STEWARDS DECISION

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WA Sporting Car Club Racing Championship Round 5 – Featuring HQ Nationals
Motormall Wanneroo Raceway
Perth, Western Australia
17 - 18 October 2026

The Stewards, having received an Infringement Notice from Deputy clerk of course on which Car 78 indicated that they admitted to a breach of rules but wished to make a submission on penalty, summoned and heard from Car 78, have considered the following

Category	FSR
Competitor	Car 78, Driver Tony Mercer
Car & Driver	Car 78, Driver Tony Mercer
Date	Sunday, 18 October 2026 Time: 15:39
Session	Race 33
Fact	The driver of car 78 has locked his brakes on lap 1 turn 1 causing a collision which has caused multiple vehicles to retire.
Rule	CRSR 6.2.10 Causing a collision, repetition of serious mistakes or the appearance of a lack of control over the Automobile (such as leaving the Track) will be reported to the Stewards and may entail the imposition of a penalties up to and including Disqualification of the Driver concerned.
Decision	The penalty was reduced from High Grade to Medium Grade, resulting in a 15-second time penalty.
Reason	The Stewards reviewed an incident involving Car 78 during a FSR race, in which contact occurred on the first corner at the start of the race. The driver of Car 78 accepted responsibility for causing the contact but disputed the severity of the penalty imposed, explaining that an unexpectedly early braking event left limited time to react. Having considered the circumstances surrounding the incident, including the driver's explanation and the sequence of events, the Stewards determined that a reduction in the penalty grade was warranted, due to extenuating circumstances and that he was predominately responsible for the collision.

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:

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Tony Gard (Chair)
Motorsport Australia Stewards

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Paul Woolhouse, Steward

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Terri Woolhouse, Steward

DATE: 18 October 2026 **TIME:** 17:35.