



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 19 October 2021

Decision-makers: Chief Commissioner, Alan Brown & Commissioner, Peter Collins

Name of relevant person: Mr Paul Camilleri

Track: Wentworth Park

Date: 23 June 2021

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

Charge(s): (1) Mr Camilleri presented the greyhound 'Emerald Green' ("**Greyhound**") for the purposes of competing in race 6 at the Wentworth Park meeting on 23 June 2021 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance

Permanently Banned Prohibited Substances: Amphetamine and 4-hydroxymethamphetamine

Disciplinary action taken: 13-month disqualification

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, 'Emerald Green' ("**Greyhound**") at the Wentworth Park meeting on 23 June 2021.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory, confirming the presence of amphetamine and 4-hydroxymethamphetamine

Mr Camilleri admitted the charge.

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

DECISION:

1. Mr Camilleri is a registered greyhound trainer and the trainer of the Greyhound. The Greyhound competed in race 6 of the Wentworth Park meeting on 23 June 2021 ("**Event**"). Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.

2. The post-Event swab revealed the presence of amphetamine and 4-hydroxymethamphetamine. Amphetamine and 4-hydroxymethamphetamine are permanently banned prohibited substances under Rule 79A(2)(iv) of the Rules.

3. The Commission charged Mr Camilleri 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 Camilleri 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 Camilleri:

To disqualify him for 13 months.

6. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence, including:

- Mr Camilleri has held a trainer registration since 1977, approximately 44 years;
- Mr Camilleri has no prior prohibited substance matters in his disciplinary history;
- Mr Camilleri's admission of the charge at the earliest opportunity;
- NSW greyhound racing precedents; and
- Mr Camilleri's submissions in mitigation of penalty, including his remorse and his good record.

7. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 6 at the Wentworth Park meeting on 23 June 2021 pursuant to Rule 83(4) of the Rules.

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