



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

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| Date of decision: | 22 August 2022 |
| Decision-makers: | Senior Steward, Kevin Adams, Steward, Paul Van Gestel and Steward, Jason Hodder |
| Name of relevant person: | Mr Clifford Beattie |
| Track: | Taree |
| Date: | 8 June 2022 |
| Rule no.: | 141(1)(a) ¹ |
| Charge(s): | Mr Beattie presented the greyhound 'Exceeding Limits' (" Greyhound ") for the purposes of competing in race 8 at the Taree meeting on 8 June 2022 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance |
| Prohibited Substance(s): | Guaifensin |
| Disciplinary action taken: | To issue Mr Beattie a fine in the sum of \$1125.00, with \$125.00 conditionally suspended for a period of 2-years, subject to Mr Beattie not breaching Rule 141(1)(a) or like Rule in that period. |

Investigation

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 7 July 2022, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a pre-Event urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'Exceeding Limits' ("**Greyhound**") at the Taree meeting on 8 June 2022.

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

DECISION:

1. Mr Beattie is a registered greyhound trainer and the trainer of the Greyhound. The Greyhound competed in race 8 of the Taree meeting on 8 June 2022. Prior to the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.

¹ This is the applicable rule in force at the time of the offence. Rule 141(1) of the Greyhound Racing Rules as published 1 May 2022 is the comparative rule.

2. The pre-Event swab revealed the presence of guaifenesin. Guaifensin is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules (“**Rules**”).
3. On 8 August 2022 Mr Beattie 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 8 August 2022 the decision makers charged Mr Beattie 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;
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must present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance.

5. The Notice proposed a penalty of a \$1500.00 fine and invited Mr Beattie 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 22 August 2022 Mr Beattie attended the scheduled hearing with the decision makers and entered a plea of guilty.
7. The decision makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Beattie:

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| Charge (141(1)(a)): | To issue Mr Beattie a fine in the sum of \$1125.00., with \$125.00 conditionally suspended for a period of 2-years subject to Mr Beattie not breaching Rule 141(1)(a) or like Rule in that period. |
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8. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Greyhound racing penalty precedents in NSW;
 - The length of time Mr Beattie has held a trainer registration, being since 1986 a period of approximately 36 years;
 - Mr Beattie’s disciplinary history – particularly Mr Beattie’s lack of any prior breaches of the Rules, a notable record in the greyhound racing industry;
 - Mr Beattie’s plea of guilty at the earliest opportunity;
 - Mr Beattie’s explanation as to the likely source of the positive result;
 - Mr Beattie’s review of and amendments to his husbandry practices, in an attempt to avoid any future breaches of Rule 141(1)(a).

9. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 8 at the Taree meeting on 8 June 2022 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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