



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 1 November 2021

Decision-makers: Director Compliance, Policy & Legal, Matthew Tutt, A/Deputy Chief Inspector, Shaye Barrow and Director Race Day Operations & Integrity, Wade Birch

Name of relevant person: Mr Jack Roy

Track: Wagga

Date: 22 July 2021

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

Charge(s): (1) Mr Roy presented the greyhound 'Nigel's Chance' ("**Greyhound**") for the purposes of competing in race 4 at the Wagga meeting on 22 July 2021 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance

Prohibited Substance(s): Arsenic

Disciplinary action taken: 8-week suspension (wholly and conditionally suspended)
Fine: \$500

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, 'Nigel's Chance' ("**Greyhound**") at the Wagga meeting on 22 July 2021.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Racing Science Centre, confirming the presence of arsenic at a mass concentration level above the threshold amount of 800 nanograms per millilitre ("**ng/mL**").

Mr Roy admitted the charge, attended a hearing and provided oral submissions in response to the charge.

DECISION:

1. Mr Roy is a registered greyhound trainer and the trainer of the Greyhound. The Greyhound competed in race 4 of the Wagga meeting on 22 July 2021 ("**Event**"). Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.

2. The post-Event swab revealed the presence of arsenic at a mass concentration level of 992ng/mL.
3. The Commission charged Mr Roy 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;
...shall present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance.
4. Mr Roy admitted the charge, attended a hearing and provided oral submissions in response to the charge.
5. The Commission found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Roy:
 1. To suspend his registration for a period of 8-weeks, wholly suspended for a period of 12-months on the condition that Mr Roy does not breach Rule 83(2)(a) during that 12-month period; and
 2. To fine him in the amount of \$500.
6. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr Roy has been involved in the greyhound racing industry since 1973, approximately 48 years;
 - Mr Roy has no prior matters in his disciplinary history;
 - Mr Roy's admission of the charge at the earliest opportunity;
 - NSW greyhound racing precedents; and
 - Mr Roy's submissions in mitigation of penalty, including his personal circumstances and his review of and amendment to his animal husbandry practices.
7. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 4 at the Wagga meeting on 22 July 2021 pursuant to Rule 83(4) of the Rules.

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