



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 22 July 2020

Decision-maker: Chief Executive Officer, Judith Lind

Name of relevant person: Mr Adam Oliver

Track: Wagga

Date: 23 February 2020

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

Charge(s): (1) Mr Oliver presented the greyhound 'Queenie Jean' ("Greyhound") for the purposes of competing in race 1 at the Wagga meeting on 23 February 2020 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance.

Permanently banned prohibited substance(s): 6 α -hydroxystanozolol

Disciplinary action taken: 16-month disqualification [with 2 months 1 week and 2 days suspended due to period of interim suspension served]

REPORT:

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from the Racing Analytical Services Laboratory, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-race urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'Queenie Jean' ("Greyhound") at the Dapto meeting on 23 February 2020.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory, confirming the presence of 6 α -hydroxystanozolol.

After considering the evidence, the Commission charged Mr Oliver with a breach of Rule 83(2)(a) of the Commission's Greyhound Racing Rules ("Rules") given that the post-race urine sample taken from the Greyhound confirmed the presence of the permanently banned prohibited substance 6 α -hydroxystanozolol.

Mr Oliver admitted the charge at the earliest opportunity.

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

DECISION:

1. Mr Oliver is a registered greyhound trainer and the trainer of the Greyhound. The Greyhound competed in race 1 at the Wagga meeting on 23 February 2020 (“Event”). Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post-Event swab revealed the presence of 6 α -hydroxystanozolol. 6 α -hydroxystanozolol is a permanently banned prohibited substance under Rule 79(2)(xx) of the Rules.
3. The Commission charged Mr Oliver 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 Oliver 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 Oliver:

To disqualify Mr Oliver for a period of 16 months, with:

 - (a) 2 months 1 week and 2 days being the period served under an interim suspension taken into account as time served; and
 - (b) The remaining period of disqualification to be served, commencing on 22 July 2020 and expiring on 11 September 2021.
6. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr Oliver has been a registered trainer for approximately 6 years;
 - Mr Oliver’s history of two prior prohibited substance matters from 2017 and 2019;
 - The period served under an interim suspension: being 12 May 2020 until 21 July 2020;
 - NSW greyhound racing penalty precedents;
 - Mr Oliver’s submissions in mitigation of penalty, including in relation to his personal circumstances, his review of his animal husbandry practices, and his

contribution to the greyhound racing industry through his work with the Wagga & District Greyhound Racing Club.

7. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 1 at the Wagga meeting on 23 February 2020 pursuant to Rule 83(4) of the Rules.

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