



INCIDENT REVIEW #17

Race:

Radical Simracing, Americas Championship, Sprint Race Lap 1, Sebring, 10th March 2024

Drivers involved:

#3 (B.A), #87 (S.T.), #176 (R.M.)

INCIDENT REVIEW

The incident that took place at the end of lap 1 of the RSR Americas Sprint Race, has been brought to the attention of the steward. I have examined the incident from multiple angles (Views: Chase, Far chase, Cockpit, Chopper). I have also taken the statements of the drivers involved and taken their respective views into consideration, where available.

STEWARD DECISION

Bad rejoin: Unsafe rejoin by the driver #3 resulting in a collision with another driver,
1 penalty point for driver #3

Bad rejoin: Blocking another driver after rejoin
1 suspended penalty point for driver #3

Note: *The suspended point will hold for the next three races and will be wiped clean starting from Race #6. Should a driver commit the same offence within the next three races, they will get a penalty point for the initial offence and get another one for the new offence. The duration of those points will count from the race when the incident took place for which the penalty point was awarded. **This effectively puts the driver #3 on probation for the next three races where they risk receiving a sporting penalty of starting from the pits if they repeat the same offence and pick up the two points.***

EXPLANATION

Driver #3 messes up the final corner and ends up in the wall. He reverses safely and positions his car off the racing line and waits for five seconds before he decides to rejoin.



Photo evidence #1: *#3 is lodged in the wall but is able to continue. He reverses and decides to wait for the oncoming traffic to pass.*

For some reason, #3 ignores two more cars coming around the final corner and makes a bad judgment and decides to rejoin and does so straight onto the racing line. Similarly to other incidents, #87 sees #3 parked on the left side and decides to go to the right of him to avoid but finds #3 driving into that path and a rear-end contact is made.

This results in a severe loss of speed in both cars involved and driver #176 is trying to go to the right of both slower cars. Car #3 is insistent on carrying on with his plan and pushes to the right in order to enter the pits, completely ignoring the car that is passing him on the right side.



Photo evidence #2: *#87 is seen approaching the sitting #3 off the racing line. It was at this moment that #3 started moving and #87 is committed to passing on the right.*



Photo evidence #3: *The speed difference is almost 30 km/h but #3 still maintains his intention of pitting, disregarding #176 who tries to go around him*

CONCLUSION

In this situation, driver #3 seemingly does the right thing and waits whilst stationary, off the racing line. For some reason, he decides to go just before two other drivers who are extremely close. What makes the situation much worse is that after these two cars, there was nobody else so all it took was 2 more seconds of waiting.

Looking at #3's position when he was waiting, I do not understand why he didn't immediately start moving on the far left wide line, as it's the tarmac, and then crossed the track once he was clear of the two cars. He would have lost much less time and his movement would have been left of his position so unlikely any drivers would try and pass him on the left. I have therefore issued a penalty point for the rejoin and suspended penalty point for the action after the rejoin. Suspended penalty point may be activated for bad rejoin or blocking in the next three races.

CHIEF STEWARD

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