



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 14 April 2021

Decision-makers: A/Senior Legal Officer, Alice Stafford, Chief Inspector, David OShannessy and Senior Steward, Dean Degan

Name of relevant person: Mr Kiriakos Lambos

Track: Richmond; Potts Park

Date: 21 June 2020; 19 December 2020

Rule no.: Rule 83(2)(a) (x2)

Charge(s): (1) Mr Lambos presented the greyhound 'Hec's Rhino' ("**First Greyhound**") for the purposes of competing in race 5 at the Richmond meeting on 21 June 2020 in circumstances where the First Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance.

(2) Mr Lambos presented the greyhound 'Maximum Jenny' ("**Second Greyhound**") for the purposes of competing in race 3 at the Potts Park meeting on 19 December 2020 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance.

Prohibited Substance(s): Charge 1: pseudoephedrine, norpseudoephedrine, phenylpropanolamine, caffeine, theophylline, paraxanthine and theobromine.

Charge 2: meloxicam.

Disciplinary action taken: Charge 1: 12-week suspension.

Charge 2: 9-week suspension (wholly and conditionally suspended).

REPORT:

First charge

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-race urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'Hec's Rhino' ("**First Greyhound**") at the Richmond meeting on 21 June 2020.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory, confirming the presence of pseudoephedrine, norpseudoephedrine, phenylpropanolamine, caffeine, theophylline, paraxanthine and theobromine.

After considering the evidence, the Commission charged Mr Lambos 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 First Greyhound confirmed the presence of the prohibited substances pseudoephedrine, norpseudoephedrine, phenylpropanolamine, caffeine, theophylline, paraxanthine and theobromine.

Second Charge

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-race urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'Maximum Jenny' ("**Second Greyhound**") at the Potts Park meeting on 19 December 2020.

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

After considering the evidence, the Commission charged Mr Lambos with a breach of Rule 83(2)(a) of the Rules given that the post-race urine sample taken from the Second Greyhound confirmed the presence of the prohibited substance meloxicam.

Mr Lambos admitted the charges at the earliest opportunity.

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

DECISION:

1. Mr Lambos is a registered greyhound trainer and the trainer of the First and Second Greyhounds.
2. The First Greyhound competed in race 5 at the Richmond meeting on 21 June 2020 ("**First Event**"). Following the First Event, a urine sample was taken from the First Greyhound. The post-Event swab revealed the presence of pseudoephedrine, norpseudoephedrine, phenylpropanolamine, caffeine, theophylline, paraxanthine and theobromine.
3. Pseudoephedrine, norpseudoephedrine, phenylpropanolamine, caffeine, theophylline, paraxanthine and theobromine are prohibited substances under Rule 1 of the Rules.
4. The Second Greyhound competed in race 3 at the Potts Park meeting on 19 December 2020 ("**Second Event**"). Following the Second Event, a urine sample was taken from the Second Greyhound. The post-Event swab revealed the presence of meloxicam.
5. Meloxicam is a prohibited substance under Rule 1 of the Rules.

6. The Commission charged Mr Lambos with two offences 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;

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shall present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance.

7. Mr Lambos admitted the charges, provided written submissions and elected to have the disciplinary proceeding conducted in writing.

8. The Commission found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Lambos:

Charge 1 (Rule 83(2)(a), 21/06/2020): To suspend Mr Lambos' trainer registration for a period of 12 weeks; and

Charge 2 (Rule 83(2)(a), 19/12/2020): To suspend Mr Lambos' trainer registration for a period of 9 weeks, wholly suspended for 12 months on the condition he does not breach Rule 83(2)(a) during that 12-month period.

9. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence, including:

- The length of time Mr Lambos has participated in the industry, being since 1997, approximately 24 years;
- Mr Lambos' disciplinary history, having no prior positive substance matters;
- Mr Lambos' admission of the charges at the earliest opportunity;
- NSW greyhound racing precedents; and
- The submissions made by Mr Lambos in mitigation of penalty, including in relation to his good behaviour and record, review of and amendment to his animal husbandry practices, an explanation for the source of the positive results and his remorse.

10. In addition:

- The First Greyhound was disqualified from race 5 at the Richmond meeting on 12 June 2020 pursuant to Rule 83(4) of the Rules; and
- The Second Greyhound was disqualified from race 3 at the Potts Park meeting on 19 December 2020.

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