



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION

DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

- Date of decision:** 26 April 2022
- Decision-makers:** Director Race Day Operations & Integrity, Wade Birch and Director Compliance, Policy & Legal, Matthew Tutt
- Name of relevant person:** Mr Evan Taylor
- Track:** Dapto, Bulli
- Rule no.:** 104(6)(c) x (24)
- Charge:**
- (1)** On 24 July 2021, at the Dapto meeting, Mr Taylor directly engaged in betting transactions on races in which he acted as an official;
 - (2) – (4)** On 28 July 2021, 31 July 2021 and 4 August 2021, at the Bulli meetings, Mr Taylor directly engaged in betting transactions on races in which he acted as an official;
 - (5) – (12)** On 12 August 2021, 19 August 2021, 26 August 2021, 2 September 2021, 4 September 2021, 16 September 2021, 18 September 2021, and 23 September 2021, at the Dapto meetings, Mr Taylor directly engaged in betting transactions on races in which he acted as an official;
 - (13)** On 25 September 2021, at the Bulli meeting, Mr Taylor directly engaged in betting transactions on races in which he acted as an official;
 - (14) – (23)** On 14 October 2021, 21 October 2021, 11 November 2021, 18 November 2021, 25 November 2021, 9 December 2021, 30 December 2021, 27 January 2022, 10 February 2022, and 13 February 2022, at the Dapto meetings, Mr Taylor directly engaged in betting transactions on races in which he acted as an official;
 - (24)** On 20 February 2022, at the Dapto meeting, Mr Taylor directly engaged in betting transactions on races in which he acted as an official;
- Disciplinary action taken:** To disqualify Mr Taylor for a period of 9-months
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Decision

1. At all relevant times Mr Taylor was registered with the Commission as a Greyhound Race Official.
2. Between 24 July 2021 and 13 February 2022, Mr Taylor was engaged to work as a race official at various meetings at the Dapto and Bulli racecourses.
3. Mr Taylor placed multiple bets on greyhounds engaged to race at 24 race meetings between 24 July 2021 and 13 February 2022.
4. Following an investigation into the allegations, Mr Taylor was stood down from his position as a race official pending the outcome of the GWIC inquiry.
5. On 21 April 2022 the Commission decision makers issued a Notice of Charge and Proposed Disciplinary Action ("**Notice**") to Mr Evan Taylor, charging Mr Taylor with twenty-four charges of breaching Rule 104(6)(c) of the Greyhound Racing Rules ("**Rules**"), which reads:

Rule 104(6)(c)

An official officiating in a capacity that may have an affect on the result of an Event shall not-

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(c) directly or indirectly engage in any betting transaction on that event.

6. On 26 April 2022 Mr Taylor attended the hearing in relation to the Charges. Mr Taylor entered pleas of guilty to all charges and made oral submissions in relation to the proposed penalty.
7. The Commission, after considering all available material, found the charges proven and issued the following disciplinary action against Mr Taylor:

Charges 1-24 (Rule 104(6)(c))

To disqualify Mr Taylor for a period of 9-months;

8. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered the appropriate starting point, having regard to prior decisions of the Commission being the matters of *Jones*, *Jarvis*, and *Roese*, to be a 15-month disqualification. This penalty was reduced to 9 months, taking into consideration the following:
 - Mr Taylor's plea of guilty at the earliest opportunity;
 - Mr Taylor's lack of similar disciplinary history;
 - The length of time Mr Taylor has held a registration in the greyhound racing industry, being since 2012, approximately 10 years;

- That there was no evidence of impropriety in relation to the bets placed, nor any association between the bets placed and Mr Taylor's activities as a race official; and
- His submissions in mitigation of penalty, including in relation to the circumstances of the offending and the genuine remorse expressed for his actions.

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