



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	Thursday 16 May 2024
Decision-maker:	Steward Jason Hodder and Chief Steward Troy Vassallo
Name of relevant person:	Jacob White
Track:	Wentworth Park
Date:	24 February 2024
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Mr Jacob White presented the greyhound 'Springview Hawk' for the purpose of competing in race 11 at the Wentworth Park meeting on 24 February 2024 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
Prohibited Substance(s):	Carprofen
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 2 April 2024, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Springview Hawk" at the Wentworth Park meeting on 24 February 2024.

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

DECISION:

1. Mr White is a registered Owner Trainer and the trainer of "Springview Hawk" ("the Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 11 of the Wentworth Park meeting on 24 February 2024. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post-event swab revealed the presence of Carprofen.
3. Carprofen at mass concentration of greater than 5 nanograms per millimetre is a prohibited substance under Rule 146(6)(b) of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.

4. On 8 May 2024 Mr White was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”).
5. In the Notice issued on 8 May 2024 the decision makers charged Mr White 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 Two Month Suspension and invited Mr White to attend a hearing on Thursday 16 May 2024 to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
7. At the hearing conducted via Microsoft Teams on Thursday 16 May 2024 Mr White;
 - Entered a plea of guilty; and
 - Made verbal submissions
8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr White’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 White:

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

9. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr White’s guilty plea (25% reduction)
 - Mr White’s registration history with no like prior offences
 - Professional and personal circumstances
 - GWIC penalty guidelines

10. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 11 at the Wentworth Park meeting on 24 February 2024 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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