



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

**Date of decision:** Tuesday 12 December 2023

**Decision-makers:** Steward Sam Woolaston and Chief Steward Troy Vassallo

**Name of relevant person:** Danial Stone

**Rule no.:** LR166A

**Charge(s):** Charge 1 - LR166A

That on twenty-five occasions Mr. Stone, as a registered Public Trainer, engaged in conduct of lay betting against greyhounds that he trained.

**Plea:** Guilty

**Disciplinary action taken:** To issue an eight-week suspension, wholly and conditionally suspended for twelve months subject to Mr. Stone not breaching this or any like rule in this period.

**DECISION:**

1. Mr. Stone was, at all relevant times, a registered Public Trainer with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission.
2. On twenty-five separate occasions, between 3 August 2022 and 27 September 2023, Mr. Stone engaged in lay betting against greyhounds that he trained.
3. On 10 November 2023 Mr Stone was issued a Notification of Stewards Inquiry, inviting Mr. Stone to a hearing to be held on Wednesday 15 November, in which the circumstances of the above-mentioned bets would be ascertained.
4. On 4 December 2023 Mr. Stone 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 1– Local Rule 166A Rules**

*(1) A person, being a trainer, will be guilty of an offence if the person:*

*(a) places a bet on a greyhound, other than a greyhound trained by that person, in a race in which they have a starter;*

*(b) places any type of bet on a greyhound, other than a greyhound trained by that person, in a race to finish ahead of a greyhound they train in the race.*

5. The Notice invited Mr. Stone to attend a hearing on 8 December 2023 and to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
6. Mr Stone contacted the decision makers on 8 December 2023 and;
  - Entered a plea of guilty; and
  - Made written submissions.
7. After considering Mr. Stone's plea and written submissions, the decision makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against him:

**Charge 1** – To issue an eight week suspension, wholly and conditionally suspended for twelve months subject to Mr. Stone not breaching this or any like rule in this period.

8. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
  - Mr. Stone's Guilty plea
  - Mr. Stone's short registration history, with no prior offences for a similar matter
  - Personal and professional circumstances
  - In assessing penalty, the decision makers considered the overall performance of Mr. Stone's greyhounds in relation to the above bets, which did not identify any integrity concerns.

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