

Stewards Hearing Report

Date of Hearing:	26 October 2023
Venue of Hearing:	Meadows Greyhound Racing Club
Name:	Mr Vince Tullio
Rule:	GAR 165 (a)
Offence:	Engaged in conduct that was detrimental or prejudicial to the interest, image and promotion of greyhound racing in the vicinity of the stir-up yard prior to the running of Race 7 at the Meadows on Wednesday 11 October 2023.
Officiating Stewards:	Mr Paul Searle and Mr Alex Kitching

REPORT

On Thursday 26 October 2023, GRV Stewards finalised an inquiry into the conduct of Mr Vince Tullio prior to Race 7 and in the vicinity of the stir-up yard at the Meadows on Wednesday 11 October 2023.

Evidence was taken from Stewards Mr Max Hayden Evans and James Jeffrey, the On-Track Veterinarian, Mr Benny Briffa and Mr Vince Tullio. CCTV footage and an audio recording of the incident was also provided for the inquiry.

After considering all of the evidence, Mr Tullio was issued with a 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 being that at the Meadows Greyhound Racing Club on Wednesday 11 October 2023, prior to Race 7, Mr Vince Tullio, being a person connected with greyhound racing, used foul language, was loud, was hostile and behaved inappropriately towards another person in a manner that was detrimental and/or prejudicial to the interests and/or image and/or promotion of greyhound racing.

Mr Tullio pleaded not guilty to the charge. Mr Tullio was found guilty as charged. After considering submissions on penalty, the Stewards issued Mr Tullio with a fine of \$3000 for the offence, with \$1000 of that suspended for 24 months (until 25 October 2025) pending no behaviour or conduct related breaches in that time.

In determining penalty, Stewards took into consideration:

- Mr Tullio's personnel antecedence and poor record with GRV.
- The lack of remorse for the incident and behaviour.
- The circumstances surrounding the commission of the offence.
- General and specific deterrence.
- Mr Tullio's connection and involvement with greyhound racing.
- The plea of not guilty to the charge.

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



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