

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	28 May 2025
Decision-maker:	Acting Chief Steward Dean Degan and Steward Ken Storck
Name of relevant person:	Jeremy McGrath
Track	Richmond
Date:	19 February 2025
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Mr Jeremy McGrath presented the greyhound 'Zipping Monroe' for the purpose of competing in race 1 at the Richmond meeting on 19 February 2025 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
Prohibited Substance(s):	Ostarine
Plea:	Guilty
Disciplinary action taken:	To issue a disqualification of 18 months, to commence 28 May 2025 and expire 28 November 2026

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited, dated 7 April 2025, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Zipping Monroe" at the Richmond meeting on 19 February 2025.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory confirming the presence of Ostarine.

DECISION:

1. Mr McGrath is a registered Public Trainer and the trainer of "Zipping Monroe" (**"the Greyhound"**). The Greyhound competed in race 1 of the Richmond meeting on 19 February 2025. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post event swab revealed the presence of Ostarine.
3. Ostarine is a permanently banned prohibited substance, under Rule 139(1)(j) of the Greyhound Racing Rules (**"Rules"**).

4. On 19 May 2025, Mr McGrath was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**"). In the Notice, the decision makers charged Mr McGrath 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;

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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.

5. The Notice invited Mr McGrath to attend a hearing on Friday 23 May 2025, at which time he would have the opportunity to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the Charge and proposed penalty.
6. On Thursday 22 May 2025, decision makers agreed to reschedule the date of the hearing to Wednesday 28 May 2025
7. On Thursday 22 May 2025 the owner of the Greyhound contacted the decision makers and provided written submissions.
8. On Monday 26 May 2025 Mr McGrath contacted decision makers and;
- Entered a plea of guilty; and
 - Provided written submissions
9. On Tuesday 27 May 2025 Mr McGrath contacted decision makers and;
- Provided further written submissions
10. On Wednesday 28 May 2025, decision makers heard the matter via Microsoft Teams. Mr McGrath attended the hearing and made verbal submissions in respect of the Charge and proposed penalty.
11. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr McGrath's plea and submissions, as well as all available evidence. The decision makers found the charge proven and determined to take the following disciplinary action against Mr McGrath:
- Charge 141(1)(a):** To issue a disqualification of 18 months, to commence 28 May 2025 and to expire 28 November 2026
12. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all the material and evidence before them, including:

- Mr McGrath's guilty plea (25% reduction);
- Mr McGrath's disciplinary history over a registration period of 21 years, with no prior prohibited substance offences;
- Mr McGrath's written and verbal submissions;
- Mr McGrath's personal and professional circumstances;
- The principles of specific and general deterrence; and
- The objective seriousness of the offence.

13. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 1 of the Richmond meeting on 19 February 2025 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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