

Monday 17th June 2024

Stewards' Notice

IHP Determination - allegations of ill-treatment of greyhounds

Greyhound Racing SA Limited (GRSA) today closed the Inquiry in relation to allegations of ill-treatment of greyhounds on the property of former registered persons Mrs Lisa and Mr Tony Rasmussen.

Both Mrs and Mr Rasmussen were suspended from the sport, pursuant to R169(5), *Greyhounds Australasia Rules*, from 26th July 2023 when GRSA opened the Inquiry arising from footage aired in the public domain, on 25th July 2023, of Mr Rasmussen assaulting a number of greyhounds at his property in regional South Australia. For one part of the footage, and for one greyhound, Mrs Rasmussen was present at the scene. The property subject to the conduct was de-registered as an approved property to keep or train greyhounds. Stewards later charged Mrs and Mr Rasmussen with various breaches of the *Greyhounds Australasia Rules* (GAR) and *Local Rules* (LR) and referred the Inquiry to GRSA's Integrity Hearings Panel (IHP). On Friday 7th June 2024, the IHP further heard the Inquiry.

In relation to Mrs Rasmussen, the following was recorded on 7th June 2024 by the IHP:

No.	Charge	Verdict
1	Ill treatment of a greyhound (Rule 131(2), <i>Local Rules</i> with Rule 156(e), <i>Greyhounds Australasia Rules</i>)	Charge withdrawn by Stewards pursuant to L134(7), <i>Local Rules</i> , being of the opinion that there was no reasonable prospect of a conviction being secured
2	Fail to exercise care and supervision of a greyhound to prevent pain or suffering (Rule 21(2), <i>Greyhounds Australasia Rules</i>)	Guilty plea
3	Cause or permit on premises a condition dangerous to health, welfare or safety of a greyhound (Rule 21(3), <i>Greyhounds Australasia Rules</i>)	Guilty plea
4	Conduct detrimental to the interest, welfare, image, control or promotion of greyhound racing (Rule 165(1), <i>Greyhounds Australasia Rules</i>)	Guilty plea

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Mr Rasmussen maintained a not guilty plea to all charges against him, and the matter was heard by the IHP on 7th June 2024. On 11th June 2024, the IHP delivered the following verdicts, with respect to Mr Tony Rasmussen:

No.	Charge	Verdict
1	Ill treatment of a greyhound (Rule 131(2), <i>Local Rules</i>)	Guilty verdict <i>Ex-parte</i>
2	Ill treatment of a greyhound (Rule 131(2), <i>Local Rules</i>)	Guilty verdict <i>Ex-parte</i>
3	Ill treatment of a greyhound (Rule 131(2), <i>Local Rules</i>)	Guilty verdict <i>Ex-parte</i>
4	Ill treatment of a greyhound (Rule 131(2), <i>Local Rules</i>)	Guilty verdict <i>Ex-parte</i>
5	Ill treatment of a greyhound (Rule 131(2), <i>Local Rules</i>)	Guilty verdict <i>Ex-parte</i>
6	Ill treatment of a greyhound (Rule 131(2), <i>Local Rules</i>)	Guilty verdict <i>Ex-parte</i>
7	Ill treatment of a greyhound (Rule 131(2), <i>Local Rules</i>)	Guilty verdict <i>Ex-parte</i>
8	Ill treatment of a greyhound (Rule 131(2), <i>Local Rules</i>)	Guilty verdict <i>Ex-parte</i>
9	Fail to exercise care and supervision of a greyhound to prevent pain or suffering (Rule 21(2), <i>Greyhounds Australasia Rules</i>)	Guilty verdict <i>Ex-parte</i>
10	Cause or permit on premises a condition dangerous to health, welfare or safety of a greyhound (Rule 21(3), <i>Greyhounds Australasia Rules</i>)	Guilty verdict <i>Ex-parte</i>
11	Conduct detrimental to the interest, welfare, image, control or promotion of greyhound racing (Rule 165(1), <i>Greyhounds Australasia Rules</i>)	Guilty verdict <i>Ex-parte</i>

On 17th June 2024, following hearing submissions on 14th June 2024 from all parties, the IHP delivered the following judgment as to penalty:

In relation to Mrs Rasmussen:

No.	Charge	Penalty
1(2)	Fail to exercise care and supervision of a greyhound to prevent pain or suffering (Rule 21(2), <i>Greyhounds Australasia Rules</i>)	5-years 3-months disqualification \$10,000 fine (Cumulative)
2(3)	Cause or permit on premises a condition dangerous to health, welfare or safety of a greyhound (Rule 21(3), <i>Greyhounds Australasia Rules</i>)	5-years 3-months disqualification \$5,000 fine (Cumulative)
3(4)	Conduct detrimental to the interest, welfare, image, control or promotion of greyhound racing (Rule 165(1), <i>Greyhounds Australasia Rules</i>)	5-years 3-months disqualification \$5,000 fine (Cumulative)
	TOTAL:	15-years 1-month 8-days (allowing for time served), to commence 19th December 2024 following current QRIC disqualification) \$20,000 fine

In relation to Mr Rasmussen:

No.	Charge	Penalty
1	Ill treatment of a greyhound (Rule 131(2), <i>Local Rules</i>)	Life disqualification \$20,000 fine (Cumulative)
2	Ill treatment of a greyhound (Rule 131(2), <i>Local Rules</i>)	Life disqualification \$20,000 fine (Cumulative)
3	Ill treatment of a greyhound (Rule 131(2), <i>Local Rules</i>)	Life disqualification \$20,000 fine (Cumulative)
4	Ill treatment of a greyhound (Rule 131(2), <i>Local Rules</i>)	Life disqualification \$20,000 fine (Cumulative)
5	Ill treatment of a greyhound (Rule 131(2), <i>Local Rules</i>)	Life disqualification \$20,000 fine (Cumulative)
6	Ill treatment of a greyhound (Rule 131(2), <i>Local Rules</i>)	Life disqualification \$20,000 fine (Cumulative)
7	Ill treatment of a greyhound (Rule 131(2), <i>Local Rules</i>)	Life disqualification \$20,000 fine (Cumulative)
8	Ill treatment of a greyhound (Rule 131(2), <i>Local Rules</i>)	Life disqualification \$20,000 fine (Cumulative)
9	Fail to exercise care and supervision of a greyhound to prevent pain or suffering (Rule 21(2), <i>Greyhounds Australasia Rules</i>)	Life disqualification \$20,000 fine (Cumulative)
10	Cause or permit on premises a condition dangerous to health, welfare or safety of a greyhound (Rule 21(3), <i>Greyhounds Australasia Rules</i>)	Life disqualification \$20,000 fine (Cumulative)
11	Conduct detrimental to the interest, welfare, image, control or promotion of greyhound racing (Rule 165(1), <i>Greyhounds Australasia Rules</i>)	Life disqualification \$20,000 fine (Cumulative)
	TOTAL:	Life disqualification (commenced 26th July 2023) \$220,000 fine

Registered persons who are disqualified are not permitted to own or train any registered greyhound for the period of the disqualification, and they also have their registration automatically cancelled. Further, other registered persons are not permitted to associate with a disqualified person, for any purpose connected with greyhound racing. This applies to all states in Australia as well as New Zealand. Further, no registered person is permitted to keep any of their own greyhounds at any premises of a disqualified person in South Australia.