



From the National Court

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

**Mike Garton
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**J2019/10 – EAP – Tom Roche - Team Rob Boston Racing - Porsche Carrera Cup GB – Sunday 28th April
at Donington Park**

The National Court has considered the Eligibility Appeal brought by Tom Roche (Driver) and Rob Boston Racing (Team) ("the Appellants") who competed in Car 25 in the Porsche Carrera Cup GB event on Sunday 28th April at Donington Park. The appeal is against the decision of the Clerk of the Course who, following receipt of a Non-Compliance Report from the Eligibility Scrutineer, found Mr Roche was guilty of contravening CR 5.5.1 and subsequently disqualified the Appellant from the results of the race (C3.5.1) and penalised the Appellant under C3.5.1 (a) and (b).

The Non-Compliance Report relied on by the Clerk of the Course included a description of non-compliance as "Failed ride height on the left side of car on both front and rear measuring points" referencing "Champ Regs Page 45 Reg No 5.5.1"

The National Court considered written submissions provided by Mr Clancy (the Eligibility Scrutineer) and, on behalf of the Appellant, by Mr Taylor who outlined two grounds for the appeal, being:

- (i) the examination of the car by the officials did not sufficiently take into account the accident damage caused to the car during the race; and
- (ii) the accident damage suffered by the car during the race.

The National Court carefully considered the differing accounts of the events relating to the post race scrutineering process and examination and the actions taken by all of the respective parties.

The National Court panel considers that the accidental damage to Car 25 did not cause the ride height reduction at both the front and rear of the vehicle. The vehicle was tested in accordance with the Porsche Carrera Cup GB Championship Regulation 5.5.1 and was found not to comply. A Porsche independent test demonstrated that the left rear wheel would not fail the test due to the alleged front-end damage.

Therefore, the appeal fails, and the appeal fee is forfeited.

In addition, the National Court orders the Appellant to pay £500 to the costs of the hearing.

**Steve Stringwell
Chairman
13th June 2019**