



From the National Court

**MOTOR SPORTS COUNCIL NATIONAL COURT
SITTING TUESDAY 14th NOVEMBER**

David Munro (Chairman)
Richard Norbury
Chris Mount

CASE No J2017-42: Paul Horton

The National Court has considered the eligibility appeal of Paul Horton, who was a competitor at Barton Stacey on 3rd September 2017. After Race 3, his Kart, competition No. 46, was subject to post-race scrutineering and the clutch unit was examined. The Rotax Max 177 class is governed by the Rotax Regulations.

Regulation 16.3 applies (Homologation No 01/ENG/11). This specifies a minimum clutch element thickness of 24.10mm.

The clutch fitted to Kart No. 46 was found to be undersize. The National Court has not been informed of the actual measurements recorded, but notes that the measurements were taken using an unapproved clamping device to hold the clutch element which was then measured by a Vernier gauge of unknown provenance.

No evidence has been provided regarding the calibration or approval of the Vernier gauge.

The homologation fiche does not refer to the use of a clamping device and the photographs in appendix 2 do not suggest the utilisation of such device.

The clutch shoe has been examined by the National Court and it has been impossible to replicate a measurement of less than 24.10mm.

Accordingly this appeal succeeds. The absence of evidence of calibration of the gauge and the use of a clamping device which is not specified in the regulations mean that the court cannot be satisfied that the clutch element was undersize.

The appellant is to be reinstated in the results of the relevant heat and the appeal fee is to be refunded.

DAVID MUNRO
CHAIRMAN