

OLFSL Appeals Arbiter Decision – 15 October 2011
OLFSL S2 Fastlap Fury – Event 11, Kyoto GP Long, Pool 3, BL1

A complaint was registered relating to *The Original LFS League (OLFSL) S2 No Frills, All Thrills, Event 11, Kyoto National reversed, Pool 3, BF1, which was held on 2 October 2011.

The complaint was filed by [KKX andrespeed](#) (affected driver) versus [-VR-Borjita](#) regarding Lap 1 and Lap 6.

In my capacity as the Appeals Arbiter, I have investigated the incidents. I have extensively reviewed the Pool 3 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 include:

In general: Take care to race clean/fair, i.e. do not hit other cars or obstacles, do not force other racers off the track [...].
The driving line must be taken as laid out by the track. With this in mind, you must try to keep at least 2 wheels on the track at all times [...]

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

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

O-1: To obtain right of road position in a corner, the overtaker's car must have substantial overlap of the car that is being overtaken, before they reach the corner's turn-in point. Should the overtaking car not have enough overlap, the leading car may resume its racing line without fear of contact.

With regard to RaceSIM rule O-1, OLFSL has adopted the following interpretation (included in OLFSL Rules): “overlap” = the overtakers' car comes up alongside the ahead car, by half a car length or more.

CT-2: If a driver has breached one of the Rules of Racing, and has resulted in contact and/or a time or position advantage. That driver must apologize, and forfeit the position to the affected driver. If the affected driver is unable to continue, sufficient action should be encouraged at the Server Admin's discretion.

AI-1: Any driver rejoining the track after a spin/crash/off has the responsibility of not driving into other competitors - regardless of position or situation. [...]

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 3, Lap 1 - [KKX andrespeed](#) versus [-VR-Borjita](#)

The MPR replay shows the following:

[-VR-Borjita](#) is 5th on the grid, makes a very strong start compared to other racers, and swerves through the cars ahead to take second position. Minor contact occurs between [-VR-Borjita](#) and [\[FF\] T.Kay](#) (this contact cannot be considered to be causal to the subsequent crash involving [\[FF\] T.Kay](#)) and a contact also occurs with [KKX andrespeed](#).

The contact between [-VR-Borjita](#) and [KKX andrespeed](#) occurs after [-VR-Borjita](#) clearly passes (overlap achieved) [KKX andrespeed](#). Whilst [-VR-Borjita](#) makes a sharp move to the right side of

the track, the respective car positions strongly suggest that [KKX andrespeed](#) is in a position to back-off. [-VR-Borjita](#) and [KKX andrespeed](#), resume the race in 2nd and 3rd position respectively, with little separation.

Analysis of Pool 3, Lap 6 - [KKX andrespeed](#) (affected driver) versus [-VR-Borjita](#)

The MPR replay shows the following:

On Lap 6, approaching Turn 4 (the last of the slow corners in the early snaking section of the track) [KKX andrespeed](#) is ahead of [-VR-Borjita](#).

[KKX andrespeed](#) (ahead) takes an outside line in the corner, whilst [-VR-Borjita](#) (behind) takes an inside line.

Overlap (as defined above) is not achieved by [-VR-Borjita](#). The cars collide, and [-VR-Borjita](#) appears to keep pushing [KKX andrespeed](#) for longer than would be expected. [KKX andrespeed](#) end-up off the track on the left side of the track, in reverse direction to the race direction.

[-VR-Borjita](#) is able to rejoin the race almost unaffected.

[-VR-Borjita](#) does not wait for [KKX andrespeed](#).

[KKX andrespeed](#) loses positions off-track, and rejoins the track directly into the path of the oncoming [MTnRunnr](#), causing a collision (causing [MTnRunnr](#) to make a pitstop for repairs).

[KKX andrespeed](#) has red overheated rear tyres and cannot keep the car on the track after recovering from the incident, pits at the end of the lap, but does not change tyres at the pitstop.

[KKX andrespeed](#) uses bad language in a language other than English (prohibited by OLFSL rules) at the pitstop, spins out again on exiting the pitstop, and disconnects.

Note: [-VR-Borjita](#) disconnects at Lap 23.

Appeals Arbiter Conclusions and Decisions

Lap 1: [KKX andrespeed](#) versus [-VR-Borjita](#)

Overlap was achieved by [-VR-Borjita](#) over [KKX andrespeed](#), with [KKX andrespeed](#) likely being in a position to back-off.

No penalty is warranted.

Lap 6: [KKX andrespeed](#) versus [-VR-Borjita](#)

Overlap was NOT achieved by [-VR-Borjita](#) over [KKX andrespeed](#).

Whilst the collision was not likely to be intentional, [-VR-Borjita](#) appeared to keep pushing [KKX andrespeed](#) unnecessarily, and, after the incident, [-VR-Borjita](#) did not forfeit the position to [KKX andrespeed](#).

[KKX andrespeed](#) rejoined the track irresponsibly, and severely affecting the race of [MTnRunnr](#).

[KKX andrespeed](#) used bad language in his pitstop, in contravention of OLFSL rules.

First Warnings are warranted on both [-VR-Borjita](#) (for causing a collision and not forfeiting the position) and [KKX andrespeed](#) (for rejoining the track irresponsibly and for using bad language).

Given that neither racer finished the race (for reasons that are separate from the incidents that are the subject of appeals - [KKX andrespeed](#) could have changed tyres), and that the nature and effect of the incidents does not call for forward-looking penalties, both racers are given a First Warning and are put under supervision going forward.

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 that you will behave in accordance with the rules and take into account the precedents set by OLFSL Appeals Arbiter decisions.

Sincerely,

Solar Hydro, OLFSL Appeals Arbiter