



**GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION**  
**DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION**

<b>Date of decision:</b>	12 November 2021
<b>Decision-makers:</b>	Director Compliance, Policy & Legal, Matthew Tutt and A/Deputy Chief Inspector, Shaye Barrow.
<b>Name of relevant person:</b>	Mr John Rudd
<b>Track:</b>	Gosford
<b>Date:</b>	18 May 2021
<b>Rule no.:</b>	Rule 83(2)(a)
<b>Charge(s):</b>	(1) Mr Rudd presented the greyhound 'Zambora Pete' (" <b>Greyhound</b> ") for the purposes of competing in race 3 at the Gosford meeting on 18 May 2021 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
<b>Prohibited Substance(s):</b>	Methylprednisolone and guaifenesin
<b>Disciplinary action taken:</b>	10-week suspension (wholly and conditionally suspended)

**REPORT:**

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a pre-race urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'Zambora Pete' ("**Greyhound**") at the Gosford meeting on 18 May 2021.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory, confirming the presence of methylprednisolone and guaifenesin.

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

**DECISION:**

1. Mr Rudd is a registered greyhound trainer and the trainer of the Greyhound.
2. The Greyhound competed in race 3 of the Gosford meeting on 18 May 2021 ("**Event**"). Before the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
3. The pre-Event swab revealed the presence of methylprednisolone and guaifenesin.

4. Methylprednisolone and guaifenesin are prohibited substances under Rule 1 of the Rules.

5. The Commission charged Mr Rudd 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.

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

7. The Commission found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Rudd:

To suspend his registration for a period of 10-weeks, wholly suspended for a period of 12-months on the condition that Mr Rudd does not breach Rule 83(2)(a) during that 12-month period.

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

- Mr Rudd has held a trainer registration since 1991, approximately 30 years;
- Mr Rudd has no relevant prior matters in his disciplinary history;
- Mr Rudd's admission of the charge at the earliest opportunity;
- NSW greyhound racing precedents; and
- Mr Rudd's submissions in mitigation of penalty, including his personal circumstances, his remorse and his proactive steps to try and determine the source of the positive swab by seeking veterinary advice.

9. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 3 at the Gosford meeting on 18 May 2021 pursuant to Rule 83(4) of the Rules.

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