

Investigative Stewards Hearing Report

Wednesday 17th July 2024

Date of Hearing: Wednesday 17th July 2024
Venue of Hearing: Via Telephone
Name: Frank SAMPIERI
Date of offences: 9th May 2024

REPORT

On Thursday 6th June 2024, Investigative Stewards held an Inquiry with Mr Frank SAMPIERI considering one charge relating to his behaviours and his conduct towards GRV Staff at the Geelong Greyhound Racing Club on 9th May 2024.

On Wednesday 17th July 2024, Investigative Stewards held a Stewards Hearing with Mr Frank SAMPIERI relating to the charge. Mr SAMPIERI acknowledged his actions were inappropriate and was remorseful of his behaviours and conduct providing Stewards with contributing circumstances. Mr SAMPIERI accepted and understood that the language he used and aggression he displayed was prejudicial to the interests of greyhound racing.

Officiating Investigative Stewards: Mr Scott Bourke and Mr Ben Considine

The charge is as follows:

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;

Relates to Mr SAMPIERI's language, aggression, and behaviours towards GRV Staff following a GAP Assessment of one of his greyhounds at the Geelong Greyhound Racing Club on 9th May 2024.

Mr SAMPIERI pleaded guilty to the charge. The charge was proven.

PENALTY

- \$500.00 fine with \$250.00 suspended for a period of 12 months.

In determining penalty, Investigative Stewards considered several factors namely:

- Mr SAMPIERI's explanation of the offending
- Mr SAMPIERI's circumstances at the time of the offending.
- Mr SAMPIERI's prior GRV history.

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

- Specific and general deterrence.



Scott Bourke
Investigative Steward
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