



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

<b>Date of decision:</b>	6 September 2022
<b>Decision-makers:</b>	Director of Race Day Operations and Integrity, Wade Birch, Deputy Chief Steward, Troy Vassallo.
<b>Name of relevant person:</b>	Ms Chloe Bilal
<b>Track:</b>	Nowra
<b>Date:</b>	23 April 2022
<b>Rule no.:</b>	83(2)(a) <sup>1</sup>
<b>Charge(s):</b>	Ms Bilal presented the greyhound 'Flighty Fernando' ("Greyhound") for the purposes of competing in race 3 at the Nowra meeting on 23 April 2022 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
<b>Prohibited Substance(s):</b>	Lignocaine, norlignocaine and 3-hydroxylignocaine.
<b>Disciplinary action taken:</b>	Charge found proven. Penalty determination held over to a later date.

**INVESTIGATION**

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 8 June 2022 the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-Event urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'Flighty Fernando' ("Greyhound") at the Nowra meeting "Event" on 23 April 2022. Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory confirming the presence of lignocaine, norlignocaine and 3-hydroxylignocaine.

**DECISION:**

1. Ms Bilal is a registered greyhound trainer and the trainer of the Greyhound. The Greyhound competed in race 3 of the Nowra meeting on 23 April 2022. After the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post-race swab revealed the presence of lignocaine, norlignocaine and 3-hydroxylignocaine. Lignocaine, norlignocaine and 3-hydroxylignocaine are prohibited substance under Rule 1<sup>2</sup> of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules ("Rules").

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<sup>1</sup> Being the relevant rule at the time of the offence. Rule 141(1)(a) of the Greyhound Racing Rules published 1 May 2022 is the comparative rule.

<sup>2</sup> Being the relevant rule at the time of the offence. Rule 137 of the Greyhound Racing Rules published 1 May 2022 is the comparative rule.

3. On 18 July 2022 Ms Bilal 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.
4. In the Notice, the decision makers charged Ms Bilal with the offence under Rule 83(2)(a) of the Greyhound Racing Rules, which reads:

**Rule 83(2)(a), Rules**

(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.

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(3) The owner, trainer or person in charge of a greyhound presented contrary to subrule (2) of this rule shall be guilty of an offence.

5. The Notice invited Ms Bilal to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge and the proposed penalty.
6. On 6 September 2022 Ms Bilal and her legal representative attended a scheduled hearing with the decision makers and entered a plea of not guilty and made verbal submissions at the hearing.
7. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Ms Bilal's plea and submissions, as well as all available evidence. The decision makers found the charge proven.
8. Upon finding the charge proven, the decision makers heard submissions from Ms Bilal's representative on penalty.
9. The decision makers determined to hold over a decision on penalty to a later date.
10. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 3 at the Nowra meeting on 23 April 2022 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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