

# Outcomes from the Spices Cup

The Committee of the FVAWA met on Friday 12 October to resolve and close out this matter. The agreements and decisions itemised below are the unanimous view of the Committee, and after healthy debate, there was no requirement for a vote. There were no dissenters.

## Key considerations were:

- The ignition modules fitted to some cars were in breach of the regulations.
- There is no evidence of intent to cheat, or gain a performance advantage.
- There is no evidence that any performance advantage was gained from using the modules.
- In short, it appears that the ignition module dispute was the result of a mistake.
- That mistake affected several cars.
- There was a separate issue concerning the eligibility of the exhaust on one car.
- The Committee agreed unanimously that the matter of the non-compliant ignition modules was quite a serious breach of the regulations. The matter of the exhaust was minor, and somewhat ambiguous. The Committee was of the view that *“if one looked hard enough, nearly all cars would have some minor defect”*. As we are a club *“racing for fun”* we do not want minor issues to ruin an amateur sport, the question was: *Where do you draw the line, and who draws the line?*

## Short Term Outcomes:

- The FVAWA only has jurisdiction over the FVAWA “Club” Championship Points.
- “Club” points from the Spices Cup have been deducted from vehicles with the Ignition Modules. Drivers finishing behind these penalised cars have had their points increased accordingly.
- State and WASCC points are unaffected.
- The Committee reminds all competitors that it is the entrant / drivers responsibility to ensure the eligibility of their car.

## Longer Term Outcomes:

The outgoing Committee will recommend to the next Committee that the following should occur going forward:

- ✓ The pre-season audit will increase in scope from it’s current predominant focus on safety compliance to include a greater emphasis upon eligibility matters.
- ✓ Without prejudice to an individual’s rights to approach the officials of the meeting, it is strongly suggested that where there are issues, the complainant should approach a Committee Member at the earliest opportunity. All Committee Members present will convene, and take advice from our own technical representatives. The Committee will consider the matters raised, provide a balanced view, and a recommendation regarding the best course of action.

It is anticipated that this process will assist in diffusing future tensions, and help prevent destructive disputes escalating to levels where relationships are harmed, and the long term interests of our association being degraded.