

**GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION**  
**DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION**

**Date of decision:** 8 August 2025

**Decision-makers:** Steward Geoff Page

**Name of relevant person:** Stephen Fairbairn

**Rule no(s):** R156(f)(ii)

**Charge(s):** **Charge 1 – 156(f)(ii)**  
Mr. Fairbairn did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by engaging in activity which constitutes improper conduct

**Disciplinary action taken:** To issue a 12-Month Suspension  
With the suspension period backdated to expire Midnight, Friday 8 August, 2025

**DECISION:**

1. Mr Fairbairn was, at all relevant times, a registered public trainer with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission.
2. On Friday 10 May 2024, Mr Fairbairn attended the Wentworth Park track. Following the running of Race 11, in the vicinity of the wash bay adjoining the kennel block, Mr Fairbairn became involved in a verbal and physical altercation with another participant.
3. On Friday 4 July 2025 Mr Fairbairn 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 156(f)(ii)**

*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*

4. The Notice invited Mr Fairbairn to enter a plea and provide written submissions in relation to the charge and proposed penalty by Friday 11 July 2025.

5. On 11 July 2025 and 6 August 2025 Mr Fairbairn's legal representatives contacted the decision maker in relation to the charge and proposed penalty.
6. Following consideration of submission's made on Mr Fairbairn's behalf, the decision maker found the charge proven and determined to impose the following disciplinary action upon Mr Fairbairn;

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7. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision maker considered all evidence, including:
  - Mr. Fairbairn's personal and professional circumstances;
  - The period of time Mr Fairbairn had already served under two separate interim suspensions; and
  - The length of time between the commencement of the investigation and the finalisation of this matter.

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