

May 30, 2019

Jamaica Millennium Motoring Club

Kingston,

Jamaica.

The Chairman

Mr Stephen Gunter

Dear Sir/Madam,

The second meet of the season, 'Circuit Wheels on Fire' was held on Sunday May 26, 2019. I, Nigel Wilmot, was a competitor at this event driving a Honda Civic #303 in the MP3 class.

During MP Race #1, I was ahead of the KFC Honda Civic driven by Phillip Myers who was followed closely by Colin Daley #12. On the entry of turn 8 (long left sweeper before infield section), Car #12 made a lunge on the inside of the KFC Civic and slammed into the rear of my car, causing me to spin out of control and careen off track into a tire wall on the infield. My car sustained damage and I had to retire from the race on the spot.

Immediately after the race, I found and spoke to the Chief Steward. He stated that in order to take action, a protest must be submitted to the Judicial Clerk of the Course, Mr. Verdayne Wallace. Mr Wallace could not be found in person nor could he respond on the officials' radio network. Mr Khan told me to submit my protest to Mr Lawrence Henriques.

My team penned a protest letter which I signed along with a cheque for \$6500 which I handed to Larry Henriques on my way to the next race grid.

Some time later, I was advised that the protest was rejected by the Chief Steward for:

- a. being late (55 minutes according to Mr Khan despite the fact that only one race had been run in the intervening period and the protest was submitted well under 30 minutes after the end of the race);
- b. the cheque instead of cash (I am not aware that a cash payment is a requirement for protest)
- c. the format/content of the protest letter (despite the relevant details being provided to start an investigation/interview)

Section 11.1.1 of the regulations says officials may act "even in absence of a protest". This was amply demonstrated when in Meet #1 of 2018, Car #12 was rear-ended by my teammate James Ince in an incident that was similar in every respect except in that instance, the Chief steward imposed a penalty that effectively disqualified Ince (apparently without any protest being submitted or a hearing of both parties); while in this instance the same Chief Steward appears to have found every opportunity to avoid initiating an investigation.

Assuming that the officials are interested in impartiality and observe due regard to the rights of the all competitors, I hereby request:

- i. a review of whether the stewards could reasonably have accepted the verbal request for investigation or the written protest (as opposed to whether there was any reason to reject)

- ii. a review and comparison of the circumstances from meet #1 of 2018 and the events of Meet #2 of 2019, both involving Car #12 and the same Chief Steward

Yours respectfully,

Nigel Wilmot

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