



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

**Date of decision:** 1 May 2020  
**Decision-maker:** Chief Executive Officer, Judith Lind  
**Name of relevant person:** Mr Anthony Hoyland  
**Track:** Lismore  
**Date:** 3 December 2019  
**Rule no.:** Rule 83(2)(a)  
**Charge(s):** (1) Mr Hoyland presented the greyhound 'Codrington Spark' ("**Greyhound**") for the purposes of competing in race 4 at the Lismore meeting on 3 December 2019 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance.  
**Prohibited substance(s):** Cobalt  
**Disciplinary action taken:** 12-week suspension

**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, 'Codrington Spark' ("**Greyhound**") at the Lismore meeting on 3 December 2019, revealing cobalt at a mass concentration of 129 nanograms per millilitre.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Racing Chemistry Laboratory, confirming the presence of cobalt at a mass concentration of 140 nanograms per millilitre.

After considering the evidence, the Commission charged Mr Hoyland 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 the prohibited substance cobalt above the threshold imposed by Rule 83(10) of 100 nanograms per millilitre.

Mr Hoyland was legally represented and admitted the charge at the earliest opportunity.

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

**DECISION:**

1. Mr Hoyland is a registered greyhound trainer and the trainer of the Greyhound. The Greyhound was presented for race 4 at the Lismore meeting on 3 December 2019 (“Event”) and a pre-Event urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The pre-Event swab revealed the presence of cobalt at a mass concentration of 129 nanograms per millilitre. Cobalt, at a mass concentration greater than 100 nanograms per millilitre is a prohibited substance under Rule 83(10) of the Commission’s Greyhound Racing Rules.
3. The Commission charged Mr Hoyland 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 Hoyland admitted 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 Hoyland:

To suspend his trainer registration held with GWIC for a period of 12 weeks.
6. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence, including:
  - Mr Hoyland has been a registered trainer in the industry for approximately 23 years;
  - Mr Hoyland has two prior prohibited substance matters on his disciplinary history – one involving benzydamine dealt with by GRNSW in 2015 and another for cobalt, dealt with by GRNSW in 2017;
  - NSW greyhound racing penalty guidelines and precedents;
  - Mr Hoyland’s admission of the charge at the earliest opportunity;
  - Mr Hoyland’s written submissions in mitigation of penalty, including confirmation that he has reviewed his animal husbandry practices, his significant contributions to the industry and his personal and financial circumstances.
7. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 4 at the Lismore meeting on 3 December 2019 pursuant to Rule 83(4).

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