



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	31 March 2022
Decision-makers:	Senior Steward, Mr Dean Degan and Steward, Mr Chris Gill
Name of relevant person:	Mr Emmett Patton
Track:	Casino
Date:	25 November 2021
Rule no.:	83(2)(a)
Charge(s):	Mr Patton presented the greyhound 'Kingsbrae Wilma' (" Greyhound ") for the purposes of competing in race 3 at the Casino meeting on 25 November 2021 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
Prohibited Substance(s):	Desmopressin
Disciplinary action taken:	To suspend Mr Patton's Owner Trainer registration for a period of 12-weeks, wholly suspended, subject to Mr Patton not breaching Rule 83(2)(a) or any like rule in a 12-month period.

Charge

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 17 January 2022, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a pre-Event urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'Kingsbrae Wilma' ("**Greyhound**") at the Casino meeting on 25 November 2021.

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

Evidence, plea and submissions

On 25 February 2022 Mr Patton was issued with a Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action ("**Notice**") and brief of evidence in relation to the charge

On 31 March 2022 Mr Patton attended a hearing with the decision makers and entered a plea of guilty.

The decision makers accepted Emmett Patton's plea and submissions and issue the following decision.

DECISION:

1. Mr Patton is a registered greyhound trainer and the trainer of the Greyhound. The Greyhound competed in race 3 of the Casino meeting on 25 November 2021. Prior to the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The pre-Event swab revealed the presence of desmopressin. Desmopressin is a prohibited substance under Rule 1 of the Rules.
3. The decision makers charged Mr Patton 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;

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shall present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance.

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

Charge (83(2)(a)):

To suspend Mr Patton's Owner Trainer registration for a period of 12-weeks, wholly suspended, subject to Mr Patton not breaching Rule 83(2)(a) or any like Rule in a 12-month period.

5. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Greyhound racing penalty precedents in NSW;
 - The length of time Mr Patton has held a trainer registration, being since 2013, a period of approximately nine years;
 - Mr Patton's disciplinary history – he does not have any like matters on his record; and
 - Mr Patton's plea of guilty at the earliest opportunity.
6. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 3 at the Casino meeting on 25 November 2021 pursuant to Rule 83(4) of the Rules.

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