

Stewards Hearing Report

Date of Hearing: 6 February 2025
Venue of Hearing: GRV Head Office
Name: Mr Grant Walker
Rules: GAR 165 (a)

Offence: At the Sandown Greyhound Racing Club on 23 December 2024, Mr Grant Walker engaged in conduct that was detrimental and/or prejudicial to the interest, control and image of greyhound racing.

Officiating Stewards: Mr Paul Searle and Ms Ros Fazulla

REPORT

GRV Stewards today finalised an inquiry into the conduct of licenced person Mr Grant Walker at the Sandown Greyhound Racing Club on 23 December 2024.

Stewards heard evidence from Participant Mr Grant Walker and Stewards Ian Kennedy, Brad Martin and Connor Golledge. CCTV and Audio recordings were also tendered. After considering all of the evidence, Mr Walker was issued with two charges, both 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 of Charge 1 (paraphrased) were that at the Sandown Greyhound Racing Club race-meeting held on 23 December 2024, Mr Walker conducted himself in the Stewards room and before the Stewards in a manner that was detrimental and/or prejudicial to the image and/or control and/or interests of greyhound racing.

The particulars of Charge 2 (paraphrased) were that at the Sandown Greyhound Racing Club race-meeting held on 23 December 2024, Mr Walker conducted himself in the trainers carpark and toward Stewards in a manner that was detrimental and/or prejudicial to the image and interests of greyhound racing.

Mr Walker pleaded not guilty to both charges but was found guilty of both charges. After considering submissions on penalty, the Stewards issued Mr Walker with a fine of \$500 on Charge 1 and a fine of \$500 on Charge 2. Due to the principal of totality and good record, both fines had \$250 suspended for 24 months pending no further behavioural related breaches.

In determining penalty, Stewards took into consideration:

- Mr Walkers antecedence and good record with GRV.
- General and specific deterrence.
- The principle of totality and the circumstances surrounding the commission of the offence's
- The nature of the offences

Mr Walker was also reminded of his responsibilities around the consumption of alcohol prior to handling and undertaking official race night duties of participants.'

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

Paul Searle.

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PAUL SEARLE
CHIEF STEWARD - GREYHOUND RACING VICTORIA