

MOTORSPORT NEW ZEALAND JUDICIAL COMMITTEE HEARING DECISION

MOTORSPORT NEW ZEALAND INC

DECISION OF THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY MOTORSPORT NEW ZEALAND, NAMELY:

- Chris Adams (Chair)
- Barry Higham
- Stu Andrews

THE PARTIES CONCERNED

- Simon Baker (Competition Licence 180851X)
- Ajay Giddy (Competition Licence 230399X)
- Jon Houston (Officials Licence 221306Y)

BACKGROUND

During the NZIGP Great Lake Taupo Event (the final round of the Nexen Tyre Mazda Racing Super Series) held on 28/29 March 2026, the requestor (Mr Baker) submits that the Series Scrutineer (Mr Houston) identified a technical non-compliance on a competing vehicle (Car 10 – Ajay Giddy) during a post-qualifying inspection but failed to report the matter to the Clerk of the Course. The Series is an Accredited Series (Level 1), and Article 3.1.4(g) provides as a duty, the Series Scrutineer shall “Report to the Clerk of the Course any instances where a breach of the Technical Regulations has been identified” and that as a consequence the competitor involved qualified on pole position for Race 1, with a flow on effect of grid positions and results for all three races. Further, another competitor in the same category at this event, who was found to be non-compliant was referred to the Clerk of the Course and was disqualified from qualifying, the different treatment submitted as constituting a miscarriage of justice. The Inquiry Review Panel determined that the matters raised warranted investigation and that a Judicial Committee be established accordingly.

THE HEARING

The Hearing was conducted in accordance with National Sporting Code (NSC) Article 122 and held remotely via video conferencing at 6:00pm on Thursday 4 June 2026.

FINDINGS

The Committee finds that Car #10, driven by Ajay Giddy, did compete in Qualifying during Round 6 of the Nexen Tyre Mazda Racing Series in a non-compliant condition, due to the front bumper being fitted with mounting brackets not permitted in the rules. This modification is considered non-performance.

It was noted that the non-compliant bumper was replaced with a compliant part prior to the start of Race 1.

DECISION

The Judicial Committee, following consideration of the information provided, unanimously determine:

1. Schedule P A2A.3 applies:
 - a. Car #10 (Ajay Giddy) is fined \$100
 - b. Additionally, Car #10 is excluded from Qualifying

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Technical Regulations be clarified around the use of two different control part suppliers with two different bumpers and their respective mounting.

DATED this 5th day of June 2026



Chris Adams
Chairman

RIGHT OF APPEAL

The Parties are reminded of their right of appeal to the National Court of Appeal in accordance with Part XI of the National Sporting Code.