



From the National Court

**MOTOR SPORTS COUNCIL NATIONAL COURT
SITTING THURSDAY 13 JUNE 2019**

**Mike Garton
Chris Mount
Steve Stringwell (Chairman)**

J2019/08 – Disciplinary – Bearman – British Kart Championship Event - 12/14 April 2019 at PFI

This matter came before the National Court as a Disciplinary case following events at PFI at the British Kart Championship Event held 12/14 April 2019.

At the Event, the Stewards penalised Mr Bearman for breach of General Regulation C1.1.9 – Abusive Language, Behaviour or Assault disqualifying Mr Bearman from the Meeting and adding 6 points to Mr Bearman's PG licence.

Following a review of the decision of the Stewards and actions taken at the event, Motorsport UK's Disciplinary Officer has brought the case to the National Court to consider whether Mr Bearman did act prejudicially to the interests of Motor Sport Council and motor sport generally contrary to General Regulations H.6 and C.1.1.4 and A.10.1.1 and A.10.1.5 and A.10.2.

Motorsport UK was represented by Mr Champkin (Motorsport UK's Disciplinary Officer), Mr Bearman was represented by Ms Franklin.

Prior to the hearing it was agreed between the representatives that Mr Bearman admits to the allegation of acting prejudicially to the interests of Motor Sport Council, based on the following agreed facts:

1. His [Mr Bearman's] reaction was after what he believed to be provocation (he [Mr Bearman] accepts that he should not have reacted in any way). There is a history here [in respect of the relationship between Mr Bearman and Mr Hall] (which Mr Hall refers to in his statement [contained in the bundle of documents before the National Court]);
2. He [Mr Bearman] walked up to Mr Hall and 'got into his space', he did not intend to physically touch Mr Hall but accepts he was 'in his face' and that he took his left hand out of his pocket to point in Mr Hall's face. There was no head butt or grabbing;
3. That he [Mr Bearman] accepts that this was not appropriate behaviour let alone in front of minors and/or at a kart meeting and that he regrets reacting to Mr Hall;
4. That Mr Bearman walked away from the situation and the altercation was brief;
5. Mr Bearman accepted the Decision of the Stewards and that his actions were wrong;
6. That he [Mr Bearman] has an unblemished record to date – The cyber bullying matter [referenced in the bundle of documents before the National Court] was not something he was in any way responsible for or complicit in and he has discussed that matter with his son, Oliver.

The National Court having:

- (i) considered the admission by Mr Bearman of the allegations based on the agreed set of facts;

- (ii) viewed the relevant video footage of the incident;
- (iii) heard representations from Mr Champkin, Ms Franklin and Mr Bearman;
- (iv) noted that Mr Bearman's PG Licence has been suspended by Motorsport UK since 16th April pursuant to General Regulation H3.1.2; and
- (v) noted Mr Bearman's offer to attend Motorsport UK safeguarding training

orders that:

- (i) no further suspension of Mr Bearman's is required in this matter and Mr Bearman's licence is returned forthwith;
- (ii) Mr Bearman pays £1,000 as a fine and contributes an additional £500 to the costs of today's hearing;
- (iii) Mr Bearman enrolls and attends Motorsport UK's safeguarding training at the earliest opportunity.

Steve Stringwell
Chairman
13th June 2019