

18 July 2018

RESULT OF INQUIRY - Angle Park incident 21/06/18

STEWARDS: D. Jonas, L.G. Michalanney, M. Herrmann.

On Wednesday 18 July, 2018, Greyhound Racing South Australia (GRSA) Stewards inquired into the alleged conduct of Trainer Mr. John Pizanis at the Angle Park race meeting on Thursday 21 June, 2018.

After considering evidence from GRSA Official Mr. L. Harris, Owner/Attendant Ms. T. Dunn and Mr. Pizanis, Stewards charged Mr. Pizanis under Greyhound Racing Rule GAR 86(o); which reads:

A person (including an official) shall be guilty of an offence if the personhas, in relation to a greyhound or greyhound racing, done a thing, or omitted to do a thing, which in the opinion of Stewards or the Controlling Body, as the case may be, is negligent, dishonest, corrupt, fraudulent or improper, or constitutes misconduct.

Stewards deemed Mr. Pizanis acted inappropriately by making gestures and unnecessary comments toward another participant at the starting boxes following Race 9, which in the opinion of the Stewards constituted misconduct.

Mr. Pizanis pleaded guilty to the charge.

Mr. Pizanis was fined \$400; with \$200 wholly suspended for 12 months on the condition he does not reoffend under the same Rule. In assessing penalty Stewards took into consideration Mr. Pizanis' guilty plea, his remorse, his apology to Ms. Dunn and his good record. Stewards also considered the need for the penalty to serve as a deterrent for himself and others in relation to this type of behaviour.

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