

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION

DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 1 December 2025

Decision-maker: Steward Peter Phillips and Steward Jason Hodder

Name of relevant person: Peter Rodgers

Track Gosford

Date: 2 September 2025

Rule no.: 141(1)(a)

Charge(s): Mr Peter Rodgers presented the greyhound 'Classic Ethics' for the purpose of competing in race 7 at the Gosford meeting on 2 September 2025 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance

Prohibited Substance(s): Meloxicam

Plea: Guilty

Disciplinary action taken: To issue a \$500 fine

To issue a four week suspension, with the suspension wholly and conditionally suspended for 12 months conditional on Mr Rodgers not breaching this, or any like, rule in this period.

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 14 October 2025, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Classic Ethics" at the Gosford meeting on 2 September 2025.

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

DECISION:

1. Mr Rodgers is a registered Public Trainer and Breeder Whelper and the trainer of "Classic Ethics" ("the Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 7 of the Gosford meeting on 2 September 2025. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.

2. The post event swab revealed the presence of Meloxicam.
3. Meloxicam, which exceeds the screening limit of a mass concentration of 5 nanograms per millilitre in a sample of plasma or 2 nanograms per millilitre in a sample of urine, is a prohibited substance under Rule 146 of the Rules.
4. On Friday 14 November 2025 Mr Rodgers was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**").
5. In the Notice issued on 14 November 2025 the decision makers charged Mr Rodgers 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;

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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.

6. The Notice invited Mr Rodgers to attend a hearing on Monday 1 December 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 2-month suspension.
7. On Monday 1 December 2025, Mr Rodgers attended a hearing held via Microsoft Teams and;
 - Entered a plea of guilty; and
 - Made verbal submissions
8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Rodger'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 Rodger's:

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To issue a four week suspension, with the suspension wholly and conditionally suspended for 12 months conditional on Mr Rodgers not breaching this, or any like, rule in this period.

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

- Mr Rodger's guilty plea (25% reduction)
- Mr Rodger's 41-year registration history;
- Mr Rodger's cooperation and forthright evidence; and
- GWIC penalty guidelines

10. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 7 at the Gosford meeting on 2 September 2025 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules, and race 7 at the Gosford meeting on 9 September 2025 pursuant to Rule 141(5) of the Rules.

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