

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 10 May 2023

Decision-makers: Steward Shane O'Shea & Steward Louise Warren

Name of relevant person: Mr Patrick Parrelli

Track: The Gardens

Date: 4 February 2023

Rule no.: Rule 156(f)(ii)

Charge (Rule 156(f)(ii))

Mr Patrick Parrelli, a registered Public Trainer, did something which in the opinion of the stewards constitutes

misconduct.

Plea: Guilty

Disciplinary action taken: To issue a fine of \$875, with \$500 suspended for a period

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

any like rule in this period.

INVESTIGATION:

- 1. At all relevant times Mr Parrelli was registered with the Commission as a Public Trainer.
- 2. On Saturday 4 February 2023 Mr Parrelli attended the Gardens Greyhound Club.
- 3. During the course of the meeting Mr. Parrelli engaged in a verbal altercation with another participant near the kennelling block.
- 4. Immediately after the meeting's conclusion, after both participants had been interviewed by stewards regarding the incident, Mr. Parrelli continued the verbal engagement in the car park of the Gardens Club.

DECISION:

- 1. At all relevant times Mr Parrelli was registered with the Commission as a Public Trainer.
- 2. On 4 May 2023 Mr Parrelli was issued with a Notice of Charge and Proposed Disciplinary Action ("**Notice**").
- 3. In the Notice issued on 4 May 2023 the decision makers charged Mr Parrelli under Rule 156(f)(ii)

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

- 4. At the hearing held on Wednesday 10th May 2023, at the Gardens Greyhound Club, Mr Parrelli entered a plea of Guilty and made verbal submissions.
- 5. 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 Parrelli:

Charge (Rule 156 (f)(ii): To issue a fine of \$875, with \$500 suspended for a period of 12-months subject to Mr Parrelli not breaching this rule or any like rule in this period.

- 6. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision-makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr Parrelli's guilty plea
- Mr Parrelli's registration history of 52 years with no similar offences on record.

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