



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: Tuesday 21 May 2024

Decision-makers: Senior Steward Kevin Adams and Steward Sam Woolaston

Name of relevant person: Anthony Turner

Rule no.: R156(f)(ii)

Charge(s): Charge – 156(f)(ii)

Mr. Turner did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence by engaging in an activity which constitutes misconduct.

Plea: Not Guilty

Disciplinary action taken: To issue a disqualification of 12 months

With the penalty to commence 22 May 2024 and expiring 22 May 2025.

DECISION:

1. Mr. Turner was, at all relevant times, a registered Owner Trainer with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission.
2. On Monday 22 April 2024, Mr. Turner attended the Maitland Greyhound Club.
3. In the car park adjoining the club Mr. Turner became involved in a verbal and physical altercation with another participant, in which the participant was punched several times by Mr. Turner.
4. On Monday 13 May 2024 Mr Turner was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**"). The Notice issued a charge against him for breach of the following Greyhound Racing Rule:

Charge - Rule 156(f)(ii), Rules

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

f) has, in relation to a greyhound or greyhound racing done something, or omitted to do something, which in the opinion of a controlling body or stewards:

(ii) constitutes misconduct or is negligent or improper

5. The Notice proposed a penalty of an 18 month disqualification and invited Mr Turner to attend a hearing on Tuesday 22 May 2024 and to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge and proposed penalty.
6. At the hearing conducted at the Gardens Greyhound Club on Tuesday 22 May 2024, Mr Turner;
 - Entered a plea of not guilty; and
 - Made verbal submissions
7. Following considering of Mr Turner's plea and submissions, the decision-makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against him:

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8. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision-makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr. Turner's Not Guilty plea
 - Mr. Turner's 25-year registration history with no prior penalties for any like offences.
 - Purpose of issuing penalties as a protective measure for the image and interests of the greyhound racing industry
 - Principles of specific and general deterrence and what message is sent to the industry in respect to such conduct.

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