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### PROTEST HEARING HELD IN THE MSA BOARDROOM ON WEDNESDAY 04 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 17h30

**Present:** Tony Taylor - Alternate Steward

Ian Richards
 Eldrid Diedericks
 Keith Palm
 Alternate Steward
 Clerk of Course
 Technical Consultant

Miguel Dias - Representative for Scott Falconer
Mike Venske - Chairman – 125 GP Association
Dick Shuttle - Karting Commission President

Peter Lanz - Observer Fabienne Lanz - Protestor

In attendance: Adrian Scholtz - MSA CEO

Karin Brittion - MSA Senior Operations & Sport Coordinator

There was no objection to the composition of the hearing and it was agreed that Mr Taylor would act as MSA Steward and lead the proceedings.

#### **Preamble**

Neither competitor #10 Connor Rogers nor competitor #34 Scott Falconer were in attendance due to distance from the venue and work commitments. Mr Miguel Dias identified himself as the representative of competitor #34 Scott Falconer.

The hearing is as a result of protests lodged by Ms Fabienne Lanz against the legality of the exhaust system on karts #10 and #34, more specifically as to whether the exhausts complied with Article 7.3.17.3 of the 2019 National 125GP Regulations and Specifications (161717/144) at the ROK Nationals held at Idube on 16/17 August 2019.

## The Hearing

The two exhaust systems were introduced and identified as being those removed from Karts #10 and #34. These were wrapped in a thick plastic and sealed, seal number 398118 was identified as being that of kart #10, whilst seal number 498105 related to kart #34. The seals were listed and signed for by the two competitors concerned and were broken in the presence of those present at the hearing. It was specifically agreed that there was no dispute as to the fact that the two exhausts came from the karts concerned as stated above.

The U Bend of each kart was then measured by Mr Keith Palm (the technical consultant) and these were confirmed as being:

Kart #10 28/26 mm in Diameter;

Kart #34 26.7 / 27.6 mm in Diameter.

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# **Findings:**

That the "u bend" of both karts does not comply with the karting technical regulations and specifications as per Article 7.3.17.3 of the 2019 National 125GP Regulations and Specifications (161717/144) which reads as follows: "The exhaust pipe to be coupled to the silencer with the standard u bend 28/28 diameter (TM Part no.27027.2)"

Article 4.2 of the National Rok Driver Conduct and Penalties (161754) stipulates: "Any contravention of the karting technical regulations and specifications will result in automatic exclusion from the relevant race or the entire event as per decisions of the Stewards or MSA".

Competitors #10 Connor Rogers and #34 Scott Falconer are hereby excluded from heat 3 of the National results of the GP125 race held at Idube on 16/17 August 2019.

Given that the protest has succeeded, the protest fee paid less 10% is to be refunded to Ms. Fabienne Lanz as per GCR 205.

All parties are reminded of their right to apply for leave to appeal these findings in terms of GCR 212 A.

Findings distributed by e-mail on the 9 September 2019 at 14:30

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