

Ex-Officio Appeals Arbiter Decision – 6 September 2011
OLFSL S2 No Frills All Thrills Event 8 – Kyoto GP Long, UF1
Systematic Track Cutting

Two of the formal complaints registered on the OLFSL website for Event 8 refer to track cutting. A further full complaint relating to track cutting was received via e-mail only (eXeYn vs Vincent de Sade, Pool 2). Informal discussions and chatterbox messages after Event 8 also concerned track cutting.

Relevant OLFSL Rules

Relevant OLFSL rule to take into consideration in this case include:

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 and not hit any of the cones, tires, barrels or walls. You'll find that this is the same as the HLCV system which exists in LFS hotlapping. Repeated track cutting or punching through obstacles will be penalised.

Choice of Method

Running a check for track cutting:

- for every pool;
- on every car;
- on every lap;
- on every corner;
- to distinguish intentional track cutting from accidental track cutting;
- to exclude track cutting that may have been necessary to avoid a collision.

is currently and for the foreseeable future beyond the capability and means of the OLFSL staff.

The OLFSL staff has therefore decided to:

- a) Conduct a software-automated check on HLCV compliance for Event 8, all pools, all cars.
- b) Use a sampling method → in practice only checking the chicane after the oval stadium section.
- c) Apply ex-officio penalties only for the most serious systematic track cutting → in this case in practice 75% laps or more on which a cut occurred. 75% is fully understood to be objectively a lot. This value has been selected in this case to:

- be certain to avoid penalising accidental cutting and legitimate/necessary cutting;
- avoid that software bugs and lag could distort the correct application of penalties;

- give a signal that systematic track cutting is being addressed by the OLFSL staff.
(using layouts more often in the future; tightening the % on penalties in the future)

- d) Apply ex-officio time penalties which increase with the number of cuts, thereby penalising the more systematic cutters more than less systematic cutters → in practice applying a time penalty of 10 seconds per cut (covering all cuts of those racers that surpassed the 75% of laps).

Appeals Arbiter Conclusions and Decision

In application of the method described above, as determined by the OLFSL Staff, the Appeals Arbiter applies First Warnings and Time Penalties on an ex-officio basis for Event 8, as follows:

Pool 1:	
[ZIOM] mulas_jr	50 second time penalty
Pool 2:	
TEM/T.Parker	80 second time penalty
Vincent de Sade	80 second time penalty
TEM/Y.Laprevotte	60 second time penalty
Pool 3:	
kkxandrespeed	80 second time penalty
sccc istabraq	60 second time penalty

The race results will be amended accordingly.

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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 that you will all understand this decision.

Sincerely,

Solar Hydro, OLFSL Appeals Arbiter, on behalf of the OLFSL staff