

## GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

**Date of decision:** 17 February 2023

**Decision-makers:** Director Race Day Operations (Chief Steward), Wade Birch &

Deputy Chief Steward Troy Vassallo

Name of relevant person: Mr Larry Warren

Track: N/A

Date: 30 September 2022

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

Charge 1 (GR165(c)(a)(iv))

Mr Larry Warren, a registered Public Trainer engaged in the use of contemptuous, unseemly, improper, insulting or offensive conduct towards or in relation to an official of the Controlling

Body.

**Disciplinary action taken:** (1) To issue a fine of \$1500, with \$750 suspended for a period

of 12-months subject to Mr Warren not breaching this rule or

any like rule in this period.

## **INVESTIGATION:**

1. At all relevant times you were registered with the Commission as a Public Trainer.

- 2. On Friday 30 September 2022 you contacted GRNSW by way of telephone and spoke to a Racing Operations Coordinator.
- 3. The purpose of your phone call was to inquire into the advertisement of a race that was programmed at the Goulburn meeting on Tuesday 4 October 2022 in which you had the greyhound *Delany Boy* entered for, as you were to be of the view that it was originally advertised contrary to that at the date of nominations.
- 4. During the phone call, you disagreed with the advice provided by the Racing Operations Coordinator and demanded *Delany Boy* be scratched without penalty.

## **DECISION:**

- 1. At all relevant times Mr Warren was registered with the Commission as a Public Trainer.
- 2. On 7 February 2023 Mr Warren was issued with a Notice of Charge and Proposed Disciplinary Action ("**Notice**").
- 3. In the Notice issued on 7 February 2023 the decision makers charged Mr Warren under Rule 165(c)(a)(iv)

## Charge 2 - Rule 165(c)(a)(iv), Rules

An offence is committed if a person (including an official):
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- (a) 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;
- 4. At the hearing on 15 February, following consideration of the verbal submissions made by the defendant, the decision makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Warren:
  - Charge 1 (Rule 165(c)(a)(iv) To issue a fine of \$1500, with \$750 partially and conditionally suspended for a period of 12 months subject to Mr Warren not breaching this rule or any like rule in this period.
- 5. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision-makers considered all evidence, including:
  - Mr Warren's guilty plea
  - Mr Warren's registration history
  - Remorse and contrition for his actions
- First offence
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