

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 2 October 2020
Decision-maker: Chief Executive Officer, Judith Lind
Name of relevant person: Mr Raymond Henderson
Track: N/A
Date: 3 June 2020
Rule no.: Rule 95(8)(a)(i)
Charge(s): (1) Mr Henderson was convicted by and sentenced in the Goulburn District Court for drug supply, cultivation and possession offences on 3 June 2020.
Disciplinary action taken: 5 years disqualification

DECISION:

1. Mr Raymond Henderson was, at the material times, a registered owner in NSW.
2. After the Commission became aware that Mr Henderson had been charged with serious criminal offences, on 17 September 2019 the Commission imposed, after providing Mr Henderson a reasonable opportunity to reply, an interim suspension of Mr Henderson's owner registration pending the finalisation of the criminal proceedings against Mr Henderson.
3. On 3 June 2020, Mr Henderson was sentenced in the Goulburn District Court and he was convicted of offences relating to the supply of a cannabis, possession of a prohibited firearm and cultivation of a large commercial quantity of cannabis plants.
4. The Commission charged Mr Henderson under Rule 95(8)(a)(i), which reads:
 - (8) The Controlling Body may impose on a person anyone or more of the penalties referred to in sub-rule (1) if –
 - (a) the person has been convicted of an offence by any court and the Controlling Body is satisfied that:
 - (i) the nature of the offence is such that the person's continued participation or association with the greyhound racing would be detrimental to the proper control and regulation of greyhound racing.

5. Mr Henderson was notified of the charge in writing and provided a reasonable opportunity to reply.
6. The Commission found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Henderson:

To disqualify Mr Henderson for a period of 5 years,
with:

- The period of disqualification to commence 2 October 2020; and
- The period of time served under an interim suspension taken into account as time served.

7. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence, including:
 - The objective seriousness of the offences;
 - The period served under interim suspension.

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