

Event Document No. 18

2023 REPCO SUPERCARS CHAMPIONSHIP RACE 18 & 19 "BEAUREPAIRES SYDNEY SUPERNIGHT"

Sydney Motorsport Park, Eastern Creek, New South Wales
27th to 30th July 2023

STEWARDS SUMMARY OF JUDICIAL OUTCOMES, Update 2 FINAL: issued Sunday 30 July 2023 at 1815hrs.

Matters from Race 19:

Deputy Race Director Incident Determinations

There DRD in consultation with the DSA conducted investigations into the following matters and determined in each case that it did not warrant referral to the Stewards:

- An Incident on Lap 1 at turn 1 when contact occurred between Cars 11, 19 and 9 as a result of which Cars 9 and 26 left the track and lost positions. A review of broadcast footage showed that Cars 18, 11, 26 and 9 were 4 wide into the first turn. Slight contact occurred between Cars 11 and 26 causing a wheel interlock and Car 26 was squeezed between Cars 9 and 11. The evidence was incapable of establishing that any Driver was wholly or predominantly to blame for this first Lap Incident;
- An Incident at turn 5 on Lap 2 when contact occurred between Car 55 and 31 which resulted in Car 31 being pushed wide and lost a position. Broadcast footage revealed that Car 55 had overlap on Car 31 on the inside and the contact occurred because Car 31 failed to leave racing room for Car 55;
- An alleged Incident at turn 2 on Lap 11. Tickford Racing alleged that Car 9 contacted Car 55 and gained an unfair advantage. A review of broadcast footage revealed that there was no contact between Cars 55 and 9 as alleged.

Stewards' Decisions – Penalties imposed

The Stewards imposed a 5 second Time Penalty on Car 96 for gaining an unfair advantage from contact with the rear of Car 4 at turn 8 on Lap 36.

Following the Race and an admission to the breach, the Stewards imposed a Penalty of the loss of 30 Teams Championship Points and a Fine in the sum of \$1,500 on Tickford Racing in connection with an Incident in the Pit Lane when Car 56 was dropped with no front left wheel fitted and the Car was released from its Pit Bay in that condition before it stopped. The Car Controller failed to ensure the Pit Stop was carried out safely and in accordance with the Rules in breach of Rule D11.2.3.

Matters from Qualifying Race 19:

Deputy Race Director Incident Determinations

There were no determinations.

Stewards' Decisions – Penalties imposed

There were no penalties imposed.

Additional matter from Race 18

Stewards' Decision – Penalty imposed

On the morning of Sunday 30 July 2023, trackside officials delivered to Supercars Technical personnel 2 fuel ballast bags (each weighing approximately 15kgs) which were reported to have fallen onto the circuit from Car 55 at turn 3 when it was on its reconnaissance lap to the grid for Race 18. The bags were marked "Car 55 fuel weight". Rule

D11.7.3 requires all hoses, tools and equipment to be free of the Car at any time when it is moving. The Stewards summoned and heard from the Authorised Representative of Car 55 who acknowledged that the bags were the team's property and were ballast bags used to simulate the weight of a fuel load when setting up a Car for a Race. The team had overlooked removing the bags before Car 55 was released from the garage to start its reconnaissance lap. The Stewards imposed a Penalty on the team of the loss of 30 Teams Championship Points and a Fine in the sum of \$1,500.

STEWARDS SUMMARY OF JUDICIAL OUTCOMES, Update 1: issued Saturday 29 July 2023 at 2240hrs.

REISSUED on 30 July 2023 at 1030hrs to add reference to in-Race Penalty issued to Car 6 omitted in earlier summary

Matters from Race 18:

Deputy Race Director Incident Determinations

There DRD in consultation with the DSA conducted investigations into the following matters and determined in each case that it did not warrant referral to the Stewards:

- At the request of Brad Jones Racing, an Incident on Lap 40 at turn 6 when Car 96 spun and lost positions. The Competitor alleged that the Incident was caused by avoidable contact by Car 19 on Car 96. A review of broadcast footage, including incar footage from Car 55, showed that Car 55 had overlap on Car 96 at the entry to turn 6 and Car 96 turned in on Car 55 leaving no racing room for Car 55 and causing the contact. Car 19 was not involved;
- At the request of Tickford Racing, an Incident at turn 5 in the closing laps of the Race when Car 25 went wide at turn 5 and re-entered the track ahead of Car 6. A review of broadcast footage showed that Car 25 was well ahead of Car 6 at the entry to turn 5 and thereby gained no advantage from failing to keep within the track limits at the exit of turn 5.

Stewards' Decisions – Penalties imposed

The Stewards imposed a Pit Lane drive through Penalty on Car 3 after Car 3 was dropped during its Pit Stop while the refuelling hose was still coupled to the Car in breach of Rule D26.6.3.2(a). While the air spike operator attempted to re-engage the spike to lift the Car, the Car was not lifted.

Following a request for investigation by Triple Eight Race Engineering that Car 88 was impeded in the Pit Lane by the release of Car 6 into its path, the Stewards conducted an investigation. Telemetry from Car 88 revealed that Car 88 braked firmly in the fast lane at the point when Car 6 was released in front of it and the brake was released when Car 6 was clear of Car 88. The Stewards were satisfied that Car 88's path into its Pit Bay was impeded by the release of Car 6 into its path and imposed a 5 second Time Penalty on Car 6.

The Stewards imposed a 5 second Time Penalty on Car 97 after Car 97 made repeated avoidable contact with the rear of Car 9 at turn 8 and gained an advantage as a result, Car 9 having been pushed off line.

Following the Race, the Stewards summoned and heard from the Authorised Representative of Erebus Motorsport after the Authorised Representative was heard to swear repeatedly when interviewed by Supercars media in the team garage regarding an Incident which had occurred between Car 97 and Car 9 on the final lap of the Race. The interview was broadcast live on air. Following an admission to having engaged in conduct prejudicial to the Event and motorsport by so doing, the Stewards imposed a Fine of \$5,000 of which \$2,500 is suspended until 31 December 2023 on condition that the Authorised Representative engage in an activity of service to the motorsport community to be determined by the CEO of Motorsport Australia and on the further condition that no further breach of a similar nature is committed by a representative of the Competitor before that date.

Matters from Qualifying Race 18:

Deputy Race Director Incident Determinations

There were no determinations.

Stewards' Decisions – Penalties imposed

There were no penalties imposed.

Matters from Practice 2:

Deputy Race Director Incident Determinations

There were no determinations.

Stewards' Decisions – Penalties imposed

There were no penalties imposed.

Matters from Practice 1:

Deputy Race Director Incident Determinations

There were no determinations.

Stewards' Decisions – Penalties imposed

There were no penalties imposed.



Matt Selley

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Motorsport Australia Supercars Stewards