

## Stewards Hearing Report

**Date of Hearing:** 1 October 2024  
**Venue of Hearing:** Warragul Greyhound Racing Club  
**Name:** Mrs. Judith McMahon  
**Rule:** **GAR 156 (f) (ii) & LR 47.1.1**

**Offences:** Nominating Dr. Anne to compete at the Sale Greyhound Racing Club meeting on 17 July 2024 when the greyhound was unfit to race & nomination requirements of Local Rule 47.

**Officiating Stewards:** Mrs. Catherine Scarlett & Ms. Roslyn Fazulla

### REPORT

On Tuesday 1 October 2024, GRV Stewards finalised an inquiry into the nomination and subsequent withdrawal of Dr. Anne from the Sale Greyhound Racing Club meeting on 17 July 2024.

Stewards accepted evidence from Mrs. Judith McMahon, GRV Stewards Bradley Martin and Ian Kennedy and the GRV Grading Dept. After considering all of the evidence, Mrs. McMahon was issued with a charge under GAR 156 (f) (ii) (for negligence) and was issued with a warning in relation to LR 47.1.1.

***Charge 1 - GAR 156 – General - An offence is committed if a person (including an official): (f) has, in relation to a greyhound or greyhound racing, done something, or omitted to do something, which, in the opinion of a Controlling Body or the Stewards: (ii) constitutes misconduct or is negligent or improper;***

The particulars of the charge being that on 15 July 2024 Mrs. McMahon was negligent when nominating Dr. Anne to complete at the Sale Greyhound Racing Club meeting on 17 July 2024 when that greyhound was injured and could not have taken its place in the field at the time of nomination.

Mrs. McMahon pled guilty to the charge. After considering submissions on penalty, the Stewards issued Mrs. McMahon a fine of \$500, which was suspended for 24 months, pending no further breaches of the negligence rule.

***Nomination Requirements 47.1 - A greyhound is only eligible for nomination for an Event if: 47.1.1 nominated by its registered Trainer;***

Mrs. McMahon nominated other greyhounds on 15 July 2024 for the Sale Greyhound Racing Club meeting on 17 July 2024 that she was not actually the registered trainer of. After considering the submissions made at the inquiry, the Stewards issued Mrs. McMahon a warning under LR 47.1.1.

In determining penalty, Stewards took into consideration:

- Mrs. McMahon's antecedence and record with GRV, plea of guilty and personal circumstances.
- General and specific deterrence.
- The circumstances surrounding the commission of the offence.

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