

STEWARDS SUMMARY OF JUDICIAL OUTCOMES

2017 VIRGIN AUSTRALIA SUPERCARS CHAMPIONSHIP – RACES 17 & 18

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“Red Rooster Sydney SuperSprint”

Sydney Motorsport Park, Eastern Creek, New South Wales.

18th to 20th August 2017.

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STEWARDS SUMMARY OF JUDICIAL OUTCOMES #2: issued Sunday 20th August 2017 at 1800hrs.

Matters from Armour All Qualifying for Race 18:

Race Director Incident Determinations

Nil

Stewards' Decisions – Penalties imposed

Following the Session the DRD conducted an investigation into an alleged breach of Schedule B2 Article 2.2 (Reckless Driving) by Car #95, Will Davison, impeding Car #3, Alex Davison, on the entry to Turn 2. After an admission to the breach the Stewards imposed a Five (5) Grid Spot Penalty on Car #95 to be served in Race 18.

Matters from Race 18:

Race Director Incident Determinations

Nil

Stewards' Decisions – Penalties imposed

Having received a report from two Pit Lane Judges of Fact that the Pit Lane speed limiter on Car #78, Simona de Silvestro, was de-activated some distance before the Pit Exit, the Stewards imposed a Pit Lane Penalty on Car #78 for a failure to maintain activation of the Pit Lane speed limiter at all times while the Car was moving in Pit Lane in breach of Rule C15.4.2.

Saturday 19th August 2017

Matters from Practice – Part 3:

Race Director Incident Determinations

Nil

Stewards' Decisions – Penalties imposed

Nil

Matters from Armour All Qualifying for Race 17:

Race Director Incident Determinations

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Nil

Stewards' Decisions – Penalties imposed

After the session the DRD conducted an investigation into an alleged breach of Schedule B2 Article 2.1 (careless driving) by the Driver of Car #34, James Moffat, impeding Car #21, Tim Blanchard, at Turn 7 when Car #21 was on a qualifying lap. Following an admission to the breach, the Stewards imposed a Two (2) Grid Spot Penalty on Car #34 to be served in Race 17.

Matters from Race 17:

Race Director Incident Determinations

Following the Race the DRD investigated an allegation by Car #21, Tim Blanchard, of careless driving by Car #33, Garth Tander, causing contact with Car #21 and gaining an advantage as a result. After reviewing the broadcast footage and in-car footage from both Cars, the DRD determined that no breach of the Rules was established.

Following the Race the DRD investigated an allegation by Car #8, Nick Percat, that Car #78, Simona De Silvestro, failed to give Car #8 racing room between Turns 8 and 9 on Lap 27. The DRD determined that no breach of the Rules was established.

Following the Race the DRD investigated an allegation by Car #888, Craig Lowndes, that Car #23, Michael Caruso, made contact with Car #888 at Turn 6 on Lap 20. The DRD determined that no breach of the Rules was established.

Stewards' Decisions – Penalties imposed

During the Race the Stewards imposed a 15 Second Time Penalty on Car #17, Scott McLaughlin, for a breach of Schedule B2 Article 2.1 (Careless Driving) following contact between Car #17 and Car #97, Shane van Gisbergen, at Turn 2 on Lap 18 resulting in Car #97 spinning and leaving the circuit and losing multiple positions. The collision between Cars #17 and #97 in turn led to a collision between Cars #9, David Reynolds, and Car #88, Jamie Whincup causing damage to both Cars. Following the Race the DRD conducted a further investigation into this Incident, reviewing evidence that was not available to the Stewards during the Race, specifically data from Car #17 which revealed that at the point of the contact with Car #97 which caused Car #97 to spin, the Driver of Car #17 had 25% throttle application which was not consistent with the degree of throttle application at the same point in Turn 2 used by Car #17 in other Laps. Having regard to this new evidence, the DRD determined that the conduct of the Driver of Car #17 at the time of the Incident was reckless within the meaning of the Driving Code of Conduct, rather than Careless, and that the Driver of Car #17 ought to be charged accordingly. That charge was admitted. The Stewards were of the view that a Reckless Driving breach warranted a Pit Lane Penalty but having regard to the fact that a 15 second Time Penalty had already been imposed during the Race arising out of the same Incident, the Penalty ought to be reduced accordingly and therefore imposed a further 18 second Time Penalty on Car #17 to be added to Car #17's Race time (a Pit Lane Penalty equating to 33 seconds at this circuit).

Following the Race the DRD concluded an investigation into an allegation that Car #97, Shane van Gisbergen, breached Rule D11.2.13 (Safety Car Procedures), in that Car #97, which was behind Car #17 in the procession during a Safety Car Deployment until the Safety Car withdrew, overlapped Car #17 prior to the green flag being displayed. A review of Judicial Camera footage and TV Broadcast footage revealed that the green flag was not displayed at the time of the overlap. After an admission to

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the breach, the Stewards imposed a Post-Race Pit Lane Time Penalty on Car #97 of Thirty Three (33) seconds to be added to Car #97's race time in Race 17.

Following the Race the ST&D reported to the DRD that a post-Race inspection of Car #34's undertray revealed that the manner in which an approved extension to it had been fitted meant that it did not comply with the measurement listed in section 3.7 of the Vehicle Specification Document (VSD) for the Holden Commodore VF. The Competitor, Garry Rogers Motorsport, was charged with a breach of Rule C1 (Car not conforming with the applicable VSD). The charge was admitted and the Stewards conducted a Hearing to determine a Penalty. Following that hearing the Stewards imposed a Penalty of Exclusion of Car #34 from Race 17. In imposing that Penalty the Stewards accepted that the contravention was unintended and was a consequence of a misunderstanding by the Competitor's engineers as to the manner in which the permitted extension was to be fitted and measured.

Friday 18th August 2017

Matters from Practice – Part 1:

Race Director Incident Determinations

Nil

Stewards' Decisions – Penalties imposed

Nil

Matters from Practice – Part 2:

Race Director Incident Determinations

Nil

Stewards' Decisions – Penalties imposed

Following the session the DRD conducted an investigation into a breach of Schedule B2 Rule 6.6 of the Rules (fast and working lane separation in Pit Lane) after a Pit Lane Judge of Fact observed Car #97, Shane van Gisbergen, to have struck a cone marking the delineation between the fast lane and working lane at the end of the Pit Lane. After an admission to the breach, the Stewards imposed a fine of \$1,000 on Car #97, fully suspended until 31 December 2017.



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