



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	24 February 2026
Decision-maker:	Acting Chief Steward Paul Van Gestel and Steward David Patman
Name of relevant person:	Andrew Katalinic
Track	Wentworth Park
Date:	6 September 2025
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Mr Andrew Katalinic presented the greyhound 'Mickayla Swift' for the purpose of competing in race 5 at the Wentworth Park meeting on 6 September 2025 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
Prohibited Substance(s):	5 β Androstane-3 α , 17 β -Diol
Plea:	Guilty
Disciplinary action taken:	To issue a 12 month disqualification, commencing 24 February 2026 and expiring midnight 23 February 2027

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited, dated 13 October 2025, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Mickayla Swift" at the Wentworth Park meeting on 6 September 2025.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Racing Chemistry Laboratory confirming the presence of 5 β Androstane-3 α , 17 β -Diol at a concentration above 10 nanograms per millilitre.

DECISION:

1. Mr Katalinic is a registered Public Trainer and the trainer of "Mickayla Swift" ("**the Greyhound**"). The Greyhound competed in race 5 of the Wentworth Park meeting on 6 September 2025. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.

2. The post event swab revealed the presence of 5 β Androstane-3 α , 17 β -Diol.
3. 5 β Androstane-3 α , 17 β -Diol at a concentration above 10 nanograms per millilitre in a sample of urine taken from a female greyhound is a permanently banned prohibited substance, under Rule 139(1)(t) of the Greyhound Racing Rules (“**Rules**”).
4. On Friday 13 February 2026, Mr Katalinic was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”). In the Notice, the decision makers charged Mr Katalinic 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;

...

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.

5. The Notice invited Mr Katalinic to attend a hearing on Tuesday 24 February 2026, 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 two year disqualification.
6. On Tuesday 24 February 2026, decision makers heard the matter via Microsoft Teams. Mr Katalinic entered a plea of guilty and made verbal submissions in respect of the charge and proposed penalty.
7. In considering the matter, decision makers considered Mr Katalinic’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 Katalinic:

Charge 141(1)(a): To issue a 12 month disqualification, commencing 24 February 2026 and expiring midnight 23 February 2027

8. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all the material and evidence before them, including:
 - Mr Katalinic’s guilty plea (25% reduction);
 - Mr Katalinic’s personal circumstances;
 - Mr Katalinic’s verbal submissions;
 - Principles of specific and general deterrence;

- The objective seriousness of the offence; and
- GWIC Penalty Guidelines.

9. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 5 of the Wentworth Park meeting on 6 September 2025 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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