



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

**Date of decision:** 2 March 2022

**Decision-makers:** Director Compliance, Policy & Legal, Matthew Tutt and  
Director Race Day Operations & Integrity, Wade Birch

**Name of relevant person:** Mr Henry George Norman

**Track:** Maitland

**Date:** 8 November 2021

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

**Charge(s):** Mr Norman presented the greyhound 'Sketchy Zara' ('**Greyhound**') for the purposes of competing in race 4 at the Maitland meeting on 8 November 2021 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance;

**Prohibited Substance(s):** 5 $\beta$ -androstane-3a, 17 $\beta$ -diol at a level greater than 10 nanograms per millilitre ("**ng/mL**")

**Disciplinary action taken:** 8-month disqualification

**Charge**

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 4 January 2022, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-race urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'Sketchy Zara' ("**Greyhound**") at the Maitland meeting on 8 November 2021.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Racing Chemistry Laboratory, confirming the presence of permanently banned prohibited substance 5 $\beta$ -androstane-3a, 17 $\beta$ -diol at a mass concentration level of 18ng/mL.

5 $\beta$ -androstane-3a, 17 $\beta$ -diol is a permanently banned prohibited substance above the threshold imposed by Rule 86(3) of 10ng/mL.

## Evidence, plea and submissions

On 15 February 2022 Mr Norman was issued with a notice of proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”) in relation to the charge, setting out the proposed disciplinary action to be taken and the grounds in support of that proposed disciplinary action.

On 2 March 2022 Mr Norman attended the scheduled hearing with the decision makers and entered a plea of guilty.

The decision makers accepted Mr Norman’s admittance to the charge and issue the following decision.

### DECISION:

1. Mr Norman is a registered greyhound trainer and the trainer of the Greyhound. The Greyhound competed in race 4 of the Maitland meeting on 8 November 2021. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post-Event swab revealed the presence of 5 $\beta$ -androstane-3a, 17 $\beta$ -diol at a level greater than 10ng/mL.
3. 5 $\beta$ -androstane-3a, 17 $\beta$ -diol at a level greater than 10ng/mL is a permanently banned prohibited substance under Rule 83 (6).
4. The decision makers charged Mr Norman with the 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.
5. The decision makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Norman:

**Charge (Rule 83(2)(a) 8 November 2021):** To disqualify Mr Norman’s registrations for a period of 8 months;
6. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
  - Greyhound racing penalty precedents in NSW;
  - The length of time Mr Norman has held a trainer registration, being since 1991, a period of approximately 31 years;

- Mr Norman’s longstanding association with the greyhound racing industry and limited disciplinary history – excluding one other breach of Rule 83(2)(a) in 2008;
  - Mr Norman’s plea of guilty.
7. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 4 at the Maitland meeting on 8 November 2021 pursuant to Rule 83(4) of the Rules.

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