

COURT OF APPEALS

SCCA Runoffs
JUDGEMENT OF THE COURT OF APPEALS
CSOM Reference Number 40
Nic Hammann vs. SOM COA Ref. No. 26-01-RO
October 3, 2026

FACTS IN BRIEF

On October 3, 2026, following the Touring 3 (T3) race at the SCCA Runoffs at Road America, Clerk of the Course Joel Harlemann submitted a Request for Action (RFA) seeking investigation of contact between Car #0, driven by Scotty B. White, and Car #41, driven by Nic Hammann.

The Stewards of the Meeting, Bryan Deane, Barb Knox, and Bob Gardner (Chair) interviewed witnesses, reviewed video, and determined Mr. White was responsible for contact in violation of General Competition Rules (GCR) 6.11.1.A., B., C. (Rules of the Road) and 2.1.4. (Driving Recklessly). The SOM issued a penalty of Loss of Position (moved to last in class) and Probation for six race weekends. The penalty incurred 3 penalty points on Mr. White's competition license. Mr. Hammann appealed the SOM decision regarding the severity of the penalty.

DATES OF THE COURT

The Court of Appeals (COA), Costa Dunias, Rick Mitchell, and Jack Kish (Chair) met on October 3, 2026, to review, hear, and render a decision on the appeal.

DOCUMENTS AND OTHER EVIDENCE RECEIVED AND REVIEWED

1. Request to Appeal from Nicolas Hammann, received October 3, 2026.
2. Request for Action, witness statements, video, and related documents, received October 3, 2026.
3. SCCA Live Broadcast Video, and drone video, received October 3, 2026.
4. In-person interview with Mr. Hammann on October 4, 2026.

FINDINGS

In his appeal, Mr. Hammann stated the contact was caused by Car #0 and he believed it was intentional. Due to the severity of the contact caused by Mr. White, Mr. Hammann contended Mr. White should be given a harsher penalty.

The SOM interviewed both drivers and reviewed the in-car videos, the SCCA Live Broadcast Video, and drone video and determined Car #0 made multiple avoidable

contacts with Car #41 after Turn 14 resulting in Car #41 going off course. Mr. Hammann was unable to finish the race.

The COA reviewed the available witness statements, examined video from the SCCA Live Broadcast, in-car videos, interviewed the SOM, and considered Mr. Hammann's in-person testimony. The COA confirmed the elements impacting the SOM's decision

The COA finds the SOM made a thoughtful and reasoned decision based on the available evidence and assessed a penalty that was within their purview.

DECISION

The COA upholds the SOM decision in its entirety. Mr. Hammann's appeal is well founded and his appeal fee, less the administrative portion retained by SCCA, is returned.

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JUDGEMENT OF THE COURT OF APPEALS
CSOM Reference Number 40
Scotty B. White vs. SOM COA Ref. No. 26-02-RO
October 3, 2026

FACTS IN BRIEF

On October 3, 2026, following the Touring 3 (T3) race at the SCCA Runoffs at Road America, Clerk of the Course Joel Harlemann submitted a Request for Action (RFA) seeking investigation of contact between Car #0 driven by Scotty B. White, and Car #41, driven by Nic Hammann.

The Stewards of the Meeting, Bryan Deane, Barb Knox, and Bob Gardner (Chair) interviewed witnesses, reviewed video, and determined Mr. White was responsible for contact in violation of General Competition Rules (GCR) 6.11.1.A., B., C. (Rules of the Road) and 2.1.4. (Driving Recklessly). The SOM issued a penalty of Loss of Position (moved to last in class) and Probation for six race weekends. The penalty incurred 3 penalty points on Mr. White's competition license. Mr. White appealed the SOM decision.

DATES OF THE COURT

The Court of Appeals (COA), Costa Dunias, Rick Mitchell, and Jack Kish (Chair) met on October 3, 2026, to review, hear, and render a decision on the appeal.

DOCUMENTS AND OTHER EVIDENCE RECEIVED AND REVIEWED

1. Request to Appeal from Scotty B. White, received October 3, 2026.
2. Request for Action, witness statements, video, and related documents, received October 3, 2026.
3. SCCA Live Broadcast Video and drone video, received October 3, 2026.
4. In-person interview with Mr. White on October 3, 2026.

FINDINGS

In his appeal, Mr. White asserted both drivers were responsible for the contact. He argued he left racing room and made only one safe move. Mr. White also denied doing anything intentional.

The SOM interviewed both drivers and reviewed the in-car videos, the SCCA Live Broadcast Video, and drone video and determined Car #0 made multiple avoidable

contacts with Car #41 after Turn 14 resulting in Car #41 going off course. Mr. Hammann was unable to finish the race.

The COA reviewed the available witness statements, examined video from the SCCA Live Broadcast, in-car videos, interviewed the SOM, and considered Mr. White's in-person testimony. The COA confirmed the elements impacting the SOM's decision.

The COA finds the SOM made a thoughtful and reasoned decision based on the available evidence and assessed a penalty that was within their purview.

DECISION

The COA upholds the SOM decision in its entirety. Mr. White's appeal is well founded and his appeal fee, less the administrative portion retained by SCCA, is returned.

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JUDGEMENT OF THE COURT OF APPEALS
CSOM Reference Number 36
James Goughary vs. SOM COA Ref. No. 26-03-RO
October 4, 2026

FACTS IN BRIEF

On October 2, 2026, at the SCCA Runoffs held at Road America, Christopher Roethel, entrant for Spec Racer Ford 3 (SRF3) #22, driven by Caleb Roethel, protested James Goughary, driver of SRF3 #68, alleging Mr. Goughary did not slow significantly in a yellow flag zone during the third qualifying session.

The Stewards of the Meeting, Keith Pfautz, Mike Smith, and Kevin Cullen (Chair) interviewed witnesses, reviewed timing data, and considered other evidence. They ruled Mr. Goughary violated General Competition Rules (GCR) 6.1.1.B. (Yellow Flag) and issued a penalty of Loss of Qualifying Times set during the last three laps in the session. The penalty incurred 2 penalty points on Mr. Goughary's competition license.

Mr. Goughary appealed the SOM decision.

DATES OF THE COURT

The Court of Appeals (COA), Costa Dunias, Jack Kish, and Rick Mitchell (Chair) met on October 4, 2026, to review, hear, and render a decision on the appeal.

DOCUMENTS AND OTHER EVIDENCE RECEIVED AND REVIEWED

1. Request to Appeal from James Goughary, submitted October 4, 2026.
2. SOM documents and findings, received October 4, 2026.
3. In-person testimony by race officials on October 4, 2026.
4. In-person interview with Mr. Goughary on October 4, 2026.

FINDINGS

In his appeal, Mr. Goughary asserted he was wrongly penalized as a party in a Request For Action filed by Assistant Race Director Steve Pence against several SRF3 drivers in the qualifying session. Mr. Goughary provided his times passing through sector one on each lap of the session.

The COA reviewed the available evidence, interviewed the SOM, the Race Director, and the Assistant Race Director. Race Director Jeffrey Niess and Mr. Pence explained the method used for determining the cars that did not slow significantly for yellow flags

displayed at Start/Finish and Alpha. They confirmed that Mr. Goughary was not among the drivers identified through their investigation as violating GCR 6.1.1.B. (Yellow Flag).

The COA finds there is insufficient evidence to indicate Mr. Goughary did not slow significantly in the yellow flag zone as he passed the rigid examination of all competitors by the Race Director and Assistant Race Director. Mr. Goughary's qualifying times for Session 3 are restored and the assigned penalty points are removed.

DECISION

The COA overturns the SOM decision in its entirety. Mr. Goughary's appeal is well founded and his appeal fee, less the administrative portion retained by SCCA, is returned.

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JUDGEMENT OF THE COURT OF APPEALS
CSOM Reference Number 37
Liam Kerper vs. SOM COA Ref. No. 26-04-RO
October 4, 2026

FACTS IN BRIEF

On October 2, 2026, at the SCCA Runoffs held at Road America, Christopher Roethel, entrant for Spec Racer Ford 3 (SRF3) #22, driven by Caleb Roethel, protested Liam Kerper, driver of SRF3 #97, alleging Mr. Kerper did not slow significantly in a yellow flag zone during the third qualifying session.

The Stewards of the Meeting, Keith Pfautz, Mike Smith, and Kevin Cullen (Chair) interviewed witnesses, reviewed timing data and considered other evidence. They ruled Mr. Kerper violated General Competition Rules (GCR) 6.1.1.B. (Yellow Flag) and issued a penalty of Loss of Qualifying Times set during the last three laps in the session. The penalty incurred 2 penalty points on Mr. Kerper's competition license.

Mr. Kerper appealed the SOM decision.

DATES OF THE COURT

The Court of Appeals (COA), Costa Dunias, Jack Kish, and Rick Mitchell (Chair) met on October 4, 2026, to review, hear, and render a decision on the appeal.

DOCUMENTS AND OTHER EVIDENCE RECEIVED AND REVIEWED

1. Request to Appeal from Liam Kerper, submitted October 4, 2026.
2. SOM documents and findings, received October 4, 2026.
3. In-person testimony by race officials on October 4, 2026.

FINDINGS

Mr. Kerper asserted he was wrongly penalized as a party in a Request For Action filed by Assistant Race Director Steve Pence against several SRF3 drivers in the qualifying session. Mr. Kerper asserted his AIM data demonstrated he slowed when passing through the yellow flag zone in sector one on the last three laps of the session.

The COA reviewed the available evidence, interviewed the SOM, the Race Director, and the Assistant Race Director. Race Director Jeffrey Niess and Mr. Pence explained the method used for determining the cars that did not slow significantly for yellow flags

displayed at Start/Finish and Alpha. They confirmed that Mr. Kerper was not among the drivers identified through their investigation as violating GCR 6.1.1.B. (Yellow Flag).

The COA finds there is insufficient evidence to indicate Mr. Kerper did not slow significantly in the yellow flag zone as he passed the rigid examination of all competitors by the Race Director and Assistant Race Director. Mr. Kerper's qualifying times for Session 3 are restored and the assigned penalty points are removed.

DECISION

The COA overturns the SOM decision in its entirety. Mr. Kerper's appeal is well founded and his appeal fee, less the administrative portion retained by SCCA, is returned.

COURT OF APPEALS

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JUDGEMENT OF THE COURT OF APPEALS
CSOM Reference Number 36
Scott Barr vs. SOM COA Ref. No. 26-05-RO
October 4, 2026

FACTS IN BRIEF

On October 2, 2026, at the SCCA Runoffs held at Road America, Assistant Race Director Steve Pence submitted a Request for Action (RFA) seeking investigation of 18 Spec Racer Ford 3 (SRF3) drivers, including Scott Barr, driver of SRF3 #49, for failure to slow significantly when sector one was partially covered by a waving yellow flag.

The Stewards of the Meeting, Keith Pfautz, Mike Smith, and Kevin Cullen (Chair) interviewed witnesses, reviewed timing data, and considered other evidence. They ruled Mr. Barr violated General Competition Rules (GCR) 6.1.1.B. (Yellow Flag) and issued a penalty of Loss of Qualifying Time set during the last three laps in the session. The penalty incurred 2 penalty points on Mr. Barr's competition license.

Mr. Barr appealed the SOM decision.

DATES OF THE COURT

The Court of Appeals (COA), Costa Dunias, Jack Kish, and Rick Mitchell (Chair) met on October 4, 2026, to review, hear, and render a decision on the appeal.

DOCUMENTS AND OTHER EVIDENCE RECEIVED AND REVIEWED

1. Request to Appeal from Scott Barr, submitted September 3, 2026.
2. In car video from Mr. Barr's SRF3 #49, submitted September 3, 2026.
3. In-person testimony by race officials on October 4, 2026.
4. In-person interview with Mr. Barr on October 4, 2026.

FINDINGS

In his appeal, Mr. Barr asserted the last three laps were the only time his car was up to speed. He also stated he slowed in the yellow flag zone and his escalating lap times in sector one were due to increased speed elsewhere in the sector. Mr. Barr provided his full, unedited video to the COA.

The COA reviewed the available evidence, interviewed the SOM, the Race Director, and the Assistant Race Director. Race Director Jeffrey Niess and Mr. Pence explained the method used for determining the cars that did not slow significantly for yellow flags

displayed at Start/Finish and Alpha. The COA also viewed Mr. Barr's video alongside him and noted his speed and tachometer readings in Turn 1, as well as his throttle and brake positions.

The COA finds Mr. Barr's slow early laps made his laps while the yellow flags were displayed appear too fast. He made up the time lost for the yellow flag situation before completing the first segment and went faster in the remaining segments. Mr. Barr slowed significantly in accordance with GCR 6.1.1.B. His qualifying times for Session 3 are restored and the assigned penalty points are removed.

DECISION

The COA overturns the SOM decision in its entirety. Mr. Barr's appeal is well founded and his appeal fee, less the administrative portion retained by SCCA, is returned.

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JUDGEMENT OF THE COURT OF APPEALS
CSOM Reference Number 62
Anthony Geraci vs. SOM COA Ref. No. 26-06-RO
October 4, 2026

FACTS IN BRIEF

On October 4, 2026, following the Super Touring Under (STU) race at the SCCA Runoffs at Road America, Assistant Race Director Steve Pence submitted a Request for Action (RFA) seeking investigation of contact between Car #31, driven by Anthony Geraci, and Car #80, driven by Richard Astacio, between Turn 11 and Turn 12 causing Car #80 to spin and lose two positions.

The Stewards of the Meeting, Matias Bonnier, James Suhr, and Kathleen Bradley (Chair) interviewed both drivers, obtained witness statements, reviewed video and other evidence. They ruled Mr. Geraci violated General Competition Rules (GCR) 6.11.1.A. B. and D. (Rules of the Road). The SOM issued a penalty of Loss of Position, moving Car #31 to third position. The penalty incurred 2 penalty points on Mr. Geraci's competition license.

Mr. Geraci appealed the SOM decision.

DATES OF THE COURT

The Court of Appeals (COA), Lee Hill, Rick Mitchell, and Costa Dunias (Chair) met on October 4, 2026, to review, hear, and render a decision on the appeal.

DOCUMENTS AND OTHER EVIDENCE RECEIVED AND REVIEWED

1. Request to Appeal from Anthony Geraci, received October 4, 2026.
2. Request for Action and related witness statements, documents, and video, received October 4, 2026.
3. In-person interview with Mr. Geraci on October 4, 2026.

FINDINGS OF THE COURT

In his appeal, Mr. Geraci asserted the GCR sections applied were somewhat inaccurate and the penalties assigned were excessively harsh.

The SOM interviewed both drivers and reviewed the in-car video from both cars. The incident resulted in a change in position with Mr. Astacio moving from first to third in the running order. Later, Mr. Astacio retired from the race. The SOM determined Mr. Geraci

was responsible for avoidable contact while passing Mr. Astacio but not for his failure to finish the race.

The COA reviewed the available witness statements and video, interviewed the SOM, and considered Mr. Geraci's in-person testimony. The COA confirmed the elements impacting the SOM's decision.

The COA finds the SOM made a thoughtful and reasoned decision based on the available evidence and assessed a penalty that was consistent with published guidelines and within their purview.

DECISION

The COA upholds the SOM decision against Mr. Geraci. Mr. Geraci's appeal is well founded and his appeal fee, less the administrative portion retained by SCCA, is returned.

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SCCA Runoffs
JUDGEMENT OF THE COURT OF APPEALS
CSOM Reference Number 36
Banks Monette vs. SOM COA Ref. No. 26-07-RO
October 22, 2026

FACTS IN BRIEF

On October 2, 2026, at the SCCA Runoffs held at Road America, Assistant Race Director Steve Pence submitted a Request for Action (RFA) seeking investigation of 18 Spec Racer Ford 3 (SRF3) drivers, including Banks Monette, driver of SRF3 #35, for failure to slow significantly when sector one was partially covered by a waving yellow flag.

The Stewards of the Meeting, Keith Pfautz, Mike Smith, and Kevin Cullen (Chair) interviewed witnesses, reviewed timing data, and considered other evidence. They ruled Mr. Monette violated General Competition Rules (GCR) 6.1.1.B. (Yellow Flag). The SOM issued a penalty of Loss of Qualifying Time set during the last three laps in the session as well as a three race weekend probation. The penalty incurred 3 points on Mr. Monette's competition license.

Mr. Monette appealed the SOM decision.

DATES OF THE COURT

The Court of Appeals (COA), Costa Dunias, Jack Kish, and Rick Mitchell (Chair) met on October 4, 2026, to review, hear, and render a decision on the appeal.

DOCUMENTS AND OTHER EVIDENCE RECEIVED AND REVIEWED

1. Request to Appeal from Banks Monette, submitted October 4, 2026.
2. Second Request to Appeal from Banks Monette, received October 6, 2026.
3. SOM Hearing and Decision Form, dated October 3, 2026.

FINDINGS

Regarding the first request to appeal, the COA found Mr. Monette was notified of his penalty on October 3, 2026. Per the event Supplemental Regulations 12.4.2. "Appeals shall be submitted to the Competitor Services Center in person within 60 minutes after the announcement of the SOM decision." Due to the number of parties receiving penalties in this action, the time to appeal was extended to 8:15 AM on October 4, 2026. Mr. Monette filed his appeal at Competitor Services at 9:48 AM, after the extended deadline. The COA declined to accept the appeal.

Mr. Monette submitted a second appeal on October 6, 2026. Per SCCA Runoffs Supplemental Regulations, all appeals pertaining to the competition will be fully resolved at the event. The COA will not hear the appeal as it was received after the close of the event.

DECISION

The COA returns Mr. Monette's appeal unheard. His entire appeal fee is returned.