



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: Wednesday 10 January 2024

Decision-makers: Senior Steward Kevin Adams, Steward Peter Phillips, and Casual Steward Maddison Watson

Name of relevant person: Allan Syphers

Rule no.: R156(f)

Charge(s): Charge 1 – 156(f)
Mr. Syphers did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence

Plea: Charge 1 –Guilty

Disciplinary action taken: **Charge 1 - \$500 Fine**

DECISION:

1. Mr Syphers was, at all relevant times, a registered Public Trainer and Breeder with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission.
2. On 11 December 2023 Mr Syphers was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”). The Notice issued one charge against him for breach of the following Greyhound Racing Rule:

Charge - Rule 156(f), Rules

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

f) 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 stewards:

(ii) constitutes misconduct or is negligent or improper

3. A summary of the charge issued against Mr Syphers is as follows:

Charge 1 – R156(f)

On Thursday August 31, 2023, at the Gunnedah Greyhound Club, Mr. Syphers returned the greyhound “King Con” to its kennel in a manner which Stewards deemed involved an undue use of force.

4. The Notice proposed a penalty of a \$1,000 fine and invited Mr Syphers to attend a hearing on Wednesday 10 January 2024 and to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
5. At the hearing conducted on Wednesday 10 January Mr Syphers,
- Entered a plea of guilty; and
 - Made verbal submissions
6. Following consideration of Mr Syphers’ plea and verbal submissions, the decision-makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against him:

Charge 1 - \$500 Fine

7. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision-makers considered all evidence, including:
- Mr. Syphers’ Guilty plea
 - Mr. Syphers’ registration history and good record, with no previous charges over any similar matter

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