

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	25 October 2024
Decision-makers:	Chief Operating Officer Wade Birch
Name of relevant person:	Luke Falls
Track:	N/A
Date:	18 October 2024
Rule no.:	Local Rule 34B
Charge(s):	Charge 1 – LR34B Mr. Falls, when directed to complete overdue eTrac Check-ins for greyhounds in his care failed to adequately account for the whereabouts of the greyhounds
Plea:	Charge 1 – No plea entered.
Disciplinary action taken:	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. Falls, was at all relevant times, a registered Owner with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission.
2. At all material times the greyhounds were registered in Mr Falls'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. Falls. 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 Falls to provide a response and make submissions in relation to the charge by Thursday 17 October 2024.

5. Mr Falls failed to respond and make submissions by Thursday 17 October 2024

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

Charge 1 - To suspend Mr Falls 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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