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## FINDINGS OF COURT OF ENQUIRY 1117 HELD IN THE MSA CAPE TOWN OFFICE ON THURSDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2013 TO INVESTIGATE THE BEHAVIOUR OF PARENTS AT A WESTERN PROVINCE MOTOR CLUB KARTING EVENT HELD ON SATURDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2013

<b>Present:</b>	Joy Dolinschek	Court President
	Philip Herholdt	Court Member
	Paul Simon	Court Member
	Johann Grundlingh	Clerk of the Course
	Janine Oelz	Parent (of Joseph Oelz)
	Justine Bishop	Parent (of Tate Bishop)
	Alex Oelz	Witness
	David Walker	Witness
	Chantal Pieters	Witness
	Adrian Bresler	Witness
	Tate Bishop	Competitor
	Celeste Chatton	MSA Scribe

1. The court president introduced the members of the court and established that there was no objection to the composition of the court.
2. MSA has called for this Court of Enquiry, following the report of the Clerk of the Course received in respect of the Karting event held at Killarney on the 27<sup>th</sup> July 2013, in which it is reported that Mrs Bishop and Mrs Oelz abused one another, additionally it is reported to have happened in the presence of other persons.
3. Mrs Bishop stated that on the day in question, Mrs Oelz had approached her son, Tate Bishop, in the Clubhouse, tapping him on the shoulder and accusing him of cheating and jumping the start. On hearing of this from her son Mrs Bishop confronted Mrs Oelz. Mrs Bishop admits to having used bad language toward Mrs Oelz, whom she states retaliated with equally verbal abuse. All of this took place where their raised voices would indeed have been heard by other people in the vicinity.

Mrs Oelz denies that she at any time physically touched Tate Bishop or that she retaliated with bad language. Mrs Oelz stated that she would never use bad language in the presence of a child. At which point Mrs Oelz verbalised a string of choice words describing what Mrs Bishop had already admitted too. This was all said in the presence of Tate Bishop, a child. Mrs Oelz stated that she walked away from Mrs Bishop emphasising this with raised hands.

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The Clerk of the Course stated that when Mrs Oelz approached him in the Clerk's office she was very upset and reported physical and verbal abuse.

The Court was able to establish via witnesses there had been two such incidents between the mothers on the day in question.

4. The Court finds as follows:

That while physical abuse of Tate Bishop is not firmly established, the approach of any parent to another child without the presence of the child's parent is always going to raise alarms and cause tension. In this regard the Court finds the approach of Mrs Oelz to Tate Bishop unacceptable.

That although Mrs Bishop was honest in her evidence of what she had said on the day, her conduct was unacceptable.

That the actions of both mothers have serious implications for the perception of Motorsport to others who would have overheard the arguments and in this regard have brought Motorsport into disrepute (GCR 172 iv).

The court finds both Mrs Oelz and Mrs Bishop to be in breach of GCR 113 xiv) that requires all persons connected with a competitor to comply with the rules of conduct.

The MSA competitor licences of both Joseph Oelz and Tate Bishop are withdrawn until the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013. The withdrawal of which is suspended for the same period, subject to no further incidents by the drivers or their pit crew during that period.

Mrs Bishop is fined R1 000.00 (One Thousand Rand) for verbal abuse.

Mrs Oelz is fined R500.00 (Five Hundred Rand) for verbal abuse.

Fines are payable to MSA within 48 hours of these findings being released.

5. Mrs Oelz and Mrs Bishop are reminded of their rights to appeal.

6. Findings were read at 19h10 on the 29<sup>th</sup> August 2013.