

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	27 February 2026
Decision-makers:	Senior Steward Zane Turner
Name of relevant person:	Wolfgang Kraeft
Rule no(s):	Rule 156(g)(ii), Rule 156(g)(iv)
Charge(s):	<p>Charge 1 – R156(g)(ii)</p> <p>Mr Kraeft did something, which in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by threatening and abusing an officer of the Controlling Body.</p> <p>Charge 2 – R156(g)(iv)</p> <p>Mr Kraeft did something, which in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by abusing and insulting a Steward</p>
Plea:	Guilty
Disciplinary action taken:	<p>Charge 1 – To issue a 5-month disqualification</p> <p>Charge 2 – To issue a 6-month disqualification</p> <p>With the penalties for each charge to be served concurrently;</p> <p>With the net effect being a 6-month period of disqualification from the industry;</p> <p>With the time served by Mr. Kraeft under interim suspension to be taken into account, from 12 September 2025; and</p> <p>With the period of disqualification to expire at midnight on 11 March 2026.</p>

INVESTIGATION

1. Mr Wolfgang Kraeft was, at all relevant times, a registered Public Trainer with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission (“**Commission**”).

2. On Tuesday 8 April 2025, Mr Kraeft had a recorded telephone conversation with a Senior Registration Officer of the Commission.
3. During the course of the telephone conversation, Mr Kraeft threatened and abused an officer of the Controlling Body.
4. On Monday 8 September 2025 Mr Kraeft attended the Nowra Greyhound Racing Club.
5. During the course of the meeting, Mr Kraeft abused and insulted a Steward of the Commission.

DECISION

6. Following an investigation by the Commission, Notices of Charge and Proposed Disciplinary Action (“Notices”) were issued to Mr Kraeft on 11 August 2025 (Charge 1) and 18 September 2025 (Charge 2).
7. The Notices issued two charges with offences under the following Greyhound Racing Rules (“Rules”):

Rule 156(g)(ii), Rules

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

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

(iv) Any officer, member or employee of a Controlling Body or Club.

Rule 156(g)(iv), Rules

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

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

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

8. The Notices invited Mr Kraeft to attend a hearing at which time he would have the opportunity to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charges.
9. On 16 February 2026 final written submissions were provided by Mr Kraeft. Contained within the written submissions Mr Kraeft pleaded guilty to both Charges and provided further submissions regarding the Charges and in the matter of penalty.
10. Following consideration of Mr. Kraeft’s plea and submissions, the decision-maker found the Charges proven. On 17 February 2026 the decision-maker provided Mr. Kraeft with a Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action, which outlined the penalties that they were considering imposing in relation to the offences. Mr. Kraeft was invited to make submissions in respect of the proposed penalty.

11. Following consideration of Mr. Kraeft’s submissions in respect of the proposed penalty, the decision-maker determined to take the following disciplinary action against Mr. Kraeft:

Charge 1 – To issue a 5-month disqualification

Charge 2 – To issue a 6-month disqualification

With the penalties for each charge to be served concurrently;

With the net effect being a 6-month period of disqualification from the industry;

With the time served by Mr. Kraeft under interim suspension to be taken into account, from 12 September 2025; and

With the period of disqualification to expire at midnight on 11 March 2026.

12. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision-maker had regard to all relevant evidence and material, including,

- Mr. Kraeft’s guilty plea to both Charges entitling him to a 25% reduction in penalty;
- Mr. Kraeft’s disciplinary history;
- Mr. Kraeft’s submissions;
- Mr. Kraeft’s personal circumstances, which won’t be repeated here for privacy reasons;
- The principles of general and specific deterrence;
- The Commission notes the length of time it has taken for this matter to be finalised, however the decision-maker is satisfied that Mr Kraeft had contributed significantly in this regard; and
- The objective seriousness of the offence.

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