

Investigative Stewards Hearing Report

Wednesday 26th of April 2023

Date of Hearing: Monday 24th of April 2023
Venue of Hearing: Geelong Greyhound Racing Club
Name: Mr Mark DELBRIDGE
Date of offence: Thursday 6th of April 2023

Rule: **Greyhounds Australasia Rules (GAR) 30**

Officiating Investigative Stewards: Mr Dylan Bartolo and Mr Christopher GAWNE.

REPORT

On Thursday, 6th of April 2023, Investigative Stewards held an Inquiry with Mr Mark DEBRIDGE considering one (1) charge relating to the use of a prohibited barking muzzle on DAKSHA BALE (NJEBD).

On Monday, 24th of April 2023, Investigative Stewards held a Stewards Hearing with Mr DELBRIDGE relating to Greyhound Australasian Rule (GAR) 30 Use of Barking Muzzles Prohibited. Mr DELBRIDGE pleaded guilty to one (1) charge of GAR 30.

The charge is as follows:

CHARGE 1

Greyhounds Australasia Rules (GAR) 30

Relates to the application and use of a barking muzzle found fastened to greyhound DAKSHA BALE (NJEBD).

Mr DELBRIDGE pleaded guilty to the charge. The charge was found proven and Investigative Stewards imposed the following penalty.

PENALTY

Charge 1

- \$1,000 fine with \$500 suspended for a period of 12 months.

In determining penalty, Investigative Stewards considered several factors namely:

- Mr DELBRIDGE's plea of guilty.
- Mr DELBRIDGE's remorse and evidence of steps taken to prevent further breaches of the rule [GAR 30].
- The welfare of Greyhounds being compromised when Barking Muzzles are used.
- Mr DELBRIDGE's prior history.

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



Dylan Bartolo
Investigative Steward
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