

Investigative Stewards Hearing Report

Monday 27 February 2023

Date of Hearing: Monday 27 February 2023
Venue of Hearing: Greyhound Racing Victoria Offices
Name: Mr Ibrahim KAMA
Date of offence: 3 December 2022
Rule: Greyhounds Australasia Rules (GAR) 165 (a)
Offence: 1. Engage in conduct which is detrimental or prejudicial to the interest, welfare, image, control of greyhound racing.

Officiating Investigative Stewards: Mr Simon McLean & Mr Ben Considine

REPORT

On Monday 19th December 2022, Investigative Stewards opened an Inquiry with Mr Ibrahim KAMA regarding him engaging in conduct which was detrimental or prejudicial to the interest, welfare, image, control or promotion of greyhound racing that had occurred at The Meadows Greyhound Racing Complex on Saturday 3rd December 2022.

On Monday 27 February 2023 Investigative Stewards heard evidence from Mr KAMA during a Stewards Hearing. Mr KAMA conceded his actions at the Meadows Greyhound Complex on the 3rd December 2022 were inappropriate and he provided context around his behaviour. He was remorseful of his actions and had apologised to the GRV staff members present. Mr KAMA stated he was embarrassed by his actions.

After considering the evidence, Investigative Stewards charged Mr KAMA with a breach of GAR 165 (a) in that his conduct and behaviour at the Meadows Greyhound Racing Complex in engaging in an argument with another patron at the track was detrimental or prejudicial to the interest, welfare, image, control or promotion of greyhound racing.

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 KAMA pleaded guilty to the charge. Investigative Stewards found Mr KAMA guilty of the charge and imposed the following penalty;

PENALTY

Charge 1.

- 1 month suspension wholly suspended for 12 months
- \$500 with \$250 suspended for 12 months

All suspended penalties will be fully installed for any other conduct related offences committed during this period of 12 months.

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

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

- Mr KAMA's explanation around his behaviour and guilty plea.
- Mr KAMA's apology and genuine remorse for his actions.
- Mr KAMA's excellent prior history within the industry.
- The 14 day exclusion order from attending any GRV Tracks served on Mr KAMA following this incident as time already served.
- Both parties involved have reconciled and apologised to each other.
- Specific and general deterrence.



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Simon McLean
Investigations Manager
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