino meeting on 20 January 2022. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post-Event swab revealed the presence of heptaminol. Heptaminol is a prohibited substance under Rule 1 of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules ("**Rules**").
3. On 7 April 2022 Mr Gardoll was issued with a notice of charge and 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 the decision makers charged Mr Gardoll 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 Gardoll to attend a scheduled hearing to enter into a plea in relation to the charge and to make submissions in relation to the charge and the proposed penalty.

6. Prior to the hearing date Mr Gardoll pleaded guilty to the Charge. On Friday 22 April 2022 Mr Gardoll attended the scheduled hearing with the decision makers and made oral submissions in relation to the matter.

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

Charge (83(2)(a)): To issue Mr Gardoll a fine in the sum of \$1,500.00.

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

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

9. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 7 at the Casino meeting on 20 January 2022 pursuant to Rule 83(4) of the Rules.

.....End.....