

Formula Student 2019 – Statement on Car 196’s Endurance Run

During the endurance event Car 196 spun and stopped on its 4th lap.

After the car stopped, marshals arrived at the car, activated the shutdown switch on the LHS of the main hoop and pushed the car off track.

Once the shutdown switch has been activated the switch must be reset to the “ON” position for the car to be able to restart. This is not possible for the driver to do whilst strapped in the car.

Rule D7.6.4 allows approximately 1minute to restart in the event of stopping on track.

The team requested to complete the remainder of the endurance event as they claimed the car was deactivated and pushed off track before 1 minute had passed.

Restarting their run later in the endurance event was permitted pending review of the evidence available.

Having reviewed the video footage broadcast on the live stream, the organisers are satisfied that the car was deactivated by the marshals approximately 17 seconds after the car stopped.

Because the marshal’s actions put the car in to a condition where it was not able to restart, before 60 seconds had elapsed, the organisers have deemed that it was fair and reasonable to allow the remainder of Car 196’s endurance run to be completed later in the running order.

A penalty of 60seconds was added to their combined endurance time to account for the fact that the later run restarted on their 4th lap, in which they originally stopped on track and spun.