

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION

DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	4 May 2020
Decision-maker:	Chief Executive Officer, Judith Lind
Name of relevant person:	Mr Allen Williams
Track:	Wentworth Park
Date:	9 November 2019
Rule no.:	Rule 83(2)(a)
Charge(s):	(1) Mr Williams presented the greyhound 'Typhoon To Excel' (" Greyhound ") for the purposes of competing in race 9 at the Wentworth Park meeting on 9 November 2019 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance.
Prohibited substance(s):	Lignocaine and 3-hydroxylignocaine
Disciplinary action taken:	10-week suspension

REPORT:

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from the Racing Analytical Services Laboratory, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-race urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'Typhoon To Excel' ("**Greyhound**") at the Wentworth Park meeting on 9 November 2019.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory, confirming the presence of lignocaine and 3-hydroxylignocaine.

After considering the evidence, the Commission charged Mr Williams with a breach of Rule 83(2)(a) of the Commission's Greyhound Racing Rules ("**Rules**") given that the pre-race urine sample taken from the Greyhound confirmed the presence of prohibited substances lignocaine and 3-hydroxylignocaine.

Mr Williams denied the charge.

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

DECISION:

1. Mr Williams is a registered greyhound trainer and the trainer of the Greyhound. The Greyhound competed in race 9 at the Wentworth Park meeting on 9 November 2019 (“Event”) and a pre-Event urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The pre-Event swab revealed the presence of lignocaine and 3-hydroxylignocaine. Lignocaine and 3-hydroxylignocaine are prohibited substances under Rule 1 of the Rules.
3. The Commission charged Mr Williams 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;
 - (b) presented for a satisfactory, weight or whelping trial or such other trial as provided for pursuant to these Rules; or
 - (c) presented for any test or examination for the purpose of a period of incapacitation or prohibition being varied or revokedshall present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance.
4. Mr Williams denied the charge, provided submissions and elected to have the disciplinary proceeding conducted in writing.
5. The Commission found the charge proven and Mr Williams formally guilty of the offence on the following basis:
 - The presentation of the Greyhound, trained by Mr Williams, for the purposes of competing in the Event; and
 - The Certificates of Analysis confirming the detection the prohibited substances.
6. The Commission took the following disciplinary action against Mr Williams:

To suspend his trainer registration for a period of 10 weeks.
7. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr Williams has been a registered participant in the industry for approximately 4 years;
 - Mr Williams has no history of any prohibited substance matters;
 - NSW greyhound racing penalty guidelines and precedents;
 - Mr Williams submissions in response to the charge.
8. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 9 at the Wentworth Park meeting on 9 November 2019 pursuant to Rule 83(4).

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