

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION SUMMARY OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 27 June 2019

Decision-maker: Chief Executive Officer, Judith Lind

Name of relevant person: Mr Mark Humphries

Track: Wentworth Park

Rule no: R86(o) – on 19 June 2019 at Wentworth Park, Mr Humphries

engaged or attempted to engage in an altercation with another participant, which in the opinion of GWIC constitutes improper

conduct.

Disciplinary action taken: 20 weeks suspension, wholly suspended for 12 months

(conditionally)

DECISION:

The Commission has finalised their investigation into an incident which occurred at Wentworth Park Greyhound Racing Club on 19 June 2019:

- Registered participant, Mr Mark Humphries did not have any greyhounds nominated to race or scheduled to trial at Wentworth Park on 19 June 2019, but was present in the car park.
- 2. Mr Humphries approached and made a number of threats towards another participant.
- 3. The incident was reported to the stewards in attendance at Wentworth Park.
- 4. Mr Humphries was notified of the charge in writing. Mr Humphries entered a plea of guilty and made submissions in mitigation of penalty.
- 5. The Commission considered all the available material and found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Humphries:

To suspend his registrations held with GWIC for a period of 20 weeks, wholly suspended for 12 months on the condition that, within that 12 month period, Mr Humphries does not breach Rule 86(o) of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.

- 6. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission all evidence, including:
 - a. Mr Humphries' registration and disciplinary history;

- b. Mr Humphries' admission at the earliest opportunity and submissions in relation to the circumstances surrounding the incident and in mitigation of penalty;
- c. NSW greyhound racing penalty guidelines and precedents.

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