



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

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

**Date of decision:** 6 April 2023

**Decision-makers:** Chief Operating Officer, Wade Birch and  
Steward, Sam Woolaston

**Name of relevant person:** Mr Nathan Allan

**Track** Wauchope

**Date:** 31 December 2022

**Rule no:** Rule 165(c)(iv)

**Charge(s):** (1) Mr Allan engaged in offensive conduct towards a staff member of the Controlling Body

**Plea:** Not guilty

**Disciplinary action taken:** Disqualification for a period of 9 months, with the time served on interim suspension from 25 January 2023 to be taken into account with the period of disqualification will expire on 26 October 2023.

**INVESTIGATION:**

1. On 31 December 2022, Mr Nathan Allan attended the Wauchope Greyhound Club for the purpose of handling greyhounds during a race meeting.
2. Following the running of Race 4, Mr Allan collected the greyhound 'Topper's The One' from the catching pen. Mr. Allan was then directed by a staff member of the Controlling Body to present the greyhound 'Topper's The One' to the attending On Track Veterinarian for examination.
3. Upon hearing this direction Mr Allan responded by referring to the staff member as a "cunt".
4. This reference was overheard by fellow participants and officials in the catching pen.
5. Stewards conducted interviews with Mr Allan and witnesses immediately following the meeting regarding the incident

**DECISION:**

6. At all relevant times Mr Allan was registered with the Commission as an Attendant.
7. On 8 February 2023 Mr Allan was issued with a Notice of Charge and Proposed Disciplinary Action ("**Notice**").
8. In the Notice issued on 8 February 2023 the decision makers charged Mr Allan under rule 165(c)(iv) of the Greyhound Racing Rules, which reads:

**Rule 165(c)(iv), Rules**

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

...

c) engages in contemptuous, unseemly, improper, insulting, or offensive conduct or behaviour in any manner or form towards, or in relation to:

...

(iv) a Steward or any other official of a Controlling Body or Club

9. Mr Allan entered a plea of not guilty and provided submissions in response to the charge.
10. After considering the submissions provided, the decision makers found Mr Allan guilty of the charge as particularized
11. In taking this decision the decision makers considered all evidence, including
  - Mr Allan's not guilty plea;
  - Mr Allan's time in the industry;
  - Mr Allan's lack of contrition; and
  - The objective seriousness of the offence.

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