

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

**Date of decision:** 5 May 2021

**Decision-maker:** Director Compliance & Legal Services, Matthew Tutt, Chief Inspector, David OShannessy and Senior Steward, Dean Degan

**Name of relevant person:** Mr Karl Miller

**Track:** Wauchope

**Date:** 21 March 2020

**Rule no.:** Rule 86(p)

**Charge(s):** (1) Mr Miller failed to follow the direction of a Steward during the course of a race meet held on 21 March 2020 at Wauchope.

**Disciplinary action taken:** \$150 fine

**DECISION:**

1. Mr Miller is a registered greyhound trainer and attended at the Wauchope meeting on 21 March 2020. ("**Event**") with two (2) greyhounds that were trained by him.
2. At the time of parading a greyhound trained by him, in preparation for race 8, Mr Miller was observed by Stewards to be displaying signs of intoxication. On the way to the starting boxes, Mr Miller caused delay to the race due to his signs of intoxication.
3. Following the race, Mr Miller was observed to become disorientated as to the location of his greyhound. He required assistance from another handler to collect the greyhound. Mr Miller then show signs of being unwell
4. Mr Miller was advised that he was not permitted to handle any greyhounds at the race meeting.
5. Mr Miller then became abusive to race day staff. Mr Miller left the racetrack and was found by stewards in his vehicle in the carpark. Mr Miller abused the steward in the carpark when he was informed his conduct is subject to an inquiry.
6. The Commission charged Mr Miller under Rule 86(p), which reads:  
A person (including an official) 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

7. Mr Miller admitted the charge, provided written submissions and elected to have the disciplinary proceeding conducted in writing. Those submissions included, significantly, that Mr Miller had recently been prescribed medication for a health issue, and that this had exaggerated the effect of his alcohol intake at the race meeting. A medical certificate was provided in evidence of this prescribed medication.
8. The Commission found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Miller:

To issue him a fine of \$150.00.

9. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence, including:
  - Mr Miller has held a trainer registration for approximately 30 years;
  - Mr Miller has no history of relevant disciplinary matters;
  - Mr Miller's admission of the charge at the earliest opportunity;
  - NSW greyhound racing penalty precedents;
  - Mr Miller's submissions in mitigation of penalty, including in relation to his good character, personal and medical circumstances and remorse.

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