



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	Monday 14 November 2022
Decision-makers:	Senior Steward Kevin Adams and Steward Sam Woolaston
Name of relevant person:	Denis Hampson
Track:	Gunnedah
Date:	4 August 2022
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Mr Denis Hampson presented the greyhound 'HESLEA' for the purposes of competing in race 4 at the Gunnedah meeting on 4 August 2022 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
Prohibited Substance(s):	Tetrahydrozoline
Disciplinary action taken:	To fine Mr Hampson the sum of \$1000 with \$250 partially and conditionally suspended for a period of 12-months subject to you not breaching this rule or any like rule in this period.

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 1 September 2022, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-event urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'HESLEA' at the Gunnedah meeting on 4 August 2022.

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

DECISION:

1. Mr Hampson is a registered greyhound trainer and the trainer of Heslea ("the Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 4 of the Gunnedah meeting on 4 August 2022. After the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post event swab revealed the presence of Tetrahydrozoline.
3. Tetrahydrozoline is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.

4. On 29 October 2022 Mr Hampson 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.
5. In the Notice issued on 29 October 2022 the decision makers charged Mr Hampson with the 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 Hampson to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge and the proposed penalty.
7. On Monday 14 November Mr Hampson attended the scheduled hearing with the decision makers and
 - entered a plea of not guilty
 - made verbal submissions at the hearing
8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Hampson’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 Hampson:

Charge 141 (1) (a): To fine Mr Hampson the sum of \$1000, with \$250 partially and conditionally suspended for a period of 12-months subject to you not breaching this rule or any like rule in this period.

8. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr Hampson’s not guilty plea;
 - Greyhound racing penalty precedents in NSW and penalty guidelines;

- Mr Hampson's good record, having held a registration in the greyhound racing industry 47 years with no prior prohibited substances matters.
9. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 4 at the Gunnedah meeting on 4 August 2022 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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