

**GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION**  
**DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION**

<b>Date of decision:</b>	17 October 2024
<b>Decision-makers:</b>	Chief Operating Officer Wade Birch
<b>Name of relevant person:</b>	Craig Benjamin
<b>Track:</b>	N/A
<b>Date:</b>	10 October 2024
<b>Rule no.:</b>	Local Rule 34B
<b>Charge(s):</b>	<b>Charge 1 – LR34B</b>  Mr Benjamin, when directed to complete overdue eTrac Check-ins for greyhounds in his care failed to adequately account for the whereabouts of the greyhounds.
<b>Plea:</b>	Charge 1 – No plea entered.
<b>Disciplinary action taken:</b>	Charge 1 – To Issue a Suspension until such time his greyhounds are checked-in or the relevant end of life or retirement notifications are completed and submitted.

**DECISION**

1. Mr. Benjamin was at all relevant times, a registered Owner Trainer with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission.
2. At all material times the greyhounds were registered in Mr. Benjamin's ownership.
3. On Tuesday 1 October 2024, following an investigation by the Commission, a Notice of Charge and proposed disciplinary action was issued to Mr. Benjamin. The Notice issued one charge under the Greyhound Racing Rules alleging a breach of the following:

**LR34B Provision of information relating to a greyhound**

(1) When directed to do so by the Controlling Body, a person must present a greyhound to a specified place for the purposes of accounting for the greyhound.

(2) Where a greyhound owner or trainer has received a direction to present a greyhound or greyhounds to a specified place for the purposes of accounting for the greyhound but has failed to comply with that direction, the Controlling Body may refuse to allow nomination of a greyhound kept by that owner or trainer until the greyhound subject to the direction is accounted for.

(3) An offence is committed if a person fails to adequately account for the whereabouts of a greyhound.

4. The Notice invited Mr. Benjamin to provide a response and make submissions in relation to the charge by Tuesday 8 October 2024.

5. Mr. Benjamin failed to respond and make submissions by Tuesday 8 October 2024.

6. The decision maker found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action;

Charge 1 - To suspend Mr. Benjamin until such time his greyhounds are checked-in or the relevant end of life or retirement notifications are completed and submitted.

7. The Commission's inquiries into this matter remain ongoing.

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