



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 27 March 2025

Decision-maker: Acting Chief Steward Dean Degan and Steward Shannon Kearney

Name of relevant person: Victor Sultana

Track Bulli

Date: 19 November 2024

Rule no.: 141(1)(a)

Charge(s): Mr. Victor Sultana presented the greyhound 'Foreign Capital' for the purpose of competing in race 9 at the Bulli meeting on 19 November 2024 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance

Prohibited Substance(s): Meloxicam

Plea: Guilty

Disciplinary action taken: To issue a fine of \$500 as well as impose a 4 week suspension, which will be wholly and conditionally suspended for 12 months subject to Mr. Sultana not reoffending under the same or similar rules in this period.

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 3 January 2025, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Foreign Capital" at the Bulli meeting on 19 November 2024.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Racing Chemistry Laboratory confirming the presence of Meloxicam

DECISION:

1. Mr. Sultana is a registered Public Trainer and the trainer of "Foreign Capital" ("the Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 9 of the Bulli meeting on 19 November 2024. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.

2. The post-event swab revealed the presence of Meloxicam.
3. Meloxicam, which exceeds the screening limit of a mass concentration of 5 nanograms per millilitre in a sample of plasma or 2 nanograms per millilitre in a sample of urine, is a prohibited substance under Rule 146 of the Rules.
4. On 13 March 2025 Mr. Sultana was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**").
5. In the Notice issued on 13 March 2025 the decision makers charged Mr. Sultana 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 two-month suspension and invited Mr. Sultana to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
7. On Tuesday 25 March, 2025, Mr. Sultana contacted decision makers and;
 - Entered a plea of guilty; and
 - Made written submissions
8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr. Sultana'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. Sultana:

Charge 141(1)(a): To issue a fine of \$500 as well as impose a 4 week suspension, which will be wholly and conditionally suspended for 12 months subject to Mr. Sultana not reoffending under the same or similar rules in this period.

9. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr. Sultana's Guilty plea (25% reduction)

- Mr. Sultana's 50-year registration history with no prior prohibited substance offences; and
- GWIC penalty guidelines

10. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 9 at the Bulli meeting on 19 November 2024 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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