

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:	Pompeo Vallario
Rule no(s):	Rule 156(w), Rule 56(1) and Rule 156(g)(ii)
Charge(s):	Charge 1 – R156(w) Mr Vallario did a thing, which in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by failing to comply with Standard 5.2 of the NSW Greyhound Welfare Code of Practice. Charges 2 – R156(w) Mr Vallario did a thing, which in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by failing to comply with Standard 5.15 of the NSW Greyhound Welfare Code of Practice. Charges 3 – R56(1) Mr Vallario did a thing, which in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by breeding with a male greyhound not registered with the Controlling Body as a sire. Charge 4 – R156(g)(ii) Mr Vallario did something, which in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by insulting a GWIC Inspector
Plea:	Not Guilty to all charges

**Disciplinary action
taken:**

Charge 1 – To suspend Mr Vallario for 6 months;

Charge 2 – To suspend Mr Vallario for 6 months;

Charge 3 – To suspend Mr Vallario for 6 months;

Charge 4 – To disqualify Mr Vallario for 6 months;

With the penalties for Charge 2 and Charge 3 to be served concurrently and cumulatively with Charge 1;

With the 6 Month Disqualification period to commence 20 November 2025 and to expire midnight 20 May 2026; and

With the 12 Month Suspension period to commence 20 November 2025 and to expire 20 November 2026.

DECISION

1. Mr Vallario was, at all relevant times, a registered Owner Trainer with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission ("**Commission**").
2. On 10 April 2025 and 11 April 2025 Commission Inspectors attended Mr Vallario's registered kennel address. Inspectors identified that greyhounds in Mr Vallario's custody were being held without supervision in an area with less than two barriers preventing escape from the property as per NSW Greyhound Welfare Code of Practice Standard 5.2.
3. On or about 15 April 2025 a male greyhound in Mr Vallario's custody sired a litter of pups with a female greyhound in Mr Vallario's custody. The male greyhound was not registered with the Controlling Body as a sire, and the female greyhound was not housed separately from a non-desexed male greyhound six months of age or older as per NSW Greyhound Welfare Code of Practice Standard 5.15.
4. On 27 August 2025 Mr Vallario, during the course of a telephone interview, engaged in insulting behaviour towards a Commission Officer.
5. On Wednesday 29 October 2025, Mr Vallario was issued with a Notice of Charge and Proposed Disciplinary Action ("**Notice**"), containing four charges, pertaining to breaches of three rules of the Greyhound Racing Rules ("**Rules**"), which read:

Rule 56(1), Rules

(1) A male greyhound shall not be used for breeding purposes unless registered with the Controlling Body as a sire.

Rule 156(g)(ii), Rules

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

(g) wilfully assaults, obstructs, impedes, abuses, interferes with, threatens or insults:

(ii) any officer, employee or member of a Controlling Body

Rule 156(w), Rules

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

(w) fails to comply with a policy or code of practice adopted by a Controlling Body

6. The Notice invited Mr Vallario 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.
7. On Thursday 20 November 2025, Mr Vallario attended a hearing held via Microsoft Teams and entered pleas of not guilty to the four charges.
8. Mr Vallario elected not to respond or make submissions with regard to the proposed penalties. Mr Vallario instead chose to leave the hearing and to take no further part in the disciplinary proceedings.
9. The decision makers, satisfied that Mr Vallario was provided every opportunity to respond to the proposed penalties, elected to proceed in finalising the hearing in his absence.
10. Taking into account Mr Vallario's pleas of not guilty the decision makers imposed the following penalties:

Charge 1 – 6 month suspension;

Charge 2 – 6 month suspension;

Charge 3 – 6 month suspension;

Charge 4 – 6 month disqualification

With the penalties for Charge 2 and Charge 3 to be served concurrently and cumulatively with Charge 1;

With the 6 Month Disqualification period to commence 20 November 2025 and to expire midnight 20 May 2026; and

With the 12 Month Suspension period to commence 20 November 2025 and to expire 20 November 2026.

11. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers had regard to all relevant evidence and material, including:
 - Mr Vallario's not guilty pleas;
 - Mr Vallario's lack of any submissions in respect of the proposed penalties. This was an important factor in determining not to reduce the penalties below what was proposed at the hearing;

- Principles of general and specific deterrence; and
- The purpose of issuing penalties as a protective measure for the image and interests of the greyhound racing industry.

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