

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION

DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	9 December 2024
Decision-makers:	Chief Operating Officer Wade Birch, Senior Steward Zane Turner
Name of relevant person:	Bianca Ellis
Track:	N/A
Date:	9 December 2024
Rule no.:	Rule 156
Charge(s):	Charge 1 – R156(f)(ii) Ms Ellis has acted improperly, by failing to check-in or provide end of life or retirement notifications his greyhounds. Charge 2 – 156(h) Ms Ellis, when directed to complete overdue eTrac Check-ins for greyhounds in her care failed to adequately account for the whereabouts of the greyhounds
Plea:	Charge 1 – No plea entered. Charge 2 – No plea entered.
Disciplinary action taken:	Charge 1 – To issue a disqualification until such time her greyhounds are checked-in or the relevant end of life or retirement notifications are completed and submitted. Charge 2 – To issue a disqualification until such time her greyhounds are checked-in or the relevant end of life or retirement notifications are completed and submitted.

DECISION

1. Ms Ellis was at all relevant times, a registered Owner with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission.
2. At all material times the greyhound, the subject of the charges was registered in Ms Ellis's ownership.
3. On Friday 15 November 2024, following an investigation by the Commission, a Notice of Charge was issued to Ms Ellis. The Notice issued two charges under the Greyhound Racing Rules alleging a breach of the following:

Charge 1: Rule 156(f)(ii)

156 General offences

An offence is committed if a person (including an official):

...

(f) has, in relation to a greyhound or greyhound racing, done something, or omitted to do something, which, in the opinion of a Controlling Body or the Stewards:

(i) is corrupt, fraudulent, or dishonest;

(ii) constitutes misconduct or is negligent or improper;

Charge 2: Rule 156(h)

156 General offences

An offence is committed if a person (including an official):

...

(h) disobeys or fails to comply with a lawful order of a Controlling Body, the Stewards, or another person authorised by a Controlling Body with official duties in relation to greyhound racing;

- 4. The Notice invited Ms Ellis to attend a hearing and make submissions in relation to the charges.
- 5. Ms Ellis failed to attend the hearing or make submissions in relation to the charges by Thursday 28 November 2024
- 6. The decision makers found the charges proven and issued Ms Ellis with a Notice of Proposed Penalty on Friday 29 November 2024, which proposed the following penalties and invited Ms Ellis to make submissions in response:

Charge 1 - To disqualify Ms Ellis until such time her greyhounds are checked-in or the relevant end of life or retirement notifications are completed and submitted.

Charge 2 - To disqualify Ms Ellis until such time her greyhounds are checked-in or the relevant end of life or retirement notifications are completed and submitted.

- 7. Ms Ellis failed to respond and make submissions by Friday 06 December 2024. Accordingly, the decision makers imposed the following penalties:

Charge 1 - To disqualify Ms Ellis until such time her greyhounds are checked-in or the relevant end of life or retirement notifications are completed and submitted.

Charge 2 - To disqualify Ms Ellis until such time her greyhounds are checked-in or the relevant end of life or retirement notifications are completed and submitted.

- 8. The Commission’s enquiries into the locations of these greyhounds remain ongoing.

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