

Rásaíocht Con Éireann

CONTROL COMMITTEE REPORT

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| OWNER | <i>Dominic J. Hegarty</i> |
| ADDRESS | Oberstown, Tara, Co. Meath. |
| MATTER | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adverse analytical finding – 3-Hydroxy-N-Methylmorphinan returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Skryne Hulk at the registered kennels of Mr. Dominic J. Hegarty, Oberstown, Tara, Co. Meath. |
| OUTCOME | <p>Mr. Dominic J. Hegarty, registered owner of the greyhound Skryne Hulk appeared before the Control Committee.</p> <p>Mr. Pat Herbert, Director of Regulation, Rásaíocht Con Éireann, represented Rásaíocht Con Éireann in this matter.</p> <p>The Control Committee noted evidence given by Mr. Hegarty that the greyhound was being treated at the time for kennel cough, with a therapeutic medication, which is a medicine that is readily available over the counter in many retail outlets.</p> <p>The Control Committee also noted the evidence tendered by Mr. Denis Healy, Veterinary Director, Rásaíocht Con Éireann that the substance detected (3-Hydroxy-N-Methylmorphinan) could have been legitimately prescribed by a Veterinary Practitioner for canine use as treatment of kennel cough, under what is known as the “cascade provision”.</p> <p>Having considered all the evidence in this matter, particularly the evidence given by Mr. Denis Healy and taken all the circumstances into consideration the Control Committee decided not to proceed further with this matter.</p> |

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| TRAINER | <i>Dean McComb</i> |
| ADDRESS | 331 North Queen Street, Belfast, Co. Antrim. |
| MATTER | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matters in relation to the refusal to allow a urine sample to be obtained from the greyhound Deelish Paddy. |
| OUTCOME | <p>Mr. Dean McComb, registered owner and trainer of the greyhound Deelish Paddy was not in attendance.</p> <p>Mr. Pat Herbert, Director of Regulation, Rásaíocht Con Éireann, represented Rásaíocht Con Éireann in this matter.</p> <p>The Control Committee noted that Mr. Dean McComb's father, Mr. David McComb had contacted the Secretary and advised that neither he nor his son were available to attend the meeting due to medical reasons and gave permission for the Committee to proceed with this matter in their absence.</p> <p>The Control Committee heard evidence that the greyhound named Deelish Paddy, owned and trained by the Northern Ireland Licenced Trainer, Mr. Dean McComb, competed in a race at Dundalk Greyhound Stadium on the 8th of June 2021. As the greyhound ran very poorly in the race in question the track Veterinary Surgeon examined the greyhound and reported there was no sign of injury to the greyhound but there were signs of incoordination. The Control Steward on duty on the night Mr. Leo Temple, advised Mr. Dean McComb that he wished to obtain a urine sample from the greyhound. Mr. McComb became verbally abusive and refused to allow the greyhound to be sampled. Mr. McComb also acted in an aggressive manner when the officials at Dundalk Greyhound Stadium refused to release the identity card of the greyhound. Mr. McComb also refused the Stipendiary Steward access to the greyhound the following day for the purposes of conducting a welfare inspection and to obtain a urine sample from the greyhound.</p> |

The Control Committee, having considered the evidence tendered, was satisfied the case presented by Rásaíocht Con Éireann was proven. The Committee were in no doubt that the officials were obstructed and impeded by Mr. Dean McComb in carrying out their regulatory duties.

The Control Committee found that Mr. McComb was in breach of the Greyhound Industry (Racing) Regulations and taking all the circumstances into consideration, including medical evidence submitted on behalf of Mr. McComb, the Control Committee imposed the following penalties on Mr. Dean McComb: -

In respect of a breach of Article 29 (4) of the Greyhound Industry (Racing) Regulations 2007 the Control Committee imposed a fine of €1,500 (one thousand five hundred euro) on Mr. McComb.

In respect of a breach of Article 7 of the Greyhound Industry (Racing) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 the Control Committee imposed a fine of €500 (five hundred euro) on Mr. McComb.

In respect of a breach of Article 5 (1) of the Greyhound Industry (Racing) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 the Control Committee decided not to impose an additional sanction on Mr. McComb and incorporated this breach of Regulation in the above fines.

The total fine imposed by the Control Committee on Mr. Dean McComb was €2,000 (two thousand euro).

The Control Committee also directed that samples be obtained from greyhounds under Mr. Dean McComb's care when presented for racing at Rásaíocht Con Éireann Licenced Stadia for a period of six months.

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| OWNER | <i>Noel Melia</i> |
| ADDRESS | Ballintine, Kilmeague, Naas, Co. Kildare. |
| MATTER | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adverse analytical finding – Azaperone & Azaperol returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Balltadhg Peg at the registered kennels of Mr. Noel Melia, Ballintine, Kilmeague, Naas, Co. Kildare. |
| OUTCOME | <p>Mr. Noel Melia registered owner of the greyhound Balltadhg Peg was not in attendance.</p> <p>Mr. Pat Herbert, Director of Regulation, Rásaíocht Con Éireann, represented Rásaíocht Con Éireann in this matter.</p> <p>The Control Committee noted that Mr. Melia had contacted the Secretary and advised he was not available to attend the meeting and gave his permission for this matter to be dealt with in his absence. Mr. Melia also advised that he was not contesting the laboratory finding in this matter.</p> <p>The Control Committee heard evidence that the greyhound named Balltadhg Peg was presented for an official trial at Newbridge Greyhound Stadium on the 23rd of October 2020 by Mr. Noel Melia. The officiating Control Steward, Mr. John Nolan, observed Mr. Melia in the greyhound's kennel with a syringe in his hand in the process of withdrawing the needle from the greyhound. A urine sample was obtained from the greyhound later that day at the premises of Mr. Melia. The laboratory analysis of the sample returned an adverse analytical finding for the prohibited substances Azaperone and Azaperol.</p> <p>The Control Committee, having considered all the evidence tendered on this matter was satisfied the case presented by Rásaíocht Con Éireann was proven. The</p> |

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| | <p>Committee was satisfied that Mr. Melia deliberately administered the substance to the greyhound and the substance administered was a sinister substance that should not have been administered to a greyhound under any circumstances. Taking all the circumstances into consideration the Control Committee imposed a fine of €1,500 on Mr. Melia.</p> <p>The Control Committee also directed that samples be obtained from greyhounds under Mr. Melia's care when presented for racing at Rásaíocht Con Éireann Licenced Stadia for a period of six months.</p> |
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| TRAINER | <i>P.J. Ryan</i> |
| ADDRESS | Cragg, Newport, Co. Tipperary. |
| MATTER | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-availability of the greyhound Coosane Koko for inspection whilst entered for racing at Limerick Greyhound Stadium on the 5th of September 2019. |
| OUTCOME | <p>Mr. P.J. Ryan, trainer of the greyhound Coosane Koko appeared before the Control Committee.</p> <p>Mr. Pat Herbert, Director of Regulation, Rásaíocht Con Éireann, represented Rásaíocht Con Éireann in this matter.</p> <p>The Control Committee heard evidence that the greyhound named Coosane Koko was listed as a runner at Limerick Greyhound Stadium on the 5th of September 2019.</p> <p>Mr. Peter Quinn, Control Steward called to the premises of Mr. Ryan on the afternoon of the race in question to carry out an inspection of greyhounds on Mr. Ryan's premises. The greyhound Coosane Koko was not at Mr. Ryan's premises when the inspection was conducted. As the location of the greyhound could not be established, Rásaíocht Con Éireann withdrew the greyhound from the race in question pursuant to Article 5 (1) of the</p> |

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| | <p>Greyhound Industry (Racing) (Amendment) Regulations 2016.</p> <p>The Control Committee, having considered the evidence tendered was satisfied there was no evidence presented linking Mr. Ryan to any betting activity. However, the greyhound Coosane Koko was not available for inspection at Mr. Ryan's premises when the Control Steward arrived to conduct an inspection. As the non-availability of a greyhound for inspection, whilst entered for racing, is a breach of the Racing Regulations, the Control Committee imposed a fine of €500 on Mr. Ryan.</p> |
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| OWNER | <i>Ray White</i> |
| ADDRESS | Ballyduff Terrace, Lifford, Co. Donegal. |
| MATTER | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adverse analytical finding – 6α-Hydroxystanozolol returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Jackies Delight at Mullingar Greyhound Stadium. |
| OUTCOME | <p>Mr. Ray White registered owner of the greyhound Jackies Delight was not in attendance.</p> <p>Mr. Pat Herbert, Director of Regulation, Rásaíocht Con Éireann, represented Rásaíocht Con Éireann in this matter.</p> <p>The Control Committee noted Mr. White, in a telephone conversation with the Secretary, advised he was not able to attend the meeting and gave his permission for the Control Committee to deal with this matter in his absence. Mr. White also advised he was unaware the greyhound had returned an adverse analytical finding, from a point of registration urine sample, obtained in England on 1st of October 2020. Mr. White confirmed the greyhound came into his ownership on the 7th of November 2020.</p> |

The Control Committee heard evidence that, as the greyhound named Jackies Delight, returned an adverse analytical finding in England, there was a regulatory requirement that, when the greyhound returned to Ireland, a sample free from prohibited substances be obtained prior to the greyhound trialling or racing at Rásaíocht Con Éireann Licenced Stadia. To comply with this regulatory provision, Mr. White voluntarily presented the greyhound Jackies Delight, at Mullingar Greyhound Stadium, on the 17th of January 2021 for sampling and the result of that urine sample returned an adverse analytical finding for the prohibited substance 6 α -Hydroxystanozolol.

Mr. Herbert confirmed that Mr. White became the registered owner of the greyhound named Jackies Delight, on the 7th of November 2020

The Committee noted evidence given by Dr. Jim Healy, National Greyhound Laboratory, that the level of the substance 6 α -Hydroxystanozolol detected in the sample in question was consistent with a single historical administration of Stanozolol to the greyhound and, in his opinion, the substance Stanozolol could remain in a greyhound's system for several months.

Having considered all the evidence presented, the Committee accepted that the greyhound Jackies Delight returned an adverse analytical finding for a very serious prohibited substance. However, the Control Committee found that Mr. White was an innocent victim of circumstances and decided that Mr. White be completely exonerated from any wrongdoing in relation to this matter.

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