

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	1 May 2023
Decision-makers:	Chief Operating Officer Wade Birch & Manager Racing Integrity, Jamie Palmer
Name of relevant person:	Mr. Shannon Boyd
Track:	N/A
Date:	27 April 2023
Rule no.:	165(b)(ii)
Charge(s):	Charge 165(b)(ii) Mr. Shannon Boyd, a registered Public Trainer and Breeder did something, which in the opinion of a Controlling Body or the Stewards, constituted an offence, in that on 27 April 2023 he published or caused to be published insulting language in relation to an employee of the Controlling body on the Social Media platform Facebook.
Plea:	
Plea:	Guilty
Disciplinary action taken:	To issue a fine of \$2000, with \$1500 suspended for a period of 12-months subject to Mr Boyd not breaching this rule or any like rule in this period.

DECISION:

1. On 27 April 2023 Mr Boyd posted a comment on social media in response to an update published by GWIC.
2. On the same day GWIC was made aware of the content of the comment.

3. At all relevant times Mr Boyd was registered with the Commission as a Public Trainer and Breeder.
4. On 28 April 2023 Mr Boyd was issued with a Notice of Charge and Proposed Disciplinary Action ("**Notice**").
5. In the Notice issued on 28 April 2023 the decision makers charged Mr Boyd with one charge under Rule 165(b)(ii)

Rule 165(b)(ii), Rules

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

- (b) Publishes or causes to be published, or broadcasts or causes to be broadcast, the use of any contemptuous, unseemly, improper, insulting, or offensive language in any manner or form towards, or in relation to:
 - (ii) any officer, employee or member of a Controlling Body

6. At the hearing on 1 May 2023, following consideration of the written and verbal submissions made by the defendant, the decision makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Boyd:

Charge 1 (Rule 165(b)(ii))

To issue a fine of \$2000, with \$1500 conditionally suspended for a period of 12 months subject to Mr. Boyd not breaching this rule or any like rule in this period.

7. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision-makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr Boyd's guilty plea
 - Mr Boyd's contrition
 - Mr Boyd's registration history, with no history of similar rule breaches.

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