

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	18 February 2026
Decision-makers:	Senior Inspector Shelley Hancock Senior Inspector Sandra Muscat
Name of relevant person:	Maurice Austin
Track:	N/A
Date:	18 February 2026
Rule no.:	Rule 156
Charge(s):	Charge 1 – R156(f)(ii) Mr Austin has acted improperly, by failing to check-in or provide end of life or retirement notifications for his greyhounds. Charge 2 – 156(h) Mr Austin, when directed to complete overdue eTrac Check-ins for greyhounds in his care failed to comply with this direction.
Plea:	Charge 1 – No plea entered. Charge 2 – No plea entered.
Disciplinary action taken:	Charge 1 – To warn Mr Austin off until such time his greyhounds are checked-in or the relevant end of life or retirement notifications are completed and submitted. Charge 2 – To warn Mr Austin off until such time as his greyhounds are checked-in or the relevant end of life or retirement notifications are completed and submitted.

DECISION

1. Mr Austin was at all relevant times, a greyhound racing industry participant.
2. At all material times the greyhound, the subject of the charges was registered in Mr Austin's ownership.
3. On Monday, 2 February 2026, following an investigation by the Commission, a Notice of Charge and Proposed Disciplinary Action ("Notice") was issued to Mr Austin. The Notice issued two charges under the Greyhound Racing Rules alleging a breach of the following:

Charge 1: Rule 156(f)(ii)

156 General offences

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

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(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:

(i) is corrupt, fraudulent, or dishonest;

(ii) constitutes misconduct or is negligent or improper;

Charge 2: Rule 156(h)

156 General offences

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

...

(h) disobeys or fails to comply with a lawful order of a Controlling Body, the Stewards, or another person authorised by a Controlling Body with official duties in relation to greyhound racing;

4. The Notice invited Mr Austin to make submissions in relation to the charges and penalty. The penalties proposed in the notice were:

Charge 1 - To warn Mr Austin off until such time his greyhounds are checked-in or the relevant end of life or retirement notifications are completed and submitted.

Charge 2 - To warn Mr Austin off until such time his greyhounds are checked-in or the relevant end of life or retirement notifications are completed and submitted.

5. Mr Austin failed to respond and make submissions in relation to the charges or penalties by Monday, 9 February 2026.

6. The decision makers imposed the following penalties:

Charge 1 - To warn Mr Austin off until such time his greyhounds are checked-in or the relevant end of life or retirement notifications are completed and submitted.

Charge 2 - To warn Mr Austin off until such time his greyhounds are checked-in or the relevant end of life or retirement notifications are completed and submitted.

7. This matter remains under investigation, and this decision will be updated when the relevant greyhound/s are checked-in in accordance with GWIC's Check-In Policy and/or appropriate notifications are provided.

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