



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

**Date of decision:** 26 April 2024

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

**Name of relevant person:** Julie King

**Rule no.:** LR180A

**Charge(s):** Charge – LR180A

Ms. King did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by training greyhounds on a premises occupied by a disqualified person.

**Plea:** Guilty

**Disciplinary action taken:** 18 months Disqualification, 15 months of which is suspended for a period of 2 years.

The period of disqualification is backdated to the commencement of the existing interim disqualification, 1 March 2024, and accordingly expires on 1 June 2024.

**DECISION:**

1. Ms King was, at all relevant times, a registered Owner, Public Trainer and Breeder with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission.
2. On Wednesday 20 March 2024 Ms King was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”) following the Commission becoming aware that a disqualified person was occupying a premises owned by Ms King for the purpose of training greyhounds. The Notice issued a charge against her for breach of the following Greyhound Racing Rule:

**Local Rule 180A**

A person shall not, without prior written approval from the Controlling Body, train or keep a greyhound on premises which are:

- (a) Occupied by a disqualified person or defaulter or warned off person.

3. The Notice invited Ms King to attend a hearing on 11 April 2024 and to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge and proposed penalty;
4. At the hearing conducted via Microsoft Teams on 11 April 2024, Ms King and her legal representative:
  - Entered a plea of guilty to the Charge; and
  - Made verbal submissions.
5. Following consideration of Ms King’s plea and verbal submissions, the decision-makers found the charges proven and determined to impose the following disciplinary action upon her:

18 Months Disqualification with 15 months suspended for a period of 2 years.

The period of disqualification is backdated to the commencement of the existing interim disqualification, 1 March 2024, and accordingly expires 1 June 2024.

6. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision-makers considered all evidence, including:
  - Ms. King’s guilty plea;
  - Ms. King’s disciplinary history
  - The principal objectives of the Commission being to promote and protect greyhound welfare and to maintain public confidence in the greyhound racing industry.
  - The unique circumstances of this case.
  - Subjective factors.
  - The objective seriousness of the matter, including that Ms King was put on notice that the disqualified person was not permitted to reside at her premises and that the disqualified person was found guilty of very serious matters under the Greyhound Racing Rules.

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