



## FR Americas Championship

### Road America

May 13-17, 2021

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<b>From</b>	The Stewards	<b>Document</b>	Stewards Decision No. 226
<b>To</b>	The Team Managers	<b>Date</b>	3 June 2021
	Newman Wachs Racing #48 Driver – Jordan Missig	<b>Time</b>	10:45
	TJ Speed Motorsports #21 Driver – Kyffin Simpson		

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On Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 17:50, shortly after the conclusion of FR Round 4, the Stewards received a technical protest from the team manager of the No. 48 Newman Wachs Racing entry, driven by Jordan Missig. The protest was directed against the No. 21 TJ Speed Motorsports entry, driven by Kyffin Simpson (Document RA FR-P01). The protest was accompanied by the required protest fee of \$500. Provisional results of FR Round 4 were posted at 17:38. The Stewards determined that the protest was timely and admissible, accepted it and took control of the investigation.

The protested items on the No. 21 car were the wheel bearings – one front, and one rear. The protest cited a violation of Sporting Regulations 26.1 and noted that the protested parts were listed as “Type 1” parts, which must not be altered from their as-delivered condition. The protest specifically described “seals not standard or possibly cut or ground down, seal springs stretched or removed, possible balls changed or removed”, and challenged the tolerances of all metal pieces in the bearings.

The No. 21 car was, at that time, in post-race impound. The Stewards informed the Chief Scrutineer of the protest and made arrangement with him to maintain oversight & custody of the car, pending marking and sealing of the car. The inspection required by the protest required disassembly which could not be performed at the track, and the protested car was scheduled to race two further series races on Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 2021. The Chief Scrutineer sealed and marked the protested components, recorded seals and photographed the security markings, and returned the protested car to the TJ Speed team.

After discussion with the car manufacturer – Ligier – and review of the parts cost and labor to remove, disassemble and inspect the protested parts, the Stewards established a cost of bond for the protest of \$1000. This included the cost to replace the two protested pieces, the cost of disassembly and inspection by Ligier, and the cost for the protestee – TJ Speed Motorsports – to remove and replace those pieces. The protestor was informed of the cost of the bond, and subsequently delivered a check in the amount of the bond to the Stewards.

The Chief Scrutineer assigned a series staff member to monitor the condition of the series-applied markings and seals before and after Rounds 5 and 6, and to take possession of the protested assemblies at the conclusion of Round 6. The protested assemblies were removed under observation of series staff, marked, and delivered to Ligier, who were to conduct the disassembly and tear-down the following week at their manufacturing facility.

On Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 2021 the protested bearing assemblies were disassembled and inspected at the Ligier facility in Denver, North Carolina by David Cooper, R.J. LeClerc and Jeff Barrow - all Ligier staff. FR series Technical Director Buddy Fey participated via video conference, which was recorded. Also on site at Ligier, serving as an Observer of Fact, was

incoming FR series Technical Director Aaron Coalwell, who took documentary photographs. Ligier provided a brand new bearing assembly to dismantle for comparison.

After the conclusion of the disassembly and inspection, Series Technical Director Fey delivered a report to the Stewards – *Technical Protest Report – FR Car 21 Wheel Bearings* (Document FR ELK-210516 – Race 1 NWR vs TJSPEED Car 21 Wheel Bearings). In that report, the Technical Director found the protested parts to be compliant.

The Stewards, having received and considered the report from the Technical Director, disallow the protest. The protest bond shall be forfeited, and the Stewards direct that payment from the bond shall be apportioned as follows:

TJ Speed Motorsports - \$700 for 2 wheel bearings, plus removal & replacement labor

Ligier - \$300 for inspection shop time

The Stewards thank competitors of TJ Speed Motorsports and Newman Wachs Racing for their cooperation in this matter.

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 (Article 16.2.5 and 16.1.4.d of the Sporting Regulations).



Pat di Natale

**Steward (Chairman)**



Wesley Cunningham

**Steward**



John Walsh

**Steward**

**Received by the Competitor:**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_