



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION

DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 21 February 2020

Decision-maker: Chief Executive Officer, Judith Lind

Name of relevant person: Mr Trevor Rice

Track: Kempsey

Date: 5 October 2019

Rule no.: Rule 83(2)(a)

Charge(s): (1) Mr Rice presented the greyhound 'Fascinate Dolly' ("Greyhound") for the purposes of competing in race 2 at the Kempsey meeting on 5 October 2019 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance.

Prohibited substance(s): Dexamethasone

Disciplinary action taken: 4-week suspension; deferred commencement to 26 February 2020 under Rule 95(5)

REPORT:

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from the Racing Analytical Services Laboratory, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-race urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'Fascinate Dolly' ("Greyhound") at the Kempsey meeting on 5 October 2019.

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

After considering the evidence, the Commission charged Mr Rice with a breach of Rule 83(2)(a) of the Commission's Greyhound Racing Rules ("Rules") given that the post-race urine sample taken from the Greyhound confirmed the presence of prohibited substance, dexamethasone.

Mr Rice admitted the charge at the earliest opportunity.

The disciplinary action was conducted in writing in accordance with the participant's election.

DECISION:

1. Mr Rice is a registered greyhound trainer and the trainer of the Greyhound. The Greyhound competed in race 2 at the Kempsey meeting on 5 October 2019 ("Event") and a post-Event urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The pre-Event swab revealed the presence of dexamethasone. Dexamethasone is a prohibited substance under Rule 1 of the Rules.
3. The Commission charged Mr Rice 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;
 - (b) presented for a satisfactory, weight or whelping trial or such other trial as provided for pursuant to these Rules; or
 - (c) presented for any test or examination for the purpose of a period of incapacitation or prohibition being varied or revokedshall present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance.
4. Mr Rice admitted the charge at the earliest opportunity, provided written submissions and elected to have the disciplinary proceeding conducted in writing.
5. The Commission found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Rice:

To suspend his trainer registration for a period of 4 weeks.
6. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr Rice has been a registered trainer for approximately 37 years;
 - Mr Rice has no prior history of any prohibited substance matters;
 - NSW greyhound racing penalty guidelines and precedents;
 - Mr Rice's admission at the earliest opportunity;
 - Mr Rice's written submissions in mitigation of penalty, including possible explanation for the contamination and personal circumstances.
7. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 2 at the Kempsey meeting on 5 October 2019 pursuant to Rule 83(4).

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