

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION

DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	10 November 2025
Decision-maker:	Steward Sam Woolaston and Casual Steward Beck Crawley
Name of relevant person:	Karl Miller
Track	Taree
Date:	2 July 2025
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Mr Karl Miller presented the greyhound 'Kingsbrae Ted' for the purpose of competing in race 7 at the Taree meeting on 2 July 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 5 month suspension, wholly and conditionally suspended for 12 months conditional on Mr Miller not breaching this, or any like, rule in this period. To issue a fine of \$1500

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 31 July 2025, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Kingsbrae Ted" at the Taree meeting on 2 July 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 "Kingsbrae Ted" ("the **Greyhound**"). The Greyhound competed in race 7 of the Taree meeting on 2 July 2025. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.

2. The post event swab revealed the presence of Sotalol.
3. Sotalol is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the Rules
4. On Monday 13 October 2025 Mr Miller 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 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 Saturday 18 October 2025 at which time he would have the opportunity to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
 7. At the hearing held on Saturday 18 October 2025, at the Taree Greyhound Club, Mr Miller made verbal submissions. The hearing was then adjourned to allow further submissions and evidence to be provided.
 8. On Monday 10 November 2025, Mr Miller contacted decision makers and;
 - Entered a plea of guilty; and
 - Provided written submissions
 9. Following consideration of Mr Miller's plea and submissions, decision makers found the charge proven. At that time in the hearing, decision makers provided Mr Miller with a Notice of Proposed Penalty, which outlined the penalty that they were

considering imposing in relation to the offence. Mr Miller was invited to make submissions in respect of the proposed penalty

10. Following consideration of Mr Miller's submissions in respect of the proposed penalty, decision makers determined to impose the following disciplinary action upon him:

Charge 141(1)(a): To issue a 5 month suspension, wholly and conditionally suspended for 12 months conditional on Mr Miller not breaching this, or any like, rule in this period.

To issue a fine of \$1500

11. Whilst noting that this offence is a second presentation offence, decision makers were cognisant of the short period between the initial A sample notification and the sample in question being collected, denying the participant an opportunity to amend his animal husbandry practices. As such, decision makers deviated from the Commissions Penalty Guidelines when considering penalty.

12. 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 one prior prohibited substance offence within the past 12 months;
- Mr Miller's plausible explanation, and supportive evidence, of how the substance entered the greyhound's system; and
- Mr Miller's personal circumstances

13. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 7 at the Taree meeting on 2 July 2025 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules

.....End.....