



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

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

**Date of decision:** 28 May 2020  
**Decision-maker:** Chief Executive Officer, Judith Lind  
**Name of relevant person:** Mr Robert Hoare  
**Track:** The Gardens  
**Date:** 15 March 2019  
**Rule no.:** Rule 86(f)(iv)  
**Charge(s):** (1) On 15 March 2019, Mr Hoare used contemptuous, unseemly, improper, insulting or offensive language towards a person having official duties in relation to greyhound racing  
**Disciplinary action taken:** \$300 fine (wholly and conditionally suspended)

**DECISION:**

1. Mr Hoare is, and was at the material time being 15 March 2019, a registered greyhound trainer.
2. On 15 March 2019, a race meeting was held at The Gardens and Mr Hoare was in attendance ("**Event**").
3. A greyhound trained by Mr Hoare was nominated to compete in race 1 of the Event. Another participant and official Mr Thomas Markus were involved in an argument. This continued after race 1.
4. After the race Mr Hoare became involved in an argument with Mr Markus. During the argument there were words exchanged by both parties.
5. Both parties then walked towards to the carpark. When the parties reached the carpark, near the entrance of the race course, Mr Hoare was heard to yell in an aggressive manner:  

*"Let's go you fucking cunt."*
6. Mr Hoare then faced Mr Markus and again yelled that he was a "*fucking cunt*".

7. Mr Markus then walked away from Mr Hoare and Mr Hoare continued to yell after him:

*“I apologized and you’re still carrying on, you can get fucked”.*

8. After considering the evidence following completion of the Commission’s investigation, the Commission charged Mr Hoare under Rule 86(f)(iv), which reads:

A person (including an official) shall be guilty of an offence if the person-

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(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-

(iv) any other person having official duties in relation to greyhound racing

9. Mr Hoare submitted documents in response to the charge and elected to have the disciplinary proceeding conducted in writing.

10. The Commission found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Hoare:

To fine him in the amount of \$300, wholly suspended for 12 months on the condition that he does not breach Rule 86(f) within that 12 month period.

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

- The conduct was considered to be on the lower end of the scale of the objective seriousness;
- The length of time Mr Hoare has held a registration in the greyhound racing industry, being approximately 28 years;
- Mr Hoare’s prior disciplinary history – he did not have any like matters on his disciplinary history;
- NSW greyhound racing penalty precedents;
- Mr Hoare’s documents submitted in relation to the charge and in mitigation of penalty, including in relation to his good character.

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