



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: Wednesday 11 October 2023

Decision-maker: Chief Steward Troy Vassallo and Steward Shannon Kearney

Name of relevant person: Rob Tyler

Track: Richmond

Date: 25 June 2023

Rule no.: 141(1)(a)

Charge(s): Mr Rob Tyler presented the greyhound 'White Amazon' for the purposes of competing in race 6 at the Richmond meeting on 25 June 2023 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance.

Plea: Guilty

Prohibited Substance(s): Heptaminol

Disciplinary action taken: To issue a 3-month suspension, to commence Thursday 12 October 2023 and to expire on Thursday 11 January 2024.

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 25 July 2023, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-race urine sample taken from the greyhound, "White Amazon" at the Richmond meeting on 25 June 2023.

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

DECISION:

1. Mr Tyler is a registered Public Trainer, Breeder and Studmaster and the trainer of "White Amazon" ("the Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 6 at the Richmond meeting on 25 June 2023. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post-race swab revealed the presence of Heptaminol.

3. Heptaminol is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.
4. On Thursday 21 September 2023 Mr Tyler was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**").
5. In the Notice issued on 21 September 2023 the decision makers proposed a penalty of a 6-month suspension and charged Mr Tyler 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 Tyler to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
7. Mr Tyler provided written submissions, including references, and entered a plea of guilty.
8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Tyler'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 Tyler:

Charge 141 (1) (a): 3-month suspension, to commence immediately and to expire on Thursday 11 January 2024.

9. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Guilty plea (25% reduction)
 - Mr Tyler's approximate 44-year registration history
 - Second offence

- GWIC penalty guidelines
- Personal and professional circumstances
- The decision-makers were unable to determine the cause for Heptaminol being detected in the sample.

10. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 6 at the Richmond meeting on 25 June 2023 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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