

## **GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION**

### **DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION**

<b>Date of decision:</b>	8 May 2025
<b>Decision-maker:</b>	Senior Steward Zane Turner and Senior Steward Kevin Adams
<b>Name of relevant person:</b>	Raymond Lee
<b>Track</b>	The Gardens
<b>Date:</b>	8 February 2025
<b>Rule no.:</b>	141(1)(a)
<b>Charge(s):</b>	Mr Raymond Lee presented the greyhound 'Kinloch Babe' for the purpose of competing in race 7 at The Gardens meeting on 8 February 2025 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
<b>Prohibited Substance(s):</b>	5 $\beta$ Androstane-3 $\alpha$ , 17 $\beta$ -Diol
<b>Plea:</b>	Guilty
<b>Disciplinary action taken:</b>	<p>To issue a disqualification of 30 months, to commence 8 May 2025;</p> <p>In addition, the decision makers activated the 6-month suspension imposed by the Racing Appeals Tribunal dated from 1 January 2025, which was wholly suspended by the Tribunal, conditional upon Mr Lee not committing any further offences during that period;</p> <p>With both penalties to be served concurrently; and</p> <p>With the period of disqualification to expire at 11.59pm on 7 November 2027.</p>

### **INVESTIGATION**

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited, dated 24 March 2025, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a pre-event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Kinloch Babe" at The Gardens meeting on 8 February 2025.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Racing Science Centre confirming the presence of 5 $\beta$  Androstane-3 $\alpha$ , 17 $\beta$ -Diol at a concentration above 10 nanograms per millilitre.

## DECISION:

1. Mr Lee is a registered Public Trainer and Breeder and the trainer of “Kinloch Babe” (“**the Greyhound**”). The Greyhound competed in race 7 of The Gardens meeting on 8 February 2025. Prior to the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The pre-event swab revealed the presence of 5 $\beta$  Androstane-3 $\alpha$ , 17 $\beta$ -Diol.
3. 5 $\beta$  Androstane-3 $\alpha$ , 17 $\beta$ -Diol at a concentration above 10 nanograms per millilitre in a sample of urine taken from a female greyhound is a permanently banned prohibited substance, under Rule 139(1)(t) of the Greyhound Racing Rules (“**Rules**”).
4. On 24 April 2025, Mr Lee was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”). In the Notice, the decision makers charged Mr Lee with an offence under Rule 141(1)(a) of the 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.

5. The Notice invited Mr Lee to attend a hearing on Thursday 1 May 2025, at which time he would have the opportunity to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the Charge.
6. On Wednesday 30 April 2025, decision makers agreed to reschedule the date of the hearing to Monday 5 May 2025, to allow Mr. Lee to attend the hearing in person.
7. On Monday 5 May 2025, decision makers heard the matter at the Maitland Greyhound Club, in which Mr Lee was in attendance, and via Microsoft Teams. He entered a plea of guilty and made verbal submissions in respect of the Charge.
8. Following consideration of Mr. Lee’s guilty plea and submissions, the decision makers found the charge proven. At that time in the hearing, decision makers provided Mr Lee with a Notice of Proposed Penalty, which outlined the penalty that they were considering imposing in relation to the offence. Mr Lee was invited to make submissions in respect of the proposed penalty.
9. Following consideration of Mr Lee’s submissions in respect of the proposed penalty, the decision makers determined to take the following disciplinary action against Mr Lee:

**Charge 141(1)(a):** To issue a disqualification of 30 months, to commence 8 May 2025;

In addition, the decision makers activated the 6-month suspension imposed by the Racing Appeals Tribunal dated from 1 January 2025, which was wholly suspended by the Tribunal, conditional upon Mr Lee not committing any further offences during that period;

With both penalties to be served concurrently; and

With the period of disqualification to expire at 11.59pm on 7 November 2027.

10. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all the material and evidence before them, including:

- Mr Lee's guilty plea;
- Mr Lee's disciplinary history over a registration period of 65 years, which includes three prior prohibited substance offences since February 2023. Decision makers were of the opinion that Mr Lee's disciplinary history was such that it did not warrant any leniency or further reduction in penalty;
- Mr Lee's verbal submissions;
- Mr Lee's personal and professional circumstances;
- The principles of specific and general deterrence; and
- The objective seriousness of the offence.

11. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 7 of The Gardens meeting on 8 February 2025 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

12. Mr. Lee was an appellant before the Racing Appeal Tribunal in December 2024, regarding a breach of Rule 141(1)(a). In determining the matter, the Tribunal imposed a six-month suspension to date from 1 January 2025, which was wholly suspended, conditional upon Mr Lee not committing any further offences during that period.

13. As a result of Mr Lee committing a further offence during that period, decision makers in this matter determined to activate that six-month suspension.

14. In considering that Mr Lee will serve a 30-month disqualification for this offending and will be required to reapply for any registration at the completion of the disqualification period, the decision makers determined that the 6-month suspension should be served concurrently with the disqualification period imposed in this matter.

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