

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION

DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	6 August 2025
Decision-maker:	Steward Angus Chippindale and Steward Shane O'Shea
Name of relevant person:	Karl Miller
Track	Taree
Date:	3 May 2025
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Mr Karl Miller presented the greyhound 'Can't Extend' for the purpose of competing in race 3 at the Taree meeting on 3 May 2025 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
Prohibited Substance(s):	Sotalol
Plea:	Guilty
Disciplinary action taken:	To issue a fine of \$1000

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 17 June 2025, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a pre event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Can't Extend" at the Taree meeting on 3 May 2025.

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

DECISION:

1. Mr Miller is a registered Public Trainer and the trainer of "Can't Extend" ("the **Greyhound**"). The Greyhound competed in race 3 of the Taree meeting on 3 May 2025. Prior to the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The pre-event swab revealed the presence of Sotalol.
3. Sotalol is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the Rules

4. On Wednesday 30 July 2025 Mr Miller was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**").
5. In the Notice issued on 30 July 2025 the decision makers charged Mr Miller 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.
 - ...
 - (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 Miller to attend a hearing on Wednesday 6 August 2025 at which time he would have the opportunity to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge and proposed penalty.
7. At the hearing held on Wednesday 6 August 2025, at the Taree Greyhound Club, Mr Miller;
 - Entered a plea of guilty;
 - Provided written submissions; and
 - Made verbal submissions
8. In considering the matter, decision makers considered Mr Miller'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 Miller:

Charge 141(1)(a): To issue a fine of \$,1000

9. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr Miller's Guilty plea (25% reduction);
 - Mr Miller's 23-year registration record, with no prior prohibited substance offences;
 - Mr Miller's plausible explanation, and supportive evidence, of how the substance entered the greyhound's system;
 - Mr Miller's personal circumstances; and

- GWIC penalty guidelines

10. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 3 at the Taree meeting on 3 May 2025 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules

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