

Stewards Hearing Report

Date of Hearing: 21 June 2024
Venue of Hearing: Bendigo Greyhound Racing Association
Name: Ms. Amanda Scott
Rule: **GAR 165(a)**

Offence: At the Bendigo Greyhound Racing Association race meeting on 07 June 2024, Ms. Amanda Scott engaged in conduct that was detrimental to the interest and image of greyhound racing.

Officiating Stewards: Mr. Max Hayden-Evans, Mr. James Jeffery & Mr. Jaden Smith

REPORT

On Friday, 21 June 2024, GRV Stewards opened and finalised an inquiry into the conduct of licensed person Ms. Amanda Scott in relation to an incident that occurred in the function area of the Bendigo Racecourse at the Bendigo Greyhound Racing Association race meeting on 07 June 2024.

Stewards heard evidence from Ms. Amanda Scott and viewed CCTV footage of the incident. After considering Ms. Scott's submissions, Stewards issued Ms. Scott 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 Bendigo Greyhound Racing Association race meeting on 07 June 2024, Ms. Scott conducted herself in a manner that was detrimental to the interest and image of greyhound racing by attempting to pull a chair out from beneath another licensed participant.

Ms. Scott pleaded not guilty to the charge. Ms. Scott was found guilty as charged. After considering submissions on penalty, the Stewards issued Ms. Scott with a \$1000 fine, with \$500 of this fine suspended for twenty-four (24) months from 21 June 2024, pending no further conduct related offences during this time.

In determining penalty, Stewards took into consideration:

- Ms. Scott's record with GRV and the recency of a similar rule breach by Ms. Scott.
- Ms. Scott's lack of remorse and acceptance of responsibility in relation to the incident.
- General and specific deterrence.
- The circumstances surrounding the commission of the offence.

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