

STEWARDS SUMMARY OF JUDICIAL OUTCOMES

2018 VIRGIN AUSTRALIA SUPERCARS CHAMPIONSHIP – RACES 28 & 29

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Pukekohe Park Raceway, Pukekohe, Auckland.
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Matters from Practice 3:

Deputy Race Director Incident Determinations

There were no DRD determinations.

Stewards' Decisions – Penalties imposed

There were no Penalties imposed.

Matters from Qualifying for Race 28:

Deputy Race Director Incident Determinations

At the request of Brad Jones Racing the DRD conducted a post Session investigation into an allegation that Car #6, Cam Waters, had impeded Car #8, Nick Percat, at Turns 1-2 and determined that there was no evidence of an Incident.

At the request of Motorsport Holdings Pty Ltd the DRD conducted a post Session investigation into an allegation that Car #18, Lee Holdsworth, had impeded Car #7, Andre Heimgartner, through Turns 2 - 4 and, after reviewing Judicial Camera footage from Car #7 and interviewing the Driver of Car #18, determined that no breach of the Rules was established to warrant referral to the Stewards.

Stewards' Decisions – Penalties imposed

There were no Penalties imposed.

Matters from Race 28:

Deputy Race Director Incident Determinations

Following the Race, the DRD investigated the following Incidents and determined that they did not warrant referral to the Stewards:

- An Incident was observed between Cars #33, #34 and #78 at Turn 8 on Lap 3 of Race 28, following a review of the Judicial Camera footage from Cars #33, #34 and #78, no Driver was found to be wholly or predominately to blame for the Incident;
- An Incident was observed between Cars #5, #33 and #888 at Turn 6 on Lap 1, following the review of Judicial Camera footage from Cars #5, #19, #23, #33 and #230, no Driver was found to be wholly or predominately to blame for the Incident;
- A request for investigation was received from Brad Jones Racing Pty Ltd into an Incident in Pit Lane between #8 and #78, no breach of the Rules was observed;
- A request for investigation was received from Racing Team (Aust) Pty Ltd and Tickford Racing Pty Ltd into an alleged breach of Rule D11.8.8 (clutch engaged causing rear wheel rotation before the Car was returned to the ground in the absence of approval from the

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S&TD during a Pit Stop) by Car #97, Shane van Gisbergen. Following a review of the Broadcast footage from a number of angles and of Supercars data that had not been available to the DRD during the Race, the DRD observed that the rear wheels of Car #97 did not complete in excess of a full revolution. Consistent with previous determinations of the DRD when investigation if a breach of Rule D11.8.8 has occurred, the rear wheels must complete in excess of one full revolution for the imposition of a Penalty to be recommended to the Stewards. The DRD determined that the matter did not warrant referral to the Stewards because in his observation the rear wheels of Car #97 did not complete in excess of one full revolution. At 2125hrs on 3 November 2018, the Stewards received a Protest from Racing Team (Aust) Pty Ltd against this determination by the DRD. The Stewards will hear that Protest at 0900hrs on 4 November 2018. Until that Protest is determined, the Final Classifications for Race 28 will not be issued.

Stewards' Decisions – Penalties imposed

The Stewards imposed a Pit Lane drive through Penalty on Car #56, Richie Stanaway, for a breach of Article 2.1.2 of the Driving Code of Conduct (Schedule B2 – Reckless Driving) in connection with an Incident at Turn 10 on Lap 7 when Car #56 made contact with the rear of Car #18, Lee Holdsworth, which caused Car #18 to make contact with Car #12, Fabian Coulthard, causing Car #12 to spin and collide heavily with the wall at Turn 11. When imposing that Penalty the Stewards announced their intention to further investigate the Incident post-Race. At 1902hrs the Stewards conducted a Hearing into the Incident and thereafter determined not to impose any further Penalty on Car #56 having viewed the Judicial Camera footage from Cars #56 and #18 and having heard from the Driver of Car #56 and the DSA. A copy of the Stewards Hearing Summary is attached.

The Stewards imposed a Pit Lane drive through Penalty on Car #35, Todd Hazelwood, after Car #35 overtook the Safety Car when the yellow lights on the Safety Car were flashing in breach of Rule D10.2.3.

The Stewards imposed a 5 second Time Penalty on Car #97, Shane van Gisbergen, for a breach of Article 2.1.1 of the Driving Code of Conduct (Schedule B2 – Careless Driving) in connection with an Incident at Turn 8 on Lap 59 when Car #97 made contact with the rear of Car #17, Scott McLaughlin.

Following a request for investigation from Tickford Racing Pty Ltd into an Incident between Car #7 and #56 at Turn 6 on Lap 6 and an admission by Car #7, Andre Heimgartner of a breach of Schedule B2 Article 2.1.1 – Careless Driving - and the review of Judicial Camera footage from Car #7 and #56, Car #7 was found to be wholly to blame for the Incident and to have gained an advantage. The Stewards imposed a Five (5) Second Post Race Time Penalty for Car #7.

Friday 2 November 2018

Matters from Practice 1:

Deputy Race Director Incident Determinations

There were no DRD determinations.

Stewards' Decisions – Penalties imposed

The Stewards imposed fines of \$350 on each of the Drivers of Car #56, Richie Stanaway, and Car #1, Jamie Whincup, for exceeding the Pit Lane speed limit (both 46kph at Pit Entry loops).

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Matters from Practice 2:

Deputy Race Director Incident Determinations

There were no DRD determinations.

Stewards' Decisions – Penalties imposed

The Stewards imposed a fine of \$500 on the Driver of Car #56, Richie Stanaway, for exceeding the Pit Lane speed limit (54kph at Pit Entry loops).

Matters from Event Rides:

Deputy Race Director Incident Determinations

Following the Event Rides Session the DRD conducted an investigation into an allegation that the Driver of Car #56, Richie Stanaway, had performed a practice start at Pit Exit during the Session in breach of Rule E6.7.2.5. Following a review of the Judicial Camera Footage, Supercars Data from Car #56 and having heard from the Driver it was confirmed that a practice start was not performed.

Stewards' Decisions – Penalties imposed

Nil.

Matt Selley
Chair, CAMS Stewards

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Hearing (B 3.1)

At 1902hours on 3 November 2018 the appointed Stewards commenced a Hearing to further consider an Incident during Race 28 involving Car #56, Richie Stanaway, Car #18, Lee Holdsworth, and Car #12, Fabian Coulthard at Turn 10 on Lap 7 as a result of which Car #12 collided heavily with the wall at the exit of Turn 11. Car #12 sustained significant damage as a result of the collision. The Safety Car and Medical Car were deployed. The Driver of Car #12 was not injured but Car #12 had to be recovered and was unable to resume the Race.

During the Race the Stewards had imposed a Pit Lane drive through Penalty on Car #56 in connection with that Incident for reason that they were satisfied that the Driver of Car #56 had breached Article 2.1.1 of Schedule B2 to the Rules – Reckless Driving – causing contact with the rear of Car #18 that in turn caused Car #12 to collide with the wall. When that Penalty was imposed the Stewards determined that they would further investigate the Incident after the Race to consider whether an additional Penalty ought to be imposed on the Driver of Car #56.

The respondent, Richie Stanaway, and the Team Manager, Tim Edwards, stated that they understood the nature of the charge and that the Stewards were considering the imposition of an additional Penalty, and that they were ready to proceed.

DRD Evidence

The DRD led evidence from the Driving Standards Advisor, Craig Baird (DSA), who spoke to Judicial Camera footage from Cars #56 and #18 through Turns 8 to 11 on Lap 7 which the Stewards viewed.

Respondent Evidence

Richie Stanaway and Tim Edwards presented no additional evidence but spoke to the Judicial Camera footage discussed by the DSA.

Submissions

Richie Stanaway made submissions regarding the movements of his Car, of Car #18 and Car #12 in the lead up to the Incident. He submitted that Car #18 had slowed unexpectedly on the entry to Turn 10 and that this had taken him by surprise and he was unable to avoid contact with the rear of Car #18. He pointed to the Judicial Camera footage from his Car immediately prior to the point of contact with Car #18 which showed that he had lifted off throttle and had started to apply brake because he had reacted to Car #18 having slowed to allow Car #12 ahead of him through Turn 11. He said that, ordinarily, cars take Turn 10 at full or near full throttle and therefore he was taken by surprise when Car #18 had slowed. The Judicial Camera footage from Car #18 showed that the Driver of that Car had zero throttle applied at the time Car #56 made contact with the rear of his Car.

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However, the Driver of Car #56 did not challenge the DSA's and DRD's assessment that given the circumstances – it had started to drizzle and he was behind 2 Cars who were side by side in a very fast section of the circuit – the Pit Lane drive through Penalty applied during the Race by the Stewards had been appropriate. However, he and Mr Edwards contended that no additional Penalty was warranted. Having heard the evidence of the DSA and the submissions of the Driver, the DRD agreed.

The Hearing adjourned at 1920hrs for the Stewards to deliberate.

The Hearing reconvened at 2020hrs on 3 November 2018.

Decision

We confirm our finding made during the Race that the Driver of Car #56 engaged in Reckless Driving causing contact with Car #18 which in turn made contact with Car #12 which would not have occurred but for the contact between Cars #56 and #18.

We decide not to impose any further Penalty for that breach.

The Parties were reminded of their right to appeal



Matt Selley (Chair)
Stewards of the Meeting



Trevor Neumann



Wayne Scott

3 November 2018