

Stewards Hearing Report

Date of Hearing: Sunday 7 May 2023
Venue of Hearing: Healesville Greyhound Racing Club
Name: Mr. Joe Uglietta
Rule: GAR 165 (a)

Offence: Engaged in conduct that was detrimental and/or prejudicial to the image and control of greyhound racing by speaking in a loud and aggressive manner following the running of Race 2.

Officiating Stewards: Ms. Lee Fahry & Mr. Jaden Smith

REPORT

On Sunday 7 May 2023, GRV Stewards finalised an inquiry into the conduct of licensed person Mr. Joe Uglietta following the running of Race 2 at the Healesville Greyhound Racing Club Meeting on 31 April 2023.

Stewards heard evidence from Participant Mr. Joe Uglietta, GRV Steward Ms. Demi Barber, GRV Cadet Steward Mr. Christian Curtis and another licensed Participant. After considering all of the evidence, Mr. Uglietta was issued with a single charge under GAR 165 (a) which reads;

GAR 165 - 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;

The particulars of the charge were that at the Healesville Greyhound Racing Club on 21 April 2023, Mr. Uglietta conducted himself in a manner that was detrimental and/or prejudicial to the image and/or control of greyhound racing when behaving in a loud and aggressive manner at the starting boxes and continued the same in the wash bay area, following the running of Race 2.

Mr. Uglietta pleaded not guilty to the charge but was found guilty as charged. After considering submissions on penalty, the Stewards issued Mr. Uglietta with a fine of \$500, with half (\$250) suspended for 12 months, pending no further behavior related offences during this time.

In determining penalty, Stewards took into consideration:

- Mr. Uglietta's antecedence and record with GRV.
- General and specific deterrence.
- The circumstances surrounding the commission of the offence



Paul SEARLE
CHIEF STEWARD - GREYHOUND RACING VICTORIA

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