

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



**Date of decision:** Friday 12 January 2024  
**Decision-maker:** Chief Operating Officer Wade Birch and Steward Sam Woolaston  
**Name of relevant person:** Troy Robinson  
**Track(s):** Gunnedah  
**Date:** 19 December 2022  
**Rule no.:** 141(1)(a)  
**Charge(s):** **Charge 1:**

Mr Troy Robinson presented the greyhound 'Gagan Asher' for the purposes of competing in race 10 at the Gunnedah meeting on 19 December 2022 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance.

**Charge 2:**

Mr Troy Robinson presented the greyhound 'Gagan Singlets' for the purposes of competing in race 1 at the Gunnedah meeting on 19 December 2022 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance.

**Plea:** **Charge 1:** Guilty

**Charge 2:** Guilty

**Prohibited Substance(s):** Theobromine

**Disciplinary action taken:** Charge 1: 10 week suspension  
Charge 2: 10 week suspension

With the penalties to be served concurrently and to commence 12:01am 13 January 2024 and to expire on 11:59 pm 22 March 2024.

**INVESTIGATION**

1. Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited ("**Laboratory**") dated 25 January 2023 ("**First Sample**") and receipt of another certificate of analysis from the Laboratory dated 25 January 2023 ("**Second Sample**"), the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of post-race urine samples taken from the greyhounds, 'Gagan Asher' ("**First Greyhound**") at the Gunnedah Meeting on 19 December 2022 and 'Gagan Singlets' ("**Second Greyhound**") at the Gunnedah meeting on 19 December 2022.

2. Further analysis of both the First and Second samples was conducted by the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory confirming in both samples the presence of Theobromine.

**DECISION:**

3. Mr Troy Robinson is a registered Public Trainer and the trainer of both greyhounds.
4. The First Greyhound competed in race 10 at the Gunnedah meeting on 19 December 2022. Following the event a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound. The post event swab revealed the presence of Theobromine.
5. The Second Greyhound competed in race 1 at the Gunnedah meeting on 19 December 2022. Following the event a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound. The post event swab revealed the presence of Theobromine
6. Theobromine is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.
7. On 5 May 2023 Mr Robinson was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**").
8. In the Notice the decision makers charged Mr Robinson with two offences 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.

...

(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.

9. In the Notice, the decision makers provided the following proposed penalties:

**Charge 1 – 4 Month Disqualification**

**Charge 2 – 4 Month Disqualification**

10. The Notice invited Mr Robinson to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
11. On Thursday 7 December 2024, Mr Robinson's legal representative tendered written submissions on his behalf and entered a plea of guilty for each charge.
12. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Robinson's plea's and submissions, as well as all available evidence. The decision makers found the charges proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Robinson:

**Charge 1: 10 week suspension**

**Charge 2: 10 week suspension**

With the penalties to be served concurrently and to commence 12:01am 13 January 2024 and to expire on 11:59 pm 22 March 2024.

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

- Mr Robinson’s pleas of guilty to both charges;
- Mr Robinson’s registration history, with no prior prohibited substance offences
- GWICs Penalty Guidelines;

14. In addition, the Greyhounds were disqualified from their respective events, namely race 1 at the Gunnedah meeting on December 19, 2022 and race 10 at the Gunnedah meeting on December 19, 2022, pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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