Decision

Tasracing Integrity Unit
and
Darryl Fitzsimmons

Date of Decision: 17 November 2026

Decision Makers: Ms Barbara Scott, Mr Arnold Hyde, Mr Trevor Styles

Respondents: Mr. Darryl Fitzsimmons

Rule: L22.15(a) – Where a greyhound has died either suddenly or unexpectedly (whether due to natural causes, accident, misadventure, euthanasia under L22.12 or the cause is otherwise unknown):

(a) The owner or person responsible for the greyhound must notify the TIU before the close of business on the next working day of the death and seek permission to dispose of the body of the deceased greyhound.

Charge: Darryl Fitzsimmons was at all relevant times a greyhound trainer licenced by Tasracing and a person bound by the Greyhound Australia and Tasmanian Local Rules of Greyhound Racing.

In September 2025 Mad Eye Ross had an accident at Mr Fitzsimmons property and died.

Following the death of Mad Eye Ross Mr Fitzsimmons failed to notify the TIU of the greyhound's death within the required timeframe and failed to seek permission to dispose of the body of the deceased greyhound, a breach of Tasmanian Greyhound Local Rule 22.15.

Plea: Guilty

Penalty: $1000

Decision:

1. Mr. Fitzsimmons was at all relevant times a licenced greyhound trainer.
2. In September 2025 Mr Fitzsimmons exercised Mad Eye Ross in the competition lanes located on his property.
3. During that exercise, Mad Eye Ross collided with a piece of fencing iron that had become dislodged during recent high winds and was protruding into the lane. As a result of that collision, Mad Eye Ross sustained catastrophic neck injuries and died.

4. Mr Fitzsimmons failed to notify the TIU of Mad Eye Ross' death within the required timeframe and seek permission to dispose of the body of the deceased greyhound.

5. In arriving at Penalty, the Decision Makers considered all available evidence including:

    - Mr Fitzsimmons guilty plea
    - his personal circumstances
    - the TIU become aware of the incident through the greyhound audit.
    - his verbal submissions

6. Mr Fitzsimmons was advised of his appeal rights.

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