

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 4 April 2025

Decision-makers: Cadet Steward Angus Chippindale, Senior Steward Kevin Adams and Steward Madi Watson

Name of relevant person: Glen Slade

Rule no(s).: Rule 156(f)(ii)

Charge(s): Mr. Slade did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by engaging in activity which constitutes misconduct.

Plea: Guilty

Disciplinary action taken: To issue a suspension of 4 months;
with the period of suspension to commence Saturday 5 April 2025 and
expire Midnight Monday 4 August 2025.

DECISION:

1. Mr Slade was, at all relevant times, a registered Attendant with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission ("**Commission**").
2. On 28 March 2025, Mr. Slade attended The Gardens Greyhound Club for the purpose of handling greyhounds.
3. Following the running of race 10, in the vicinity of the wash bays adjoining the kennel block, and later inside the kennel block, Mr. Slade became involved in a verbal and physical altercation with another participant, in which the participant was pushed several times by Mr. Slade
4. On 31 March 2025 a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**"), was issued to Mr. Slade. The Notice issued one charge, alleging a breach of the following Greyhound Racing Rule:

Rule 156(f)(ii), Rules

An offence is committed if a person:

(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

(ii) constitutes misconduct or is negligent or improper

5. The Notice invited Mr. Slade to attend a hearing on Friday 4 April 2025 at which time he would have the opportunity to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the Charge and proposed penalty. The penalty proposed in the notice was a 6-Month suspension.
6. On 4 April 2025, decision makers heard the matter at The Gardens Greyhound Club. During the course of the hearing, Mr. Slade entered a plea of guilty and made verbal submissions in respect of the proposed disciplinary action.
7. Following consideration of Mr. Slade's guilty plea and submissions, the decision makers found the charge proven and determined to impose the following disciplinary action upon him:

Charge Rule 156(f)(ii) – To issue a suspension of 4 months;

with the period of suspension to commence Saturday 5 April 2025 and
expire Midnight Monday 4 August 2025.

8. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision-makers had regard to all relevant evidence and material, including:
 - Mr. Slade's guilty plea (25% reduction);
 - Mr. Slade's 38 years registration history, with no record of any prior like offences;
 - The objective seriousness of the offence;
 - Purpose of issuing penalties as a protective measure for the image and interests of the greyhound racing industry; and
 - Principles of specific and general deterrence and what message is sent to the industry in respect to such conduct.

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