



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: Thursday 30 November 2023

Decision-makers: Chief Steward Troy Vassallo, Chief Operating Officer Wade Birch

Name of relevant person: Pompeo Vallario

Rule no.: R165(c)(a)(iii)

Charge(s): Charge – 165(c)(a)(iii)
Mr. Vallario did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence by engaging in an activity which constitutes misconduct.

Plea: Guilty

Disciplinary action taken: To issue a nine-month suspension, to commence December 1st, 2023, and expire 1st September 2024

DECISION:

1. Mr. Vallario was, at all relevant times, a registered Trainer and Owner with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission.
2. In a text message dated 10.37am, 25th October 2023, Mr. Vallario used offensive language in relation to an Officer of a Club.
3. On 2 November 2023 Mr. Vallario was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**"). The Notice issued a charge against him for breach of the following Greyhound Racing Rule:

Charge - Rule 165(c)(a)(iii), Rules

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

...

(a) engages in contemptuous, unseemly, improper, insulting or offensive conduct or behaviour in any manner or form towards, or in relation to:

...

(iv) a Club, or an officer, employee or member of a Club;

4. The Notice invited Mr. Vallario to attend a hearing on Thursday 30 November 2023 and to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
5. At the hearing conducted on Thursday 30 November Mr. Vallario;
 - Entered a plea of guilty; and
 - Made verbal submissions.
6. After considering Mr. Vallario's plea and verbal submissions, the decision-makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against him:

Charge – To issue a nine-month suspension, to commence December 1st, 2023, and expire 1st September 2024

8. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision-makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr. Vallario's Guilty plea
 - Mr. Vallario's 18-year history in the industry and that this was Mr. Vallario's 4th offence for conduct related matters since 2020
 - Personal and professional circumstances
 - Principles of specific and general deterrence and what message is sent to the industry in respect to such conduct.

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