

# Stewards' Report

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, 5 October 2023
<b>Panel:</b>	Mr D. Aurisch (Chairperson), Mr C. Ferguson, Ms A. McLennan
<b>Person:</b>	Mr Lyndsey Joyce Jnr
<b>Rule:</b>	GAR 156(g)(iii)
<b>Charges:</b>	Mr Lindsay Joyce Jnr misconduct at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club trials on Monday 11 September 2023
<b>Penalty:</b>	2 years disqualification with (12) months wholly suspended for two (2) years

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On 5 October 2023, the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards (QRIC) concluded an inquiry into the conduct of Lindsay Joyce Jnr towards Mr Robert Greensill, an employee of the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club and the lure driver at the trials conducted by the club on the evening of 11 September 2023.

On Tuesday 12 September 2023, relevant members of the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club that were present at the trials were interviewed. Mr Greensill, Mr Joyce Jnr and Mr Lindsay Joyce Snr, as the registered trainer of the greyhounds that were taken to the trials the previous evening.

QRIC Stewards conducted an inquiry into the matter on Friday 22 September 2023, and further evidence was considered from Mr Joyce Jnr & Snr and Mr Greensill.

After considering all of the evidence, Stewards issued Mr Lindsay Joyce Jnr a charge pursuant to Greyhounds Australasia Rule 156(3)(iii), which states:

*An offence is committed if a person (including an official)) wilfully assaults, obstructs, impedes, abuses, interferes with, threatens or insults a Club, or an officer, employee or member of a Club*

The specifics of the charge were as follows:

That on Monday 11 September 2023 at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club trials, you entered a restricted area into the lure driver's tower during the conduct of these trials, and you made physical contact with Mr Robert Greensill, who was acting as the lure driver, an official employed by the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club.

Mr Joyce Jnr entered a plea of guilty to the charge and the inquiry was adjourned to allow him to make any written submissions on penalty. After considering these submissions, the Stewards have had regard to the primacy of specific and general deterrence in determining penalty in this matter, which is necessary for the maintenance of standards of integrity in the greyhound code by enforcement of the rules of racing.

In doing so, and to the extent they inform the primary focus of specific and general deterrence in determining penalty, the Stewards have taken into consideration the following factors:

- Mr Joyce's personal circumstances, including the financial impact that any penalty would have on him;
- Mr Joyce's previous unblemished disciplinary history;
- The proportionality of the penalty, having regard to the seriousness of the rule breach in question; and
- The consistency and appropriateness of the penalty having regard to decisions in recent cases.

- Greyhound Minimum Penalty Guidelines
- Human Rights Act 2019

Having balanced these considerations, the Stewards make the decision that he be disqualified for two (2) years, although pursuant to Greyhounds Australasia Rule 174(3) the Stewards order that one (1) year will be fully suspended for a period of twenty-four (24) months, conditional upon no further breach of a similar nature during this time period.

Mr Joyce Jnr was given his right of appeal to the Racing Appeals Panel.