

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION

DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	24 September 2024
Decision-makers:	Chief Commissioner Taylor and Commissioner Wheeler
Name of relevant person:	Ms Kaylee Lorraine Bool
Track:	N/A
Rule no.:	Section 58(1)(b) of <i>Greyhound Racing Act 2017</i>
Charge(s):	That Ms Bool is not a fit and proper person to be registered as a greyhound racing industry participant on the basis of the December 2023 <i>Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979</i> (NSW) convictions.
Plea:	No plea entered
Disciplinary action taken:	Life-time disqualification

DECISION

1. Kaylee Lorraine Bool (“**Ms Bool**”) was at all relevant times, a greyhound racing industry participant within the meaning outlined at section 3 of the *Greyhound Racing Act 2017* (NSW) (“**GR Act**”).
2. On 15 July 2024, a notice of proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”) was issued to Ms Bool. The Notice advised Ms Bool that, following a decision by Tamworth Local Court made on 14 December 2023 in which Ms Bool was convicted of a number of charges under the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979* (NSW) (“**POCTA Act**”) the Commission was considering taking disciplinary action against her.
3. The Commission advised Ms Bool that the reason disciplinary action was being considered was on the basis that, due to the POCTA Act convictions, the Commission was of the view that Ms Bool may not be a fit and proper person to be registered in the greyhound racing industry, with reference to section 58(1)(b) of the GR Act.

58 Grounds for taking disciplinary action

(1) The Commission may take disciplinary action under this Division against or in respect of a relevant person if the Commission is of the opinion that the person—

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(b) is not a fit and proper person to be registered (having regard in particular to the need to protect the public interest as it relates to the greyhound racing industry.

4. The Notice proposed to disqualify Ms Bool for life.
5. Ms Bool was invited to provide written submissions in response to the proposed disciplinary action by 29 July 2024. Ms Bool did not provide any response in relation to the proposed disciplinary action.
6. The decision makers, based on all material before them, made a determination that Ms Bool is not a fit and proper person to be registered, and determined to take disciplinary action against her. The disciplinary action taken against Ms Bool was to disqualify her for life.
7. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - The decision of Tamworth Local Court made on 14 December 2023 in which Ms Bool was convicted of charges under the POCTA Act;
 - The circumstances surrounding that offending, particularly with respect to the fact that most of the charges related to offences against greyhounds in Ms Bool's care;
 - Previous determinations where a person has been found to not be a fit and proper person to hold a registration, and the principles relevant to making such a determination; and
 - The length of time Ms Bool has held a registration with the Commission, being from January 2023, a period of approximately 1.5 years.

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