



INQUIRY INTO ALLEGATIONS AGAINST MR. WILLIAM URQUHART AT THE TAREE RACEMEETING  
ON WEDNESDAY 12 JANUARY 2022.

**Stewards: Mr. K. Adams (Chairman), Mr. Shannon Kearney, Mrs. Louise Warren**

**26 January 2022**

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Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission (GWIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding allegations of an official directly or indirectly engaging in a betting transaction whilst officiating. After considering evidence given during submissions on January 12, 2022, Mr William 'Billy' Urquhart was asked to attend an inquiry on 26 January 2022. At the hearing on 26 January 2022 Stewards issued the following charge under Rule 104(6)(c) of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules which provides:

***Rule 104 (6), Greyhound Racing Rules***

*An official officiating in a capacity that may have an affect on the result of an Event shall not -*

*(c) directly or indirectly engage in any betting transaction on that event.*

The particulars of the offence were that:

1. On Wednesday 12 January 2022 at the Taree race meeting, Mr Urquhart engaged in betting transactions on race 11 whilst he was working in an official capacity.

Mr. William 'Billy' Urquhart provided submissions and pleaded guilty to the charge and was suspended for a period of 3 months with 2 months conditionally suspended for a period of 12 months, subject to the condition that he does not breach this Rule or similar Rule in this period. This penalty was backdated to 12 January 2022, being the date he was stood down from officiating, making him eligible to return to work as a race official from 10 February 2022.