

# Decision of the FIM North America Stewards Protest Panel

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Event: 2024 MotoAmerica Superbikes at The Ridge

FMNR: AMA

Venue: The Ridge Motorsports Park, Shelton, WA

IMN: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: June 30, 2024

Time of hearing: 4:00pm - 5:05pm

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## FIM Stewards Panel:

FIM North America Chief Steward: Ryan Nelson

FMNR Steward: Jeff Adams

Riders Representative: Michael Martin

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## To be completed by the FIM North America Chief Steward

Date of Protest: June 30, 2024

Time of Protest: 3:07pm

Protest Form received in the required time

**Yes** (2:40pm Results were signed)

Protest fee paid (\$500) – (MotoAmerica Guaranteed)

**Yes** (by MA guarantee)

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## **SUBJECT:**

Protest against Mathew Scholtz SSP#11 filed by Rahal Ducati Moto from an incident on lap 14 of Supersport Race 2 where a pass was made by Mathew Scholtz SSP #11 on PJ Jacobsen SSP #15, which resulted in PJ Jacobsen SSP#15 crashing and not finishing the race. The protest alleges that action should have been taken against Mathew Stoltz SSP#11 for unsafe riding leading to the crash of PJ Jacobsen SSP #15.

## **HEARING:**

The following persons were heard by the FIMNA Stewards Panel:

Mathew Stoltz (SSP #11, Rider)

Ed Sullivan (SSP #11, Team Manager)

PJ Jacobsen (SSP #15, Rider)

Richard Alexander (SSP #15, Team Manager)

Ben Spies (SSP #15, Team Principal)

## **FACTS / STATEMENTS DURING THE HEARING:**

### **Video Review**

The Stewards reviewed all available video on the replay system including the incident (two angles) and post race TV interviews.

### **Summary of Interview of Mathew Scholtz with Ed Sullivan**

I passed inside of turn 11, and felt the pass was clean. There was enough room and I took the pass. I held my line on the exit. I thought the pass the clean and then felt PJ make contact into the side of back tire. I was faster and I felt that I could make a clean pass in that corner.

### **Summary of Interview of PJ Jacobsen with Richard Alexander and Ben Spies**

I was defending with a tight line, and Scholtz came inside and then rode wide and stood his bike up a bit and I had no where to go. I don't feel Scholtz crashed me on purpose, but I feel that there was no chance the pass would be successful. He was faster overall and could have passed without causing me to crash or passed in another corner.



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## **DECISION OF THE FIMNA STEWARDS PANEL:**

The FIMNA Stewards ruled initially during the race that it was a race incident and declined to take any action. After the protest was filed and after interviewing all parties involved, reviewing all available video, and examining Section 1.21 Behavior during Practice and Race of the 2024 MotoAmerica Regulations, the decision is made to impose **a 3 second penalty against Mathew Stoltz SSP#11** assessed after the race for his role in the incident. We feel both riders share some responsibility for the incident.

Notification of Appeal of this decision must be made by email to [FIMNAStewards@ama-cycle.org](mailto:FIMNAStewards@ama-cycle.org) within 30 minutes of receipt of this decision. Please see Section 3.6 of the 2024 MotoAmerica Regulations for more information.

Date of the decision: June 30, 2024

Time of the decision: 6:30 pm

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**FIM North America Chief Steward**

*Ryan Nelson*  
SIGNED

**FMNR Steward**

*Jeff Adams*  
SIGNED

**Rider Representative**

*Michael Martin*  
SIGNED

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