



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
SUMMARY OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 2 October 2019

Decision-maker: Chief Executive Officer, Judith Lind

Name of relevant person: Mr Michael Kranitis

Track: Goulburn

Rule no: Rule 86(ag) x 2; Rule 86(p)

Charge(s): (1) On 18 April 2019, Mr Kranitis failed to comply with the Code of Practice for the Keeping of Greyhounds in Training.
(2) On 23 April 2019, Mr Kranitis failed to comply with the Code of Practice for the Keeping of Greyhounds in Training.
(3) On 23 April 2019, Mr Kranitis disobeyed or failed to comply with a lawful order of a Steward.

Disciplinary action taken: Fine: \$700 with \$350 suspended for 12 months (conditionally)

DECISION:

The Commission has finalised their investigation into the conduct of registered participant, Mr Michael Kranitis at Goulburn Greyhound Racing Club on 18 and 23 April 2019:

1. On 18 April 2019 at the Goulburn Greyhound Racing Club, a GWIC Steward observed registered participant, Mr Michael Kranitis had a barrier installed in his vehicle that did not comply with the requirements under the Code of Practice for the Keeping of Greyhounds in Training. Mr Kranitis was directed by the Stewards to remove the barrier and install an approved barrier.
2. On 23 April 2019 at the Goulburn Greyhound Racing Club, a GWIC Steward observed the same barrier remained in Mr Kranitis vehicle, despite the direction previously given. Mr Kranitis was directed by the Stewards that he was not permitted to transport greyhounds in his vehicle until the barrier had been repaired.
3. On 25 June 2019, Mr Kranitis attended the Goulburn Greyhound Racing Club with a suitable trailer attached to his vehicle.
4. After considering the evidence, the Commission notified Mr Kranitis of the proposed disciplinary action under Rule 86(ag) (x 2) and Rule 86(p) in writing. Rule 86(ag) and 86(p) read:

GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules

R86 Offences

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

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- (ag) Fails to comply with the Policy adopted by a Controlling Body;

Code of Practice for the Keeping of Greyhounds in Training

16.1 Greyhounds may be transported to and from race meetings, training sites, exercise sites, veterinary visits, stud purposes or other appropriate purposes. Trainers must ensure that at all times greyhounds are transported in a way that does not cause injury or stress and in the shortest practicable time.

16.2 Any vehicle especially designed or regularly used for transporting greyhounds should:

- protect greyhounds from injury during transportation;

R86 Offences

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

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- (p) disobeys or fails to comply with the lawful order of a Steward or other person or body having official duties in relation to greyhound racing;

5. No submissions were received by the Commission in relation to the proposed disciplinary action.

6. Having been satisfied Mr Kranitis was given an opportunity to respond to the charges and allegations, the Commission found the charges proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Kranitis:

Charge 1 (R86(ag)): To impose a fine in the sum of \$100.00;

Charge 2 (R86(ag)): To impose a fine in the sum of \$200.00;

Charge 3 (R86(p)): To impose a fine in the sum of \$400.00,

with:

1. The fines under charges 1 and 2, and \$50 of the fine under charge 3, totally \$350.00, payable upon issue of the disciplinary action; and

2. The remaining \$350.00 of the fine under charge 3 suspended for 12 months on the condition that, within that 12 month period, he does not breach Rule 86(p) of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.

7. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence, including:

- a. Mr Kranitis' registration history, having held a registration in the greyhound racing industry for over 39 years;
- b. Mr Kranitis has no like matters on his disciplinary history;
- c. The objective seriousness of the charges;
- d. NSW greyhound racing penalty guidelines and precedents.

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