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GWIC warns participants over bad behaviour

Following the finalisation of another disciplinary action, the Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission (GWIC) has issued another stern warning to anyone who behaves inappropriately at race meetings.

GWIC CEO, Steve Griffin, said that a number of incidents over the past 12 months involving the abuse of GWIC stewards, On-Track Veterinarians, club staff and other participants is very concerning.

“GWIC will not allow abusive behaviour to go unpunished and will take appropriate disciplinary action when it occurs,” Mr Griffin said.

“No one should be expected to work in an environment where they are made to feel uncomfortable or unsafe due to abusive or bullying behaviour or because of the use of unseemly language.”

Racing Rule 86 provides that it is an offence to use or engage in unseemly, insulting or offensive language, conduct or behaviour towards a steward or other official. Participants are also reminded that both stewards and vets, as officials, have powers to give lawful directions which participants are required to follow under the rules.

In July last year, Racing Appeals Tribunal President, Mr David Armati, said “There is no place for that type of behaviour” in racing and observed that previous penalties imposed by GWIC were “possibly lenient”.

“This is a family friendly sport and I encourage all participants and spectators to conduct themselves appropriately and uphold the reputation that the industry has worked so hard to obtain,” Mr Griffin said.

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