



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

**Date of decision:** 20 March 2026

**Decision-makers:** Senior Steward Dean Degan, Steward Ken Storck and Steward Shannon Kearney

**Name of relevant person:** Mr Robert Andrews

**Track:** N/A

**Date:** 16 March 2025

**Rule no.:** 165(c)(iv)

**Charge(s):** **Charge 1 – Rule 165(c)(iv)**

Mr Robert Andrews, in the opinion of the stewards, engaged in contemptuous, unseemly, improper, insulting or offensive conduct towards or in relation to an official of a Club

**Plea:** Not Guilty

**Disciplinary action taken:** To issue a fine of \$250, with a further \$500 wholly suspended for 12 months conditional on Mr Andrews not breaching this, or any like, rule in this period.

**BACKGROUND:**

1. On 16 March 2025 Mr Andrews contacted the Tweed Heads Coursing Club by way of telephone.
2. During the conversation Mr Andrews used insulting language toward an official of the club.

**DECISION:**

3. At all relevant times Mr Andrews was a registered Public Trainer and Breeder Whelper with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission.
4. On 20 March 2026 Mr Andrews was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**").
5. In the Notice issued on 20 March 2023 the decision makers charged Mr Andrews with one charge under Rule 165(c)(iv), which reads:

**Rule 165(c)(a)(iv)**

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

...

(a) engages in contemptuous, unseemly, improper, insulting or offensive conduct or behaviour in any manner or form towards, or in relation to:

...

(iv) a Steward or any other official of a Controlling Body or Club;

6. The Notice invited Mr Andrews to attend a hearing at which time he would have the opportunity to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the Charge and proposed penalty.
7. At the hearing held on 20 March 2026 at the Casino Greyhound Club, Mr Andrews:
  - Entered a plea of not guilty; and
  - Made verbal submissions
8. Following consideration of the plea and verbal submissions made by the defendant, the decision makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Andrews;

**Charge 1 (Rule 165(c)(iv))** To issue a fine of \$250, with a further \$500 wholly suspended for 12 months conditional on Mr Andrews not breaching this, or any like, rule in this period.

9. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision-makers considered all evidence, including:
  - Mr Andrews' not guilty plea;
  - Mr Andrews' time in 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

.....End.....