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Findings of Court of Enquiry No. 1110 held in the MSA Office on Monday, 15 April 2013 to investigate the scoring of the Clubmans classes C & D arising from the race meeting held at the Western Province Main Circuit Regional Event on 6 April 2013

<u>Present:</u>	Joy Dolinschek	Court President
	Paul Medell	Court Member
	Jan Thorson	Court Member
	Celeste Chatton	MSA WC Regional Secretary
	Andre Johnson	Competitor
	Eugene Van Zyl	Competitor
	Gary Manwaring	Competitor
	Clint Rennard	Clubmans' Scorer
	Arlene Brown	Circuit Cars Representative
	Wayne Wilson	Witness

1. The Court President introduced the members of the court and established that there was no objection to the composition of the court.
2. Pre-amble:-
The Court is convened to resolve any potential the errors in the scoring of Clubmans classes C and D as particularly effects competitor Manwaring.

The Court heard that it is the custom of the Clubmans committee to hold a competitors meeting on the Thursday evening of the week following a race meeting. Given that Clubmans is time based and has a 'breakout' system from one class to another, this meeting also provides competitors the opportunity to agree the points scored and to ratify any breakouts from one class to another.

This was done on Thursday the 21st of February 2013 in respect of the Regional Race meeting held on the 16th of February 2013.

3. Competitors post-race meeting on the 21st February 2013:-
The Court understands that the scorer Mr Clint Rennard, submitted the breakouts as usual. These breakouts placed competitor Manwaring in class 'D'.

The Court understands that Manwaring enquired from the scorer if he should not be placed in class B. The scorer informed competitor Manwaring that he needed to break out twice in a class before being moved up. No evidence was placed before the Court to suggest this was discussed any further at that time.



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4. Clubmans Regional Race Meeting 6 April 2013:-

Competitor Manwaring entered the race meeting and qualified and participated in the first race class 'D'. Competitor Manwaring qualified pole and won race one.

After the first race, second place competitor Eugene Van Zyl (class D) queried as to why competitor Manwaring was in class D, as he had broken out of D on two previous occasions prior to the start of the event. This was brought to the attention of the scorer, who agreed that an error had been made by himself and that indeed competitor Manwaring should be in class C. In an effort to rectify this it was agreed that for the second race of the day, competitor Manwaring would race in class C.

The timekeepers of the day were advised and competitor Manwaring did as instructed and changed the class D indicators on his car to class C.

There being insufficient time to alter the grid, competitor Manwaring started at the back of class D for the second race of the day. It was a reverse grid race.

The moving of competitor Manwaring into class C was neither posted on the notice board nor advised to the competitors, particularly those in class C.

The Court is informed that class C competitor Andre Johnson was unaware of this class change and allowed competitor Manwaring to pass him in race two, as he was of the impression that competitor Manwaring was in a lower class and not competing for position in class C. Competitor Johnson was thus relegated to a second place finish.

5. On track results:-

Competitor Manwaring won class D in the first race and class C in the second race. It is worth noting that both competitors Manwaring and Johnson have now broken out and will race the next event in class B.

6. Considerations:-

- a) The Court takes note that Manwaring complied with all instructions in that:-
 - i) The Clubmans post-race meeting on the 21st of February 2013 indicated him as a class D competitor.
 - ii) That when instructed to change to class C for the second race, he did so.
- b) That the issue arises primarily from a scoring (admin) error
- c) That neither competitors Van Zyl nor Johnson tendered a formal protest, albeit that Van Zyl did indeed attempt to have the matter resolved in an amicable manner.
- d) That there is no provision in the Clubmans rules to change classes during an event.
- e) That the change of classes was never advised to competitors, nor posted.
- f) That class C & D competitors, and more specifically Van Zyl and Johnson were compromised by the error in that they were unable to score maximum points in their respective classes.

7. Findings:-

The Court finds this case particularly difficult, as none of the competitors were indeed in breach of any regulations, except perhaps Van Zyl who could possibly have brought this matter to the attention of the scorer at qualifying.

The Court instructs:-

Competitor Manwaring forfeit 5 points from each of two races on the day.

Manwaring will retain points scored in qualifying.

Competitors Johnson and Van Zyl will retain the points scored on the day.

8. Findings were read at 19h30, competitors are reminded of their rights in this regard.