



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

**Date of decision:** Monday 13 May 2024

**Decision-makers:** Senior Steward Kevin Adams, and Steward Peter Phillips

**Name of relevant person:** Brett Gilbert

**Rule no.:** R156(f)(ii)

**Charge(s):** Charge – 156(f)(ii)

Mr. Gilbert did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence by engaging in an activity which constitutes misconduct.

**Plea:** Not Guilty

**Disciplinary action taken:** To issue a suspension of 8 weeks

The 3 month conditionally suspended suspension issued 26 November 2023 against Mr. Gilbert is accordingly activated and, under R176, is to be served cumulatively. Total penalty is therefore a 20 week suspension, commencing 22 May 2024 and expiring 9 October 2024.

**DECISION:**

1. Mr. Gilbert was, at all relevant times, a registered Public Trainer with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission.
2. On Thursday 10 April 2024, Mr. Gilbert attended The Gardens Greyhound Club for the purpose of racing greyhounds.
3. Whilst collecting a greyhound following the running of Race 3, and in front of participants and spectators, Mr. Gilbert became involved in a verbal and physical altercation with another participant.
4. On 1 May 2024 Mr Gilbert 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 156(f)(ii), 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

5. The Notice invited Mr Gilbert to attend a hearing on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 and to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
6. At the hearing conducted at The Gosford Greyhound Club on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May Mr Gilbert's legal representative;
  - Entered a plea of not guilty;
  - Made verbal submissions; and
  - Entered written submissions.
7. Following considering of Mr Gilbert's plea and submissions, the decision-makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against him:

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8. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision-makers considered all evidence, including:
  - Mr. Gilbert's Not Guilty plea
  - Personal and professional circumstances, and Mr. Gilbert's contrition and remorse for his conduct
  - Purpose of issuing penalties as a protective measure for the image and interests of the greyhound racing industry
  - Principles of specific and general deterrence and what message is sent to the industry in respect to such conduct.

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