

## GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION

### DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

<b>Date of decision:</b>	9 December 2024
<b>Decision-makers:</b>	Chief Operating Officer Wade Birch, Senior Steward Zane Turner
<b>Name of relevant person:</b>	<b>Blake Chapman</b>
<b>Track:</b>	N/A
<b>Date:</b>	9 December 2024
<b>Rule no.:</b>	Rule 156
<b>Charge(s):</b>	<b>Charge 1 – R156(f)(ii)</b> Mr Chapman has acted improperly, by failing to check-in or provide end of life or retirement notifications his greyhounds. <b>Charge 2 – 156(h)</b> Mr Chapman, 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. Charge 2 – No plea entered.
<b>Disciplinary action taken:</b>	Charge 1 – To issue a disqualification until such time his 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 his greyhounds are checked-in or the relevant end of life or retirement notifications are completed and submitted.

### DECISION

1. Mr Chapman was at all relevant times, a registered Owner Trainer with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission.
2. At all material times the greyhound/s the subject of the charges were registered in Mr Chapman's ownership.
3. On Friday 01 November 2024, following an investigation by the Commission, a Notice of Charge was issued to Mr Chapman. 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):

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(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 Mr Chapman to attend a hearing and make submissions in relation to the charges.
- 5. Mr Chapman failed to attend the hearing or make submissions in relation to the charges by Thursday 14 November 2024
- 6. The decision makers found the charges proven and issued Mr Chapman with a Notice of Proposed Penalty on Wednesday 20 November 2024, which proposed the following penalties and invited Mr Chapman to make submissions in response:

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

**Charge 2** - To disqualify Mr Chapman until such time his greyhounds are checked-in or the relevant end of life or retirement notifications are completed and submitted.

- 7. Mr Chapman failed to respond and make submissions by Wednesday 27 November 2024. Accordingly, the decision makers imposed the following penalties:

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

**Charge 2** - To disqualify Mr Chapman until such time his 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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