

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 25 May 2025
Decision-makers: Steward Ken Storck and Steward Shannon Kearney
Name of relevant person: David Richardson
Rule no(s): Rule 156(f)(ii)
Charge(s): Mr Richardson did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by engaging in improper conduct.
Plea: Guilty
Disciplinary action taken: To issue a fine of \$750

DECISION:

1. Mr Richardson was, at all relevant times, a registered Public Trainer with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission ("**Commission**").
2. On 4 March 2025, Mr Richardson attended the Grafton Greyhound Club for the purpose of racing greyhounds.
3. Following the running of race 5, whilst collecting a greyhound in the catching pen, Mr Richardson acted in a manner which stewards deemed to be improper.
4. On Monday 19 May 2025 a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**"), was issued to Mr Richardson. 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 Richardson to attend a hearing on Sunday 25 May 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 \$1,000 fine.

6. On Sunday 25 May 2025, decision makers heard the matter at the Grafton Greyhound Club. During the course of the hearing, Mr Richardson entered a plea of guilty and made verbal submissions in respect of the proposed disciplinary action.
7. Following consideration of Mr Richardson'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 fine of \$750

8. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision-makers had regard to all relevant evidence and material, including:
 - Mr Richardson's guilty plea (25% reduction); and
 - The objective seriousness of the offence and principles of specific and general deterrence and what message is sent to the industry in respect to such conduct.

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