



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

**Date of decision:** 15 February 2023

**Decision-makers:** Director Race Day Operations (Chief Steward), Wade Birch & Steward, Sam Woolaston

**Name of relevant person:** Mr Nathan Curry

**Track:** Maitland

**Date:** 27 October 2022

**Rule no.:** Rule 156(f)(ii)

**Charge(s):** Charge 1 (GR156(f))(ii))

Mr Nathan Curry, a registered owner and attendant did something, which in the opinion of a Controlling Body or the Stewards, constituted misconduct or is negligent or improper, in that on 27 October 2022 at the Maitland Greyhound Club, he did engage in a verbal and physical altercation with a registered participant near the kenneling bock.

**Disciplinary action taken:** (1) To issue a fine of \$1500, with \$1000 suspended for a period of 12-months subject to Mr Curry not breaching this rule or any like rule in this period.

**INVESTIGATION:**

1. On 27 October 2022 Mr Curry attended the Maitland Greyhound Club.
2. Mr Curry became engaged in a verbal altercation with participant Mr. Stephen Burgis near the kenneling block which escalated into a physical altercation.
3. Mr Curry made no attempt to de-escalate the conflict, which occurred in full view of participants, including children and members of the public.

**DECISION:**

4. At all relevant times Mr Curry was registered with the Commission as an Owner and Attendant.
5. On 6 February 2023 Mr Curry was issued with a Notice of Charge and Proposed Disciplinary Action ("**Notice**").
6. In the Notice issued on 6 February 2023 the decision makers charged Mr Curry with one charge under Rule 156(f)(ii)

**Rule 156(f)(ii), Rules**

An offence is committed if a person (including an official):

- (a) Has, in relation to a greyhound or greyhound racing, done something, or omitted to do something, which, in the opinion of a Controlling Body or the Stewards:
  - (ii) constitutes misconduct or is negligent or improper

7. On 13 February Mr Curry informed the decision-makers that he would plead not guilty to the charge and entered written submissions in his defense.
8. At the hearing on 15 February, following consideration of the written and verbal submissions made by the defendant, the decision makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Curry:

**Charge 1 (Rule 156(f)(ii))** To issue a fine of \$1500, with \$1000 partially and conditionally suspended for a period of 12 months subject to Mr Curry not breaching this rule or any like rule in this period.

9. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision-makers considered all evidence, including:
  - That Mr Curry, whilst not initiating the verbal altercation and being an unwilling participant in the physical confrontation, did, in the opinion of Stewards, contribute to its escalation through his provocative comments.
  - Mr Curry’s registration history, with no history of similar rule breaches.

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