



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

**Date of decision:** 26 October 2021

**Decision-makers:** Director Compliance, Policy & Legal, Matthew Tutt, A/Deputy Chief Inspector, Shaye Barrow and Director Race Day Operations & Integrity, Wade Birch

**Name of relevant person:** Mr Carl Moss

**Track:** Coonamble

**Date:** 30 June 2021

**Rule no.:** Rule 83(2)(a)

**Charge(s):** (1) Mr Moss presented the greyhound 'Crown Max' ("**Greyhound**") for the purposes of competing in race 1 at the Coonamble meeting on 30 June 2021 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance

**Prohibited Substance(s):** Caffeine and its metabolites theophylline, paraxanthine and theobromine

**Disciplinary action taken:** 12-week suspension

**REPORT:**

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-race urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'Crown Max' ("**Greyhound**") at the Coonamble meeting on 30 June 2021.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory, confirming the presence of caffeine and its metabolites theophylline, paraxanthine and theobromine.

Mr Moss denied the charge.

The disciplinary action was conducted in writing in accordance with Mr Moss' election.

**DECISION:**

1. Mr Moss is a registered greyhound trainer and the trainer of the Greyhound. The Greyhound competed in race 1 of the Coonamble meeting on 30 June 2021 (“Event”). Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post-Event swab revealed the presence of caffeine and its metabolites theophylline, paraxanthine and theobromine. Caffeine and its metabolites theophylline, paraxanthine and theobromine are prohibited substances under Rule 1 of the Rules.
3. The Commission charged Mr Moss with an offence under Rule 83(2)(a), which reads:  

(2) The owner, trainer or person in charge of a greyhound-

(a) nominated to compete in an Event;

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shall present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance.
4. Mr Moss denied the charge, provided written submissions and elected to have the disciplinary proceeding conducted in writing.
5. The Commission found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Moss:  

To suspend his registration for a period of 12 weeks.
6. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence, including:
  - Mr Moss has held a trainer registration for approximately 8 years;
  - Mr Moss lack of any relevant disciplinary history;
  - Mr Moss’s denial of the charge;
  - NSW greyhound racing precedents; and
  - Mr Moss’s submissions in mitigation of penalty, including in relation to his personal circumstances.
7. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 1 at the Coonamble meeting on 30 June 2021 pursuant to Rule 83(4) of the Rules.

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