



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	Tuesday 17 October 2023
Decision-maker:	Chief Operating Officer Wade Birch and Senior Steward Dean Degan
Name of relevant person:	Chris Jaensch
Track:	Broken Hill
Date:	16 April 2023
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Mr Chris Jaensch presented the greyhound 'Banana Girl' for the purposes of competing in race 3 at the Broken Hill meeting on 16 April 2023 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
Prohibited Substance(s):	Metformin
Plea:	Guilty
Disciplinary action taken:	To issue a fine of \$1000

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 29 May 2023, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a pre-event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Banana Girl" at the meeting on 16 April 2023.

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

DECISION:

1. Mr Jaensch is a registered Trainer and Breeder and the trainer of "Banana Girl" ("the Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 3 of the Broken Hill meeting on 16 April 2023. Prior to the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The pre-event swab revealed the presence of Metformin.
3. Metformin is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.

4. On 10 October 2023 Mr Jaensch was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**").
5. In the Notice issued on 10 October 2023 the decision makers charged Mr Jaensch 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;

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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 two-month suspension and invited Mr Jaensch to attend a hearing on Wednesday 18 October 2023 to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
7. On Monday 16 October Mr. Jaensch's representative entered written submissions and entered a plea of guilty.
8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Jaensch'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 Jaensch:

Charge 141 (1) (a): To issue a fine of \$1000.

9. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr Jaensch's guilty plea (25% reduction)
 - Mr Jaensch's registration history and first offence
 - GWIC penalty guidelines
10. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 3 at the Broken Hill meeting on 16 April 2023 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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