

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

<b>Date of decision:</b>	11 November 2024
<b>Decision-makers:</b>	Chief Operating Officer Wade Birch
<b>Name of relevant person</b>	Mr Jackson Chaker
<b>Date:</b>	N/A
<b>Rule no.:</b>	Section 58 (1)(b), <i>Greyhound Racing Act 2017</i>
<b>Charges:</b>	The Commission alleged that Mr. Chaker is not a fit and proper person to be registered.
<b>Plea:</b>	N/A
<b>Disciplinary action taken:</b>	To disqualify Mr. Chaker until 17 June 2025.

**DECISION:**

**Background**

1. Mr. Chaker is a registered Breeder and Public Trainer.
2. In June 2022 the Commission was advised that Mr. Chaker had been charged with a number of criminal offences. As a result of this information, the Commission commenced an investigation into Mr. Chaker's fitness to be registered as a participant in the greyhound racing industry.
3. On 14 June 2022, pursuant to Section 59(1)(d) of the *Greyhound Racing Act 2017*, Mr. Chaker was disqualified on an interim basis pending finalisation of the Commission's inquiry.
4. On 18 January 2024, the Campbelltown Local Court found Mr. Chaker guilty of three criminal offences and sentenced him to an intensive corrections order totaling 18 months, with the penalties cumulated in such a manner that the intensive corrections order is to end on 17 June 2025.
5. On 12 June 2024, the Commission formally notified Mr. Chaker of its intention to take disciplinary action ("**Notice**") pursuant to section 58 (1)(b) of the *Greyhound Racing Act 2017*. The notice issued one charge under the *Act*

**58 Grounds for taking disciplinary action**

(1) The Commission may take disciplinary action under this Division against or in respect of a relevant person if the Commission is of the opinion that the person--

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(b) is not a fit and proper person to be registered (having regard in particular to the need to protect the public interest as it relates to the greyhound racing

industry).

**Decision**

6. In the Notice of 12 June 2024, the decision maker invited Mr. Chaler to respond by 18 June 2024.
7. On 18 June 2024 Mr. Chaker’s legal representative contacted the decision maker and requested an extension to respond, which was granted. On October 10 Mr. Chaker’s legal representative requested a further extension which was also granted.
8. On November 1, 2024, Mr. Chaker’s legal representative contacted the decision maker and;
  - Made written submissions
9. Following consideration of Mr. Chaker’s submissions, the decision maker found the charges proven and determined to issue the following disciplinary action upon him:

**Charge 1 – Greyhound Racing Act 58(1)(b): Disqualification until 17 June 2025.**

10. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision maker had regard to all relevant evidence and material, including;
  - Mr. Chaker’s submissions; and
  - Mr. Chaker’s disciplinary history

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