



**GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION**  
**DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION**

<b>Date of decision:</b>	29 July 2022
<b>Decision-makers:</b>	Senior Steward, Kevin Adams and Steward, Shane O'Shea.
<b>Name of relevant person:</b>	Mr Jordan Eric Chandler
<b>Track:</b>	Maitland
<b>Date:</b>	2 May 2022
<b>Rule no.:</b>	141(1)(a)
<b>Charge(s):</b>	Mr Chandler presented the greyhound 'Duker's Diesel' (" <b>Greyhound</b> ") for the purposes of competing in race 5 at the Maitland meeting on 2 May 2022 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
<b>Prohibited Substance(s):</b>	Dexamethasone
<b>Disciplinary action taken:</b>	To suspend Mr Chandler's registration for a period of 6-weeks.

**INVESTIGATION**

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 16 June 2022, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-Event urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'Duker's Diesel' ("**Greyhound**") at the Maitland meeting on 2 May 2022.

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

**DECISION:**

1. Mr Chandler is a registered greyhound trainer and the trainer of the Greyhound. The Greyhound competed in race 5 of the Maitland meeting on 2 May 2022 ("**Event**"). Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post-Event swab revealed the presence of dexamethasone. Dexamethasone is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules ("**Rules**").
3. On 15 July 2022 Mr Chandler was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**") in relation to the charge, setting out the proposed disciplinary action to be taken and the grounds in support of that proposed disciplinary action. The Notice also provided a brief of evidence for the charge.

4. In the Notice issued on 15 July 2022 the decision makers charged Mr Chandler with the offence under Rule 141(1)(a), which reads:

(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 proposed a penalty of an 8-week suspension and invited Mr Chandler to attend a scheduled hearing to enter a plea in relation to the charge and to make submissions in relation to the charge and the proposed penalty.

6. On 19 July 2022 Mr Chandler emailed the Commission, entering a plea of guilty to the Charge and requesting the matter continue in writing.

7. On 26 July 2022 Mr Chandler made written submissions to the decision makers in respect to the Charge.

8. On 29 July 2022 Mr Chandler attended the scheduled hearing with the decision makers and reiterated his plea of guilty and made verbal submissions in respect to penalty in addition to written submissions previously provided.

9. The decision makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Chandler:

**Charge (141(1)(a)):** To suspend Mr Chandler's registration for a period of 6-weeks.

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

- Greyhound racing penalty precedents in NSW;
- The length of time Mr Chandler has held a trainer registration, being since May 2021 a period of approximately 12-months. This short period of involvement in the industry did not allow for any mitigation of penalty based on time in the industry;
- Mr Chandler's disciplinary history – noting this was his first breach of the Rules since joining the greyhound racing industry;
- Mr Chandler's sincerity and forthright evidence;
- Mr Chandler's plea of guilty at the earliest opportunity, which granted Mr Chandler the usual 25% discount of the proposed disciplinary action;

- Other factors considered included Mr Chandler's explanation of the likely source of the positive result and his subsequent review of and amendments to his animal husbandry practices;
- In determining the appropriate penalty, the decision makers had regard for the Commission's decision of *Brewer* in September 2021 and the Commission's Penalty Guidelines brought into effect in January 2022.

11. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 5 at the Maitland meeting on 2 May 2022 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

12. The decision makers determined to defer commencement of the penalty until midnight 31 July 2022

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