

## Protest Report

Date of Protest:	28 July 2024
Time of end of Competition:	Approx 4:00 pm
Time of Protest:	4:15pm
Protest received by	Event Steward
Fee paid:	Yes - \$50
Location:	SMP
Type of Event:	Time Attack Event
Driver Protested:	Dragos Haba
Car # / Class / Make / Model:	#536 / GT-A / 1997 BMW M3
Protestor(s):	Nathan Bellaire Joban Malhi
Stewards Committee	Rob Hall, Kevin Wong, Jud Buchanan

### Details of Protest

(Verbatim transcript of hand-written text):

“Car 536 is in violation of 5.1.B.2 with an undeclared rear sway bar. Stock sway bar is black, installed sway bar is grey in colour and appears to be larger in diameter than stock. According to Bimmer Forums online, stock spec is 20mm diameter.

- Nathan Bellaire
- Joban Malhi”

### Actions taken

The Event Steward determined that the protest had been filed within 30 minutes of the end of competition, the fee was paid, and the protest was specific and clear. The Event Steward required the protestors to provide a reliable source for the specifications of the stock rear sway bar. The protestors located the specification on [www.bimmercat.com](http://www.bimmercat.com) which, while not an official BMW AG website, is generally deemed to be reliable for BMW parts specifications and applications, and was accepted by the Event Steward. The Event Steward deemed the protest to be valid and effective.

The Event Steward had competed in Event 4 and therefore formed a committee of three stewards, being himself (Rob Hall), Kevin Wong, and Jud Buchanan. The Stewards Committee concurred that the protest was valid and effective.

The timing crew provided a copy of the PIP schedule for car #536 and the Stewards Committee noted that PIP schedule did not list any modification or sPIPs taken for a non-stock rear sway bar.

The Stewards Committee met with the driver of car #536 and informed him of the protest. The driver stated that he did not know the size of his rear sway bar, had never measured it, and as far as he knew, it was stock. The driver gave the Stewards Committee permission to measure the rear sway bar of car #536.

The CCC Chair (Jud Buchanan) had a crew of technicians doing random PIP schedule checks at Event 3. One of the technicians, Marc Guimont, measured the rear sway bar of car #536 and measured the bar to be 24mm in diameter.

The Stewards Committee deemed the protest to be successful – car #536 was classified with a declared PI that was less than its actual PI. The Stewards Committee applied rule 6.5.2 and instructed the Chief Timer to assign a competition score .001 lower than the lowest placing unpenalized competitor.

The protest fee of \$50 was returned to the protestors.

Report submitted by: Rob Hall, Event Steward

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