



**GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION**  
**DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION**

**Date of decision:** 10 March 2025

**Decision-makers:** Senior Steward Zane Turner  
Acting Chief Steward Dean Degan

**Name of relevant person:** **William Knibbs**

**Track:** N/A

**Date:** 10 March 2025

**Rule no.:** Rule 156

**Charge(s):** **Charge 1 – LR34B**  
Mr Knibbs, 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 Knibbs was at all relevant times, a registered Owner Trainer with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission.
2. At all material times the greyhounds, the subject of the charges was registered in Mr Knibbs's ownership.
3. On Thursday, 20 February 2025, following an investigation by the Commission, a Notice of Charge and Proposed Disciplinary Action ("Notice") was issued to Mr Knibbs. The Notice issued a charge under the Greyhound Racing Rules alleging a breach of the following:

**Charge 1: Local Rule 34B – 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 Knibbs to make submissions in relation to the charge and proposed penalty. The penalty proposed in the Notice was:

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

5. Mr Knibbs failed to make submissions in relation to the charge or penalty by Thursday, 27 February 2025.

6. The decision makers found the charge proven and imposed the following penalty:

**Charge 1** - To suspend Mr Knibbs 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 the matter remain ongoing.

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