



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: Wednesday 22 May 2024

Decision-makers: Steward Sam Woolaston and Steward Peter Phillips

Name of relevant person: Robyn Atkins

Rule no.: R165(c)(a)(iv)

Charge(s): Charge – 165(c)(a)(iv)

Ms Atkins did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence by engaging in an activity which constitutes misconduct.

Plea: Not Guilty

Disciplinary action taken: To issue a fine of \$500

DECISION:

1. Ms. Atkins was, at all relevant times, a registered Trainer and Owner with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission.
2. In messages posted to the Greyhound Racing New South Wales Facebook page on Monday, 11th March 2024, Ms. Atkins engaged in unseemly conduct in relation to an official of a Controlling Body
3. On 30 April 2024 Ms Atkins was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**"). The Notice issued a charge against Ms Atkins for breach of the following Greyhound Racing Rule:

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

An offence is committed if a person (including an official):

...

(a) engages in contemptuous, unseemly, improper, insulting or offensive conduct or behaviour in any manner or form towards, or in relation to:

...

(iv) a Club, or an officer, employee or member of a Club;

4. The Notice proposed a penalty of a \$2000 fine and invited Ms. Atkins to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge and proposed penalty.
5. On 16 May 2024 Ms Atkins attended a hearing held via telephone and;
 - Entered a plea of not guilty; and
 - Made verbal submissions.
6. After considering Ms. Atkins plea and verbal submissions, the decision-makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against her:

Charge – To issue a fine of \$500

7. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision-makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Ms. Atkins Not Guilty plea
 - Ms. Atkins registration history with no prior offences for any like matter
 - Penalty precedents

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