31 October 2024

**DECISION**

**GREYHOUND RACING VICTORIA**

**and**

**JAY ROBINSON**

**Date of hearing:** 21 October 2024

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**Date of reasons:**  31 October 2024

**Panel:** Judge John Bowman (Chairperson) and Dr Andrew Gould.

**Appearances:** Mr Anthony Pearce appeared on behalf of the Stewards.

Mr Jay Robinson represented himself.

**Rule:** Greyhounds Australasia Rule (“GAR”) 169(5)(c) states:

(5) Pending the decision or outcome of an inquiry or other disciplinary process, a Controlling Body or the Stewards may direct that:

(c) a registration, licence, or other type of authority or permission be suspended.

**Particulars:** On 15 October 2024, the Stewards of Greyhound Racing Victoria (“GRV”) imposed an immediate suspension on Mr Jay Robinson, pursuant to Local Racing Rule ("LR") 66.1.

On 17 October 2024, the decision was made by GRV Stewards for the suspension to remain in effect pursuant to Greyhounds Australasia Rule (“GAR”) 169(5)(c) until the alleged charges have been heard and determined by the Victorian Racing Tribunal (“VRT”).

**DECISION**

Mr Jay Robinson, you are appealing against a decision of the Stewards to suspend immediately your licence to train greyhounds.

This decision was contained in letters of the Stewards, such letters being dated 15 October 2024 and 17 October 2024.

The basis of the immediate suspension was an allegation of four breaches of the Rules relating to prohibited substances, these alleged breaches being between 1 March 2024 and 26 September 2024. Two of the charges relate to permanently banned prohibited substances.

Accordingly, on 15 October 2024 the Stewards imposed an immediate suspension on your licence pursuant to Local Racing Rule ("LR") 66.1. On 17 October 2024 the decision was made by the Stewards, pursuant to Greyhounds Australasia Rule (“GAR”) 169(5)(c), for the suspension of your licence to remain in place pending the hearing and determination of charges by this Tribunal.

Given the number and potential gravity of the charges, we are of the view that the suspension imposed should remain in place. We are reinforced in that view by the fact that these charges can be brought on for final hearing in a comparatively brief time.

Accordingly, it has been fixed for hearing on 18 November 2024. There will be a directions hearing on 11 November 2024 in order to check on progress and finalise the details of the hearing, including, if possible, details of the possible plea/s to the charges.

Your appeal against the immediate suspension is dismissed and the progress of the matter shall be discussed in due course. The number and potential gravity of the charges and the ready availability of an early hearing date have played a role in our decision.

Kathleen Scully

Assistant Registrar, Victorian Racing Tribunal