



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	Wednesday 28 August 2024
Decision-makers:	Acting Chief Steward Dean Degan
Name of relevant person:	Corina Sciberras
Rule no.:	R156(h)
Charge(s):	Charge – 156(h) Mrs Sciberras did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by disobeying a lawful order of the Stewards.
Plea:	Not Guilty
Disciplinary action taken:	To issue a suspension of two months, with one month wholly and conditionally suspended for a period of twelve months pending no further breaches of this, or any like, rule.

With the suspension to commence Wednesday 28 August, 2024, and expire Saturday 28 September, 2024.

DECISION:

1. Mrs Sciberras was, at all relevant times, a registered Owner Trainer with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission.
2. On Sunday 8 June 2024, Mrs. Sciberras attended the Dubbo Greyhound Club.
3. During the meeting Mrs Sciberras was issued a direction to attend the steward's room. Mrs Sciberras failed to comply with the direction and left the racecourse without attending the stewards' room.
4. On Monday 17 June 2024 Mrs Sciberras was issued a notice of Stewards Inquiry. On Monday 15 July Mrs Sciberras contacted the decision maker and provided written submissions in relation to the matter.

5. On Friday 19 July 2024 Mrs Sciberras was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”). The Notice issued a charge against her for breach of the following Greyhound Racing Rule:

Charge - Rule 156(h), Rules

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

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(h) disobeys or fails to comply with a lawful order of a Controlling Body, the Stewards, or another person authorised by a Controlling Body with official duties in relation to greyhound racing

6. The Notice proposed a penalty of a two-month suspension, with one month wholly and conditionally suspended for a period of twelve months and invited Mrs Sciberras to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge and proposed penalty.
7. On Wednesday July 24 2024, Mrs Sciberras contacted the decision maker in writing and;
 - Entered a plea of not guilty; and
 - Made written submissions
8. Following consideration of Mrs Sciberras’s plea and submissions, the decision-maker found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against her:

Charge – To issue a suspension of two months, with one month wholly and conditionally suspended for a period of twelve months pending no further breaches of this, or any like, rule.

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9. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision-makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Mrs Sciberras’s Not Guilty plea
 - Mrs Sciberras’s registration history with no prior penalties for any like offence; and
 - GWIC penalty precedents

.....End.....