



23 March 2017

## **RESULT OF INQUIRY – Mr. L. Simpson**

**STEWARDS: L.G. Michalanney, J. Jones, D. Jonas**

On Thursday 23 March, 2017 Greyhound Racing South Australia Stewards inquired into alleged comments made from a social media 'handle' linked to Owner Attendant Mr. Lance Simpson on Facebook on Wednesday 22 February, 2017.

After considering evidence from Facebook and Mr. Simpson, Stewards charged him under Greyhound Racing Rule GAR 86(f)(iii); which reads:

*A person (including an official) shall be guilty of an offence if the person engages in, publishes or causes to be published, broadcasts or causes to be broadcast, the use of any contemptuous, unseemly, improper, insulting, or offensive language, conduct or behaviour in any manner of form towards, or in relation to the Controlling Body, or a member of the Controlling body.*

Stewards deemed him to have published comments which in the opinion of Stewards were contemptuous in relation to a decision made by GRSA.

Mr. Simpson pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined \$200.

In assessing penalty Stewards took into consideration Mr. Simpson's plea of guilt, this was his first offence in relation to offences under this Rule, his forthrightness before the Stewards and his personal circumstances. However, Stewards also considered his comments were ill-informed and saw the need for the penalty to serve as a deterrent against similar future breaches.

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