



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

**Date of decision:** 22 September 2021

**Decision-makers:** Chief Inspector, David OShannessy, Director Compliance & Legal Services, Matthew Tutt, Director Race Day Operations (Chief Steward), Wade Birch

**Name of relevant person:** Mr Wayne Wakem

**Track:** N/A

**Date:** 16 April 2021

**Rule no.:** Rule 79A(7)

**Charge(s):** (1) Mr Wakem had in his possession at his registered kennels on 16 April 2021 two bottles, which following testing were found to contain a permanently banned prohibited substance, namely myo-inositol trispyrophosphate

**Permanently Banned Prohibited Substance:** Myo-inositol trispyrophosphate ("ITPP")

**Disciplinary action taken:** 8-month disqualification

**REPORT:**

During an inspection of Mr Wakem's premises, Commission Inspectors located a number of substances and these were surrendered to the Inspectors. Testing was conducted by Racing Analytical Services Ltd ("**Laboratory**").

After considering the evidence the Commission charged Mr Wakem with a breach of Rule 79A(7) of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules ("**Rules**") in relation to two of the substances found.

Mr Wakem admitted the charge.

The disciplinary action was conducted in writing in accordance with the participant's election.

**DECISION:**

1. Mr Wakem is, and was at the material time being on 16 April 2021, a registered greyhound trainer and breeder.

2. On 16 April 2021, a kennel inspection was conducted by GWIC inspectors at Mr Wakem's registered kennel address. Mr Wakem present at the time of the inspection.
3. During that kennel inspection, a number of substances were seized, including two amber bottles. These two amber bottles contained liquid, were labelled "ITPP" and appeared to have been used.
4. Testing by the Laboratory of the liquid in the bottles confirmed the presence of myo-inositol trispyrophosphate ("ITPP").
5. ITPP is a permanently banned prohibited substance under Rule 79A(2)(xxii) of the Rules and it is an offence to possess these substances under Rule 79A(7) of the Rules.
6. The Commission charged Mr Wakem under Rule 79A(7) for the possession of the permanently banned prohibited substance, which reads:

**Rule 79A(7)**

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- (7) If any substance or preparation that could give rise to an offence under this rule if administered to a greyhound at any time is found at any time at any premises used in relation to the training or racing of greyhounds then any registered person who owns, trains or races or is in charge of greyhounds at those premises is deemed to have the substance or preparation in their possession and such person shall be guilty of an offence and liable to penalty.

7. Mr Wakem admitted the charge and elected to have the disciplinary proceeding conducted in writing.
8. The Commission found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Wakem:

To disqualify Mr Wakem for 8 months,

with the time served under interim suspension taken into account as time served.

9. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence, including:
  - Mr Wakem has held a trainer registration since 1977, approximately 44 years;
  - Mr Wakem has no history of like matters;
  - Mr Wakem's admission of the charge at the earliest opportunity;
  - The objective seriousness of charge, relating to a permanently banned prohibited substance, which should not be possessed at any time or in any form;
  - NSW greyhound racing precedents; and
  - Mr Wakem's submissions in mitigation of penalty, including his personal circumstances, his remorse and the steps he has taken to ensure this offending never occurs again.

.....End.....