



# MICHELIN LE MANS CUP COMMITTEE



**Request number**  
(to be completed by the Committee Secretariat)

**MLMC\_2021\_R003\_Team Thor\_Drivers\_Categorisation**

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

**Type of applicant:** ☒ Team ☐ Manufacturer ☐ Other: .....

**Licence name:** Team Thor

**Applicant name:** Jari Koiranen

**Quality:**

**Email address:** jari@koiranenbros.net

**Date:** 26.03.2021

## CATEGORY

☒ LMP3 ☐ GT3

## CAR MODEL

Ligier JS P320

## HOMOLOGATION NUMBER (IF APPLICABLE)

## PURPOSE OF THE REQUEST

We are emailing to declare that our driver Tom Ashton is incorrectly classified as Bronze and to accurately reflect his circumstances, will need his grading to be amended and upgraded to Silver. We understand this will not be done by the FIA until the end of the year but that a change in driver grading can be implemented by the championship itself where the grading is inaccurate, as per ruling 1.12 & 1.13 of the FIA Driver Categorisations Regulations: "Any series may retain the right to adjust the categorisation to a specific nature of their own series" & "Any such driver given a temporary categorisation exemption will be indicated on the entry list with an asterisk or other marking."

Tom has been wrongly graded for this season as Bronze and we are seeking for him to be upgraded to the correct driver grading of Silver as a professional driver and driver coach, as per rule 8.4 & 9.13.

The reason we request this implementation of rule 1.12 & 1.13 is that the FIA do not change a driver grading after the first week in December, see rule 3.5.

We wanted to make this incorrect grading known so that it can be rectified and to ensure that we are operating within the rules and within the spirit of fair sporting. Other teams also know Tom is a professional driver and may likely protest.



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## APPLICABLE REGULATION

- ☒ 20210 Michelin Le Mans Cup Sporting Regulations
- ☐ 2021 Technical Regulations for LMP3 Prototypes
- ☐ 2021 Technical Regulations: as applicable for FIA GT3 cars
- ☐ Other: .....

## DESCRIPTION OF THE TECHNICAL ITEM (SKIP IF NOT APPLICABLE)

## ILLUSTRATION (SKIP IF NOT APPLICABLE)

## APPLICABLE REGULATION (TO BE COMPLETED BY THE COMMITTEE)

- ☒ 2021 Michelin Le Mans Cup Sporting Regulations – **Article:**
- ☐ 2021 Technical Regulations for LMP3 Prototypes – **Article:**
- ☐ 2021 Technical Regulations: as applicable for FIA GT3 cars – **Article:**
- ☐ Other: .....

## DECISION (TO BE COMPLETED BY THE COMMITTEE)

- ☐ **Accepted**
- ☐ **Accepted (conditional – see comments below)**
- ☒ **Rejected**
- ☐ **Suspended**
- ☐ **Other: see comments below**

**Date:** 30/03/2021



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## COMMENTS (TO BE COMPLETED BY THE COMMITTEE)

*Following the review of categorisation of Tom Ashton by the FIA Categorisation Committee and downgrading to Bronze on August 17<sup>th</sup> 2020, the Michelin Le Mans Cup Committee cannot accept the request of the competitor to be upgraded to Silver for the upcoming MLMC season.*

## PERIOD OF VALIDITY/APPLICATION OF THE DECISION

This decision comes into effect:

- ☒ **with immediate application**
- ☐ from:

And is applicable:

- ☒ **until further notice**
- ☐ for the above-mentioned Competition only