

Stewards' Report

Date:	Wednesday, 27 August 2025
Panel:	Ms S Barr (Chairperson), Mr M Fernholz, Ms R Pedersen
Person:	Mr Steven Swift
Rule:	GAR 156(f)(ii)
Charges:	On 21 August 2025 at the Q Straight track race meeting Mr Swift, a licenced attendant, engaged in misconduct by making threats towards another licenced participant.
Penalty:	Three (3) month licence suspension with two (2) months conditionally suspended for two (2) years.

On 21 August 2025, the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards concluded an inquiry into the alleged misconduct of Mr Steven Swift, a licenced person at all relevant times, in the wash bay and surrounding area at the Q Straight Track meeting.

Evidence was tendered by Mr Steven Swift during the inquiry.

After considering all the evidence, Stewards issued a charge pursuant to the Greyhounds Australasia Rule 156(f)(ii), which provides:

*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 the Stewards:
(ii) constitutes misconduct or is negligent or improper;*

The specifics of the Charge were as follows:

On 21 August 2025 at the Q Straight track race meeting Mr Swift, a licenced attendant, engaged in misconduct by making threats towards another licenced participant.

Mr Swift pleaded guilty to the charge and made submissions in respect of penalty, whereby Stewards considered the following:

- Mr Steven Swift's plea of guilty;
- Mr Steven Swift's forthright evidence and cooperation throughout the inquiry;
- Mr Steven Swift's time in the industry;
- Mr Steven Swift's disciplinary history, noting no prior breaches of this rule;
- Circumstances of the offence;
- Mr Steven Swift's personal circumstances;
- The nature of the breach; And the need to ensure a safe work environment for all staff and participants;
- The need for both specific deterrence to Mr Steven Swift and a general deterrence to the wider industry;
- Relevant penalty precedents; and
- The Human Rights Act 2019;

Accordingly, the Stewards imposed the following penalty.

A Three (3) month licence suspension, electing to suspend two (2) months of the penalty under the provisions of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 174(3) for two (2) years conditional upon no further breaches of a similar nature.

Mr Steven Swift was advised of his rights to a review of the decision.