

SEPT 18, 2024

RE: 97 EVX

FINDINGS OF THE PROTEST COMMITTEE (PC)

Vehicle was found to be non compliant to EVX Suspension Section f subsection 1, as bushing is considered part of the control arm. Protest is considered well founded and protest fee shall be returned. Penalty shall be applied as follows: 2 seconds on each run that was run with vehicle in non compliance (all Tuesday runs).

Entrant notified at 17:55

The PC suggests that the EVX advisory committee/SEB review/revisit the following rules for clarity on suspension definitions and allowed modifications, and consistency across catagories if applicable: EVX suspension C and Evx Suspension F.1

APPEAL OF DECISION

On 9/10/24 Daniil Manaenkov submitted an appeal of the decision by the Protest Committee via email.

The National Appeals Committee (NAC), consisting of Jason Frank, Eric Hyman, Doug Wille, and Jeff Cashmore met, via virtual meeting, on 9/18/24, to review the evidence and discuss the appeal. Also included in the meeting was Rick Myers.

DOCUMENTS AND OTHER EVIDENCE RECEIVED AND REVIEWED

As part of this appeal Daniil Manaenkov submitted photographs of referenced parts. Competitor provided additional information which was not conveyed onsite to Protest Committee.

FINDINGS on APPEAL

It is the opinion of this Appeals Committee that the competitor installed offset bushings in compliance with Appendix B, EVX, Suspension C. This rule stands alone and is separate from camber kit allowances in Section F. The lower control arm was not modified or replaced to perform the installation of this permissible bushing allowance. Furthermore, Section C does not limit the type or material of bushing.

DECISION on APPEAL

Appeal is well founded. The penalty will be rescinded, original times restored, and official results and awards modified to reflect these changes.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO SEB

It is the opinion of this Appeals Committee that the SEB should review the Suspension section of EVX rules for clarity and intent. Particularly with an eye toward removing conflicting language between sections.

We further recommend that penalties applied via Protest Committee should be clearly marked in official results.