

DECISION

TASRACING INTEGRITY UNIT

and

PETER HOWLETT

Date of Decision: 16 July 2025

Panel: Mr. Howard Beer (Chair), Ms. Heidi Lester, Ms. Lisa Boyd

Respondent: Mr. Peter Howlett

Rules: GAR 168(a), GAR 164(a), GAR 164(b)

Charges 1, 3 & 4: GAR 168(a)

A registered person must notify the Controlling Body or Controlling Bodies by whom they are registered, within seven days of:

(a) being found guilty of an offence punishable by fine or imprisonment, other than a fine for a traffic offence;

Charges 2 & 5: GAR 164(a)

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

(a) makes a false or misleading statement in relation to or during an investigation, inspection, examination, test or inquiry (or at any other disciplinary process, hearing or appeal proceeding) or makes or causes to be made a falsification in a document in connection with greyhound racing or the registration of a greyhound;

Charges 6 & 7: GAR 164(b)

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 the Rules when directed by a Controlling Body, the Stewards, or another authorised person.

Plea: Did not attend hearing, no plea was entered

Finding: Guilty to all charges

Penalty: Disqualified for a total period of 2 years

Background

1. In June 2025, the Tasracing Integrity Unit (TIU) became aware that Mr. Peter Howlett had been charged with and convicted of multiple criminal offences. As a result, the TIU commenced an investigation into the matter.
2. The investigation determined that Mr. Howlett failed on three occasions to notify the Controlling Body that he had been found guilty of offences punishable by fine or imprisonment, in breach of his obligations under the Rules of Racing.
3. It was further established that Mr. Howlett made false declarations on two separate licence renewal applications, incorrectly stating that he had not been charged with any criminal offences.
4. Mr. Howlett was directed to attend a Stewards Inquiry on 23 June 2025, but failed to appear, citing illness. He did not provide a medical certificate as directed, to support this claim. His licence was suspended on an interim basis. The inquiry was rescheduled to 15 July 2025.
5. On 15 July 2025, Mr. Howlett again failed to attend the rescheduled inquiry and failed to produce a National Police Check as directed. He could not be contacted. The inquiry proceeded in his absence. A representative contacted the Controlling Body some hours after the scheduled start time, advising that Mr. Howlett would be unable to attend.

Penalty Consideration

In determining the appropriate disciplinary action, the decision-makers considered all material and evidence available, including:

- Mr. Howlett's disciplinary history
- Mr. Howlett's repeated breaches over an extended period
- The objectives of the TIU under the Racing Regulation and Integrity Act 2024
- The objective seriousness of the offences

Penalties

Charges 1, 3 & 4 GAR168(a) a 6-month disqualification on each charge, to be served concurrently

Charge 2 & 5 GAR164(a) a 12-month disqualification on each charge, to be served concurrently

Charge 6 GAR164(b) a 6-month disqualification

Charge 7 GAR164(b) a 6-month disqualification (fully suspended)

Peter Howlett is disqualified for a total period of 2 years backdated to 23 June 2025 at which time his license was suspended. He has 14 days to lodge an Appeal.

Dated: 17 July 2025