



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

*Warning: This report contains language which some readers may find offensive.*

- Date of decision:** 29 November 2019
- Decision-maker:** Chief Executive Officer, Judith Lind
- Name of relevant persons:** Ms Julie Carter
- Track:** Richmond
- Date:** 19 June 2019
- Rule no:** Rules 86(g) x 4, 86(f)(i) x 2
- Charge(s):**
- (1) On 19 June 2019, Ms Carter wilfully assaulted a GWIC Steward (“**the Steward**”) by poking him in the chest.
  - (2) On 19 June 2019, Ms Carter wilfully assaulted a Club Official by using two hands to push the Club Official in the chest out of her way while exiting the kennel block.
  - (3) On 19 June 2019, Ms Carter wilfully assaulted the Steward by head-butting and punching him a number of times in the head and body and pulling at his clothes, causing injuries to him and rips in his shirt.
  - (4) On 19 June 2019, Ms Carter use language that wilfully abused, threatened or insulted the Steward.
  - (5) On 19 June 2019, Ms Carter used contemptuous, unseemly, improper, insulting, or offensive language in relation to the Steward.
  - (6) On 19 June 2019, Ms Carter used contemptuous, unseemly, improper, insulting, or offensive language in relation to the Steward.
- Disciplinary action taken:** Disqualification periods served concurrently
- Charge 1 (R86(g)): 3 years disqualification
- Charge 2 (R86(g)): 4 years disqualification
- Charge 3 (R86(g)): 8 years disqualification
- Charge 4 (R86(g)): 18 months disqualification
- Charge 5 (R86(f)(i)): 2 years disqualification
- Charge 6 (R86(f)(i)): 1 year disqualification

## DECISION:

The Commission has finalised their investigation into allegations of serious misconduct at the Richmond Greyhound Racing Club on 19 June 2019:

1. On 19 June 2019, a race meeting was held at the Richmond Greyhound Racing Club and prior to race 6 trainer Mr Andrew Mathias was requested by the Kennel Supervisor to line up in accordance with the pre-race identification procedure. He was sitting down at the time and refused. The Kennel Supervisor informed him that the request was a direction from Stewards, but he continued to disobey the direction. He was then spoken to by a GWIC Steward (referred to as **"the Steward"**) about the requirement to line up.
2. Following the running of race 6, the Steward approached Mr Mathias to advise about the kennel procedure which required him to line up for identification in the kennelling area prior to racing. Mr Mathias responded to the Steward that he *"wasn't going to do fucking nothing"*, to which the Steward replied: *"Andrew these are the rules. If you don't like it don't race here."* Mr Mathias responded: *"You can't tell me that you fucking cunt"*. The Steward then left the area.
3. Mr Mathias had a discussion with another Steward. Ms Julie Carter, an attendant joined this conversation. During the conversation Ms Carter was, while swearing using words such as *"fat cunt"* and *"that cunt"*, complaining about the Steward.
4. Shortly after, whilst the Steward was near the wash bays, Ms Carter approached the Steward, poked him in the chest and then abused him by yelling *"You're a two faced cunt"* (on multiple occasions), calling him *"A fat fucking cunt"* and saying words to the effect of *"I'll have your job"*.
5. A short time later, Ms Carter entered the Stewards' Room and used the following abusive, insulting and/or offensive language in reference to the Steward:
  - a. *"I'm going to kill him, bloody kill him I'm going to bloody kill him, bash him, that's it, he's done"*;
  - b. *"I'll bash him, that...Steward, he can't say not to race here again"*;
  - c. *"That lineup is fuck in the kennels, that fat cunt, I'll bash him, he's a cunt that fat cunt"*;
  - d. *"He can't tell him he can't race here if he doesn't line up, that fat cunt, fat cunt, idiots, fat cunt"*;
  - e. *"I'll bloody bash him, I'm sick of this that fat cunt, he is fucked"*.
6. Ms Carter was observed by Stewards to be acting in a very aggressive manner, with her fists clenched and was asked repeatedly to calm down. Mr Mathias was not present at this time.
7. After Ms Carter left the Stewards' Room she was observed to enter the kennel block and as she exited the kennel block through to the parade area with two hands pushed a Club Official in the chest.

8. Ms Carter then attended the parade area outside the kennel block where she approached the Steward and assaulted him by head-butting and punching him a number of times in the head and body and pulling at his clothes, causing injuries to him and rips to his shirt. Other trainers intervened and pulled her away from the Steward.
9. After Ms Carter had left the parade area, she was heard to say: *"I fucking head butted the cunt. He's a dog, he deserved it."*
10. Police officers attended the Richmond Greyhound Racing Club as a result of the incident.
11. After considering the evidence including Ms Carter's response, on 21 June 2019 Ms Carter was interim disqualified pursuant to section 59(1)(d) of the *Greyhound Racing Act 2017* (NSW).
12. After considering the evidence following completion of the Commission's investigation, the Commission charged Ms Carter under Rule 86(g) x 4 and Rule 86(f)(i) x 2 in writing. Rules 86(g) and 86(f)(i) read:
 

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

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(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;

(f) engages in, publishes or causes to be published, broadcasts or causes to be broadcast, the use of any contemptuous, unseemly, improper, insulting, or offensive language, conduct or behaviour in any manner or form towards, or in relation to-

(i) a Steward;
13. Ms Carter was notified of the charges in writing but did not provide any substantive response to the charges.
14. The Commission considered all the available material and found all charges proven.
15. The Commission took the following disciplinary action against Ms Carter:
  - Charge 1 (Rule 86(g)): To disqualify her attendant registration for a period of 3 years;
  - Charge 2 (Rule 86(g)): To disqualify her attendant registration for a period of 4 years;
  - Charge 3 (Rule 86(g)): To disqualify her attendant registration for a period of 8 years;
  - Charge 4 (Rule 86(g)): To disqualify her attendant registration for a period of 18 months;
  - Charge 5 (Rule 86(f)(i)): To disqualify her attendant registration for a period 2 years; and

Charge 6 (Rule 86(f)(i)): To disqualify her Attendant registration for a period 1 year,

with:

1. The periods of disqualification to be served concurrently; and
2. The period of interim disqualification served taken into account as time served, therefore back-dated to 21 June 2019 and expiring at on 21 June 2027.

16. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence, including:
  - a. The objective seriousness of the offences, involving the assault and abuse of a GWIC Steward and a club official during the course of their duties;
  - b. NSW greyhound racing penalties and precedents;
  - c. Ms Carter's registration and disciplinary history, having held an attendant's registration for approximately 8 years with no matters on her disciplinary history;
  - d. The period of interim disqualification served: 21 June 2019 to 29 November 2019;
  - e. Ms Carter's submissions in mitigation of penalty, including in relation her personal circumstances and her remorse.

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