

NATIONAL COURT OF APPEAL

of the

**AUTOMOBILE GENERAL ASSOCIATION MACAO-CHINA
(AAMC)**

**Appeal lodged by the driver of car #14 of the Greater Bay Area
GT Cup (GT 4), LO Ka Chun, 778 Auto Sport,**

against

**the Decision of the Stewards GT4-SD-038 on 17 November 2024,
of the 30 seconds time penalty in the Race**

Case n.º 001/2024

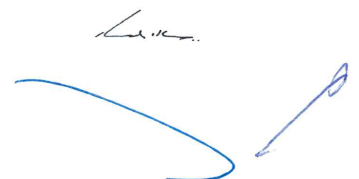
Decision of 6 December 2024

The NATIONAL COURT OF APPEAL of the AAMC (the "Court") is composed of Mr. Rui Luis Cabral SOUSA (Macao, non-member of AAMC) who was designated President, Mr. CHAN Kin Chung Kendy (Hong Kong, non-member of AAMC) and Mr. LEI Tat Seng (Macao, member of AAMC, non-official of the Greater Bay Area GT Cup (GT 4) Race), all nominated by the AAMC on 26 December 2024, according to articles 15.1 and 15.3 of the International Sporting Code (the "Code") of the FIA.

Ruling on the appeal lodged by the driver of car #14 of the Greater Bay Area GT Cup (GT 4) (the "Race"), LO Ka Chun, 778 Auto Sport, against the Decision of the Stewards GT4-SD-038 (the "Decision"), on 17 November 2024, of the 30 seconds time penalty in the Race on account of its breach of article 31.6 of the Greater Bay Area GT Cup (GT 4) Sporting Regulations (the "Race Regulations").

REMINDER OF THE FACTS

1. The Competitor 778 Auto Sport, driver LO Ka Chun, from Hong Kong, Car n.º 14, was in the List of Competitors and Drivers admitted to the Event GREATER BAY AREA GT CUP (GT 4), (Doc n.º GT4/184 received by the Secretary of the meeting on 13 November 2024 at 19:24 and posted at 19:25)
2. SUNDAY 17 November 2024
Race
The Panel of Stewards received a report from the marshals of paddock that the Competitor 778 Auto Sport, driver LO Ka Chun, from Hong Kong, Car n.º 14, was changing tyres in paddock during the 3 minutes of the starting procedures.
3. The Panel of Stewards issued a Summon GT4-SU-011 to Competitor 778 Auto Sport, Car n.º 14, at 16: 21(Doc n.º GT4/666 received by the Secretary of the meeting on 17 November 2024 at 16:30)
4. After the hearing, Competitor 778 Auto Sport, Car n.º 14, was given a penalty of 30 seconds time penalty by the Decision GT4-SD-038, stating that "During the start procedure, Car#14 was founded not resting on its wheels at the three-minutes mark, which is breach of Article 31.6 of the GREATER BAY AREA GT CUP (GT 4) Sporting Regulations". (Doc n.o GT4/681 received by the Secretary of the meeting on 17 November 2024 at 17:57 and posted at 17:58)
5. The Decision GT4-SD-038 was posted at 17:58 on 17 November 2024.

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PROCEDURE AND REQUEST OF THE APPELLANT

6. The Appellant filed his written submission (Doc n.º GT4/T292,) together with a deposit of MOP60,000 (sixty thousand Patacas) paid according to Article 13.12 of the GREATER BAY AREA GT CUP (GT 4) Sporting Regulations (RECEIPT).
7. The AAMC received on 21 November at 11:10 an email from the Competitor 778 Auto Sport, driver LO Ka Chun, Car n.º 14 attaching a letter dated 20 November, by Team Co-Manager LO Pak Lai, addressed to the Race Director and Panel of the Stewards.
8. The AAMC also received on 26 November at 18:19 an email from Samuel CHOW, Principal of Samuel Chow Solicitors attaching a letter dated 26 November, signed by Samuel Chow Solicitor, addressed to the Race Director and Panel of the Stewards.

ADMISSIBILITY OF THE APPEAL

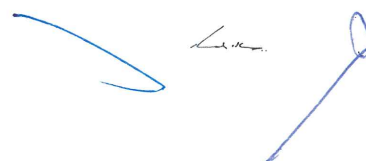
9. According to the art 13.10 of the Greater Bay Area GT Cup (GT 4), the intention of appeal should be notified to the stewards in writing within one hour of the publication of the decision.
10. According to article 15.4.2.a of the ISC, the intention of appeal should be notified to the stewards in writing within one hour of the publication of the decision.
11. It is written in the Appeal Form the appeal should be "lodged within one hour of the publication of the decision, according to Article 15 of ISC."
12. The Decision was posted at 17:58 on 17 November 2024
13. The Appellant notified his appeal intention written and paid the appeal deposit at 19:29 on 17 November 2024.

Conclusion of the Court:

14. Taking into account the above, the Court considers the appeal **INADMISSIBLE**.
15. The Appeal is rejected and Decision GT4-SD-038 taken by the Panel of Stewards is upheld.

COSTS

Considering the outcome of the proceedings, the Court leaves it to the Appellant to bear all the costs, in accordance with Article 15.7 of the International Sporting Code.



ON THESE GROUNDS,

THE NATIONAL COURT OF APPEAL of the AAMC:

1. Having reviewed all of the evidence presented, rejects the Appeal and upholds Decision GT4-SD-038 of the Panel of Stewards, given on 17 November 2024,
2. Leaves it to the Appellant to pay the costs, in accordance with Article 15.7 of the International Sporting Code of the FIA.

Macau, 06 December 2024

The Judging Panel



Rui Luis Cabral SOUSA (President)



CHAN Kin Chung Kendy



LEI Tat Seng