

Stewards Investigation / Hearing Report

Date of Hearing: 19 March 2019
Venue of Hearing: Head Offices of GRV
Name: Mr Graham James
Date: 11 March 2019
Track: Sandown Greyhound Racing Club
GAR: 86 (q)

Offence: Commits or omits to do any act or engages in conduct which is in any way detrimental or prejudicial to the interest, welfare, image, control or promotion of greyhound racing.

Officiating Stewards: Mr Paul Searle & Mr. Ron Matthews

REPORT

On 19 March 2019, GRV Stewards conducted an Inquiry into an incident that occurred at the Sandown Greyhound Racing Club Meeting held on 11 March 2019, when Registered Trainer Mr. Graham James left course without the Stewards' permission during an inquiry into the performance of **SURE TO EXCITE** from Race 6.

Stewards heard evidence from Mr Graham James, Stewards' Brayden Jinks and Cameron Day and the Stewards Data Operator, Mrs Liz Schulze.

After hearing the evidence, Stewards charged Mr James with a breach of Greyhounds Australasian Rule 86 (q) in that during an inquiry into the performance of Sure to Excite from Race 6, Mr James engaged in conduct that is detrimental to the interests and control of greyhound racing by leaving course without the Stewards' permission.

Mr James pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined \$500, with \$250 suspended for (24) twenty-four months, pending no further similar breach of GAR 86 (q).

In determining penalty, Stewards took into consideration:

- Mr James good record with GRV
- The acknowledgment of the offence
- The circumstances surrounding the commission of the offence
- Mr James honest and forthright manner at this inquiry
- The nature and manner of the offence.
- General & specific deterrence.

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Paul Searle
Chief Steward

NB: Steward Investigation/Hearing decisions are subject to Appeal under the Rules of Greyhound Racing