

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 3 August 2021

Decision-makers: David OShannessy, Chief Inspector, Dean Degan, Senior Steward & Matthew Tutt, Director, Compliance & Legal Services

Name of relevant person: Ms Rin Marie

Track: Hastings Greyhound Racing Club

Date: 21 March 2020

Rule no.: Rule 86(o)

Charge(s): (1) Ms Marie ignored a direction of a Steward and used improper and offensive language towards a Steward.

Disciplinary action taken: 6-months warning off

DECISION:

1. Ms Marie was employed as a kennel attendant at the Hastings Greyhound Racing Club at all material times.
2. On 21 March 2020 Ms Marie was working as a kennel attendant at the Hastings Greyhound Racing Club.
3. During this meeting there was an incident as a result of which a registered participant was directed not to handle their greyhounds, nor to enter the kennelling area for the remainder of the race meeting.
4. Shortly after this direction, Ms Marie assisted the participant to enter the kennelling area and remove his greyhounds.
5. She then proceeded to assist the participant take the greyhound to his motor vehicle, and then sat with the participant in the boot section of the vehicle.
6. Two Stewards approached both Ms Marie and the participant and advised the participant that they had disobeyed their direction and would be subject to an inquiry as a result.
7. Ms Marie then began yelling and swearing at the Stewards.

8. Ms Marie was then suspended from performing any further duties at the race meeting that day.

9. The Commission charged Ms Marie with an offence under Rule 86(o) of the Rules which read:

A person (including an official) shall be guilty of an offence if the person-

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(o) has, in relation to greyhound racing, done a thing, or omitted to do a thing, which, in the opinion of the Stewards or the Controlling Body, as the case may be, is negligent, dishonest, corrupt, fraudulent or improper, or constitutes misconduct

10. Ms Marie did not provide a response to the charge brought against her. The Commission proceeded in her absence and had the disciplinary proceedings conducted in writing.

11. The Commission found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Ms Marie:

To warn-off Ms Marie for a period of 6 months.

12. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence, including:

- Greyhound racing penalty precedents in NSW and other jurisdictions;
- Ms Marie's lack of response to the charge;
- The objective seriousness of the offence.

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