



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: Monday 13 May 2024

Decision-maker: Steward Sam Woolaston and Steward Peter Phillips

Name of relevant person: Paul Young

Track: Maitland

Date: 15 January 2024

Rule no.: 141(1)(a)

Charge(s): Mr Paul Young presented the greyhound 'Isle of Arran' for the purposes of competing in race 5 at the Maitland meeting on 15 January 2024 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance

Prohibited Substance(s): Lignocaine and 3-Hydroxylignocaine

Plea: Guilty

Disciplinary action taken: To issue a fine of \$750

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 28 February 2024, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Isle of Arran" at the Maitland meeting on 15 January 2024.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory confirming the presence of Lignocaine and 3-Hydroxylignocaine.

DECISION:

1. Mr Young is a registered Owner Trainer and the trainer of "Isle of Arran" ("the Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 5 of the Maitland meeting on 15 January 2024. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post-event swab revealed the presence of Lignocaine and 3-Hydroxylignocaine.

3. Lignocaine and 3-Hydroxylignocaine is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.
4. On 30 April 2024 Mr Young was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**").
5. In the Notice issued on 30 April 2024 the decision makers charged Mr Young 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.

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(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 two-month suspension and invited Mr Young to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
7. On 3 May 2024, Mr Young contacted decision makers and:
 - a) entered a plea of guilty; and
 - b) made written submissions
8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Young's plea and submissions, as well as all available evidence. The decision makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Young:

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9. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr Young's guilty plea (25% reduction)
 - Mr Young's 37-year registration history with no like prior offences
 - The participant was able to offer a plausible explanation for the detection of the prohibited substance
 - GWIC penalty guidelines

10. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 5 at the Maitland meeting on 15 January 2024 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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