

## Investigative Stewards Hearing Report

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> of August 2023**

Date of Hearing: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> of August 2023  
Venue of Hearing: Cranborne Greyhound Club  
Name: Mr Brandon MACKIE (310511)  
Date of offence: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> of June 2023

Rule:

**GAR165 Conduct detrimental to the interests of greyhound racing - An offence is committed if a person (including an official):**

(a) commits or omits to do any act or engages in conduct which is in any way detrimental or prejudicial to the interest, welfare, image, control or promotion of greyhound racing.

Officiating Investigative Stewards: Mr Ben CONSIDINE and Mr Brent SCARLETT

### **REPORT**

On Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> of August 2023, Investigative Stewards held an Inquiry with Mr Brandon MACKIE considering one (1) charge relating conduct concerns arising from his involvement in an incident during the Warragul Pink Diamonds event on 16<sup>th</sup> of June 2023.

On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> of August 2023, Investigative Stewards held a Stewards Hearing with Mr MACKIE relating to one (1) charge concerning his conduct during the Pink Diamonds event,

Mr MACKIE plead guilty to all charges.

The charges are as follows:

### **CHARGE 1**

#### ***Greyhounds Australasia Rules (GAR) 165 (a)***

Relates to Mr MACKIE's conduct arising from his involvement in an incident during the Warragul Pink Diamonds event on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June 2023, in which he engaged in conduct which was detrimental or prejudicial to the interest, welfare, image, control or promotion of greyhound racing when he:

- Argued with other persons present in an aggressive manner.
- His use of offensive language.

Mr MACKIE pleaded guilty to the charge. The charge was proven.

Investigative Stewards found one (1) charge proven and imposed the following penalty.

**PENALTY**

**Charge 1**

- \$750 fine with \$250 suspended for a period of 12 months.

In determining penalty, Investigative Stewards considered several factors namely:

- Mr MACKIE's explanation around the incident and his involvement.
- Mr MACKIE's relative new status as a registered participant.
- Mr MACKIE's prior GRV history and his plea of guilty.
- CCTV footage of parts of the incident.
- The negative impact an incident of this nature has on Greyhound Racing that occurred at a Feature Race Meeting with members of the Public present and in the area at the time of the incident.
- Specific and general deterrence.



**Ben Considine**  
Senior Investigative Steward  
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