

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 28 April 2025

Decision-makers: Senior Steward Paul Van Gestel and Manager, Racing Integrity, Chris Psillis

Name of relevant person: Robert Andrews

Rule no.: R165(c)(i)

Charge(s): Charge – 165(c)(i)
Mr. Andrews did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence by engaging in improper conduct towards a Controlling Body.

Plea: Guilty

Disciplinary action taken: To issue a fine of \$200

DECISION:

1. Mr. Andrews was, at all relevant times, a registered Breeder and Public Trainer with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission.
2. In an email sent to the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission on Thursday 10 April 2025, Mr. Andrews engaged in improper conduct towards a Controlling Body
3. On Thursday 17 April 2025 Stewards convened an inquiry with Mr. Andrews, in which Mr. Andrews provided verbal submissions.
4. On Tuesday 22 April 2025 Mr Andrews was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**"). The Notice issued a charge against him for breach of the following Greyhound Racing Rule:

Rule 165(c)(i), Rules

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

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- (c) engages in contemptuous, unseemly, improper, insulting, or offensive conduct or behaviour in any manner or form towards, or in relation to:
- i. A Controlling Body

5. The Notice proposed a penalty of a \$200 fine and invited Mr Andrews to enter a plea and to provide written submissions by Thursday 24 April 2025 in relation to the charge and proposed penalty.
6. On Thursday 24 April 2025, Mr Andrews;
 - Entered a plea of guilty; and
 - Made written submissions
7. Following considering of Mr Andrew's plea and submissions, the decision-makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against him:

Charge – To issue a fine of \$200

8. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision-makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr. Andrew's guilty plea; and
 - Principles of specific and general deterrence and what message is sent to the industry in respect to such conduct.

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