

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION

DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	11 August 2025
Decision-makers:	Steward Angus Chippindale and Steward Shane O'Shea
Name of relevant person:	Mr Barry Harmey
Date:	26 July 2025
Rule no:	165(a)
Charge(s):	Mr Harmey did something, which in the opinion of the Controlling Body constitutes an offence, by engaging in conduct detrimental to the image of greyhound racing
Plea:	Guilty
Disciplinary action taken:	To issue an 18 week suspension, to commence Wednesday 20 August 2025 and expire Midnight Wednesday 24 December 2025.

INVESTIGATION:

1. Mr Harmey was, at all relevant times, a registered Public Trainer with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission.
2. On Saturday 26 July 2025 Mr Harmey attended The Gardens Greyhound Club.
3. During the meeting, in the carpark adjoining the Club, Mr Harmey damaged Club property in view of patrons, a thing which stewards deemed to be detrimental to the image of greyhound racing.

DECISION:

4. On Tuesday 5 August 2025 Mr Harmey was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**").
5. In the Notice issued on 5 August 2025 the decision makers charged Mr Harmey with an offence under Rule 165(a) of the Greyhound Racing Rules, which reads:

Rule 165(a), Rules

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

(a) commits or omits to do any act or engages in conduct which is in any way detrimental to or prejudicial to the interest, welfare, image, control or promotion of greyhound racing

6. The Notice invited Mr Harmey to attend a hearing at which time he would have the opportunity to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the Charge.
7. On Monday 11 August 2025 Mr Harmey attended a hearing held at the Maitland Greyhound Club and;
 - Entered a plea of guilty; and
 - Provided verbal submissions
8. Following consideration of Mr Harmey's plea and submissions, decision makers found the charge proven. At that time in the hearing, decision makers provided Mr Harmey with a Notice of Proposed Penalty, which outlined the penalty that they were considering imposing in relation to the offence. Mr Harmey was invited to make submissions in respect of the proposed penalty
9. Following consideration of Mr Harmey's submissions in respect of the proposed penalty, decision makers determined to impose the following disciplinary action upon him:

Charge 1 – Rule 165(a) – To issue an 18-week suspension, to commence Wednesday 20 August 2025 and expire Midnight Wednesday 24 December 2025.

10. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all relevant material and evidence, including:
 - Mr Harmey's guilty plea; and
 - Mr Harmey's disciplinary record; and
 - The objective seriousness of the offence; and
 - The purpose of issuing penalties as a protective measure for the image and interests of the greyhound racing industry; and
 - Principles of general and specific deterrence.

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