

ORIGINAL DECISION

Of QRIC Stewards regarding Cameron Scott

Date of Decision:	14 May 2026
Code:	Greyhound
Panel:	Michael Fernholz (Chair) Brooke McErlean Wesley Maher
Appearances:	Cameron Scott
Rule:	Greyhounds Australasia Rule 165(a), which provides: An offence is committed if a person (including an official): (a) commits or omits to do any act or engages in conduct which is in any way detrimental or prejudicial to the interests, welfare, image, control or promotion of <i>greyhound racing</i> ;
Charge:	Mr Cameron Scott sent an offensive email to a NSW Member of Parliament Abigail Boyd on 1st March 2026, which constitutes conduct that Stewards deemed to be detrimental or prejudicial to the interest, image, and promotion of Greyhound Racing.
Plea:	Guilty
Penalty:	\$1500 fine

Penalty Findings

1. In determining the appropriate penalty in this matter, the Stewards gave careful and balanced consideration to all relevant circumstances surrounding the breach and Mr Scott's personal and professional situation.
2. The Stewards noted Mr Scott's plea of guilty to the charge, which was entered at the earliest opportunity. This plea was afforded weight as a mitigating factor, particularly when considered alongside Mr Scott's forthright manner and cooperative approach

throughout the inquiry process. Mr Scott's provided clear and honest evidence, and there was no attempt to minimise or deflect responsibility for his actions.

3. The Stewards further considered Mr Scott's experience within the greyhound racing industry, noting that he has participated as a trainer for approximately six (6) years. During that time, Mr Scott has maintained a satisfactory disciplinary record, with no prior breaches recorded under Greyhounds Australasia Rule 165(a). This absence of relevant prior offending was considered as a mitigating factor.
4. Consideration was also given to Mr Scott's personal circumstances, including his reliance on the greyhound racing industry as his primary source of income. While the Stewards acknowledged that any penalty imposed may have a financial impact, they remained mindful that personal hardship cannot outweigh the need to uphold the integrity of the regulatory framework governing greyhound racing.
5. In determining penalty, the Stewards emphasised the importance of maintaining public confidence in the integrity of the greyhound racing industry. Compliance with professional conduct is fundamental to the interest, welfare, image, control and promotion of greyhound racing, and abiding by this notion instils confidence in the administration of the sport. The Stewards also recognised the need for general deterrence, noting that penalties imposed in matters of this nature must send a clear message to industry participants regarding the importance of strict adherence to the Rules of Racing.
6. The Stewards reviewed relevant penalty precedents relating to breaches involving inappropriate conduct. Reference was made to the matter involving Mr Darren Russell, who on the 3rd of March 2025 pleaded guilty to a breach of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 165(b)(iii), for broadcasting insulting and offensive language on Facebook in relation to a member of a club. In that matter, a monetary penalty of \$1000 with \$500 wholly suspended for twelve (12) months was imposed, with Stewards considering the plea of guilty, the absence of relevant prior disciplinary history, and the nature of the breach. Additionally, reference was made to the matter involving Mr Malcolm Davis, who on Monday 27th of April 2026 pleaded guilty to a breach of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 156(w) and 165(a), for publishing social media comments that were deemed by regulators as detrimental or prejudicial to the interest, welfare, image, control, or promotion of Greyhound Racing. Two penalties were imposed in respect of these charges; a 6-month suspension of which 3 months was suspended for 12 months, and a 6-month suspension of which 3 months was suspended for 12 months, to be served concurrently, with Stewards considering the plea of guilty, prior disciplinary history, and the nature of the breach. These prior matters were broadly comparable and provided appropriate guidance in assessing penalty in the present matter.

Human Rights

7. The Stewards gave due consideration to the provisions of the Human Rights Act 2019 (Qld), recognising that the imposition of any penalty may engage Mr Scott's rights, including rights relating to property and livelihood. The Stewards were satisfied that any limitation of those rights by the imposition of a monetary penalty is reasonable, justified, and proportionate to achieve the legitimate objectives of maintaining industry integrity, ensuring compliance with the Rules of Racing, and protecting public confidence in greyhound racing.
8. The Stewards considered that the purpose of imposing a monetary penalty for a breach of the Rules of Racing is to maintain public confidence in the conduct of greyhound racing in Queensland, ensure the integrity of all persons involved in racing and betting under the Racing Integrity Act 2016, and safeguard the welfare of all animals involved in the sport.
9. Having considered whether less restrictive disciplinary options, such as a caution or reprimand, would be sufficient, the Stewards determined that such outcomes would not adequately enforce compliance or achieve the objectives outlined above. Further, imposition of a suspension or disqualification were considered as excess in the circumstances of the offending. The imposition of a monetary penalty was considered necessary and proportionate, serving both as a personal deterrent to Mr Scott and as a general deterrent to the wider industry.

Penalty Decision

10. Having weighed all the relevant considerations, including mitigating factors, applicable precedents, and the need for deterrence, the Stewards determined that the appropriate penalty in this matter is a monetary fine in the amount of \$1500.00.

Right of Review

11. Mr Scott was advised that pursuant to Chapter 6 of the Racing Integrity Act 2016 (Qld) provides the right for a review of a racing decision of a steward, noting any application for review must be made within three (3) business days of this decision.