

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION

DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	22 October 2025
Decision-maker:	Steward Geoff Page and Acting Senior Steward Ben Boyce Mortlock
Name of relevant person:	Graham Roylett
Track:	Richmond
Date:	27 June 2025
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Mr Graham Roylett presented the greyhound 'Basket Press' for the purpose of competing in race 10 at the Richmond meeting of 27 June 2025 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance.
Plea:	Guilty
Prohibited Substance(s):	Caffeine and its metabolites Theophylline, Paraxanthine and Theobromine
Disciplinary action taken:	To issue a fine of \$1800 and a 10 week suspension, with the suspension wholly and conditionally suspended for 12 months subject to Mr Roylett not breaching this, or any like, rule in this period.

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 30 July 2025, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a pre-race urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Basket Press" at the Richmond meeting on 27 June 2025.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory confirming the presence of Caffeine and its metabolites Theophylline, Paraxanthine and Theobromine.

DECISION:

1. Mr Roylett is a registered Owner Trainer and the trainer of "Basket Press" ("the Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 10 at the Richmond meeting on 27 June 2025. Prior to the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.

2. The pre-race swab revealed the presence of Caffeine and its metabolites Theophylline, Paraxanthine and Theobromine.
3. Caffeine and its metabolites Theophylline, Paraxanthine and Theobromine is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.
4. On Monday 13 October 2025 Mr Roylett was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**").
5. In the Notice issued on 13 October 2025 the decision makers charged Mr Roylett 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 Roylett to attend a hearing on Monday 20 October 2025 at which time he would have the opportunity to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the Charge and proposed penalty. The penalty proposed in the notice was a 4-month suspension.
7. On Tuesday 14 October 2025 decision makers agreed to reschedule the date of the hearing to Wednesday 22 October 2025 to allow Mr Roylett to attend the hearing in person.
8. On Sunday 19 October 2025, Mr Roylett contacted decision makers and;
 - entered a plea of guilty, and
 - provided written submissions
9. On Wednesday 22 October 2025, Mr Roylett attended a hearing held at the Richmond Greyhound Track and;
 - made verbal submissions.
10. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Roylett'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 Roylett:

Charge 141 (1) (a): To issue a fine of \$1800 and a 10 week suspension, with the suspension wholly and conditionally suspended for 12 months subject to Mr Roylett not breaching this, or any like, rule in this period.

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

- Mr Roylett's guilty plea (25% reduction)
- Mr Roylett's 52-year registration history, with no prior prohibited substance offences;
- Mr Roylett's cooperation, forthright evidence, and personal circumstances;
- Mr Roylett's plausible explanation of how the substance entered the greyhound's system; and
- GWIC penalty guidelines and precedents

12. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 10 at the Richmond meeting on 27 June 2025 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.