

**MOTOR SPORTS COUNCIL NATIONAL COURT  
SITTING TUESDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**

**Guy Spollon (Chairman)**  
**Chris Mount**  
**Ian Watson**

**CASE No: J2017 – 31**

This matter comes before the National Court by way of an Eligibility Appeal.

On 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017, the Clay Pigeon Kart Club staged a karting event at Clay Pigeon. The Appellant competed in the final of the Senior Rotax Kart Max. His father and entrant was his mechanic at this meeting. After the conclusion of the race, the first 3 finishers, which included the Appellant, had the carburettors on each of their karts checked.

The Eligibility Scrutineer, David Trueman, examined the carburettor on the Appellant's kart with the Appellant's father who did all the stripping of the carburettor and removal of the various jets and gasket. Mr Trueman found the float lever arm height was incorrect when checked with the Rotax gauge part no. 277400. The first side of the arm was within the gauge slot. However, the other side of the float lever arm fouled the bottom of the gauge. Rotax Fiche amendment 47-P97 dated 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 stipulates that the float arms must both fit between the gauge slot without touching the gauge.

Mr Trueman showed both the Appellant's father and his son, the Appellant, the problem and allowed the Appellant's father personally to inspect the lever arm with the Rotax gauge.

The carburettor thereafter had the float bowl housing reassembled back on to the main body by 2 screws to protect the lever arm assembly. This task was undertaken by David Trueman and the Appellant's father. The carburettor was then sealed in a bag in front of the Appellant's father and his son, the Appellant, the former of whom confirmed that he was content with the procedure that had been used to inspect the carburettor and float lever arm assembly.

The Appellant was subsequently excluded from the race results on the basis that the one side of the float lever arm was non-compliant. The Scrutineers Non-Compliance Report incorrectly refers to "Float needle height incorrect".

The carburettor in question was transported to the National Court and disassembled with the consent of the Appellant by an approved MSA engineer in front of the 3 members of the Court. The carburettor was correctly positioned upside down on a horizontal flat table checked by a spirit level and the 2 float arms checked with the Rotax gauge part no. 277400. Great care was taken to ensure that the gauge was sitting on the metal body of the

carburettor without a gasket. Regrettably, while the one side was compliant, the other was not, albeit that the deviation was slight.

In the premises, the Court dismisses this appeal with no order as to costs.

**GUY SPOLLON**  
**CHAIRMAN**