



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

**Date of decision:** 13 December 2019  
**Decision-maker:** Chief Executive Officer, Judith Lind  
**Name of relevant person:** Mr Gregory McAlister  
**Track:** Bathurst  
**Date:** 17 June 2019  
**Rule no.:** Rule 83(2)(a)  
**Charge(s):** (1) Mr McAlister presented the greyhound 'Jazz up Tron' ("**Greyhound**") for the purposes of competing in race 11 at the Bathurst meeting on 17 June 2019 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance.  
**Prohibited substance(s):** Sotalol  
**Disciplinary action taken:** 12-week suspension; deferred commencement to 17 December 2019 under Rule 95(5)

**REPORT:**

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from the Racing Analytical Services Laboratory, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a pre-race urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'Jazz up Tron' ("**Greyhound**") at the Bathurst meeting on 17 June 2019.

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

After considering the evidence, the Commission charged Mr McAlister with a breach of Rule 83(2)(a) of the Commission's Greyhound Racing Rules ("**Rules**") given that the pre-race urine sample taken from the Greyhound confirmed the presence of prohibited substance sotalol.

Mr McAlister plead not guilty to the charge.

The disciplinary action was conducted in writing in accordance with the participant's election.

**DECISION:**

1. Mr McAlister is a registered greyhound trainer and the trainer of the Greyhound. The Greyhound competed in race 11 at the Bathurst meeting on 17 June 2019 (“Event”) and a pre-Event urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The pre-Event swab revealed the presence of sotalol. The substance sotalol is a prohibited substance under Rule 1 of the Rules.
3. The Commission charged Mr McAlister 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;
    - (b) presented for a satisfactory, weight or whelping trial or such other trial as provided for pursuant to these Rules; or
    - (c) presented for any test or examination for the purpose of a period of incapacitation or prohibition being varied or revokedshall present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance.
4. Mr McAlister plead not guilty to 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 McAlister:

To suspend his trainer registration for a period of 12 weeks.
6. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence, including:
  - Mr McAlister has been a registered participant in the industry for a period of 46 years;
  - Mr McAlister has a history of a prohibited substance matter relating to a presentation offence with sotalol, with a previous disqualification (served as a suspension) of 10 weeks served some 4 years ago;
  - NSW greyhound racing penalty guidelines and precedents;
  - Mr McAlister’s written submissions in mitigation of the penalty including in relation to his personal circumstances and his review of his animal husbandry practices.
7. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 11 at the Bathurst meeting on 17 June 2019 pursuant to Rule 83(4).

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