

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION

DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	19 April 2026
Decision-makers:	Senior Steward Dean Degan, Steward Shannon Kearney and Steward Tora Cavanagh
Name of relevant person:	Mr Mark Maroney
Date:	Various
Rule no(s):	Clause 10 of Greyhound Racing Regulation 2019 (NSW), 24(1), 156(f)(ii)
Plea(s)	Charge 1 – Guilty Charge 2, 3 & 4 – Not Guilty
Charge(s):	Charge 1 – Clause 10(3) Mr Maroney failed to comply with Clause 10(3) of the Greyhound Racing Regulation 2019 (NSW) Charge 2 – Clause 10(3) Not Proven Charge 3 – R24(1) Not Proven Charge 4 – R156(f)(ii) Not Proven

Disciplinary action taken: **Charge 1 (Regulation 10(3)) – To issue a fine of \$300**

INVESTIGATION:

1. Mr Maroney was, at all relevant times, a registered Public Trainer, Studmaster and Breeder Whelper with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission.
2. On or about 21 August 2023 Mr Maroney transferred a greyhound (“**Greyhound**”) in his custody, that had not been surgically sterilised by a veterinarian, for retirement as a pet

in circumstances not approved by the Controlling Body. Mr Maroney failed to notify the the Controlling Body of this transfer within three days.

3. On 27 February 2024 the transfer of the Greyhound was declined by the GWIC Registration team. Mr Maroney failed to confirm that the person to whom the Greyhound was transferred was registered with the Controlling Body. On or about 15 July 2024 the Greyhound died. Mr Maroney failed to notify the Controlling Body of this death within two days.

DECISION:

4. On Tuesday 10 February 2026 Mr Maroney was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**").
5. In the Notice issued on 10 February 2026 the decision makers charged Mr Maroney with two offences under the Greyhound Racing Rules and two offences 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-

...

(b) if there is change in the ownership of the greyhound – details of the change of ownership,

(c) if there is a change in the premises at which the greyhound is ordinarily kept – details of the change of premises,

...

(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-

(a) in the circumstances referred to in subclause (1)(c) – not more than 3 days after change of premises, or

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

- (c) in other circumstances – not more than 14 days after the circumstances arise

Rule 24(1), Rules

1. Unless a greyhound is being accepted by an adoption agency approved by a Controlling Body that undertakes sterilisation, the owner or person responsible for the greyhound at the time of such retirement as a pet must ensure that the greyhound has been surgically sterilised by

a veterinarian before allowing the greyhound to leave their care and custody, except where a veterinarian certifies after examining that greyhound, to the satisfaction of a Controlling Body, that being sterilised would be detrimental to its welfare.

Rule 156(f)(ii), 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 a Controlling Body or the Stewards:

(ii) constitutes misconduct or is negligent or improper

6. The Notice invited Mr Maroney to attend a hearing scheduled for Sunday 23 February 2026 in relation to the Charges.
7. On Friday 20 February 2026 decision makers consented to adjourning the hearing to Sunday 15 March 2026.
8. On Sunday 15 March 2026 Mr Maroney attended a hearing held at the Grafton Greyhound Club and;
 - Entered a plea of guilty to Charge 1;
 - Entered a plea of not guilty to Charge 2, 3, and 4; and
 - Provided verbal submissions.
9. The hearing was adjourned to allow further evidence and submissions to be provided. A further hearing was conducted at the Grafton Greyhound Club on Sunday 19 April 2026.
10. Following consideration of Mr Maroney’s submissions in respect of the Charges and proposed penalties, decision makers found Charge 1 proven and found Charges 2, 3, and 4 to be not proven. Decision makers accordingly withdrew Charges 2, 3 and 4 and determined to impose the following disciplinary action upon Mr Maroney:

Charge 1 (Regulation 10(3)) – \$300 fine

11. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all relevant material and evidence, including:
 - Mr Maroney’s guilty plea to Charge 1 (25% reduction);
 - Mr Maroney’s disciplinary record, with no prior like offences; and
 - Mr Maroney’s cooperation and forthright evidence;

.....End.....