



Wednesday, 27 December 2023

Stewards' Notice

Stewards' Inquiry

Determination of Inquiry – Person 252784

On 21st October 2022, Greyhound Racing SA Stewards heard and determined an Inquiry with respect to the notification of some retired greyhounds by 252784.

Stewards conducted an Inquiry relating to the incorrect notification of retirement of some greyhounds, pursuant to (then) rule 106(3)(a), Greyhounds Australasia Rules. The greyhounds were 525066, 533956, 539552, 539555, and 544012. The incorrect retirements were identified during an audit of 252784's greyhounds over a period. The incorrect retirement notifications occurred at various times in 2021, through to 28th February 2022.

252784 was previously assisted by Greyhound Racing SA about the correct procedure and notification form to be used for retirements of greyhounds. It was found that 252784 was using an incorrect form to advise of retirements, thus causing anomalies when Greyhound Racing SA processed retirements.

Stewards interviewed 252784 on 13th April 2022, whereby 252784, provided details about the retired greyhounds, as far as he could recall.

Stewards found sufficient evidence to charge 252784 with –

That on divers dates between the 1st of January 2021 and the 28th February 2022, at [redacted] in South Australia, 252784, being a registered person –

- (1) Being the last registered owner of greyhounds at the relevant times, failed to notify the Controlling Body by lodging the prescribed form within ten working days where the greyhounds were retired – GAR 106(3)(a); and,
- (2) did a thing namely use the incorrect form to notify the Controlling Body under rule 106(3)(a), Greyhounds Australasia Rules, which in the opinion of Stewards was negligent – GAR 86(o).

Stewards found those charges substantiated.

Stewards considered 252784's age, background and health in relation to the matters, and noted he was given support on the correct process to be followed. Having regard to the nature of the offences and 252784's involvement in the industry, Stewards ordered the following penalties –

(1)+(2) Reprimand

Further, acting under Local Rule 12, Stewards ordered (from 29th March 2022) that 252784 is not to transfer or retire any greyhound in his custody or control without prior written consent of Greyhound Racing SA.

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