



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: Monday 12 February 2024
Decision-maker: Steward Sam Woolaston and Steward Peter Phillips
Name of relevant person: Neville Broadbent
Track: The Gardens
Date: 18 August 2023
Rule no.: 141(1)(a)
Charge(s):

Mr Neville Broadbent presented the greyhound 'Carpenter's Arms' for the purposes of competing in race 7 at The Gardens meeting on 18 August 2023 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance.

Prohibited Substance(s): 5 β Androstane-3 α , 17 β -Diol
Plea: Guilty

Disciplinary action taken: 8 Month Disqualification

The period of disqualification is backdated to the commencement of the existing interim suspension, 15 November 2023, and accordingly expires 15 July 2024.

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 9 October 2023, the Commission investigated the results of a post-race urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Carpenter's Arms" at The Gardens meeting on 18 August 2023.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Racing Science Centre confirming the presence 5 β Androstane-3 α , 17 β -Diol.

DECISION:

1. Mr. Broadbent is a registered Public Trainer and the trainer of “Carpenter’s Arms” (“the Greyhound”). The Greyhound competed in race 7 at The Gardens meeting on 18 August 2023. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post-race swab revealed the presence of 5 β Androstane-3 α , 17 β -Diol.
3. 5 β Androstane-3 α , 17 β -Diol at a mass concentration greater than 10ng/mL is a permanently banned prohibited substance under Rule 139(1)(t).
4. On 31 January 2024 Mr Broadbent was issued with a notice of charge (“**Notice**”)
5. In the Notice issued on 31 January 2024 the decision makers charged Mr Broadbent with a charge for breaching the following Greyhound Racing Rule:

Rule 141(1), Rules

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

(a) nominated to compete in an Event;

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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 invited Mr Broadbent to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
7. On Monday February 12, 2024, Mr Broadbent attended a hearing held via Microsoft Teams and;
 - entered a guilty plea; and
 - made verbal submissions.
8. In determining the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Broadbent’s plea and submissions, as well as all available evidence. The decision makers found the charges proven and issued the below penalties;

Charge 1 – To impose an 8-month disqualification, with the period of disqualification backdated to the commencement of the existing interim suspension, 15 November 2023, and accordingly expires 15 July 2024.

9. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:

- Mr Broadbent's guilty plea
- Mr Broadbent's 24-year registration history
- No previous offence for a like matter.
- Mr. Broadbent's forthright evidence and co-operation throughout the investigation
- GWIC penalty guidelines and precedents

10. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 7 at The Gardens meeting on 18 August 2023 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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