



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: Thursday 18 July 2024

Decision-makers: Steward Paul Van Gestel and Casual Steward Jaye Bettridge

Name of relevant person: Paul Wade

Rule no.: R156(f)(ii)

Charge(s): Charge – 156(f)(ii)
Mr. Wade did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, is improper

Plea: Not Guilty

Disciplinary action taken: \$1000 fine, with \$500 wholly and conditionally suspended for a period of 12 months conditional on Mr. Wade not breaching this, or any like, rule in this period.

DECISION:

1. Mr Wade was, at all relevant times, a registered Attendant and Owner with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission.
2. On Monday 8 July 2024 Mr Wade was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**"). The Notice issued one 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

3. A summary of the charge issued against Mr Wade is as follows:

Charge – R156(f)(ii)

On Saturday 29 June, 2024, at the Richmond Greyhound Club, Mr. Wade, whilst leading the greyhound “Lepidoptera” to the starting boxes, did so in a manner which Stewards deemed involved an undue use of force.

4. The Notice proposed a penalty of a \$1,000 fine and invited Mr Wade to attend a hearing on Friday 12 July 2024 and to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
5. At hearings conducted at the Richmond Greyhound Club on Friday 12 July, 2024, and Thursday 18 July, 2024, Mr Wade:
 - Entered a plea of Not Guilty;
 - Entered written submissions; and
 - Made verbal submissions
6. Following consideration of Mr Wade’s plea and submissions, the decision-makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against him:

Charge - \$1000 fine, with \$500 wholly and conditionally suspended for a period of 12 months conditional on Mr. Wade not breaching this, or any like, rule in this period.

7. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision-makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr. Wade’s Not Guilty plea
 - Mr. Wade’s personal circumstances
 - Mr. Wade’s registration history, with no previous charges in any similar matter

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