



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	Thursday 6 April 2023
Decision-maker:	Steward Sam Woolaston, Cadet Steward Peter Phillips
Name of relevant person:	Ranald Dawes
Track:	Taree
Date:	11 January 2023
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Mr Ranald Dawes presented the greyhound 'Hally Mulwee' ("Greyhound") for the purposes of competing in race 3 at the Taree meeting on 11 January 2023 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
Prohibited Substance(s):	Arsenic
Plea:	Guilty
Disciplinary action taken:	\$1000 fine

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 21 February 2023, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post event urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'Hally Mulwee' at the Taree meeting on 11 January 2023.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Racing Chemistry Laboratory confirming the presence of Arsenic.

DECISION:

1. Mr Dawes is a registered Public Trainer and the trainer of 'Hally Mulwee' ("Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 3 of the Taree meeting on 11 January 2023. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post event swab revealed the presence of Arsenic in excess of the screening limit of 800 nanograms per millilitre.
3. Arsenic in excess of the screening limit of 800 nanograms per millilitre is a prohibited substance under Rule 140(g) of the Rules,

4. On Thursday 30 March 2023 Mr Dawes was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”).
5. In the Notice issued on 30 March 2023 the decision makers charged Mr Dawes with an offence under Rule 141(1)(a) of the Greyhound Racing Rules, which reads:

Rule 141(1), Rules

(1) The owner, trainer or other person in charge of a greyhound:

(a) nominated to compete in an Event;

...

must present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance.

...

(3) The owner, trainer or person in charge of a greyhound presented contrary to subrule (1) of this rule shall be guilty of an offence.

6. The Notice proposed a penalty of a Four Month Suspension and invited Mr Dawes to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
7. At the hearing conducted on Thursday 6th April 2023, Mr Dawes:

(a) entered a plea of guilty and;

(b) had verbal and written submissions tendered on his behalf by Ms Joanne Russell who assisted Mr. Dawes in the matter.

8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Dawes’ plea and submissions, as well as all available evidence. The decision makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Dawes:

To issue a \$1,000 fine

8. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr Dawes’ guilty plea (25% reduction);
 - Mr Dawes’ 63 years of involvement in the industry and good record;
 - Voluntary contribution to the industry;
 - No prior offending for a similar matter;
 - GWIC penalty guidelines.

9. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 3 at the Taree meeting on 11 January 2023 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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