



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	Friday 18 October 2024
Decision-maker:	Steward Sam Woolaston and Steward Craig Easey
Name of relevant person:	Peter Parker
Track	Potts Park
Date:	8 June 2024
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Mr Peter Parker presented the greyhound 'Fill Us In' for the purposes of competing in race 3 at the Potts Park meeting on 8 June 2024 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
Prohibited Substance(s):	Theophylline and Caffeine
Plea:	Guilty
Disciplinary action taken:	To issue a Five Month Suspension, with the suspension to commence Tuesday 22 October 2024 and expire Saturday 22 March 2025.

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 17 July 2024, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Fill Us In" at the Potts Park meeting on 8 June 2024.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory confirming the presence of Theophylline and Caffeine.

DECISION:

- 1) Mr Parker is a registered Owner Trainer and the trainer of "Fill Us In" ("the Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 3 of the Potts Park meeting on 8 June 2024. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
- 2) The post-event swab revealed the presence of Theophylline and Caffeine.

- 3) Theophylline and Caffeine are prohibited substances under Rule 137 of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.
- 4) On 2 October 2024 Mr Parker was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”).
- 5) In the Notice issued on 2 October 2024 the decision makers charged Mr Parker with an 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 proposed a penalty of a eight-month suspension and invited Mr Parker to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
- 7) On Wednesday 16 October and Friday 18 October 2024 Mr Parker contacted decision makers and;
 - a) entered a plea of guilty; and
 - b) entered written submissions.
- 8) In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Parker’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 Parker:

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- 9) In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr Parker’s guilty plea (25% reduction)
 - Mr Parker’s registration history, with a prior prohibited substance matter within the past 18 months

- Mr. Parker's co-operation and forthright evidence; and
- GWIC penalty guidelines

10) In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 3 at the Potts Park meeting on 8 June 2024 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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