



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 13 December 2019
Decision-maker: Chief Executive Officer, Judith Lind
Name of relevant person: Mr Peter Hatzi
Track: Broken Hill
Date: 10 August 2019
Rule no.: Rule 83(2)(a)
Charge(s): (1) Mr Hatzi presented the greyhound 'Fearless Flyer' ("Greyhound") for the purposes of competing in race 2 at the Broken Hill meeting on 10 August 2019 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance.
Prohibited substance(s): Pholcodine
Disciplinary action taken: 6-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, 'Fearless Flyer' ("Greyhound") at the Broken Hill meeting on 10 August 2019.

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

After considering the evidence, the Commission charged Mr Hatzi 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 prohibited substance pholcodine.

Mr Hatzi admitted the charge at the earliest opportunity.

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

DECISION:

1. Mr Hatzi is a registered greyhound trainer and the trainer of the Greyhound. The Greyhound competed in race 2 at the Broken Hill meeting on 10 August 2019 (“Event”) and a pre-Event urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The pre-Event swab revealed the presence of pholcodine. The substance pholcodine is a prohibited substance under Rule 1 of the Rules. Pholcodine is a category 5 prohibited substance under the NSW Greyhound Racing Penalty Guidelines. Category 5 is the lowest category of prohibited substance.
3. The Commission charged Mr Hatzi 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 Hatzi admitted the charge at the earliest opportunity 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 Hatzi:

To suspend his trainer registration for a period of 6 weeks.
6. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr Hatzi has been a registered trainer for a period of approximately 29 years;
 - Mr Hatzi has no prior disciplinary action history;
 - NSW greyhound racing penalty guidelines and precedents;
 - Mr Hatzi’s plea of guilty at the earliest opportunity.
7. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 2 at the Broken Hill meeting on 10 August 2019 pursuant to Rule 83(4).

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