



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

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Date of decision: 16 April 2026
Decision-maker: Acting Chief Steward Paul Van Gestel and Acting Senior Steward Ben Boyce-Mortlock
Name of relevant person: Nevyl Hand
Track: N/A
Date: Various
Rule no.: 96(c), 156(f)(ii), 156(g)(ii)
Charge(s):

Charge 1 – Rule 156(g)(iii)

Mr Nevyl Hand did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by engaging in threatening conduct towards an employee of a Club

Charge 2 – Rule 156(g)(iii)

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Charge 3 – Rule 156(f)(ii)

Mr Nevyl Hand did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by engaging in improper conduct towards a Steward of the Controlling Body

Charge 4 – Rule 96(c)

Mr Nevyl Hand did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by engaging in use of an unauthorised mobile communication device on the day of a meeting.

Charge 5 – Rule 96(c)

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Plea: Not Guilty to Charges 1, 2, 3 and 5 and a Guilty plea to Charge 4

Disciplinary action taken:

Charge 1 (Rule 156(g)(iii)): To issue a 12 month disqualification

Charge 2 (Rule 156(g)(iii)): To issue a 12 month disqualification

Charge 3 (Rule 156(f)(ii)): To issue a 6 month disqualification

Charge 4 (Rule 96(c)): To issue a \$300 fine

Charge 5 (Rule 96(c)): To issue a \$400 fine

With the penalties imposed for Charges 1, 2 and 3 to be served cumulatively, with the net effect being a 30 month disqualification from the industry and a \$700 fine; and

With the period served under interim suspension taken into consideration, the period of disqualification to commence Thursday 16 April 2026 and expire midnight September 17, 2028.

INVESTIGATION

1. Mr Nevy Hand was, at all relevant times, a registered Public Trainer and Breeder Whelper with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission.
2. On Wednesday 4 February 2026 Mr Hand attended the Gunnedah Greyhound Club for the purpose of racing greyhounds. Whilst handling greyhounds Mr Hand became involved in a verbal altercation with an employee of the Gunnedah Greyhound Club, in which Mr Hand stated;

“You ever touch my dog again, I’ll kill you, you cunt.”
3. On Saturday 7 February 2026, by way of voice message to the work issued phone of a Steward of the Controlling Body, Mr Hand made threats towards an employee of a Club. In further text and voice messages between Saturday 7 February 2026 and Monday 9 February 2026 Mr Hand engaged in improper conduct towards a Steward of the Controlling Body.

4. On Tuesday 17 February, by email to the Controlling Body, Mr Hand provided two video clips which demonstrated unauthorised use of a mobile communication device on the day of a meeting.

DECISION:

5. On Wednesday 18 March 2026, Mr Hand was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”). In the Notice, the decision makers charged Mr Hand with five offences under the Greyhound Racing Rules, which read:

Rule 96, Rules

Unless a Controlling Body or the Stewards order otherwise, an owner, trainer or attendant must not use a mobile telephone, mobile communication device or any unauthorised device while on a racecourse on the day of a meeting:

(a) while parading, handling, or acting as a catcher of a greyhound;

...

(c) while present in the kennelling or parade area.

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;

Rule 156(g)(iii), Rules

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

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

...

(iii) a Club, or an officer, employee or member of a Club

6. The Notice invited Mr Hand to attend a hearing on Tuesday 31 March 2026, at which time he would have the opportunity to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charges.
7. On 24 March 2026 decision makers consented to adjourning the hearing until Tuesday 7 April 2026.
8. On Thursday 2 April 2026 Mr Hand contacted decision makers and entered Not Guilty pleas to Charges 1, 2, 3 and 5 and a Guilty plea to Charge 4

9. On Tuesday 7 April 2026, Mr Hand attended a hearing held via Microsoft Team where he:
- Entered written submissions; and
 - Provided verbal submissions
10. Following consideration of Mr Hand’s plea and submissions, decision makers found the charges proven. Decision makers provided Mr Hand with a Notice of Proposed Penalty, which outlined the penalties that they were considering imposing in relation to the offences. Mr Hand was invited to make submissions in respect of the proposed penalties to the offences.
11. Following consideration of Mr Hand’s submissions in respect of the proposed penalties, decision makers determined to impose the following disciplinary action upon him:

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12. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all the material and evidence before them, including:
- Mr Hand’s pleas to the charges;
 - Mr Hand’s verbal and written submissions;
 - Mr Hand’s personal and professional circumstances;
 - Principles of specific and general deterrence; and
 - The objective seriousness of the offences

.....End.....