Response of the Jury

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Jury President

Reply to Protests lodged by the Team Captains of Great Britain, Germany and Luxembourg. A protest was lodged by the TC AUS The second protest will be dealt with in another answer.

The protest of the TC Great Britain, TC Germany and TC Luxembourg was sent by email dated 17th Jan. 2020 at 13:56 and the protest fees 200 AUS $ were received on time from each TC concerned.

The decision to award 25 points penalties to each AUS Team Pilot for each comp. day seems to Wojciech and me appropriate. The access to the official tracker data was incorrect, it was not public because only the administrator of the tracking program had access and allowed the Team Captain AUS to go to the page “Monitor” which unfortunately by mistake had no password. So the page “Monitor” indeed was open but not the System.

The AUS Pilots were aware to the real time tracking data. They used them on purpose or unsophisticated or in the best faith to do the right thing.

Therefore the protest of the TC GBR, GER and GER in relation to disqualify the Team, seems to the Jury Team not appropriate. However the Jury Members Wojciech Scigala and the Jury President believe that AUS Pilots have to take responsibility. The reply of the protest is to award 25 penalties per each comp. day to each AUS pilot. This makes 225 points in total for 9 days instead of 250 penalties decided by the CD.

The comp. results were recalculated for the Team Cup. Minor differences to Soaring Spot are in effect but changes in no way the ranking.

The Protest was rejected by 2 votes to 1.

As all protest have good grounds we suggest to return the protest fee.


Jury president Gisela Weinreich, Jury Members Wojciech Scigala, Jury Member Max Steven
Jury response to the Australian Protest

Reply to the Protest against penalty applied to Australian Pilots
The Protest submitted by the Australian Team Captain to the CD of the 10th WWGC was dated 17th January 2020 at 14:33. The Protest was sent by email to the Jury President at 16:35.

According to the FAI Sporting Code General 6.2.2 Serious Infringements (including, but not limited to, dangerous or hazardous behaviour or actions) and Unsporting Behaviour (including, but not limited to, cheating or unsporting behaviour, including deliberate attempts to deceive ...

Annex A 8.6.5 The Championship Director will issue a penalty for unsporting behaviour, the size of the penalty dependent on the level of aggression and/or abuse demonstrated. The penalty imposed may be a warning, issuing of championship penalty points, day disqualification or event disqualification.

Annex A 5.4.2 Penalties may be imposed by the Organisers for unauthorized interference with the GNSS equipment, data or internal program, or Tracking equipment.

Determination: The access to the official tracker data was incorrect, it was not public because only the administrator of the tracking program had access and allowed the Team Captain AUS to go to the page “Monitor” which unfortunately by mistake had no password. So the page “Monitor” indeed was open but not the System. Other Team members had no access to the System.

The AUS Pilots were well aware that the tracking data were given in real time. They were using them on purpose or unsophisticated or in the best faith to do the right thing. The real time tracking data taken from the official tracking system with a delay of 15 minutes used for the WWGC gave the Australian Team an advantage. The sporting issue not to share the data with the other Teams is an unfair situation and unsporting behaviour.

The Jury Members Wojciech Scigala and the Jury President believe that AUS Pilots have to take responsibility. Jury Member Max Steven expressed the view that most of the points made by the Australian Team Captain were technically correct, so there should be no sanctions at all and the best outcome for future events would be for the IGC to urgent deal with the matter of competitor’s tactical use of live tracking data. Taking the appropriate rules into account, we decided to award 25 points penalty each competition day for each Australian pilot.

The Protest was therefore rejected by 2 votes to 1.

Sydney, 20th January 2020
Gisela Weinreich, Jury President, Jury members Wojciech Scigala and Max Stevens