

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 22 October 2025

Decision-makers: Acting Chief Steward Paul Van Gestel and Acting Senior Steward Ben Boyce Mortlock

Name of relevant person: Mr Paul Betar

Date: 25 August 2023

Rule no: 156(f)(ii)

Charge(s): Mr Betar did something, which in the opinion of the Controlling Body constitutes an offence, by engaging in improper conduct

Plea: Not Guilty

Disciplinary action taken: To issue a two year disqualification, to commence 22 October 2025 and to expire 22 October 2027

INVESTIGATION:

1. Mr Betar was, at all relevant times, a registered Owner and Public Trainer with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission.
2. On or about 25 August 2023 Mr Betar exchanged text messages with another registered greyhound racing participant.
3. In the opinion of Controlling Body the contents of the text messages constituted improper conduct.

DECISION:

4. On Wednesday 1 October 2025 Mr Betar was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**").
5. In the Notice issued on Wednesday 1 October 2025 the decision makers charged Mr Betar with an offence under Rule 156(f)(ii) of the Greyhound Racing Rules, which reads:

Rule 156(f)(ii), Rules

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

(f) has in relation to a greyhound or greyhound racing, done something, or omitted to do something, which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body or the Stewards

(ii) constitutes misconduct or is negligent or improper

6. The Notice invited Mr Betar to attend a hearing on Tuesday 14 October 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 three-year disqualification.
7. On Saturday 11 October 2025 Mr Betar contacted decision makers and;
 - Entered a plea of not guilty; and
 - Provided written submissions
8. On Tuesday 14 October 2025 the decision makers heard the matter via Microsoft Teams. The hearing was adjourned to allow further submissions and evidence to be provided.
9. A further hearing was conducted on Wednesday 22 October 2025.
10. In considering the matter, decision makers considered Mr Betar's plea and submissions, as well as all available evidence. The decision makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Betar:

Charge 1 – Rule 156(f)(ii) – To issue a two year disqualification;

With the disqualification period to commence 22 October 2025
and to expire 22 October 2027

11. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all relevant material and evidence, including:
 - Mr Betar's not guilty plea and submissions;
 - The delay by the Commission in hearing the matter, which was considered when proposing penalties. If heard expeditiously it would have attracted a more significant penalty;
 - Mr Betar's extensive registration history and contributions to the greyhound industry;
 - Principles of specific and general deterrence, with regard to what message is sent to the industry in respect of conduct such as what occurred in this matter; and
 - The purpose of issuing penalties as a protective measure for the image and interests of the greyhound racing industry.

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