



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 13 July 2021

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

Name of relevant person: Mr Darren Wort

Track: Bathurst

Date: 21 December 2020

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

Charge(s): (1) Mr Wort presented the greyhound 'Set to Rule' ("**Greyhound**") for the purposes of competing in race 4 at the Bathurst meeting on 21 December 2020 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance.

Prohibited Substance(s): Ethynylestradiol

Disciplinary action taken: \$1,500.00 fine

REPORT:

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a pre-race urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'Set to Rule' ("**Greyhound**") at the Bathurst meeting on 21 December 2020.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Racing Science Centre, confirming the presence of ethynylestradiol.

Mr Wort admitted the charge at the earliest opportunity.

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

DECISION:

1. Mr Wort is a registered greyhound trainer and the trainer of the Greyhound. The Greyhound competed in race 4 of the Bathurst meeting on 21 December 2020 ("**Event**"). Prior to the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.

2. The pre-Event swab revealed the presence of ethynylestradiol. Ethynylestradiol is a prohibited substance under Rule 1 of the Rules.
3. The Commission charged Mr Wort with an 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;
...shall present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance.
4. Mr Wort admitted the charge 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 Wort:

To impose a fine in the sum of \$1,500.00.
6. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr Wort has held a trainer registration for approximately 18 years;
 - Mr Wort has no relevant prior matters in his disciplinary history;
 - Mr Wort's admission of the charge at the earliest opportunity; and
 - Greyhound racing precedents.
7. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 4 at the Bathurst meeting on 21 December 2020 pursuant to Rule 83(4) of the Rules.

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