

## OLFSL Appeals Arbiter Decision – 24 June 2010

### OLFSL S2 Fastlap Fury – Event 6, Aston GP, FXR+XRR+FZR, Pool 4

A complaint was registered relating to \*The Original LFS League (OLFSL) S2 Fastlap Fury, Event 6, Aston Club, Pool 4, which was held on 20 June 2010.

The complaint was filed by [sccc|Rookie41](#) against [\[Mik\]Mik](#) relating to an incident which occurred in Race 2, Lap 1, Turn 3 (the 90° left turn leading up to the first chicane).

In my capacity as the Appeals Arbiter, I have investigated the incident. I have extensively reviewed the Pool 4 replays (both Race 1 and Race 2) from multiple cars/angles, and I hereby set out my analysis and conclusions.

#### Relevant OLFSL Rules

Relevant OLFSL rules (emphasis added) to take into consideration in this case include:

**In general:** Take care to race clean/fair, i.e. do not hit other cars or obstacles, [...].

OLFSL applies and enforces the RaceSIM Rules of Racing (formerly Clean Racers Club rules).

*C-1: You must compete in a fair and honest manner.*

*C-2: You must drive responsibly, in a way that will not ruin the enjoyment for others.*

Penalties apply for the following

- Breaking the Racing rules (including the RaceSIM Rules of Racing (formerly Clean Racers Club rules)) defined above.
- Any other form of unsportsmanlike behaviour, as determined by the Appeals Arbiter.

#### Analysis of Pool 4, Race 1

The MPR replay shows the following:

[\[Mik\]Mik](#) races clean/fair (every lap has been checked).

Two-thirds through Lap 15 (the final lap of the race), [\[Mik\]Mik](#) suffers a puncture of the front left tyre. [\[GSR\]K.Sørvig](#) is coming up behind, and, about 10 seconds after [\[Mik\]Mik's](#) puncture, makes minor contact on the rear of [\[Mik\]Mik's](#) car, causing [\[Mik\]Mik](#) to spin. In accordance with the RaceSIM Rules of Racing, [\[GSR\]K.Sørvig](#) waits for [\[Mik\]Mik](#) to recover the prior racing position. After following [\[Mik\]Mik](#) for a while, [\[GSR\]K.Sørvig](#) passes [\[Mik\]Mik](#) and finishes the race one place ahead of [\[Mik\]Mik](#).

On the in-game chat after Race 1, [\[Mik\]Mik](#) complains about [\[GSR\]K.Sørvig](#), attributing the tyre puncture (wrongly as it turns out upon review of the MPR replay, as analysed above) to the spin resulting from the contact between the cars on Lap 15.

[\[Mik\]Mik](#) then starts ramming the car of [\[GSR\]K.Sørvig](#) repeatedly during the wait period before Race 2. [\[GSR\]K.Sørvig](#) calls the behavior of [\[Mik\]Mik](#) “childish”; other racers try to pacify the situation.

### Analysis of Pool 4, Race 2, Lap 1

The MPR replay shows the following:

Immediately after the Race 2 start, [Mik]Mik makes an aggressive move to the right, apparently in an attempt to ram the car of [GSR]K.Sørvig. This fails, and [Mik]Mik loses positions.

Approaching Turn 3 (the 90° left turn leading up to the first chicane), [Mik]Mik does not brake at all, stays on full gas and directly aims to ram [GSR]K.Sørvig, who is negotiating the exit of Turn 3. This fails; [Mik]Mik narrowly misses [GSR]K.Sørvig, but [Mik]Mik rams out sccc|Rookie41 instead, who is ejected from the track/race and is spectated by the LFS software.

The words 'ram' and 'rams out' are not normal parlance for the OLFSL Appeals Arbiter, but they reflect what clearly occurred in Pool 4, Race 2, Lap 1.

Following this incident, [Mik]Mik immediately disconnects from the server.

### Appeals Arbiter Conclusion and Decision

The evidence at hand indicates that [Mik]Mik committed the gravest of imaginable offenses, by engaging in an action which cannot be otherwise interpreted as aiming explicitly and deliberately to ruin another racer's race, i.e. with the clear intent of causing harm.

Needless to say, this is in clear breach of the OLFSL Rules as well as RaceSIM Rules C-1 and C-2.

The penalties provided for by the OLFSL Rules assume that racers will have a modicum of fair play and sportsmanlike behaviour.

This case is so extreme that it is not even considered in the penalties provided for by the OLFSL Rules. Therefore, an extraordinary penalty is warranted (adjusted wording based on Third and final penalty provided for in the penalties).

[Mik]Mik (LFS license name Mik\_018) is removed from \*The Original LFS League and no further participation in OLFSL will be allowed, for life.

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This decision is final, and is taken in the interests of making sure that OLFSL is a fun and fair play league for all drivers, irrespective of their skill level.

We hope and trust that you will all understand this decision, and commiserations are extended to sccc|Rookie41 who was an innocent victim of this totally unacceptable behaviour.

Sincerely,

Solar Hydro, OLFSL Appeals Arbiter