

DECISION OF THE STEWARDS HEARING

Organising Club	MSVR	Date	16 & 18 April 2022
Type Of Event	Car race	Status	International
Venue (Inc. Circuit Layout)	Oulton Park full circuit	Permit N°	125055

A meeting of the Stewards was convened to hear an appeal against the decision of the Clerk of the Course by:

Name:	RAM Racing
Competition / Entrant Licence N°:	266323
Issuing ASN (If not Motorsport UK):	
Competition Number in Event:	6
Race / Class:	Intelligent Money British GT Championship

The Stewards heard evidence from the following persons:

Dan Shufflebottom, Team Manager, RAM Racing (by Zoom)

The Stewards decision is:

Appeal is rejected

Reason(s) for this decision:

This appeal concerns the results of the second race of the Intelligent Money British GT Championship held at Oulton Park on 18th April 2022.

In the first race of the Championship (held earlier the same day), car #6 (drivers Ian Loggie and Jules Gounon) was classified in 2nd place overall (2nd place for GT3 cars). In accordance with Article 1.6.7 of the Championship Regulations, car #6 incurred a 7 second time penalty to be taken during the pit stop of the next round ie Race 2 of the Championship.

During Race 2, shortly after the pit window opened, heavy rain fell onto what had earlier been a fully dry track and an accident occurred at Clay Hill. The Race Director ordered the race to be red flagged. During the stoppage the Race Director authorised tyre changes and advised that he was going to restart the race in accordance with Article 2.6.1.2 of the Regulations which has the effect of eliminating the pit window from the race. Competitors were then notified that time penalties advised in accordance with Article 1.6.7 would be added to race times. It is this issue that RAM Racing appeals, citing that the Regulations do not allow for the addition of the penalties post-race.

The Stewards have carefully considered the Appeal of RAM Racing and the verbal submissions of Mr Shufflebottom.

Mr Shufflebottom stated that it was unfair that any advantage their car had built up as a 'buffer' for the anticipated pit-stop penalty was negated by the red-flag and the resultant Safety Car restart which left only about 18 minutes to regain a 7 second advantage. He stated that, for the circumstances of this race, the Time Penalties should have been cancelled.

In making their Decision, the Stewards considered that hard-earned advantages can be lost when a Safety Car is deployed as had occurred in this race until approximately 1 minute before the GT3 pit window opened. The Stewards further noted that Article 1.6.7 requires a Time Penalty to be served by car #6 during Race 2. The Stewards accept that, through no fault of the drivers or Team, this penalty was not performed.

The Stewards further accept that the Regulations are silent on how the Time Penalties should be served in the particular circumstances of Race 2. However, Article 4 of the Regulations provides that "For all other irregularities, sanctions are left to the discretion of the officials". In announcing before the restart that Time Penalties were to be added post-race, the Clerk of the Course has maintained sporting equity and, under Article 4, was entitled to make that decision which the Stewards consider to be a fair and reasonable decision.



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The appeal fee is: RETURNED FORFEIT

The licence is: RETAINED ENDORSED

	NAME	SIGNATURE
Motorsport UK Steward	Greg Masters	Signed
Event Steward	Esmor Jones	Signed
Event Steward	Graham Battersby	Signed

Timed at: 21.00hrs

Date: 19 April 2022

I, being the Driver / Entrant, acknowledge receipt of the above Stewards Decision:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Timed at: _____

Date: _____

YOU ARE REMINDED OF YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL