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## Investigation Report: 4 November 2015

Date of Hearing: Venue of Hearing: Name: Suburb: Officiating Stewards: 5 July 2015 & 4 November 2015 Sandown Greyhound Club & GRV Office Shaun Courts Heidelberg West. Greg Huntington, Ron Mathews, Dan Verbene.

## **REPORT**

Stewards on 5 July 2015 & 4 November 2015 conducted an inquiry into an incident that occurred at the Sandown Greyhound Club on 4 July 2015 during a trials session between Mr Paul Galea and Mr Shaun Courts.

Stewards heard evidence from Mr Galea, Mr Courts, and Mr D McKenzie.

After hearing the evidence, Stewards charged Mr Courts with a breach of GAR 86q in that he used inappropriate language towards Mr Galea in the hearing and view of other trainers during the running of a trialling session which Stewards deemed inappropriate and detrimental to the image and promotion of Greyhound Racing.

Mr Courts pleaded guilty to the charge

Stewards found Mr Courts guilty as charged and issued him with a severe reprimand and referred the matter to the Sandown Greyhound Club to determine any action as the employer of Mr Courts at the time of the incident.

Greg Huntington Manager Investigations Unit.

NB: Steward Investigation/Hearing decisions are subject to Appeal under the Rules of Greyhound Racing.