

## OLFSL Appeals Arbiter Decision – 21 March 2011

### OLFSL S2 No Frills, All Thrills – Event 1, South City Town Course reverse, Pool 5, FO8

Three complaints were registered relating to \*The Original LFS League (OLFSL) S2 No Frills, All Thrills, Event 1, South City Town Course reverse, Pool 5, FO8, which was held on 20 March 2011.

The complaints were filed by [GTS ApO](#), [\[FF\] T.Kay](#) and [Gerrit](#) against [BeTe](#) (LFS license name [dr1ftmast3r](#)) relating to incidents which occurred on Lap 1, Turn 2 (the 90° left turn) and on the uphill section thereafter. Information was also sent in by [\[FF\] Russ Greeno](#).

In my capacity as the Appeals Arbiter, I have investigated the complaints and incidents. I have extensively reviewed the Pool 5 replay 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 (which are in fact the most basic rules) 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 5

The MPR replay shows the following:

[BeTe](#) starts from position 8.

At Turn 1, [BeTe](#) hits [Sheepy](#). Both cars skid and end-up in the pit exit area. This incident (not discussed here as it is not the subject of an appeal) reflects poor driving on the part of [BeTe](#). Most cars get past, and [BeTe](#) rejoins the racing. [BeTe](#) tries to restart the race.

At Turn 2 (the 90° left turn), there is a race incident (not discussed here as it is not the subject of an appeal) bringing several cars to a standstill or to a quasi-standstill. [BeTe](#) accelerates towards the 90° left turn in which cars are at a standstill. A Yellow Flag warning is displayed to [BeTe](#) for 3+ seconds and visibility is good. [BeTe](#) accelerates at full throttle. [BeTe](#) hits [BoB the Bike](#) with full force in the pack of cars that is at a standstill or at a quasi-standstill. [Dim.Ka A2A](#) is projected off the race track and is sent to spectator mode by the LFS software. [\[FF\] Russ Greeno](#) is sent flying and lands on [\[FF\] T.Kay](#). The suspensions of both [\[FF\] T.Kay](#) and [\[FF\] Russ Greeno](#) are broken. [\[FF\] T.Kay](#) decides to disconnect on Lap 1. [\[FF\] Russ Greeno](#) limps to the pit for repairs on Lap 1. Other cars are affected, e.g. the car of [Ken Johansen](#), who also pits for repairs on Lap 1.

As racers extricate themselves from the Turn 2 pileup, [BeTe](#) backs-up into other cars. [BeTe](#) tries to

restart the race again.

BeTe gets going again, at max throttle uphill. BeTe narrowly misses [FF] Russ Greeno, and then rear-ends GTS ApO at full throttle/speed just before the entry of the 90° right turn, sending GTS ApO into a spin and into the tyre wall in the safety area. The car of GTS ApO sustains serious damage, causing GTS ApO to make a pit stop for repairs (after Lap 1).

A few seconds thereafter, BeTe is kicked from the server by intervention of OLFSL Race Host S. Varjonen.

### Appeals Arbiter Conclusion and Decision

The evidence at hand indicates that BeTe committed the gravest of imaginable offenses, by engaging in repeated actions which cannot be otherwise interpreted as aiming explicitly, repeatedly and deliberately at ruining other racers' races, 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.

This penalty decision adopts a formulation which is based on the Third and final penalty provided for in the penalties section of the OLFSL Rules.

BeTe (LFS license name <a href="#">dr1ftmast3r</a> ) is removed from *The Original LFS League and no further participation in OLFSL will be allowed, for life.
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Note: this is the second time - since structured OLFSL Appeals Arbiter decisions were introduced in early 2005 and in 73 Appeals Arbiter decisions since then - that an immediate exclusion decision has had to be taken.

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This decision is final, and it 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 all racers who were innocent victims of this totally unacceptable behaviour.

Sincerely,

Solar Hydro, OLFSL Appeals Arbiter