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## SUMMARY OF STEWARDS' HEARING

**Event:** *BOTT 2018 Adelaide Hills Rally*

**Venue:** *Adelaide Hills*

**Date:** *22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018*

### Hearing

At 1800hrs on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September the appointed Stewards commenced a Hearing following the receipt of a Charge Sheet from Michael Clements, the Clerk of Course. The charge related to an alleged breach of NRC SSR 5.3 (f).

It was alleged that Eli Evans & Ben Searcy (Car # 2) failed to follow the emergency procedures for a vehicle stopped in a special stage.

The defendant, Evans / Searcy, acknowledged that they had received a copy of the Charge Sheet, that they understood the nature of the alleged charge, and that they were ready to proceed.

The alleged breach was denied.

### Prosecutors' Evidence

The Clerk of Course provided in-car vision from the 5 vehicles immediately following on the course plus 1 other.

The Video footage was reviewed of the incident frame by frame by all present. It is evident that the triangle was not conspicuously visible for the passage of the first 3 vehicles. The vision from the 4<sup>th</sup> car in the scene would indicate that a partial triangle could be seen in or behind the legs of a person standing in the shadows at the side of the course.

### Defendants' Evidence

The crew acknowledged that their first action was to go back along the course with their "OK" board to warn the following crews. A member of the crew did this for the first 3 cars. They further advised that the triangle was cable tied together and that in the process of setting it up the triangle broke. They then enlisted a person that they believed to be an official to hold the "OK" board for following competitors whilst the crew returned to the vehicle attempting to fix the car to allow them to rejoin the event.

The Hearing adjourned at 1835hrs for the Stewards to deliberate.

The Hearing reconvened at 1905hrs on 23/9/18.

### Decision

We accept the evidence of the Clerk of the Course in that the crew have failed to comply with the regulation NRC SSR 5.3 (f) in displaying the triangle conspicuously to all following crews. In

circumstances where the triangle has broken the crew needs to take additional actions to comply with this regulation not just for the first three cars.

We find the defendants in breach.

**Submissions on Penalty - Prosecutor**

The Clerk of Course did not seek to make a submission on penalty.

**Submissions on Penalty - Defendant**

The Defendant suggested a monetary penalty.

**Penalty**

After hearing submissions on penalty and considering all relevant matters we impose the penalty of exclusion from Heat 1 and a further deduction of 20 Championship points.

SIGNED: .....	.....	.....
Peter Marcovich	Bob Whyatt	Steve Lisk
Chairman of Stewards	Steward	Steward

TIME: 1915hours                      DATE: 23/9/18

**Parties are reminded of their rights of appeal pursuant to National Competition Rule 218, of the CAMS Manual of Motor Sport, Part XIII.**

Decision received by Competitor at 1915hours on 23/9/18

Signed.....