

DECISION

TASRACING INTEGRITY UNIT

and

RACHEL MOATE

Date of Decision:	14 October 2025
Decision Makers:	Ms. Lisa Boyd, Ms. Heidi Lester
Respondent:	Ms. Rachel Moate
Rules:	Greyhounds Australasia Rules (GAR) 156(e), GAR 156(f)(i), GAR 164(a), GAR 164(b)
Charges:	Charge 1 GAR 156 (e) An offence is committed if a person (including an official): (e) aids, abets, counsels or procures a person to commit a breach of the Rules Charge 2 GAR 156 (f)(i) 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: (i) is corrupt, fraudulent, or dishonest; Charge 3 GAR 164 (a) An offence is committed if a person (including an official): 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. Charge 4 GAR 164 (b) An offence is committed if a person (including an official): 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:	Not guilty to all charges
Finding:	Guilty to all charges
Penalty:	Disqualified for a total period of 6 months, with 3 months conditionally suspended

Summary of Facts

On 3 June 2025, Ms. Rachel Moate attended the Hobart Greyhound Racing Club meeting at Elwick Racecourse in the company of Mr. Steven Croft, who, as a disqualified person, was prohibited from entering any racecourse.

When Stipendiary Stewards approached Mr. Croft to direct him to leave the premises, Ms. Moate interfered with official proceedings by asserting that she had an email on her mobile phone stating that Mr. Croft, despite being disqualified, was permitted to attend race meetings but not to handle greyhounds.

By making this claim, Ms. Moate misled the Stewards and aided Mr. Croft in breaching the conditions of his disqualification. At a subsequent inquiry, Ms. Moate failed to produce, as directed, the email she claimed existed and which she asserted granted permission for Mr. Croft to attend race meetings.

Penalty Consideration

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

- Ms. Moate's disciplinary history
- Ms. Moate's submissions
- The potential to cause reputational harm
- The objectives of the TIU under the Racing Regulation and Integrity Act 2024
- The objective seriousness of the offences

Penalties

1. **Charge One** - Breach of GAR 156 (e), a disqualification period of 3 months is imposed
2. **Charge Two** - Breach of GAR 156 (f)(i), a disqualification period of 3 months is imposed
3. **Charge Three** – Breach of GAR 164 (a), a disqualification period of 3 months is imposed
4. **Charge Four** – Breach of GAR 164 (b), a disqualification period 3 months is imposed

Charges One and Two will be served concurrently.
Charges Three and Four will be served concurrently.

A cumulative penalty of 6 months disqualification is imposed with 3 months conditionally suspended for a period of 12 months. Should Ms. Moate commit similar breaches in the next twelve months, the three-month conditionally suspended portion of this penalty will be activated and served in addition to any other penalty that may be imposed.

Ms. Moate was advised of her right to appeal under section 76 of the *Racing Regulation and Integrity Act 2024*, and was served a notice of the Consequences of Disqualification under the Greyhounds Australasia and Tasmanian Local Rules.

Heidi Lester
Chief Racing Integrity Officer
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