

11<sup>th</sup> April 2024

## ***NOTICE OF INQUIRY RESULT – Mr. Michael Stewart***

**STEWARDS: D. Jonas, J. Jones, M. Herrmann.**

### **Authorised for public dissemination.**

On 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024, Greyhound Racing SA (GRSA) Stewards concluded an inquiry in relation to comments posted by Mr. Michael Stewart on the Social Media platform Facebook on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 directed towards another registered person.

Following investigation, Stewards elected to charge Mr. Stewart pursuant to the following rule:

#### **165 Conduct detrimental to the interests of *greyhound racing***

An offence is committed if a *person* (including an *official*):

- (b) *publishes* or causes to be *published*, or broadcasts or causes to be broadcast, the use of any contemptuous, unseemly, improper, insulting, or offensive language in any manner or form towards, or in relation to:
  - (ii) any officer, employee or member of a *Controlling Body*;

Mr. Stewart pled guilty to the charge and was fined \$250 which was wholly suspended for a period of 24 months on the grounds that he does not reoffend under this rule. In assessing penalty, Stewards took into consideration Mr. Stewart's guilty plea, his previous good record, forthrightness before the Panel, level of remorse and personal circumstances. However, Stewards consider specific and general deterrence in relation to social media comments targeting officials and registered persons as being highly important.



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