PASSION OR AGGRESSION?

Know the line in the pits and paddock

Motorsport is competitive. Strong feelings and robust disagreement happen. Threats, intimidation and physical aggression are not part of fair competition.

KNOW THE DIFFERENCE

COMPETITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Racing hard within the rules; celebrating or showing disappointment; questioning a decision respectfully; talking through an incident without threats.

AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOUR

Shoving or blocking someone; crowding their personal space; threatening language; following, cornering or repeatedly targeting a person.

THE TEST: Is the behaviour about the race - or is it designed to frighten, humiliate or control someone?

WHEN THINGS GET HEATED - FIVE MOVES

1. Pause the argument. Use calm words and give others physical space.
2. Do not block exits, touch, chase or confront someone in their pit bay.
3. Move to a safe area and alert a senior official or event control.
4. Record facts: time, place, words, witnesses and available footage.
5. Use the event complaint process; seek police help for threats or assault.

A SAFETY ISSUE, NOT JUST A RACING DISPUTE

If there is immediate danger, call 000. Do not attempt to physically intervene or investigate alone.

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SET THE STANDARD

COMPETITIVE ON TRACK. RESPECTFUL OFF TRACK.

Disagreements can be addressed without putting drivers, teams, officials, families or spectators at risk.

1 STEP IN SAFELY

Interrupt escalation verbally only if safe. Create space and call for help.

2 SUPPORT

Check on the person affected. Listen privately; do not pressure them to shrug it off.

3 REPORT

Use event control and the event incident process. Ask what happens next.

FOR TEAM LEADERS AND EVENT ORGANISERS

BEFORE RACING: Set conduct expectations for the pit bay and paddock. Explain how to raise concerns safely.

AFTER AN INCIDENT: Separate those involved if needed. Support affected people and preserve accounts or footage.

FOLLOW THROUGH: Use a fair process, protect people from retaliation and confirm any safety actions.

WHAT COUNTS AS A RED FLAG?

Physical contact, threats, menacing gestures, being followed, damage to property or repeated intimidation warrant prompt safety action - regardless of who started the racing dispute.

Raising a concern is not disloyal. Report to the event organiser, senior official, venue security or relevant governing body under the event rules. Police handle suspected criminal conduct.

BACK YOUR MATE - AND BACK OUR OFFICIALS

Check in after an incident. Anger, poor sleep, anxiety or avoiding the track can be signs someone needs support.

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