



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

**Date of decision:** Tuesday 23 July 2024

**Decision-makers:** Acting Chief Steward Dean Degan and Steward Craig Easey

**Name of relevant person:** Simone Loader

**Rule no.:** R156(o)

**Charge(s):** Charge – R156(o)

Miss Loader did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by making a statement to an officer of the Controlling Body when it was known to be false.

**Plea:** Guilty

**Disciplinary action taken:** Five Month Disqualification with the period of disqualification commencing Saturday 27 July 2024 and expiring 27 December 2024.

**DECISION:**

1. Miss Loader was, at all relevant times, a registered Attendant with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission.
2. On Thursday 4 July 2024 Miss Loader was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**") following the Commission becoming aware that Miss Loader had knowingly made a false statement in an interview with an officer of the Controlling Body. The Notice issued a charge against her for breach of the following Greyhound Racing Rule:

**Rule 156(o)**

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

(o) makes or publishes any statement known by the person to be false where the publication is to:

- i. A member of a Controlling Body;
- ii. An officer of a Controlling Body;
- iii. An employee of a Controlling Body; or
- iv. An officiating veterinarian or official in the course of them performing their functions.

3. The Notice invited Miss Loader to attend a hearing on Tuesday 23 July 2024 and to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge and proposed penalty.

**Charge (Rule 156(o)) -** To issue a disqualification of nine months

4. On Monday 22 July 2024 Miss Loader provided written submissions to decision makers and, at the hearing conducted via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday 23 July 2024, Miss Loader;

- Entered a plea of guilty to the Charge; and
- Made verbal submissions.

5. Following consideration of Miss Loader's plea and submissions, the decision-makers found the charges proven and determined to impose the following disciplinary action upon her:

**Charge (Rule 156(o)) -** Five Month Disqualification, with the period of disqualification commencing Saturday 27 July 2024 and expiring 27 December 2024.

6. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision-makers considered all evidence, including:

- Miss Loader's guilty plea;
- Miss. Loader's written submission and verbal submissions made at the hearing; and
- Miss. Loader's seven-year registration history, with no prior penalties.

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