

STEWARDS HEARING REPORT

Date of Hearing: Thursday, 27 July 2023
Venue of Hearing: GRV Head Offices
Name: Jacob Biddell
Rule: GAR 165(a)
Officials: Andrew Spence – Deputy Chief Steward
Simon McLean – GRIU Investigations Manager

REPORT

On 28 June 2023, Stewards held an inquiry with Mr Jacob Biddell regarding the circumstances of media articles published between 24 June and 25 June 2023 indicating conduct which may have been in breach of the Rules of Racing.

On 27 July 2023, a Stewards Hearing was held with Mr Biddell relating to a charge as follows:

CHARGE

Greyhounds Australasia Rule (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;

Mr Biddell pleaded Not Guilty to the charge and made further submissions.

Having considered all available evidence, the Charge was found proven and Mr Biddell formally found Guilty of a breach of GAR 165(a).

PENALTY

A 1-month suspension, to be wholly and conditionally suspended for a period of 6 months.

The conditions are that Mr Biddell undergoes an agreed program and satisfy the GRIU of its completion. At the completion of the program Mr Biddell must provide a certificate of completion from the course. If the agreed program is not completed within the 6 months, then the 1-month suspension of his registration will be enacted.

In arriving at this penalty decision, the following factors were considered:

- Mr Biddell's time as a registered participant in the greyhound industry and good record.
- Mr Biddell's personal circumstances.
- The need for both a specific and general deterrence.



Andrew Spence
Deputy Chief Steward
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