



INQUIRY INTO THE BEHAVIOUR OF REGISTERED TRAINER MR. MARK BALLANTINE TOWARDS
GREYHOUND WELFARE AND INTEGRITY COMMISSION STEWARD MR. JASON HODDER.

By Video Conference

Stewards: Mr. W. Birch (Chairman)

Ms. L Warren

14 September 2021

Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission (GWIC) Stewards today conducted a hearing to determine a charge issued against registered trainer Mr. Mark Ballantine relative to a phone conversation with Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission (GWIC) Steward Mr. Jason Hodder.

Mr. Ballantine was advised of the inquiry in writing however failed to appear at the hearing and accordingly, Stewards determined the following charge in his absence:

Charge 1 – Rule 86(f) Offences

On 10 August 2021, Mr. Mark Ballantine as a trainer did engage in the use of contemptuous, unseemly, improper, insulting, or offensive language towards or in relation to GWIC Steward Mr. Jason Hodder during a phone conversation relative to the scratching of the greyhound Furious Not Fast from the Dapto Greyhound Club meeting on 12 August 2021.

Penalty

After considering Mr. Ballantine's disciplinary history and the circumstances of this case, Stewards believed the appropriate penalty to be a fine of \$1500, \$1000 of which was suspended for a period of 12 months on the condition that Mr. Ballantine does not offend the same or a similar rule during this period.

Relevant Rule

Rule 86, greyhound Racing Rules

A person (including an official) shall be guilty of an offence if the person-

(f) engages in, publishes or causes to be published, broadcasts or causes to be broadcast, the use of any contemptuous, unseemly, improper, insulting, or offensive language, conduct or behaviour in any manner or form towards, or in relation to-