



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	20 November 2024
Decision-makers:	Senior Steward Zane Turner and Chief Operating Officer Wade Birch
Name of relevant person:	Glen Powell
Rule no(s):	Local Rule 21A(1)(a), Local Rule 21A(1)(e)
Charge(s):	Charge 1 – LR21A(1)(a) Mr. Powell did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by causing harm to a greyhound. Charge 2 – LR21A(1)(e) Mr. Powell did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by transporting a greyhound in a way likely to cause unnecessary harm
Plea:	Guilty to both charges
Disciplinary action taken:	Charge 1 – 15-month disqualification Charge 2 – 12-month disqualification

With the penalties to be served concurrently, and backdated to the commencement of the existing interim suspension, 30 October 2024, and to therefore expire January 30, 2026

DECISION:

1. Mr. Powell was, at all relevant times, a registered Owner Trainer and Breeder with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission.
2. On or around 24 October 2024, at his registered kennel address, Mr. Powell was observed striking a greyhound in his custody.
3. Shortly afterwards, on or around 24 October 2024, Mr. Powell was observed transporting the greyhound in a manner which stewards deemed likely to cause harm.
4. On 7 November 2024 a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”), was issued to Mr. Powell. The Notice issued two charges, alleging breaches of the following Greyhound Racing Rules:

LR21A(1)(a), Greyhound Racing Rules

(1) A person is guilty of an offence if the person:

- a) Strikes, wounds, abuses, torments, tortures, mutilates or in any other way causes unnecessary harm or suffering to a greyhound

LR21A(1)(e), Greyhound Racing Rules

(1) A person is guilty of an offence if the person:

- e) Transports a greyhound in such a way that causes, or is likely to cause unnecessary harm or suffering

5. The Notice invited Mr Powell to attend a hearing and to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charges and proposed penalties. The penalties decision makers proposed were:

Charge 1 Local Rule 21A(1)(a) – To issue a disqualification of 2 years

Charge 2 Local Rule 21A(1)(e) – To issue a disqualification of 2 years

6. At the hearing held on Tuesday 19 November 2024 Mr. Powell;

- Entered a plea of Guilty to both charges; and
- Made verbal submissions

7. Following consideration of Mr. Powell’s pleas and submissions, the decision makers found the charges proven and determined to impose the following disciplinary action upon him:

Charge 1 Local Rule 21A(1)(a) – To issue a disqualification of 15 months

Charge 2 Local Rule 21A(1)(e) – To issue a disqualification of 12 months

With the penalties to be served concurrently and backdated to the commencement of the existing interim suspension, 30 October 2024, and to therefore expire January 30, 2026, at which time Mr. Powell will be required to reapply for a registration.

8. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision-makers had regard to all relevant evidence and material, including:

- The objective seriousness of the offence;
- Mr. Powell’s guilty plea to both charges;
- Mr. Powell’s 50-year registration history, with no prior penalties; and
- Mr. Powell’s forthright evidence.

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