



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

**Date of decision:** Thursday 21 March 2024

**Decision-makers:** Senior Steward Kevin Adams and Steward Sam Woolaston

**Name of relevant person:** Jodie Seach

**Rule no.:** R156(o)

**Charge(s):** Charge – R156(o)

Ms. Seach did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by publishing a statement to an officer of the Controlling Body when it was known to be false.

**Plea:** Guilty

**Disciplinary action taken:** Eight Month Disqualification

The period of disqualification is backdated to the commencement of the existing interim suspension, 17 January 2024, and accordingly expires 17 September 2024.

**DECISION:**

1. Ms Seach was, at all relevant times, a registered Attendant with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission.
2. On Tuesday 12 March 2024 Ms Seach was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**") following the Commission becoming aware that Ms Seach had knowingly made a false statement in a registration application to the Commission. The Notice issued a charge against her for breach of the following Greyhound Racing Rule:

**Rule 156(o)**

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

(o) makes or publishes any statement known by the person to be false where the publication is to:

- i. A member of a Controlling Body;
- ii. An officer of a Controlling Body;
- iii. An employee of a Controlling Body; or
- iv. An officiating veterinarian or official in the course of them performing their functions.

3. The Notice invited Ms Seach to attend a hearing on Thursday 21 March 2024 and to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge and proposed penalty;

**Charge (Rule 156(o)) -** To issue a disqualification of twelve months

4. At the hearing conducted via Microsoft Teams on Thursday 21 March 2024, Ms Seach,

- Entered a plea of guilty to the Charge; and
- Made verbal submissions.

5. Following consideration of Ms Seach's plea and verbal submissions, the decision-makers found the charges proven and determined to impose the following disciplinary action upon her:

Eight Month Disqualification

The period of disqualification is backdated to the commencement of the existing interim suspension, 17 January 2024, and accordingly expires 17 September 2024.

7. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision-makers considered all evidence, including:

- Ms. Seach's guilty plea;
- Ms. Seach's verbal submissions made at the hearing and contrition; and
- Ms. Seach's personal and professional circumstances and record of contributions to the Gunnedah Greyhound Club

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