



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 18 September 2020

Decision-maker: Chief Executive Officer, Judith Lind

Name of relevant person: Miss Sandra West

Track: Richmond

Date: 11 April 2019, 2 May 2019 and 7 May 2019

Rule no.: Rule 28(4) x 4

Charge(s): (1)-(4) On 11 April 2019, 2 May 2019 and 7 May 2019, Miss West handled greyhounds presented for a trial at the Richmond Greyhound Racing Club in circumstances where she was not registered to do so.

Disciplinary action taken: Warning off periods to be served concurrently:

Charge 1 (R28(4), 11 April 2019):	9-week warning off
Charge 2 (R28(4), 2 May 2019):	9-week warning off
Charge 3 (R28(4), 2 May 2019):	9-week warning off
Charge 4 (R28(4), 7 May 2019):	9-week warning off

DECISION:

The Commission has finalised its investigation into allegations that Miss Sandra West handled greyhounds at Richmond on various dates in April and May 2019, without being registered by the Commission to do so:

1. Unregistered participant, Miss Sandra West, was observed to handle and trial greyhounds on four (4) occasions between 11 April 2019 and 7 May 2019 at Richmond when she was not registered by the Commission as an Attendant at the Commission.
2. After considering the evidence following completion of the Commission's investigation, the Commission charged Miss West under Rule 28(4) x 4 in writing. Rule 28(4) reads:

A person shall not handle a greyhound presented for an Event unless he is an owner, trainer, attendant or a registered person authorised by the Stewards to handle a greyhound for the Event.
3. Miss West admitted all four (4) of the charges and elected to have the disciplinary proceeding conducted in writing.

4. The Commission found the charges proven and took the following disciplinary action against Miss West:

Charge 1 (Rule 28(4)): To warn Miss West off for a period of 9 weeks;

Charge 2 (Rule 28(4)): To warn Miss West off for a period of 9 weeks;

Charge 3 (Rule 28(4)): To warn Miss West off for a period of 9 weeks;

Charge 4 (Rule 28(4)): To warn Miss West off for a period of 9 weeks,
with the periods of warning off to be served concurrently.

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

- NSW greyhound racing penalty precedents;
- The length of time that Miss West has previously held a trainer registration with predecessors of the Commission, being for approximately 7 and a half years;
- Miss West has no matters in her disciplinary history;
- Miss West's admission of the charges at the earliest opportunity;
- The need for general deterrence.

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