



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	7 March 2022
Decision-makers:	Director Compliance, Policy & Legal, Matthew Tutt and Director of Race Day Operations and Integrity, Wade Birch.
Name of relevant person:	Mr William Dance
Track:	Gosford
Date:	21 October 2021
Rule no.:	Rule 83(2)(a)
Charge(s):	(1) Mr Dance presented the greyhound 'Ibrox Rocks' (" Greyhound ") for the purposes of competing in race 9 at the Gosford meeting on 21 October 2021 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance;
Prohibited Substance(s):	Tetrahydrozoline
Disciplinary action taken:	Fine of \$1,000.00 (with \$500.00 conditionally suspended for a period of 12 months, subject to Mr Dance not breaching Rule 83(2)(a) or like Rule in that 12-month period)

Investigation

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 26 November 2021, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-race urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'Ibrox Rocks' ("**Greyhound**") at the Gosford meeting on 21 October 2021.

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

Evidence, plea and submissions

On 17 February 2022 Mr Dance was issued with a notice of proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**") in relation to the charge, setting out the proposed disciplinary action to be taken and the grounds in support of that proposed disciplinary action. Mr Dance was also provided with a brief of evidence for the charge.

On 7 March 2022 Mr Dance attended a scheduled hearing with the decision makers, entered a plea of guilty and made submissions in relation to the charge.

The decision makers accepted Mr Dance's plea and submissions and issued the following decision.

DECISION:

1. Mr Dance is a registered greyhound trainer and the trainer of the Greyhound. The Greyhound competed in race 9 of the Gosford meeting on 21 October 2021 ("First Event"). Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post-Event swab revealed the presence of tetrahydrozoline. Tetrahydrozoline is a prohibited substance under Rule 1 of the Rules.
3. The decision makers charged Mr Dance 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 Dance, pursuant to section 59(1)(c) of the Act:

Charge (Rule 83(2)(a), 21 October 2021):	To issue a fine in the sum of \$1,000.00 (with \$500.00 conditionally suspended for a period of 12 months, subject to Mr Dance not breaching Rule 83(2)(a) or like Rule in that 12-month period)
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5. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Greyhound racing penalty precedents in NSW;
 - The length of time Mr Dance has held a trainer registration, being since 1986, a period of approximately 36 years;
 - Mr Dance's disciplinary history – noting his lack of any relevant prior disciplinary history;
 - Mr Dance's plea of guilty at the earliest opportunity; and
 - Mr Dance's submissions in mitigation of penalty, including his explanation of the likely source of the positive result, his review of and amendments to his animal husbandry practices, and his remorse.

6. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 9 at the Gosford meeting on 21 October 2021 pursuant to Rule 83(4) of the Rules.

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