

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	20 November 2025
Decision-makers:	Senior Steward Kevin Adams, Steward Sam Woolaston and Steward Shane O'Shea
Name of relevant person:	Arron Gould
Rule no(s):	Clause 10 of Greyhound Racing Regulation 2019 (NSW), Local Rule 34B(3), Rule 156(f)(i)
Charge(s):	Charge 1 – Clause 10(3) Mr Gould failed to comply with clause 10(3) of the <i>Greyhound Racing Regulation 2019</i> (NSW) Charge 2 – Clause 10(3) Mr Gould failed to comply with clause 10(3) of the <i>Greyhound Racing Regulation 2019</i> (NSW) Charge 3 – Clause 10(3) Mr Gould failed to comply with clause 10(3) of the <i>Greyhound Racing Regulation 2019</i> (NSW) Charge 4 – Local Rule 34B(3) Mr Gould did something, which in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by failing to adequately account for the whereabouts of a greyhound. Charge 5 – Local Rule 34B(3) Mr Gould did something, which in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by failing to adequately account for the whereabouts of a greyhound. Charge 6 – Rule 156(f)(i) Mr Gould did something, which in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by engaging in behaviour that constitutes dishonest conduct. Charge 7 – Rule 156(f)(i)

Mr Gould did something, which in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by engaging in behaviour that constitutes dishonest conduct.

**Disciplinary action
taken:**

Charge 1 – To issue a 2 Month Suspension

Charge 2 – To issue a 2 Month Suspension

Charge 3 – To issue a 2 Month Suspension

Charge 4 – To issue a 12 Month Suspension

Charge 5 – To issue a 12 Month Suspension

Charge 6 – To issue a 9 Month Disqualification

Charge 7 – To issue a 9 Month Disqualification

With the Suspension and Disqualification periods to served cumulatively and concurrently.

Accordingly, the 30 month Suspension period commences midnight 20 November 2025 and ends midnight 20 May 2028, and the 18 month Disqualification period commences midnight 20 November 2025 and ends midnight 20 May 2027.

DECISION

1. Mr Arron Gould was, at all relevant times, a registered Owner Trainer with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission ("**Commission**").
2. On Wednesday 27 November 2024 Mr Gould notified the Commission that three greyhounds in his custody had died on or about, respectively, 23 October 2019, 18 February 2022 and 28 July 2022.
3. On Wednesday 27 November 2024 Mr Gould further notified the Commission that two greyhounds in his custody had been rehomed on, respectively, 15 August 2020 and 23 October 2021. The Commission was unable to identify any record of these greyhounds being rehomed. During an interview with Officers of the Commission on Monday 9 December 2024 Mr Gould admitted he did not know where the greyhounds had been rehomed.
4. On Tuesday 28 October 2025, Mr Gould was issued with a Notice of Charge and Proposed Disciplinary Action ("**Notice**"). In the Notice, decision makers issued Mr Gould with four charges under the Rules of Racing and three charges under the Greyhound Racing Regulation, which read:

Clause 10(3), Greyhound Racing Regulation

- (1) A greyhound racing industry participant who owns or keeps a greyhound must, in accordance with this clause, provide the following information to the Commission-

...

- (e) if the greyhound dies – details relating to the date, time and location of the death and circumstances surrounding the death (including the cause of death, if known)

...

- (2) If the Commission approves a manner or form for providing information required by this clause, the information must be provided in the approved manner or form.
- (3) A greyhound racing industry participant who is required to provide information to the Commission under this clause must do so-

...

- (b) in the circumstances referred to in subclause (1)(e) – not more than 2 days after the death of the greyhound...

Rule 34B(3), Rules

- (3) An offence is committed if a person fails to adequately account for the whereabouts of a greyhound.

Rule 156(f)(i), 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:

- i) is corrupt, fraudulent or dishonest

5. The Notice invited Mr Gould to attend a hearing on Thursday 20 November 2025, at which time he would have the opportunity to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charges and proposed penalties.
6. On Thursday 20 November 2025 Mr Gould failed to appear at the scheduled hearing. Decision makers made attempts to contact Mr Gould but were unsuccessful. Accordingly, the hearing was conducted in his absence.
7. In lieu of having the opportunity to consider a plea or any submissions from Mr Gould on the charges and proposed penalties, the decision makers found the charges proven and determined to not reduce the proposed penalties. Accordingly, decision makers imposed upon Mr Gould the following penalties:

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8. Decision makers elected to invoke Rule 176 and that the penalties to be therefore served cumulatively, with the net period of disqualification to be served from 20 November 2025 and to expire midnight 20 May 2027. The net period of suspension is to be served from 20 November 2025 and to expire 20 May 2028.
9. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers had regard to all relevant evidence and material, including:
 - Mr Gould's failure to attend the hearing on Thursday 20 November 2025 and the lack of a plea or any submissions in respect of the charges and proposed penalties. This was an important factor in determining not to reduce the penalties below what was initially proposed;
 - 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, in order to promote and protect the welfare of greyhounds.

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