

Investigative Stewards Hearing Report

Tuesday 7th April 2026

Date of Hearing: Tuesday 7th April 2026
Venue of Hearing: Via telephone
Name: Roger BLOOMFIELD
Date of offence: 5th April 2026
Rule: **Greyhounds Australasia Rules (GAR) 156 (w)**
Greyhounds Australasia Rules (GAR) 165 (a)

Officiating Investigative Steward: Ms Maria PETROVA (Chairman) & Mr Joshua GOLDENBERG

REPORT:

On Tuesday 7th April 2026, Investigative Stewards conducted an Inquiry with Mr Roger BLOOMFIELD in relation to public and online social media posts alleged to be detrimental to the greyhound racing industry and in breach of the GRV Social Media Guidelines.

On the same date, Investigative Stewards conducted a Stewards Hearing with Mr BLOOMFIELD dealing with two (2) charges as follows:

CHARGE 1

Greyhounds Australasia Rules (GAR) 156 (w)

This charge relates to a social media post and associated comments published on Sunday, 5th April 2026, the content of which breached the GRV Social Media Guidelines by making comments detrimental to the greyhound racing industry, or to any person, activity, or organisation involved in it.

Mr Roger BLOOMFIELD pleaded guilty to the charge.

CHARGE 2

Greyhounds Australasia Rules (GAR) 165 (a)

This charge relates to the same social media post published on Sunday, 5th April 2026, whereby Mr BLOOMFIELD engaged in conduct that was detrimental or prejudicial to the interest, welfare, image, control, or promotion of Greyhound Racing.

Mr BLOOMFIELD pleaded guilty to the charge.

PENALTY

Charge 1

6-month suspension with 3 months suspended for 12 months

Charge 2

6-month suspension with 3 months suspended for 12 months (to be served concurrently)

In determining the penalty, Investigative Stewards considered a number of factors namely:

- Mr BLOOMFIELD'S prior history
- Mr BLOOMFIELD'S guilty plea
- The need for both specific and general deterrence, and for Greyhound Racing Victoria to send a clear and unequivocal message that such conduct is unacceptable and will not be tolerated within the industry.
- The nature of the comments made and the seriousness of the alleged conduct, in terms of being manifestly below acceptable community and greyhound racing industry standards and expectations

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Investigative Steward

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