

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 9 April 2025

Decision-makers: Acting Chief Operation Officer Michael Cooper
Senior Inspector Pete Austin

Name of relevant person: **Blake Chapman**

Track: N/A

Date: 9 April 2025

Rule no.: Rule 156

Charge(s): **Charge 1 – R156(f)(ii)**
Mr Chapman has acted improperly, by failing to check-in or provide end of life or retirement notifications his greyhounds.

Charge 2 – 156(h)
Mr Chapman, when directed to complete overdue eTrac Check-ins for greyhounds in his care failed to adequately account for the whereabouts of the greyhounds

Plea: Charge 1 – No plea entered.
Charge 2 – No plea entered.

Disciplinary action taken: Charge 1 – To issue a disqualification until such time his greyhounds are checked-in or the relevant end of life or retirement notifications are completed and submitted.

Charge 2 – To issue a disqualification until such time his greyhounds are checked-in or the relevant end of life or retirement notifications are completed and submitted.

DECISION

1. Mr Chapman was at all relevant times, a registered Owner Trainer (Disqualified) with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission.
2. At all material times the greyhound, the subject of the charges was registered in Mr Chapman's ownership.
3. On Monday, 31 March 2025, following an investigation by the Commission, a Notice of Charge and Proposed Disciplinary Action ("Notice") was issued to Mr Chapman. The

Notice issued two charges under the Greyhound Racing Rules alleging a breach of the following:

Charge 1: Rule 156(f)(ii)

156 General offences

An offence is committed if a person (including an official):

...

- (f) has, in relation to a greyhound or greyhound racing, done something, or omitted to do something, which, in the opinion of a Controlling Body or the Stewards:

(i) is corrupt, fraudulent, or dishonest;

(ii) constitutes misconduct or is negligent or improper;

Charge 2: Rule 156(h)

156 General offences

An offence is committed if a person (including an official):

...

- (h) disobeys or fails to comply with a lawful order of a Controlling Body, the Stewards, or another person authorised by a Controlling Body with official duties in relation to greyhound racing;

4. The Notice invited Mr Chapman to make submissions in relation to the charges and penalty. The penalties proposed in the notice were:

Charge 1 - To disqualify Mr Chapman until such time his greyhounds are checked-in or the relevant end of life or retirement notifications are completed and submitted.

Charge 2 - To disqualify Mr Chapman until such time his greyhounds are checked-in or the relevant end of life or retirement notifications are completed and submitted.

5. Mr Chapman failed to respond and make submissions in relation to the charges or penalties by Monday, 7 April 2025.

6. The decision makers imposed the following penalties:

Charge 1 - To disqualify Mr Chapman until such time his greyhounds are checked-in or the relevant end of life or retirement notifications are completed and submitted.

Charge 2 - To disqualify Mr Chapman until such time his greyhounds are checked-in or the relevant end of life or retirement notifications are completed and submitted.

7. The Commission's inquiries into the matter remain ongoing.

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