

Investigative Stewards Hearing Report

Friday 2nd of February 2024

Date of Hearing: February 2nd of February 2024
Venue of Hearing: Greyhound Racing Victoria Head Office
Name: Mr Stavros KIPIRTIDIS
Date of offence: 3rd of January 2024

Rule: **Greyhounds Australasia Rules (GAR) 165 (a)**

Officiating Investigative Stewards: Mr Dylan Bartolo and Mr Christopher Gawne

REPORT

On Monday, 22nd of January 2024, Investigative Stewards held an Inquiry with Mr Stavros Kipirtidis considering one (1) charge relating to detrimental conduct engaged in by Mr Kipirtidis. The alleged conduct was committed at the Greyhound Australasia office on 3rd January 2024, and witnessed by employees of the *Controlling Body*.

On Friday, 2nd of February 2024, Investigative Stewards held a Stewards Hearing with Mr Stavros Kipirtidis in relation to the charge. Mr Kipirtidis contested that his conduct did not meet the threshold of the charge brought against him and believed he acted appropriately. The officiating stewards balanced the probability of the argument on the weight of the available evidence and concessions that Mr Kipirtidis made during the inquiry. The collective weight of the available evidence establishes culpability, and the charge was found proven.

The charges are as follows:

CHARGE 1

Greyhound Australasian Rule 165 (a)

Relates to conduct which is in any way detrimental or prejudicial to the interest, welfare, image, control or promotion of greyhound racing, committed by Mr Kipirtidis on the 22nd of January 2024.

Mr Stavros Kipirtidis pleaded not guilty to the charge. The charge was proven.

PENALTY

Charge 1

- \$500 fine with \$250 suspended for a period of 12 months.

In determining penalty, Investigative Stewards considered several factors namely:

- Mr Kipirtidis's explanation around the event that occurred at the Greyhound Australasian office on 3rd January 2024.

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



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- The emotional effect the event had on the witness(es).
- Mr Kipirtidis' prior history.
- Specific and general deterrence.

Dylan Bartolo

Investigative Steward

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