



INCIDENT REVIEW #3

Race:

Radical Simracing, Radical Europe, Am Championship, Circuit de Catalunya Grand Prix, 20th January 2023

Drivers involved:

Driver #812 (M.G.), driver #5 (M.L.), driver #61 (R.W), driver #19 (G.K.), lap 1, turn 4

INCIDENT REVIEW

The incident that took place on lap 1 of the RSR Europe Am race has been brought to the attention of the steward. I have examined the incident from multiple angles (Views: Chase, Far chase, Cockpit). I have also taken into account the driver statements in the Discord.

STEWARD DECISION

Contact: Ambitious overtake, 1 penalty point for driver #812

EXPLANATION

Driver #812 started last but made several positions heading into turn 1. He finds himself behind a group of cars heading into turn 4. He brakes very late, despite seeing the group of cars braking early ahead of him, as they should do on lap 1. Due to late braking, driver #812 goes for the inside of the car #5 but at this point he is no longer in control of his car as if he brakes harder, he will lock his wheels and could possibly take out few drivers. Driver #5 notices this and keeps to the left and initially avoids the contact. Driver #812 then hits the driver #61 and sends him into driver #19 who is then forced off road. Whilst avoiding the driver #61, driver #812 veers to the right and makes a minor contact with the driver #5.



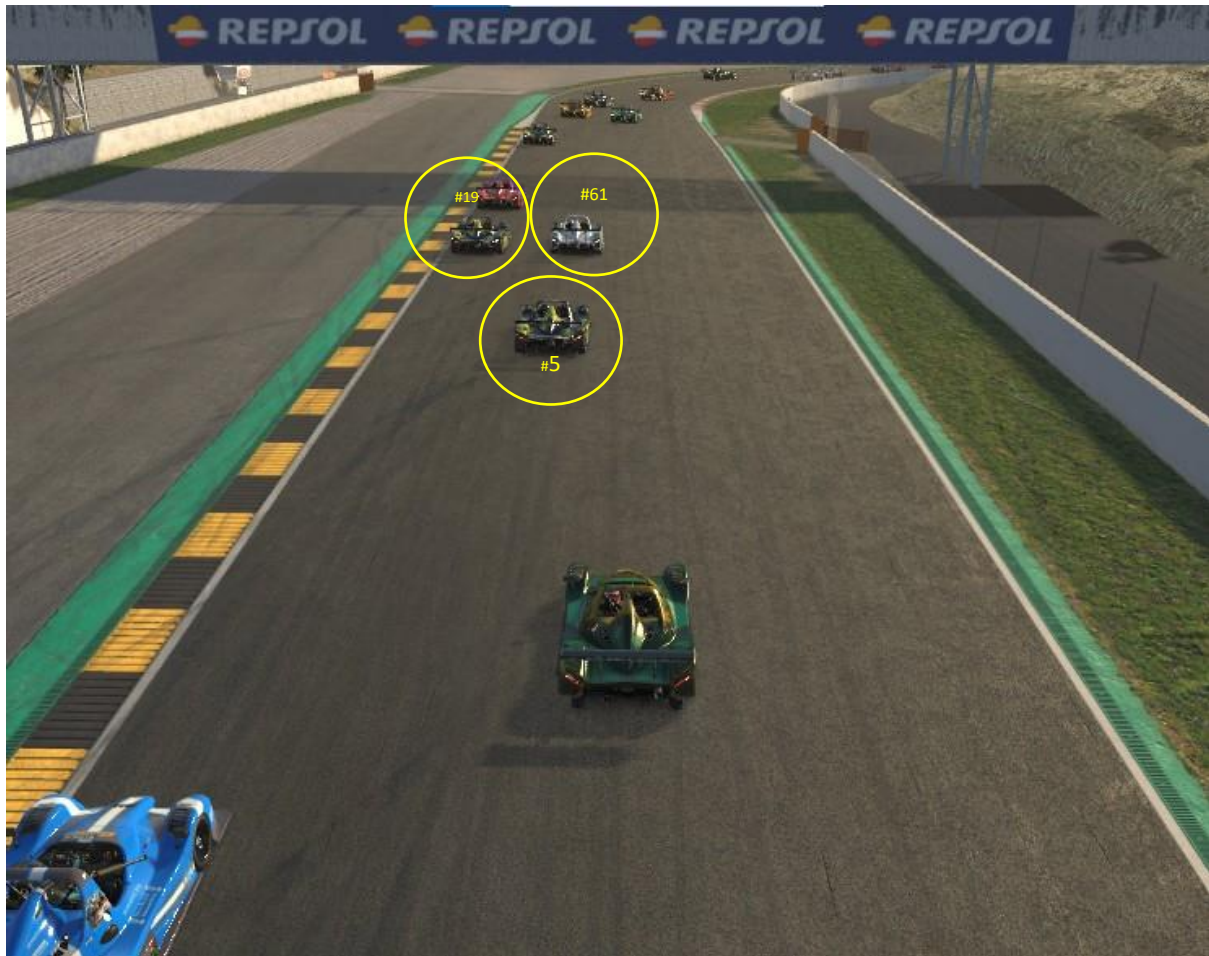


Photo evidence: Top photo shows when the driver directly ahead (#5) started to brake indicated by the yellow line. The green line shows where driver #812 will brake. Bottom photo takes us to the moment when the driver #812 does apply the brake. Despite maintaining the distance to the car ahead, applying brakes so late asks too much from the cold tyres and brakes in the first half of lap 1.

Driver #812 has been known to be aggressive over the past seasons but has been improving constantly and this is commendable. He was aware of the mistake and has apologised to the driver he made contact with but despite that, I find that the infringement happened after the driver ignored the braking lights on the cars ahead by a significant distance. Had he applied brakes and reduced speed, he would have been able to modulate brakes with more control and possibly attack the driver #5 into turn 4 with more chance of success. Car #5 is slower into the corner than he perhaps could be but he is observing a battle ahead and is naturally being cautious and does not want to risk going into Turn 4 three wide.

The incident happened very early on lap 1 and has had consequences for the several drivers hence I decided to issue the first penalty point of the season.

Note to all: On lap 1, the advice is to try and match the speed of the driver ahead, as they may be slowing down due to something that happens ahead. Using this as an opportunity to go for an attack is not illegal but it needs to be done with extreme caution as there might be incidents ahead and the defending driver may have to take avoiding action and therefore, might not be in position to look behind and defend as if he would otherwise. Failing to slow down in reaction to lap 1 incidents ahead and trying to gain positions and causing an accident will merit a penalty point in future instances.