

Investigative Stewards Hearing Report

Tuesday 7th of February 2023

Date of Hearing: Tuesday 7th of February 2023
Venue of Hearing: Bendigo Greyhound Racing Club
Name: Mr Alisdair ARMSTRONG
Date of offence: Monday 11th of July 2022
Rule: Greyhounds Australasia Rules (GAR) 165 (a)
Offence: An offence is committed if a person 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 Scott BOURKE

REPORT

On Tuesday, 8th of November 2022, Investigative Stewards opened an Inquiry with Mr Alisdair ARMSTRONG regarding the circumstances of un-retiring a greyhound and his comments made concerning the GRV process and the greyhound on Monday 11th of July 2022

On Tuesday 7th February 2023 Investigative Stewards held a Stewards Hearing with Mr Alisdair ARMSTRONG. Mr ARMSTRONG was of the view his comments were in jest and taken out of context.

After considering the evidence, Investigative Stewards charged Mr ARMSTRONG with a breach of GAR 165 (a) in that he made comments in the opinion of Stewards which were detrimental or prejudicial to the interest, welfare, image, control or promotion of greyhound racing.

Mr ARMSTRONG pleaded not guilty to the charge.

Investigative Stewards found Mr ARMSTRONG guilty of the charge and imposed the following penalty.

PENALTY

Charge 1

- \$500 Fine (with \$250 of this suspended for 12 months)

In determining penalty, Investigative Stewards considered a number of factors namely:

- Mr ARMSTRONG's explanation around his behaviour and not guilty plea.
- Mr ARMSTRONG 's prior history of similar offending.
- Specific and general deterrence.



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