STEWARDS DECISION

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WA Sporting Car Club Racing Championship Round 5 – Featuring HQ Nationals
Motormall Wanneroo Raceway
Perth, Western Australia
26 - 27 September 2026

The Stewards, received a request from the Clerk of Course having considered the matter determined the following

Category	FORMULA FORD
Competitor	Don Boyack
Car & Driver	Car 36, Driver Don Boyack
Date	Sunday, 27 September 2026
Session	Race 10
Fact	Car 36 was observed by scrutineers to have an expired plumbed in fire extinguisher
Rule	Technical Appendix Schedule H Article 2(c)
Decision	Stewards overturned the penalty that was issued.

Reason

The Stewards heard from the Competitor and Scrutineers and reviewed photographic evidence. The matter concerned an infringement issued in relation to the competitor's **plumbed-in fire extinguisher**.

The Stewards noted the following:

- The extinguisher was identified as being **approximately one month beyond its required expiry date**.
- During scrutineering, the Competitor was advised by the Scrutineer that, given the expiry was only one month out of date, they could continue to compete, **provided the system was replaced prior to the next meeting**.
- This direction was recorded in the Competitor's logbook and then communicated to the Chief Scrutineer.
- This information was **not communicated to the Stewards accurately or consistently**.
- The infringement documentation contained **inconsistencies**, including wording that did not clearly indicate the expiry was only one month overdue.

The Stewards considered that:

- The Competitor acted in accordance with the Scrutineer's direction and had a reasonable expectation that they were permitted to continue competing.
- The scrutineering team's immediate actions, the Competitor's cooperation, and the conflicting information provided to the Stewards were relevant factors.
- While compliance with safety requirements is essential and responsibility ultimately rests with the Competitor, the inconsistencies in communication and documentation created **sufficient uncertainty** regarding the basis for the infringement.

The Competitor/Driver is reminded that decisions and penalties that may be subject to appeal are set out in the Circuit Race Standing Regulations, Article 7, and the right to and process for appeal are set out in the National Competition Rules, Article 101 and Articles 105 - 106.

Issued by the Stewards of the Event:

Tony Gard (Chair) Jenn Ellison, Steward Terri Woolhouse, Steward
Motorsport Australia Stewards

DATE: 27 September 2026 **TIME:** 12:33.