

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 10 March 2025

Decision-makers: Steward Ben Boyce-Mortlock

Name of relevant person: Chloe Bilal

Rule no(s).: R156(b) & R156(f)(ii)

Charge(s): **Charge 1 – R156(b)**
Mrs. Bilal committed an offence by failing to comply with a condition upon her registrations.

Charge 2 – R156(f)(ii)
Mrs. Bilal acted improperly by permitting a suspended person with restrictions on their registrations to attend her registered kennel address.

Plea: Not guilty to both charges

Disciplinary action taken: **Charge 1** - 13-month disqualification; and
Charge 2 – 6-month disqualification;
With the penalties to be served concurrently; and
With the commencement date of the penalties to be backdated to 28 May 2024, being the date Mrs. Bilal was interim suspended in respect of this matter;
With the disqualification period to expire at 11:59pm 27 June 2025.

DECISION:

1. Mrs. Bilal was, at all relevant times, a registered Owner Trainer with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission.
2. In November 2021, a condition was imposed upon Mrs. Bilal's registrations requiring her to install CCTV at her registered kennel address ("**Property**") and to provide access to this footage to the Controlling Body upon request.
3. In April 2024, the Commission became aware of a suspended participant attending the Property. The suspended participant was subject to additional restrictions that prohibited him from attending any place where greyhounds are trained, kept or raced.
4. As a result of this, the Commission requested Mrs Bilal provide access to the footage from the CCTV she was required to have installed and working at her Property. Mrs. Bilal was unable to provide access to any CCTV footage.

5. On Monday 1 July 2024 a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”), was issued to Mrs. Bilal, containing two charges. The first charge related to Mrs. Bilal failing to comply with a condition of her registration. The second charge related to the attendance of the suspended person on her Property, with the Commission alleging that Mrs. Bilal acted improperly by directly or indirectly allowing him to attend her Property.
6. The Greyhound Racing Rules charged under were:

Rule 156(b)

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

...

(b) fails to comply with any conditions:

- (i) Of the person’s registration or license as an owner, trainer, attendant or any other category of registration or license;

Rule 156(f)(ii)

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:

...

- (ii) constitutes misconduct or is negligent or improper.

7. The Notice invited Mrs. Bilal to attend a hearing and make submissions in relation to the charges and proposed penalties. The penalties proposed at first instance were:

Charge 1 – Rule 156(b): 24-month disqualification; and

Charge 2 – Rule 156(f)(ii): 12-month disqualification

8. On 7 August 2024 Mrs. Bilal’s legal representative made written submissions in respect of the charges, entering a plea of not guilty to both charges on her behalf.
9. Following consideration of Mrs. Bilal’s pleas and submissions, the charges were found to be proven. The following disciplinary action has been imposed upon Mrs. Bilal:

Charge 1 – Rule 156(b): 13-month disqualification; and

Charge 2 – Rule 156(f)(ii): 6-month disqualification

With the penalties to be served concurrently;

With the commencement date of the penalties to be backdated to 28 May 2024, being the date Mrs. Bilal was interim suspended in respect of this matter;

With the disqualification period to expire at 11:59pm 27 June 2025.

10. In taking this disciplinary action, regard was had to all relevant evidence and material, including:

- Mrs. Bilal's not guilty plea to both charges;
- Mrs. Bilal's disciplinary history;
- The objective seriousness of the offence of failing to adhere to a condition of her registration.

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