



**MOTORSPORT NEW ZEALAND (INC)**

**DECISION OF THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD,  
NAMELY:**

- Mr Graeme Robertson (Chair)
- Mr Paul Te Punga
- Mr Barry Higham

The parties concerned or interested;

- Mr Dominic Storey (Competition Licence 062388X)
- Mr John Martin (CAMS Competition Licence 1045752)

Representing MotorSport NZ: Mr Brian Budd

**TAKE NOTICE** that the **BOARD** of **MOTORSPORT NEW ZEALAND (INC)** under the powers set out in Articles 118 to 122 of the National Sporting Code, considered the issues brought to its attention and has convened a hearing to be held before the Judicial Committee appointed by the Board.

The hearing was held on Thursday 6 December 2018 at MotorSport House, 69 Hutt Road, Thorndon, Wellington. A Notice was promulgated to the parties concerned or interested on 20 November 2018.

Messrs Storey and Martin joined via telephone conference.

**BACKGROUND**

During the running of the Australian GT Championship Event at Hampton Downs on 14<sup>th</sup> September, Dominic Storey made contact with Car #911 and as a result was issued with a drive through penalty by the CAMS Officials for the Australian GT category. It is alleged that at the conclusion of the race, Dominic Storey ran down the pit lane and physically pushed John Martin and at the same time made verbal comments.

Documented evidence also shows that the incident was followed by social media comments by Dominic Storey regarding the decision made by the category Driving Standards Adviser, Karl Reindler.

**PURPOSE OF HEARING**

Accordingly, MotorSport New Zealand is holding a Judicial Hearing pursuant to the provisions of Part X, Articles 118 to 123 of the National Sporting Code and to consider the following:

- Whether or not Dominic Storey acted improperly in his actions against John Martin and whether or not his actions and social media posts brought MotorSport NZ or motorsport into disrepute.

If, in the course of this investigation, the Judicial Committee concludes a disciplinary hearing should be held, they are empowered to undertake that hearing.

**HEARING PROCEDURE**

The Hearing was conducted in accordance with National Sporting Code (NSC) Article 122 (3).

Mr Budd outlined the details and reasons for the hearing.

The Judicial Committee had been provided with statements from Dominic Storey, John Martin, Mathew Nilsson (Walkinshaw Performance) a copy of an email from Karl Reindler to CAMS, copies of various social media posts and a video clip of the alleged push by Storey on Martin.

Statements were heard from Dominic Storey and John Martin.

The video was viewed.

Questions to clarify points of evidence presented were asked by the Judicial Committee, Brian Budd, Dominic Storey and John Martin.

## Finding

The Judicial Committee having considered evidence and documents presented have reached the following findings:

- Dominic Storey did walk down pit lane and push John Martin.
- The push appeared on the minor side.
- This action is supported by video evidence.
- Dominic Storey posted a number of items on social media.
- These posts were defamatory to Australian GT Championship organisation and their officials.
- One particular post was very clear that Dominic Storey intended to “fence him and write his car off”.
- Dominic Storey apologised for his behaviour via Messenger to John Martin which he accepted.

## Summary of findings

Taking account of all the findings the Judicial Committee concludes that:

- There was clearly contact between Dominic Storey and John Martin.
- The contact must be considered at a minor level
- The social media postings are inflammatory and do bring motorsport into disrepute particularly the threat of retribution.
- There was clearly a breach of NSC 94 (3) & (7) by Dominic Storey.

## Decision

Taking account of all the factors put before it the **JUDICIAL COMMITTEE DECISION** is that in the case of Dominic Storey:

1. Penalty NSC 7, for the contact made, must apply as required in NSC 94 (7)
2. Penalty NSC 4 for bring motorsport into disrepute must apply.
3. A fine of \$NZ6000 of which \$NZ4000 is suspended for 12months
4. Mr Storey's competition licence is endorsed for 12months.
5. CAMS is to be advised of this decision and particular attention drawn to Mr Storeys retaliation threat.
6. Costs shall lie where they fall.

The Judicial Committee was unanimous in making its decision.



**G J Robertson**  
**Chairman**  
**For and on behalf of the Judicial Committee**

**DATED:** 6 December 2018

This copy of the hearing proceedings and decision were provided to Chief Executive Officer, MotorSport NZ, by email at 19:50hrs, 6 December 2018 as required by Article 122 (5) (b) of the National Sporting Code.