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Dear Drivers, Teams, Partners.

We thank all drivers and teams for their participation in the ninth round of the BMW SIM GT CUP, held on the iRacing platform at the Silverstone Circuit. This document provides a brief stewards report, standings for BMW SIM LIVE 2022 qualification, as well as any upcoming points to note.

Stewards Report & Distribution of Penalties

Following a review of the race, there are a number of incidents which have been reviewed by stewards, and the following penalties / notes have been issued:

Car(s) Investigated	Car(s) Involved	Description of Incident and Penalty
#71 Team Redline Red	#89 BS+COMPETITION	NFA: Contact was result of netcode.
#423 Turtle SimRacing GREEN	#440 37 Degree	+5 Seconds. #423 gets on the brakes late and drives into the back of the #440.
#38 Sloots	#71 Team Redline Red	+20 Seconds. While getting lapped, the #38 was completely unprepared for the pace of the leaders and slowed to a crawl on the racing line. #71 could not possibly avoid and had to get repairs because of it.
#11 OTH Racing Team	#10 PSM Red	NFA: #11 with send, #10 squeezing and turning like normal. Both going for the same piece of track
#77 Finnish Endurance Academy Black	#71 Team Redline Red	+5 Seconds. The #77 brakes super early entering the esses with no way for the #71 to avoid.
#77 Finnish Endurance Academy Black	#39 Carbon Racing Series	NFA: Contact on exit of T4 after #39 had slow exit

Revised Results After Round 9

Following the application of penalties, the final race results from Round 9 are as follows.

Finish Pos	CF Pos	Team	Drivers	Interval	Penalties	Total Interval
1	1	Apex Racing Team #98	Kevin Ellis Jr	-		-
			Jamie Fluke			
2	2	Apex Racing Team #99	Yohann Harth	-0.372		-0.372
			Alejandro SÃ¡nchez			
3	3	Apex Racing Team #97	Maxime Brient	-9.025		-9.025
			Luke McKeown			
4	4	KOVA #707	Tuomas TÃ¤htelÃ¤	-13.64		-13.64
			Antti Ahola			
5	5	KOVA #777	Matti SipilÃ¤	-14.656		-14.656
			Valtteri Alander			
6	6	Arnage Competition #100	Leandro AnderrÃ¼ti	-20.87		-20.87
			NicolÃ¡s Rubilar			
7	7	Apex Racing Team #96	Elvis Rankin	-27.169		-27.169
			GaÃ«l VALERO			
8	8	Team Redline Red	Maximilian Benecke	-28.588		-28.588
			Patrik Holzmann			
9	9	Urano eSports	Alexey Nesov	-29.233		-29.233
			Luca Kita			
10	10	BS+Competition #89	Rainer Talvar	-30.942		-30.942
			Phil Denes			

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Standings After Round 9

The confirmed qualification standings after Race 9 are below. Please note the following:

- Where there is a team identifier in a team (Car number, colour etc), this has been removed, as there is the chance that a driver may compete for one or more 'cars' within a team over the course of the season.
- Only the driver who sets the fastest lap will receive a bonus point. This is not issued to all drivers in a team.

Pos	Name	Team	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	BP	Total
1	Alejandro Sanchez	Apex Racing Team	15		15	2		18	15	25	18	3	111
2 =	Chris Lulham	Team Redline	25	15	4	12	18	15		8		1	98
2 =	Kevin Ellis Jr	Apex Racing Team	15					18	15	25	25		98
4	Gianni Vecchio	Team Redline	25	15	4	12	18	15		8			97
5	Maximilian Benecke	Team Redline	1		18		25	25		18	4	1	92
6	Patrik Holzmann	Team Redline	1		18		25	25		18	4		91
7	Phil Denes	BS+COMPETITION		25	25	15	12				1	1	79
8 =	Diogo C. Pinto	Team Redline	18	18	2	18	4	12	4	2			78
8 =	Rainer Talvar	BS+COMPETITION		25	25	15	12				1		78
10	Luke A Bennett	Team Redline	18	18		18	4	12	4	2		1	77
11	Jamie Fluke	Apex Racing Team	12	12	15				6		25		70
12	Matti Sipilä	KOVA		4	8	25	1		12	6	10	1	67
13	Valtteri Alander	KOVA		4	8	25	1		12	6	10		66
14 =	Antti Ahola	KOVA	4	6		1		10	25	1	12		59
14 =	Tuomas Tähtelä	KOVA	4	6		1		10	25	1	12		59
16 =	Florian Lebigre2	R8G Esports			12	10	15		8				45
16 =	Valentin Mandernach	R8G Esports			12	10	15		8				45
18 =	Alexey Nesov	URANO eSports					10	1	18	10	2		41
18 =	Luca Kita	URANO eSports					10	1	18	10	2		41
20	Yohann Harth	Apex Racing Team		12	6						18		36
21	Elvis Rankin	Apex Racing Team	12		6				6		6		30
22	Andre Melchers	R8G Esports	8			8	8						24
23	Maxime Brient	Apex Racing Team				2		4			15		21
24	Gaël VALERO	Apex Racing Academy			10			4			6		20
25	Thibault Cazaubon	R8G Esports		10	1		8						19
26	Luke McKeown	Team Redline			2						15		17
27 =	Daniel Pasztor	Williams Esports BenQ						6		10			16
27 =	Hugh Barter	R8G Esports	6	10									16
27 =	Lois Nahser	Williams Esports BenQ						6		10			16
27 =	Vlad Khimichev	R8G Esports	8			8							16
31 =	Sam Kuitert	URANO eSports								15			15
31 =	Vlad Khimichev	URANO eSports								15			15

Pos	Name	Team										Total
33 =	Dani Elgarbay	MSi Esports		8		6						14
33 =	Gabi Montoro	MSi Esports		8		6						14
35 =	Carl E Jansson	Williams Esports BenQ							12			12
35 =	Sami-Matti Trogen	Williams Esports BenQ							12			12
37 =	Kenny Roosen	Valkyrie esport X	10									10
37 =	Simeon Lynch	Valkyrie esport X	10									10
37 =	Thijs J Simons	Apex Racing Academy			10							10
40 =	Jeff Giassi	Team Redline						8				8
40 =	Shane van Gisbergen	Team Redline						8				8
40 =	Leandro Anderrüti	Arnarge Competition								8		8
40 =	Nicolas Rubilar	Arnarge Competition								8		8
44 =	Alex Palou	Team Redline						6				6
44 =	Alexander Thiebe	Team Redline		2		4						6
44 =	Christopher Dambietz	Team Redline		2		4						6
44 =	Mario Vartanian	R8G Esports	6									6
44 =	Max Verstappen	Team Redline									6	6
49 =	Daniel Alves Lourenco	URANO eSports							4			4
49 =	Niclas Laubisch	URANO eSports							4			4
51 =	Arturo Melgar	Monaco Esports #SimCup					2					2
51 =	Bruno do Carmo	Full Time Esports by TK	2									2
51 =	Gustavo Ariel	Full Time Esports by TK	2									2
51 =	Jaidyn J Ladic	Monaco Esports #SimCup					2					2
51 =	Jordan Caruso	Altus Esports						2				2
51 =	Lassi Juurinen	KOVA							2			2
51 =	Oskari Rinne	KOVA							2			2
51 =	Simone Maria Marcenò	Altus Esports						2				2
59 =	Mathias Stokbæk Jensen	Apex Racing Academy							1			1
59 =	Przemyslaw Marek Lemanek	R8G Esports			1							1
59 =	Sergio Ignacio2	Zennith Esports		1								1
59 =	Yago Martinez	Zennith Esports		1								1
59 =	Yani Stevenheydens	Apex Racing Academy							1			1

Notes for upcoming races

Please find some information for upcoming races below. These detail potential considerations relating to participation, and ensuring fair competition.

Communication, Messaging & Respect

BMW Events on iRacing have always been based around fair competition and respect of others. Whilst there is prize money involved for each race, and the nature of the series acting as the iRacing qualifier BMW SIM LIVE 2022, this does not mean that drivers can share vitriol with each other, either in sim, in private messages, or on the BMW SIM LIVE DISCORD.

Some of the comments made towards event stewards and other drivers following the conclusion of this event were totally unacceptable, especially where individuals and teams were called out for actions. Drivers and teams are reminded that where they feel that a team is in breach of the rules, this should be protested via the usual channels. Regardness of the legitimacy of complaints, incidents will not be reviewed because of Discord posts, and we do not condone any driver who attempts to use a public forum to share long established hatred / issues with drivers.

We have also received messages from some teams with indications of potential retaliatory actions against other teams. We take this very seriously, and any such actions may result in the disqualification of drivers and teams from the series and BMW SIM LIVE 2022. This series should be a safe space for outright competition, and there is no place for insinuating or acting upon threats towards others.

Brake Dragging

Although iRacing release notes imply that this has been eradicated, the rule remains in place until software changes are proven to be effective against brake dragging.

We are aware of accusations made by teams about brake dragging, and saw some evidence of this ourselves when reviewing qualifying during the first round of the championship at Daytona. As it was not made clear previously, and not all drivers had read the stewards report due to it being in the wrong location, it was not possible for us to police, however moving forward:

1. NO CAR will be allowed to brake drag on their qualifications lap for BMW SIM GT CUP (Top Split).
2. We have requested that qualifying scrutiny be upgraded to strict to support this.
3. Any car seen to be brake dragging to gain an advantage will be DISQUALIFIED from earning qualification points for BMW SIM LIVE 2022 for the race in question.
4. In the event of car(s) being disqualified from the race from earning qualification points, these will be distributed further down the field as needed.

5. Persistent brake dragging by teams will see them DISQUALIFIED for participating in BMW SIM LIVE 2022. In these cases, invitations will be given to teams further down the field as needed.

We thank you in advance for your co-operation in this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on Discord.

Grass Cutting

Grass cutting is far more difficult to enforce that brake dragging, especially as this happens frequently during races. To monitor every driver on every lap would be a near impossible feat, as would it be communicating warnings / penalties to drivers due to the fact that there is no way to have direct in game communication with drivers / teams. It is also worth noting that because of the fact that this is an official and not hosted race, some participants may be unaware of the stipulations.

Our position is that we expect drivers to race fairly, and abide by track limits in the sim. Where crass cutting provides a driver with a 1x, this will go towards their incident limit. As enabling this to be a protested action will likely see every team protest every other team, we request that this is followed up via the iRacing protest system. We will work to co-ordinate with iRacing's FIRST stewards, and where protests towards drivers are upheld, this may impact on their ability to partake in future BMW SIM GT CUP races.

Telemetry & Replays

Teams are requested to keep a replay file of their race, and a copy of their telemetry files to support race stewards in their investigations and decision making. These should be kept for 2 weeks, to allow for stewards to consider investigations that may be initiated during the race, or as part of a post race review.

Discord, Live Timing, Webcams & Interviews

The BMW SIM RACING channel is now open to all. Please visit https://racespot.wtf/BMWSIMRACING.

Live Timing for each race can be found at https://racespot.wtf/BMW. We thank our partners at Timing 71 for updating their software so we can once again use it.

The TeamSpeak for post race interviews is ts.racespot.tv. No port number or password needed to join. Drivers are also invited to share their webcams for races via a Zoom meeting which will be publicised on the BMW SIM RACING Discord, and these will be used in the race when doing onboards.

We hope you enjoyed the racing at Silverstone Circuit, and we look forward to seeing you at the final BMW SIM GT CUP event at Suzuka Circuit in October.

With kindest regards,

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