



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	Tuesday 30 May 2023
Decision-maker:	Steward Peter Phillips, Senior Steward Kevin Adams, Steward Sam Woolaston
Name of relevant person:	Peter Parker
Track:	Temora
Date:	7 March 2023
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Mr Peter Parker presented the greyhound 'Cahya' ("Greyhound") for the purposes of competing in race 11 at the Temora meeting on 7 March 2023 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
Prohibited Substance(s):	Theobromine
Plea:	Guilty
Disciplinary action taken:	To issue a suspension of three months, to commence midnight Saturday 3 June 2023 and end Midnight Thursday 3 August 2023.

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 13 April 2023, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a pre-event urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'Cahya' at the Temora meeting on 7 March 2023.

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

DECISION:

1. Mr Parker is a registered Owner Trainer and the trainer of 'Cahya' ("Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 11 of the Temora meeting on 7 March 2023. Prior to the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The pre-event swab revealed the presence of Theobromine.

3. Theobromine is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.
4. On Wednesday 17 May 2023 Mr Parker was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”).
5. In the Notice issued on 17 May 2023 the decision makers charged Mr Parker with an offence under Rule 141(1)(a) of the Greyhound Racing Rules, which reads:

Rule 141(1), Rules

(1) The owner, trainer or other person in charge of a greyhound:

(a) nominated to compete in an Event;

...

must 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 (1) of this rule shall be guilty of an offence.

6. The Notice proposed a penalty of a four-month suspension and invited Mr Parker to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
7. At the hearing conducted via Teams on Tuesday 30 May 2023, Mr Parker and a representative assisting in the inquiry:
 - (a) entered a plea of guilty;
 - (b) made verbal submissions; and
 - (c) entered written submissions
8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Parker’s plea and submissions, as well as all available evidence. The decision makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Parker:

To issue a suspension of three months, to commence midnight Saturday 3 June 2023 and end Midnight 3 August 2023.

9. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr Parker’s guilty plea (25% reduction);
 - Mr Parker’s registration history
 - GWIC penalty guidelines.

10. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 11 at the Temora meeting on 7 March 2023 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules and race 5 at the Temora meeting on 12 March 2023 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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