

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 20 February 2019

Decision-maker: A/Chief Steward, Gail Thorsby

Name of relevant person: Mr. Jake Millar

Track: Kempsey

Date: 21 July 2018

Rule no(s): LR 28(1); GAR 28(4); GAR 86(g)

Charge(s):

(1) – LR 28(1) – Mr. Millar failed to produce his current registration card when requested by a steward on 21 July 2018 at the Kempsey Greyhound Racing Club.

(2) – GAR 28(4) – Mr. Millar handled a greyhound presented for an Event at the Kempsey meeting on 21 July 2018 in circumstances where he did not hold a current attendant's registration.

(3) – GAR 86(g) – Mr. Millar wilfully obstructed, abused, threatened or insulted a steward of the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission on 21 July 2018 at the Kempsey Greyhound Racing Club.

Disciplinary action taken: 6 months disqualification

DECISION:

The Commission has finalised their investigation into an incident which occurred at the Kempsey Greyhound Racing Club on 21 July 2018:

1. Registered owner Mr. Jake Millar was observed by stewards to be handling greyhounds. Mr Millar was asked to produce a copy of his licence but failed to do so when directed by stewards. Stewards commenced an inquiry into Mr Millar's handling of a greyhound and his failure to produce a copy of his licence when directed by stewards.
2. During the inquiry Mr Millar engaged in abusive and insulting conduct. This conduct was directed at the stewards hearing the matter. In addition to the abusive and insulting conduct Mr Millar threatened the Chairman of Stewards.
3. As a result of Mr Millar's conduct, the Commission charged Mr. Millar under LR 28(1), GAR 28(4) and GAR 86(g), which read:

LR28(1): A registered person must produce the current registration card issued to the person at anytime at the request of a Steward or other racing official.

R28(4): A person shall not handle a greyhound presented for an Event unless he is an owner, trainer, attendant or registered person authorised by the Stewards to handle a greyhound for the Event.

R86: A person shall be guilty of an offence if the person-

(g) wilfully assaults, obstructs, impedes, abuses, interferes, threatens or insults the Controlling Body, any member of the Controlling Body, a club, any member of the committee of a club, any Steward or any other official of the Controlling Body or a club in or at any place including in or in the vicinity of the place where an inquiry is to take place, is taking place or has taken place.

4. Mr. Millar was notified of the charges in writing. Mr. Millar failed to provide any substantive response to the charges.
5. The Commission considered all the available material and found the charges proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr. Millar:
 - LR 28(1) – Formal warning / Reprimand;
 - GAR 28(4) – Formal warning / Reprimand; and
 - GAR 86(g) – A disqualification for a period of 6 months.
6. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr. Millar has no matters on his disciplinary history, having held a registration in the greyhound racing industry since 2011;
 - NSW greyhound racing penalty guidelines and precedents;
 - The objective seriousness of the offences including the abusive and insulting language and the threatening conduct directed at a steward; and
 - Mr. Millar's failure to respond to the charges or provide any submissions in mitigation.

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