



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION

DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	Wednesday 1 March 2023
Decision-maker:	Deputy Chief Steward Troy Vassallo and Senior Steward Paul Van Gestel
Name of relevant person:	Deborah Conquest
Track:	Dapto
Date:	3 December 2022
Rule no.:	156 (g)
Charge(s):	That Ms Deborah Conquest breached R156 (g) in that she wilfully abused a club official at trials held at Dapto on 3 December 2022.
Prohibited Substance(s):	N/A
Disciplinary action taken:	Charge not proven.

INVESTIGATION

Following an incident at the Dapto Greyhound Club on 3 December 2022, the Commission conducted an investigation into the conduct of Ms Conquest and others present at the trials held that day.

DECISION:

1. Mr Conquest is a registered Owner Trainer.
2. On 3 December 2022, Mr Conquest attended the Dapto Greyhound Club to trial greyhounds.
3. Ms Conquest was alleged to have used abusive language towards Mr Mitchell Lengling, who was the official Dapto Greyhound Racing Club lure driver on that day.
4. On 9 February 2023 Mr Conquest was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action in respect of the incident ("**Notice**").
5. In the Notice issued on 9 February 2023 the decision makers charged Ms Conquest with an offence under Rule 156 (g) of the Greyhound Racing Rules, which reads:

Charge – Rule 156(g) – Rules

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

...

(g) wilfully assaults, obstructs, impedes, abuses, interferes with, threatens or insults: (i) a Controlling Body;

...

(iv) a Steward or any other official of a Controlling Body or a Club.

6. The Notice invited Ms Conquest to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge and proposed a penalty of a fine of \$1000.
7. At the hearing conducted via Microsoft Teams on Monday 27 February 2023, Ms Conquest:
 - (a) entered a plea of not guilty and;
 - (b) made verbal submissions.
8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Ms Conquest's plea and submissions, as well as all other evidence available.
9. The decision makers determined that the requisite standard of proof had not been met and that the charge against Ms Conquest was therefore not proven.

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Date of decision:	Wednesday 1 March 2023
Decision-maker:	Deputy Chief Steward Troy Vassallo and Senior Steward Paul Van Gestel
Name of relevant person:	Mitchell Conquest
Track:	Dapto
Date:	3 December 2022
Rule no.:	156 (g)
Charge(s):	That Mr Mitchell Conquest breached R156 (g) in that he wilfully abused and threatened a club official at trials held at Dapto on 3 December 2022.
Prohibited Substance(s):	N/A
Disciplinary action taken:	Charge not proven.

INVESTIGATION

Following an incident at the Dapto Greyhound Racing Club on 3 December 2022, the Commission conducted an investigation into the conduct of participants of Mr Conquest and others at the trials. GWIC Inspectors interviewed the relevant participants, attending Steward, and witnesses.

DECISION:

1. Mr Conquest is a registered Public Trainer and Breeder.
2. On 3 December 2022, Mr Conquest attended the Dapto Greyhound Club to trial greyhounds.
3. Mr Conquest was alleged to have used abusive language towards Mr Mitchell Lengling, a race official. Mr Lengling was working as the official Dapto Greyhound Racing Club lure driver on that day.
4. On 9 February 2023 Mr Conquest was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action in respect of the incident ("**Notice**").
5. In the Notice issued on 9 February 2023 the decision makers charged Mr Conquest with an offence under Rule 156 (g) of the Greyhound Racing Rules, which reads:

Charge – Rule 156(g) – Rules

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

...

(g) wilfully assaults, obstructs, impedes, abuses, interferes with, threatens or insults: (i) a Controlling Body;

...

(iv) a Steward or any other official of a Controlling Body or a Club.

6. The Notice invited Mr Conquest to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge, and proposed a penalty of a fine of \$1500.
7. At the hearing conducted via Microsoft Teams on Monday 27 February 2023, Mr Conquest:
 - (a) entered a plea of not guilty and;
 - (b) made verbal submissions.
8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Conquest's plea and submissions, as well as all other evidence available.
9. The decision makers considered that the requisite standard of proof had not been met and that the charge against Mr Conquest was therefore not proven.

.....End.....



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Date of decision:	Wednesday 1 March 2023
Decision-maker:	Deputy Chief Steward Troy Vassallo and Senior Steward Paul Van Gestel
Name of relevant person:	Mitchell Lengling
Track:	Dapto
Date:	3 December 2022
Rule no.:	156 (f)(ii)
Charge(s):	That Mr Mitchell Lengling breached R156 (f)(ii) in that he was abusive towards participants and abandoned his role as a lure driver at the Dapto trials on 3 December 2022.
Prohibited Substance(s):	N/A
Disciplinary action taken:	Charge not proven.

INVESTIGATION

Following an incident at the Dapto Greyhound Club on 3 December 2022, the Commission conducted an investigation into the conduct of Mr Lengling and others present at the race trials on that day.

DECISION:

1. Mr Lengling is employed as a Lure Driver at the Dapto Greyhound Club.
2. On 3 December 2022, Mr Lengling attended the Dapto Greyhound Club to operate the lure.
3. Mr Lengling was alleged to have used abusive language towards participants who were trialling their greyhounds at the Club.
4. It was further alleged that Mr Lengling subsequently left the Club and abandoned his role as a lure driver before the trials were completed.
5. On 9 February 2023 Mr Lengling was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action in respect of the incident ("**Notice**").
6. In the Notice issued on 9 February 2023 the decision makers charged Mr Lengling with an offence under Rule 156 (f)(ii) of the Greyhound Racing Rules, which reads:

Charge 1 – 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 the Stewards:

...

(ii) constitutes misconduct or is negligent or improper

7. The Notice invited Mr Lengling to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge, and proposed a penalty of a fine of \$1000.
8. At the hearing conducted via Microsoft Teams on Monday 27 February 2023, Mr Lengling:
 - (a) entered a plea of not guilty and;
 - (b) made verbal submissions.
9. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Lengling’s plea and submissions, as well as all other evidence available.
10. The decision makers determined that the requisite standard of proof had not been met and that the charge against Mr Lengling was therefore not proven.

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