

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

**Date of decision:** 27 September 2024  
**Decision-makers:** Kevin Adams, Madison Watson  
**Name of relevant person:** Mr Blake Moroney  
**Track:** The Gardens  
**Date:** 19 June 2024  
**Rule no.:** Rule 141(1)  
**Charge(s):** Mr Moroney presented the greyhound 'Blazing Raso' for the purpose of competing in race 7 at The Gardens meeting on 19 June 2024 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance.  
**Prohibited Substance(s):** Ketoprofen  
**Plea:** Guilty  
**Disciplinary action taken:** \$750.00 fine

**DECISION**

1. Blake Moroney was at all relevant times, a registered public trainer with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission ("**Commission**").
2. On 12 September 2024, following an investigation by the Commission, a Notice of Charge and Proposed Disciplinary Action ("**Notice**") was issued to Blake Moroney. The Notice issued a charge under the Rule 141(1) of the Greyhound Racing Rules alleging the following:
  1. That Mr Maroney, as a registered Public Trainer, while in charge of the greyhound Blazing Raso ("**Greyhound**"), presented the Greyhound for the purpose of competing in race 7 at The Gardens meeting on 19 June 2024 ("**Event**") in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance.
  2. The prohibited substances detected in the sample of urine taken from the Greyhound following the Event was Ketoprofen; and
  3. Ketoprofen is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the Rules,
3. Mr Moroney elected to have the disciplinary proceedings conducted in writing and provided written submissions to decision makers, entering a plea of guilty.

4. The decision makers formally found the charge proven and determined to impose disciplinary action against Mr Moroney by issuing a fine of \$750.00
5. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
  - Greyhound racing penalty precedents in NSW.
  - The Commission's Penalty Guidelines, in force from 1 January 2022;
  - The length of time Mr Moroney has held a registration, being between 2012-2024, a period of approximately 12 years.
  - Mr Moroney's disciplinary history – he does not have any like matters on their record.
  - Mr Moroney's admission of the charge at the earliest opportunity; and
  - Mr Moroney's written submissions in respect of the matter.
6. The length of time Mr Moroney has held a registration in the greyhound racing industry, together with his plea and his lack of relevant disciplinary history were significant factors in mitigation considered by the decision makers and were a relevant consideration in reducing the proposed penalty from 2 months suspension.
7. In addition the Greyhound was disqualified from race 7 at The Gardens meeting on 19 June 2024 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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