



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

- Date of decision:** 5 May 2021
- Decision-makers:** Director Compliance and Legal Services, Matthew Tutt, Chief Inspector, David OShannessy and Senior Steward, Dean Degan
- Name of relevant person:** Mr Peter Oldfield
- Track:** Goulburn
- Date:** 8 January 2021
- Rule no.:** Rule 83(2)(a)
- Charge(s):** (1) Mr Oldfield presented the greyhound 'Freeway Lass' ("**Greyhound**") for the purposes of competing in race 7 at the Goulburn meeting on 8 January 2021 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance.
- Prohibited Substance(s):** Caffeine and its metabolites theophylline, paraxanthine and theobromine.
- Disciplinary action taken:** 10-week suspension.

REPORT:

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-race urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'Freeway Lass' ("**Greyhound**") at the Goulburn meeting on 8 January 2021.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory, confirming the presence of caffeine and its metabolites theophylline, paraxanthine and theobromine.

Mr Oldfield was assisted by a representative of the Australian Workers Union 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 Oldfield is a registered greyhound trainer and the trainer of the Greyhound. The Greyhound competed in race 7 of the Goulburn meeting on 8 January 2021 (“Event”). Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post-Event swab revealed the presence of caffeine and its metabolites theophylline, paraxanthine and theobromine. Caffeine and its metabolites are prohibited substances under Rule 1 of the Rules.
3. The Commission charged Mr Oldfield with an offence 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;

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shall present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance.

4. Mr Oldfield admitted the charge, had written submissions provided on his behalf 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 Oldfield:

To suspend his trainer registration for a period of 10 weeks.

6. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr Oldfield has held a trainer registration for approximately 31 years;
 - Mr Oldfield has no prior matters in his disciplinary history;
 - Mr Oldfield’s admission of the charge at the earliest opportunity;
 - NSW greyhound racing precedents; and
 - The submissions made and number of references provided on Mr Oldfield’s behalf in mitigation of penalty, including his good record, his remorse, his commitment to the welfare of the greyhounds in his care and his willingness to receive training in methods to protect his greyhounds from the risk of being given contaminated substances in future.
7. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 7 at the Goulburn meeting on 8 January 2021 pursuant to Rule 83(4) of the Rules.

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