



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

<b>Date of decision:</b>	5 May 2022
<b>Decision-makers:</b>	Director Compliance, Policy & Legal Services, Matthew Tutt and Director Race Day Operations & Integrity, Wade Birch
<b>Name of relevant person:</b>	Mr Frank Cini
<b>Track:</b>	Gosford
<b>Date:</b>	1 February 2022
<b>Rule no.:</b>	83(2)(a)
<b>Charge(s):</b>	Mr Cini presented the greyhound 'Highway Miss' (" <b>Greyhound</b> ") for the purposes of competing in race 1 at the Gosford meeting on 1 February 2022 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
<b>Prohibited Substance(s):</b>	Theobromine
<b>Disciplinary action taken:</b>	To suspend Mr Cini's registration for a period of ten (10) weeks

**Investigation**

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 16 March 2022, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-Event urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'Highway Miss' ("**Greyhound**") at the Gosford meeting on 1 February 2022.

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

**DECISION:**

1. Mr Cini is a registered greyhound trainer and the trainer of the Greyhound. The Greyhound competed in race 1 of the Gosford meeting on 1 February 2022. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post-Event swab revealed the presence of theobromine. Theobromine is a prohibited substance under Rule 1 of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules ("**Rules**").
3. On 21 April 2022 Mr Cini was issued with a notice of charge and 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. The Notice also provided a brief of evidence for the charge.

4. In the Notice issued on 21 April 2022 the decision makers charged Mr Cini 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;

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shall present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance.

5. The Notice proposed a penalty of a sixteen (16) weeks suspension and invited Mr Cini to attend a scheduled hearing to enter into a plea in relation to the charge and to make submissions in relation to the charge and the proposed penalty.

6. On Monday 2 May 2022 Mr Cini did not attend the scheduled hearing with the decision makers and entered a plea of guilty by way of his submissions.

7. The decision makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Cini:

**Charge (83(2)(a)):** To suspend Mr Cini's registration for a period of ten (10) weeks.

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

- Greyhound racing penalty precedents in NSW;
- The length of time Mr Cini has held a trainer registration, being since 1998, a period of approximately 25 years;
- Mr Cini's disciplinary history – he does not have any like matters on his record, however Mr Cini does have a five (5) year disqualification on his record from 1993 to 1998.
- Mr Cini's plea of guilty at the earliest opportunity.
- Mr Cini's 25 year history in the greyhound industry without any like matters on his disciplinary record.

9. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 1 at the Gosford meeting on 1 February 2022 pursuant to Rule 83(4) of the Rules.

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