



**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 Clifford Bell

**Track:** Dapto

**Date:** 30 January 2020

**Rule no.:** Rule 83(2)(a)

**Charge(s):** (1) Mr Bell presented the greyhound 'Midnight Crash' ("**Greyhound**") for the purposes of competing in race 5 at Dapto on 30 January 2020 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance.

**Prohibited substance(s):** Carprofen

**Disciplinary action taken:** Fine of \$1,050

**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, 'Midnight Crash' ("**Greyhound**") at the Dapto meeting on 30 January 2020.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Racing Analytical Services Laboratory, confirming the presence of carprofen.

After considering the evidence, the Commission charged Mr Bell 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 carprofen.

Mr Bell admitted the charge.

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

**DECISION:**

1. Mr Bell is a registered greyhound trainer and the trainer of the Greyhound. The Greyhound competed in race 5 at the Dapto meeting on 30 January 2020 (“Event”) and a pre-Event urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The pre-Event swab revealed the presence of carprofen. Carprofen is a prohibited substance under Rule 1 of the Rules.
3. The Commission charged Mr Bell 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 Bell 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 Bell:

To fine him in the amount of \$1,050.00.
6. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence, including:
  - Mr Bell has been a registered trainer for approximately 23 years, namely since 1997;
  - Mr Bell has no history of any prohibited substance matters;
  - Mr Bell’s plea of guilty at the earliest opportunity;
  - NSW greyhound racing penalty guidelines and precedents;
  - Mr Bell’s submissions in mitigation of any penalty, including in relation to his personal circumstances and reasonable explanation as to how the contamination of the Greyhound may have occurred.
7. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 5 at the Dapto meeting on 30 January 2020 pursuant to Rule 83(4) of the Rules.

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