



From the National Court

**MOTOR SPORTS COUNCIL NATIONAL COURT
SITTING TUESDAY 7th MAY 2019**

**Nicky Moffitt
David Scott
Tony Scott Andrews (Chairman)**

CASE No J2019/07 – Steve Pugh

IN THE MATTER OF STEVE PUGH

Mr. Jamie Champkin appears for Motorsport UK

Mr Steve Pugh appears in person.

This comes before the Court as a Disciplinary matter for breach of General Regulations H.6 and C.1.1.4 (acts which bring motor sport into disrepute or are prejudicial to the interests of motor sport).

This matter relates to the AGBO Stages Rally held at Weston Park on 17th March this year.

The allegation against Mr Pugh, who is the holder of a Rally licence, is that he was found in an area other than a designated spectator area. He was given clear instructions to stay with a marshal for the duration of the stage and then move back into a designated spectator area. Mr Pugh was later seen to be in another area which was not a spectator area. Mr Pugh was then removed to a safe place where he produced a Marshal's tabard saying he was going to marshal. He was, however, unable to produce a Marshal's Registration card. (Records show that although Accredited his Registration had lapsed).

Mr Pugh disagrees with much of what is said against him but accepts that he was in areas other than those designated as Spectator areas. He states that he had intended to enter the event but had subsequently been unable to do so. He then decided to attend as a spectator and take photographs, something which he had not done for some time. At those times, which pre-dated the recent changes mandated by RallyFuture, he was accustomed to determine vantage points of his own choosing and seemingly continued to do so on this occasion.

Mr Pugh realises that he should not have been outside the designated safety areas, understands the potential consequences and offers his sincere apologies to both the Court and the organisers of the event.

The Court accepts that Mr Pugh's apology is sincere but finds that as an experienced and well known competitor with a long involvement in the sport he knew well the reasons for the introduction of RallyFuture and the necessity for the sake of the sport to comply with it, but nonetheless he chose to disregard it.

The Court considers it unnecessary to spell out the risks to the sport of further unfortunate and tragic incidents and is unimpressed by Mr Pugh's actions on that day.

The Court therefore:-

1. Orders that:
 - a) Mr Pugh surrender his current Motorsport UK licence
 - b) Mr Pugh's marshal's accreditation is revoked with immediate effect
 - c) Mr Pugh to pay a contribution to Court costs of £100.

2. Directs that no further licence of any sort (or marshal accreditation) be issued to Mr Pugh until 1st January 2021.

Tony Scott Andrews

Chairman

7th May 2019