



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	Thursday 15 June 2023
Decision-maker:	Steward Shannon Kearney and Steward Ken Storck
Name of relevant person:	Travis Falls
Track:	Casino
Date:	3 March 2023
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Mr Travis Falls presented the greyhound 'Dry Eye' for the purposes of competing in race 3 at the Casino meeting on 3 March 2023 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
Prohibited Substance(s):	Dexamethasone and Heptaminol
Plea:	Guilty
Disciplinary action taken:	To issue a fine of \$1,500

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 4 April 2023, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Dry Eye" at the Maitland meeting on 3 March 2023.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory confirming the presence of Dexamethasone and Heptaminol.

DECISION:

1. Mr Falls is a registered Owner Trainer and Breeder and the trainer of "Dry Eye" ("the Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 3 of the Casino meeting on 3 March 2023. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post-event swab revealed the presence of Dexamethasone and Heptaminol.
3. Dexamethasone in excess of the screening limit of 200 pictograms per millilitre is a prohibited substance under Rule 146(6)(c) of the Rules, and Heptaminol is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the Rules.

4. On Thursday 8 June 2023 Mr Falls was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”).
5. In the Notice issued on 8 June 2023 the decision makers charged Mr Falls 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 suspension of two months duration and invited Mr Falls to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
7. At the hearing held on Thursday 15 June Mr Falls:
 - Entered a plea of Guilty; and
 - Made verbal submissions

8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Falls’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 Falls:

Charge 141 (1) (a): To issue a fine of \$1,500

8. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr Fall’s guilty plea
 - Mr Fall’s 10-year registration history with no prior offences
 - GWIC penalty guidelines

9. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 3 at the Casino meeting on 3 March 2023 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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