



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 22 June 2020
Decision-maker: Chief Executive Officer, Judith Lind
Name of relevant person: Mr Steven Beddoes
Track: Lismore
Date: 24 March 2020
Rule no.: Rule 83(2)(a)
Charge(s): (1) Mr Beddoes presented the greyhound 'Hay My Way' ("Greyhound") for the purposes of competing in race 2 at the Lismore meeting on 24 March 2020 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance.
Prohibited substance(s): Theobromine
Disciplinary action taken: 8-week suspension

REPORT:

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from the Racing Analytical Services Laboratory, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a pre-race urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'Hay My Way' ("Greyhound") at the Lismore meeting on 24 March 2020.

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

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

Mr Beddoes admitted the charge at the earliest opportunity.

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

DECISION:

1. Mr Beddoes is a registered greyhound trainer and the trainer of the Greyhound. The Greyhound competed in race 2 at the Lismore meeting on 24 March 2020 (“Event”) and a pre-Event urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The pre-Event swab revealed the presence of theobromine. Theobromine is a prohibited substance under Rule 1 of the Rules.
3. The Commission charged Mr Beddoes 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 Beddoes admitted the charge, 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 Beddoes:

To suspend his trainer registration for a period of 8 weeks.
6. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr Beddoes has been a registered trainer for approximately 20 years;
 - Mr Beddoes has had no prior disciplinary matters;
 - Mr Beddoes’s admission of the charge at the earliest opportunity;
 - NSW greyhound racing penalty precedents;
 - Mr Beddoes’s submissions in mitigation of penalty, including in relation to his personal circumstances, his review of his animal husbandry practices and a reasonable explanation as to the source of the positive result.
7. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 2 at the Lismore meeting on 24 March 2020 pursuant to Rule 83(4) of the Rules.

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