



FACT SHEET

Public comments about greyhound racing



It is important for participants to remember that they are responsible for comments that they make in public. This can include comments made to stewards or race officials at tracks and also posts or comments on social media such as Twitter or Facebook.

Talking and writing about greyhound racing is an essential part of the sport.

The Commission recognises the value of public comments by industry participants to promote greyhound racing and communicate important information. Each participant can be seen as an ambassador for greyhound racing.

However, comments that participants make can impact the industry as a whole. As an ambassador for greyhound racing, it is important to show respect when speaking or writing publicly about the industry or people involved.

NSW GREYHOUND RACING RULE 165

Under Rule 165(a) of the Greyhound Racing Rules, it is an offence for a person, including an official, to engage in conduct which is in any way detrimental or prejudicial to the interest, welfare, image, control or promotion of greyhound racing.

Rule 165(b) an offence is committed if a person, including an official, 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:

- A controlling body;
- Any officer, employee or member of a controlling body;
- A club, or officer, employee or member of a club;
- A steward or any other official of a controlling body or club;
- A committee or sub-committee of a controlling body.

Rule 165(c) makes is an offence for a person, including an official engaging in contemptuous, unseemly, improper, insulting or offensive conduct or behaviour in any manner or form, or in relation to:

- A controlling body;
- Any officer, employee or member of a controlling body;
- A club, or officer, employee or member of a club;
- A steward or any other official of a controlling body or club;
- A committee or sub-committee of a controlling body.

NSW GREYHOUND RACING RULE 156(g)

Under Rule 156(g) of the Greyhound Racing Rules, an offence is committed if a person, including an official, wilfully assaults, obstructs, impedes, abuses, interferes with, threatens or assaults:

- A controlling body;
- Any officer, employee or member of a controlling body;
- A club, or officer, employee or member of a club;
- A steward or any other official of a controlling body or club;
- A committee or sub-committee of a controlling body.

