



INQUIRY INTO WAGERING ANALYSIS OF BETTING ACCOUNTS HELD IN THE NAME OF REGISTERED PARTICIPANT MR. SHAYNE STIFF.

By Video Conference

Stewards: Mr. W. Birch (Chairman), Mr. T. Vassallo

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On Monday 22 August 2022, Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission (GWIC) Stewards conducted an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding a number of bets placed in betting accounts held in the name of Registered Public Trainer Mr. Shayne Stiff. Mr. Stiff appeared at the inquiry via AVL facility in the company of his Legal Representative Mr. Glenn Walters.

During the hearing Mr. Chris Psillis, GWIC Intelligence Analyst (Wagering), tabled a Wagering Report which identified that on seven (7) occasions in race 6 at Dubbo on 2 July 2022, and on one (1) occasion in race 8 at Dubbo on 9 July 2022, betting accounts held in the name of Mr Stiff had wagered on greyhounds to win in circumstances where Mr. Stiff had a greyhound engaged in the same event, in breach of Local Rule 166A. The Wagering Report also outlined that in Race 8 at Dubbo on 9 July 2022, a Betfair account held in the name of Mr. Stiff placed two lay bets on a runner trained by him, totalling \$55, in breach of Greyhound Rule 166(2).

In determining to issue reprimands against Mr. Stiff for his conduct relevant to the two races in question, Stewards considered the following:

Dubbo Race 6 – 2 July 2022.

- A review of the race itself and the wagering associated with the race did not present any other integrity concerns.
- Mr. Stiff stood to profit from the race if the runner trained by him, Memphis Keeping, had won the race as he had also placed several win bets on Memphis Keeping.
- Local Rule 166A only came into effect on 1 May 2022 and represents a significant change for the industry and its participants.

Dubbo Race 8 – 9 July 2022.

- A review of the race and the wagering associated with the race did not present any other integrity concerns.
- Mr. Stiff stood to profit from the race if the runner trained by him, Ruby Keeping, had won the race as he had also placed several win bets on Ruby Keeping.
- Local Rule 166A only came into effect on 1 May 2022 and represents a significant change for the industry and its participants.

At the conclusion of the inquiry, Mr Stiff was informed that as he was now fully aware of the recently introduced Local Rule and its requirements, he should expect that penalties will be imposed if any further breach of the rules are identified in the future.



Relevant Rules

Local Rule 166A Lay Betting

(1) A person, being a trainer, will be guilty of an offence if the person:

(a) places a bet on a greyhound, other than a greyhound trained by that person, in a race in which they have a starter

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(2) An offence is committed if any person directly involved or employed in the nomination, training or care of a greyhound or a person who has provided a service connected to a greyhound in the period of 21 days prior to an Event, lays the relevant greyhound in an event.