

**MOTOR SPORTS COUNCIL NATIONAL COURT
SITTING TUESDAY, 6th MARCH 2018**

Steve Stringwell (Chairman)
John Felix
Kevin Witton

Case No: 2018/03 Quintin Milne

This matter has been referred to the National Court by the MSA Disciplinary Officer.
It is alleged that:

- A. Mr Milne permitted:
 - a. the unauthorised presence of a vehicle on Forestry Commission land on Sunday 6th August 2017 contrary to GR R 5.1.4, C 1.1.4 and A 10.1.5;
 - b. unauthorised presence of a vehicle on Forestry Commission land on Tuesday 8th August 2017 contrary to GR R 5.1.4, C 1.1.4 and A 10.1.5;
 - c. the unauthorised presence of a vehicle on Forestry Commission land at other times and dates in 2016/17 contrary to GR 5.1.4 and A 1.1.4;
 - d. the unauthorised presence of a vehicle on Forestry Commission land on at least one or more occasions prior to competing in the Grampian Forest Rally in August 2017 contrary to GR R 26.7 and C 1.1.8;

- B. Mr Milne has made postings on social media which calls into question the actions of officials and organisers and could be seen as prejudicial to the interest of motor sport contrary to GR C 1.1.4, A 10.1.2, A 10.1.3 and A 10.1.5

The panel considered extensive written evidence included in the court bundle including:

1. The Stewards report from the Grampian Stage Rally on 12 August 2017 that included statements from Andrew Tong (Assistant Safety Officer), Andrew Richie (Rally Manager), Jonathan Lord (MSA Steward), Graham Provost (Clerk of the Course)
2. A number of letters from the local motor club organisations
3. A statement from Dan Calde - Community and Visitor Services Manager for Forest Enterprise Scotland
4. A statement from Mr Thompson - Forest District Manager for Moray & Aberdeenshire Forest District

All of whom raised their displeasure and concern at the total disregard by Mr Milne of the use of Forestry Commission land when not authorised.

The panel also considered a written statement from Mr Milne (who informed the National Court that he would not be attending the hearing in person).

Taking account all of the evidence provided and the potential loss of good relations between stage rallying and Forest Commission Scotland the National Court directs that:

1. Mr Milne's license is suspended immediately and shall remain suspended for a period of 10 years. For the avoidance of doubt the suspension shall be of international effect.
2. Mr Milne shall pay a fine of £5,000
3. Mr Milne shall contribute £1,000 to the costs of this hearing.

STEVE STRINGWELL