

DECISION

**Greyhounds Australasia Rules [Nov 2025], rule 164(b)
Queensland Local Rules of Racing – Greyhound, rule LR11C**

Delivered on: 3 December 2025

Code: Greyhounds

Panel: Mr Dan Broxham (Chairperson)
Mr Andrew Spence

Appearances: Mr Barry Taylor

Rule: Greyhounds Australasia Rules (GAR)

GAR164 Offences in relation to investigations and inquires

An offence is committed if a person (including an official):
(b) refuses or fails to attend or to give evidence at an inquiry (or at any other disciplinary process, hearing or appeal proceeding) or produce a document or other thing in relation to an investigation, examination, test or inquiry (or other disciplinary process, hearing or appeal proceeding) pursuant to rules when direct by a controlling body, the stewards, or another authorised person.

Charge: That Mr Barry Taylor failed to attend a Stewards inquiry on 21 November 2025, which he was directed to attend by Stewards on 3 November 2025.

Plea: Nil – absent

Background

1. On Wednesday, 9 July 2025 Stewards declared unnamed greyhound (QLBRA) as abandoned under the provisions of Queensland Local Rules of Racing – Greyhound *LR11C Abandonment of a greyhound*, which reads:

(1) The owner of a greyhound must not abandon a greyhound.

(2) The Controlling Body may deem a greyhound to be abandoned in the following circumstances:

- (a) the greyhound is registered; and*
- (b) the greyhound is in the custody of a registered participant or other person who is not the owner of the greyhound; and*
- (c) the registered participant, or other person who has custody of the greyhound, has requested the owner to resume custody of the greyhound or otherwise provide for the care of the greyhound; and*
- (d) the owner has failed to do so; and*
- (e) the Controlling Body has notified the owner of its intention to deem the greyhound to be abandoned if the owner does not resume custody of the greyhound within 14 days of the date of the notice; and*
- (f) the owner has failed to comply with the notice.*

(3) A greyhound deemed to be abandoned pursuant to LR11C(2) is to be retired and transferred to the Greyhound Adoption Program or other person or organisation as directed by the Controlling Body.

2. From the notice of abandonment being issued on 9 July 2025, the Stewards attempted on multiple occasions to contact Mr Taylor to ascertain the location and status of his other registered greyhounds. On Monday, 3 November 2025 a formal notice of inquiry was sent to Mr Barry Taylor directing him to attend an inquiry to be held on 21 November 2025 to answer questions in relation to his registered greyhounds, and the unnamed greyhound abandoned with another participant. Mr Taylor failed to attend the inquiry and did not contact the Stewards.

Charge

3. Having considered Mr Taylors' failure to attend the inquiry as directed, the Stewards issued him a charge in writing under the provisions of Greyhounds Australasia Rule (GAR) 164 *Offences in relation to investigations and inquiries*, which reads:

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4. The specifics of the charge were:

Mr Barry Taylor failed to attend a Stewards inquiry on 21 November 2025, which he was directed to attend by Stewards on 3 November 2025.

Stewards' Findings on Charge

5. Mr Taylor was afforded until Friday, 28 November 2025 to respond to the charge. After not receiving any communication from Mr Taylor and further being unable to contact him, the Stewards proceeded with their inquiry in his absence under the provisions of GAR 170 *Inquiries or other disciplinary process*, which reads:

....

(6) Where a person is serviced with notice of an inquiry or other disciplinary process in accordance with the rules but does not appear at the inquiry or other disciplinary process, it may proceed in the absence of that person.

6. The Stewards considered the relevant circumstances of the matter and formally found Mr Taylor guilty of the charge under GAR 164(b).

Stewards Findings on Penalty

7. The Stewards considered the seriousness of Mr Taylor failing his obligations under the rules of racing to participate in the inquiry as directed. The attendance at an inquiry and the giving of evidence is a very important and necessary requirement of the greyhound racing industry so the Stewards, and the Commission, can maintain the public confidence in the racing of animals in Queensland for which betting is lawful, to ensure the integrity of all persons involved with racing or betting, and to safeguard the welfare of all animals that are or have been involved in racing.
8. Mr Taylors' failure to engage with the Stewards strikes at the very core of these principles and is a clear breach of his obligations and agreement as a licensed participant in Queensland. There are unanswered questions about the status of greyhounds and the nature of Mr Taylors' failure to appear to answer those questions is a very serious breach of the rules, therefore any penalty imposed by the Stewards must adequately meet the level of this seriousness to serve as a deterrent to Mr Taylor and just as importantly to the wider greyhound racing industry in Queensland.

Penalty Decision

9. The original inquiry in relation to the status and location of Mr Taylors' greyhounds, and the abandoned unnamed greyhound with another participant, remains open.

10. Having regard to the findings above for the failure to attend the inquiry, the Stewards determined that Mr Barry Taylor be Warned Off, until such time he presents himself for questioning in relation to his greyhounds and the remaining open inquiry is finalised.

Appeal Rights

11. Mr Taylors' right to appeal this decision to the Queensland Racing Appeals Panel must be within three (3) business days pursuant to section 252AB(2) of the *Racing Integrity Act 2016* (Qld).
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Reference Rules

GAR 178 Effect of *disqualification, suspension, **warning off*** or being declared a *defaulter*

(2) *A person who is disqualified, **warned off**, suspended or declared to be a defaulter must not, during the period of the penalty:*

- (a) nominate a greyhound for any Event;*
- (b) permit a greyhound that the person owns or trains to compete in any Event;*
- (c) act as an attendant at a meeting;*
- (d) train a greyhound;*
- (e) participate in any activity connected with the breeding of greyhounds;*
- (f) act as an official at a meeting;*
- (g) be engaged as an employee or agent by any other person associated with the training of greyhounds; or*
- (h) be a member, officeholder, employee or volunteer of a Club registered pursuant to the Local Rules of a Controlling Body.*

(3) *Unless a Controlling Body orders otherwise, a person who is disqualified, **warned-off** or declared a defaulter is not:*

- (a) permitted to transact or engage in any business affecting the registration or licensing of persons or greyhounds with a Controlling Body;*
- (b) to enter any enclosure or other part of a racecourse or any property occupied or used*

in connection with a racecourse whether acting as agent or in any other capacity;

(c) to enter the premises of a Club;

(d) to have or hold any of the rights or privileges conferred by any licence or registration pursuant to the Rules;

(e) eligible to otherwise participate in or associate with greyhound racing, and any greyhound which has been nominated by the person or in the person's name, or which the person wholly or partly owns which is proved to the satisfaction of a Controlling Body to be under the person's care, custody or in training with the person, is prohibited from competing in any Event; and

(f) to enter or go to or remain on, at any time, any place where greyhounds are bred, whelped, handled, reared, broken in, kept or housed, educated, pre-trained, trained or raced.

GAR 156 General offences

An offence is committed if a person (including an official):

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(x) being a registered person or person associated with greyhound racing, associates with a disqualified or warned off person for the purposes of greyhound racing;