



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	Sunday 3 December 2023
Decision-maker:	Senior Steward Dean Degan
Name of relevant person:	Kaylene Hatzi
Track:	Broken Hill
Date:	23 September 2023
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Ms Kaylene Hatzi presented the greyhound 'Mickey Danae' for the purposes of competing in race 8 at the Broken Hill meeting on 23 September 2023 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance.
Plea:	Guilty
Prohibited Substance(s):	Theobromine
Disciplinary action taken:	To issue a 6-week suspension, to commence Monday 4 th December 2023 and to expire on Sunday 14 th January 2024.

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 26 October 2023, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a pre-race urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Mickey Danae" at the Broken Hill meeting on 23 September 2023.

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

DECISION:

1. Ms Hatzi is a registered Public Trainer and the trainer of "Mickey Danae" ("the Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 8 at the Broken Hill meeting on 23 September 2023. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The pre-race swab revealed the presence of Theobromine.

3. Theobromine is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.
4. On Wednesday 22 November 2023 Ms Hatzi was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”).
5. In the Notice issued on 22 November 2023 the decision makers proposed a penalty of a 4-month suspension and charged Ms Hatzi 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.

...

(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 invited Ms Hatzi to attend a hearing on Sunday 3 December 2023 to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
7. On Sunday 3 December 2023, Ms Hatzi attended a hearing held at the Broken Hill Greyhound Club and;
 - entered a plea of guilty,
 - made verbal submissions.
8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Ms Hatzi’s plea and submissions, as well as all available evidence. The decision makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Ms Hatzi:

Charge 141 (1) (a): To issue a 6-week suspension, to commence Monday 4th December 2023 and to expire on Sunday 14th January 2024.

9. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Guilty plea

- Ms Hatzi's 37 year registration history and record of voluntary contributions to the industry.
- First offence
- GWIC penalty guidelines

10. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 8 at the Broken Hill meeting on 23 September 2023 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules