



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	3 March 2023
Decision-makers:	Steward Ken Storck & Steward Shannon Kearney
Name of relevant person:	Mr. Desmond Cecil
Track:	Casino
Date:	23 February 2023
Rule no.:	Rule 156(g)(iii)
Charge(s):	Mr. Desmond Cecil insulted an employee of the Casino Greyhound Club at its meeting on 23 February 2023.
Disciplinary action taken:	To impose a fine of \$1000, \$500 of which was conditionally suspended for a period of 12 months.

DECISION:

1. On 23 February 2023, Mr. Desmond Cecil attended the Casino Greyhound Club.
2. On 23 February 2023, Stewards received a complaint regarding the conduct of Mr. Desmond Cecil toward an employee of the Casino Greyhound Club Mr. Richard Vrckoff.
3. On 3 March 2023, Stewards commenced an inquiry into the conduct of Mr. Desmond Cecil.
4. Having considered the evidence provided at the inquiry, the Stewards issued the following charge against Mr. Cecil.

Charge 1 – Rule 156(g)(iii)

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

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

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

1. Mr. Desmond Cecil was, at all material times, an Owner, Trainer and Breeder registered with the Commission;
 2. On 23 February 2023 Mr. Desmond Cecil did insult an employee of the Casino Greyhound Club, namely, Mr. Richard Vrcroff;
 3. He did so by referring to Mr. Vrcroff as an 'imbecile' whilst positioned in the stir up area prior to the running of race 12.
5. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision-makers considered all evidence, including:
- Mr Cecil's guilty plea;
 - Mr Cecil's cooperation and forthright evidence;
 - Mr Cecil's registration history, having been a registered participant since 2006 with no history of similar rule breaches.

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