



FR Americas Championship

Road America

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From	The Stewards	Document	Stewards Decision 220
To	The Team Managers	Date	June 3, 2021
	Velocity Racing Development #11 Driver - Hunter Yeany	Time	15:20
	Crosslink Competition #9 - Driver - Joshua Car		

The Stewards, having received a Protest from the #11 VRD car at the conclusion of FR Round 5, alleging that the rear diffuser on the #9 Crosslink car was non-compliant. The allegation was that the diffuser height, as raced, was modified and that the diffuser had not been run as provided by the manufacturer. The diffuser is a Type 1 part, and must be used as-delivered by the manufacturer.

The Stewards referred the matter to the series Technical Delegate, who then took control of the #9 car and posted a series scrutineer to continuously monitor for any work on the car. The car was raced in Round 6, at which time it was again impounded. After FR Round 6, the Technical Delegate directed his staff to conduct an inspection and consulted with the manufacturer – Ligier – regarding the compliance of the part.

Upon inspection, the as-raced diffuser height was measured, and found compliant. The Technical Delegate prepared a Technical Protest Report (Document FR ELK-210516-Race 2 VRD vs Crosslink Car 9 Diffuser) and delivered it to the Stewards. The report describes the protested items as being compliant.

A question was raised about a slot on the right-hand side of the diffuser, around the area used for a fastener. The Technical Delegate reported that the hole had been enlarged into the form of a slot, but that size of the enlargement was permissible under FIA rules as a modification to allow for proper fitment of body parts (per Technical Regulations Article 2.7.4).

The Stewards find the protest timely and admissible.

Issue before the Stewards: A mechanical protest filed by the VRD No. 11 against the Crosslink No. 9 car, citing Technical Regulations Article 3.7.3, for using modified diffuser height and running the diffuser not as provided – a Type 1 part that must be used as supplied by the manufacturer.

Facts: Measurements by the Technical Department, under direction of the Technical Delegate, found the height of the diffuser, as raced, to be compliant. The modified mounting hole on the right side of the diffuser was determined to be within the allowable range of modifications for bodywork fitment.

Decision: The Stewards disallow the protest. As described in Sporting Regulations Article 16.1.3.d, the protest fee will be retained by the series.

Reason: The Technical Delegate found, as stated in his Technical Protest Report, that the protested items were compliant. As the Technical Delegate is a Judge of Fact, the Stewards accept that report and, accordingly, disallow the protest.

The Competitor is reminded of his right to appeal in accordance with Article 16 of the Sporting Regulations except where the penalties are not susceptible to appeal (Articles 16.1.4.d and 16.2.5 of the Sporting Regulations).

Pat di Natale

Steward (Chairman)

Wesley Cunningham

Steward

John Walsh

Steward

Received by the Competitor:

Signature: _____

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