

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

<b>Date of decision:</b>	16 November 2022
<b>Decision-makers:</b>	Director Race Day Services & Integrity, Wade Birch, Deputy Chief Steward Troy Vassallo
<b>Name of relevant person:</b>	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>	Mrs Bilal presented the greyhound 'Flighty Fernando' (" <b>Greyhound</b> ") 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>	To suspend Mrs Bilal's registrations for a period of 18 weeks, commencing 25 November 2022.

**DECISION:**

1. Mrs Bilal is a registered greyhound owner trainer and the trainer of Flighty Fernando ("**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 event swab revealed the presence of Lignocaine, norlignocaine and 3-hydroxylignocaine. Lignocaine, norlignocaine and 3-hydroxylignocaine is a prohibited substance under Rule 1 of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules<sup>2</sup>.
3. On 6 September 2022, following a hearing in relation to the matter, the decision makers found the charge proven and held over their decision on penalty to a later date.
4. The decision makers have determined to take the following disciplinary action against Mrs Bilal:

**Rule 83 (2) (a):** To suspend Mrs Bilal's registration for a period of 18 weeks

---

<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.

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

- Mrs Bilal’s plea having regard to the circumstances of the case which required further analysis of the evidence contained within the original brief of evidence.
- Greyhound racing penalty precedents in NSW and the Commission’s penalty guidelines;
- The length of time Mrs Bilal has held a registration, being since June 2021, a period of approximately 1 year, 10 months at the time of the offending conduct;
- Mrs Bilal’s disciplinary history – noting that this is Mrs Bilal’s second offence in a 12-month period for the same substance; and
- The submissions made on Mrs Bilal’s behalf in mitigation of penalty.

5. 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.

.....End.....