



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Warning: This report contains language which some readers may find offensive.

Date of decision: 14 October 2021

Decision-maker: Director Compliance & Legal Services, Matthew Tutt, Director Race Day Operations (Chief Steward), Wade Birch, Deputy Chief Inspector Shaye Barrow

Name of relevant person: Mr Andrew Mulrine

Track: Goulburn

Date: 18 December 2020

Rule no.: Rule 86(o)

Charge(s): (1) That Mr Mulrine, as a registered Public Trainer at all material times, on 18 December 2020 did a thing at the Goulburn Greyhound Racing Club that in the opinion of the Controlling Body was improper or constituted misconduct in relation to greyhound racing by using his stomach to push another participant, causing that participant to fall backwards and onto another participant.

Disciplinary action taken: 4-month suspension

DECISION:

1. Mr Andrew Mulrine was at all times registered with GWIC as a Public Trainer.
2. On 18 December 2020, a race meeting was held at the Goulburn Greyhound Racing Club ("**Goulburn Club**").
3. Mr Mulrine attended the Goulburn Club along with his wife. Before the beginning of the race meeting, Mr Mulrine's wife had a conversation with a staff member of the Goulburn Club and another participant ("**the Participant**") in an office at the Goulburn Club.
4. Between 11:30am and 12:15pm Mr Mulrine approached the Participant where he was sitting in the Café area of the Goulburn Club with a further participant.
5. Mr Mulrine said words to the effect of "*You have just assaulted my wife*" and "*Don't fucking threaten my wife*" to the Participant

6. Mr Mulrine approached the participant and used his stomach to push into the Participant's stomach, causing him to fall backwards and into the further participant he had been seated with. This action also caused the further participant to fall to the ground and spill a coffee over himself that he had been holding.
7. On 21 June 2021, due to Mr Mulrine's conduct against the Participant at the Goulburn Club the Queanbeyan Local Court found Mr Mulrine guilty of a charge of common assault, but the matter did not proceed to conviction, pursuant to Section 10(1)(a) of the *Crimes (Sentencing Procedure) Act 1999* (NSW).
8. The Commission charged Mr Mulrine under Rule 86(o) in relation to his conduct. This rule reads:

Rule 86(o)

A person (including an official) shall be guilty of an offence if the person-

- (o) has, in relation to a greyhound or greyhound racing, done a thing, or omitted to do a thing, which, in the opinion of the Stewards or the Controlling Body, as the case may be, is negligent, dishonest, corrupt, fraudulent or improper, or constitutes misconduct;

9. Mr Mulrine was notified of the charges in writing and invited to attend a hearing to respond to the charges and make submissions.
10. Mr Mulrine attended the hearing and was legally represented. Mr Mulrine entered a guilty plea to the charge and gave evidence at the hearing. His legal representative made submissions on his behalf.
11. The Commission found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Mulrine:

To suspend Mr Mulrine for 4 months.

12. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence, including:
 - Greyhound racing penalty precedents in NSW and other jurisdictions;
 - Mr Mulrine's plea of guilty at the earliest opportunity;
 - The length of time Mr Mulrine has held a registration in the greyhound racing industry, being since 1983, approximately 38 years;
 - Mr Mulrine's lack of relevant previous disciplinary history with the greyhound racing industry;
 - The character references provided, which spoke to Mr Mulrine's character; and
 - The submissions made on Mr Mulrine's behalf as to his personal and other circumstances.

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